

For Immediate Release  
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### **The Conway Area Humane Society's Capital Campaign is Underway...**

The Conway Area Humane Society (CAHS) is excited to announce their new capital campaign to finish the build out of an approximately 5000 square foot unfinished structure on the south end of the Conway shelter. With help from the Ham Foundation, Zeb's Charitable Foundation and private donors, the shelter has embarked on a \$350,000 campaign to expand its services to the community: the new space will include an indoor dog rec center, a new resale shop, expansion of low cost spay/neuter, as well as conference space for educational programming and community workshops.

Architect Michael Couture drafted the plan and the work is being completed by Glen Builders with a target date of June 2018. Currently, the shelter has raised \$200,000 of the approximately \$350,000. The shelter is grateful for the current level of donor support and hopes to raise the remaining \$150,000 in the next few months.

Nate Marles, CAHS Board Chair said "All of us at CAHS are excited to have the received such wonderful support this far from The Ham Foundation, Zeb's Charitable Foundation and individuals in both our community and supporters from our past affiliation with The Animal Rescue League of NH in and Amhest NH."

The shell for this space was completed in 2005 but never finished, as the original plan was to be a boarding kennel, which is no longer a need with doggy day care and pet sitting being the trend. Throughout the years the shelter's board of directors has sought a plan for the space, but never found the right fit.

"The existing shelter needed to be on solid financial footing before even thinking about expanding the space," said Executive Director Virginia Moore.

After 11 years of hard work fundraising and friendraising the shelter has at last found the perfect plan. The administrative offices, now housed in the north end building will be moved to the new structure. A 25'X50' room will be constructed for indoor dog exercise, training and community workshops. The space will also have a board/meeting room for educational programming. The Harrison House Resale Shop will also be located in the new space, allowing more room for larger donated items.

The current administrative space will become the public low-cost spay/neuter clinic. There are infinite advantages to moving the clinic into a separate space. It will allow privately owned animals their own quiet space for surgery and treatment, easy in and out without affecting the shelter visitors, and the move will free up space in the existing shelter for isolation for incoming animals prior to becoming available for adoption.

All of these changes will provide opportunities to increase shelter income and help maintain the new and existing space. More adoptions, increased public spay/neuter, more resale shop traffic and a space for more children's educational programs will all provide increased community services which is the ultimate role of any shelter.

"The future of sheltering is all about offering programs to help pet owners keep their 4-legged companions, and the days of warehousing animals is fading" said Moore. "We look forward to using this space to enhance the community and contribute to the positive changes happening in the village of Conway thanks to the other non-profits like Mountain Top Music with their work on the Majestic Theater block."

The shelter is looking for more support from the community, and naming rights are available. Anyone interested in assisting the shelter with this new and exciting phase can contact Executive Director Virginia Moore, (603) 447-5605. E-mail is: [vmoores@conwayshelter.org](mailto:vmoores@conwayshelter.org). Address: CAHS, PO Box 260, Conway, NH 03818

*Photo Caption:*

*CAHS Executive Director Virginia Moore and recent K9 senior rescue Ruby, pose inside of the soon-to-be-finished space at CAHS.*