



# New Hampshire Animal Rights League Newsletter

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## **NHARL Campaign Office**

Since NHARL is growing and very busy we have decided to rent modest office space at Lowell Street in Manchester, NH beginning August 1. The space is in a very nice, safe, and secure building. We feel we can improve our advocacy for animals by having this campaign office where we can recruit more volunteers to help in our work.

We will do a few more fundraising events throughout the year to help fund our campaign office and our campaigns for animals. Please consider making a special donation or a monthly donation if you can IN ANY AMOUNT to cover the monthly rent, we would be greatly appreciative. We have paypal through our website and if all of our members and supporters made a small monthly donation we would have no problem funding this newest endeavor and our other work for animals. And please visit soon. Be sure to make an appointment as our hours are irregular and we wouldn't want to miss you! The quickest way to contact us is through our new email address at [nhanimalrightsleague@gmail.com](mailto:nhanimalrightsleague@gmail.com) or leave a voice message at 603-377-0225.

## **NH Citizens Against Trapping**

We have been busy working to get as much support as possible for our upcoming anti-trapping legislation to severely restrict trapping with the use of the cruel body gripping traps such as the conibear and the leghold traps. We haven't an official count as yet but we must have a minimum of one thousand (1000) signatures on the hard copy petition and nearly six hundred (600) on the online petition. We have manned petition tables at many events, including market days in Portsmouth and Concord. We now have a beautiful business card showing an image of our patron dog, Andrew. If anyone would like some to hand out please let us know. We can use everyone's help in getting the word out.

At the Concord Market Festival (CMF), NHARL had two tables: one for the NH Citizens Against Trapping (NHCAT) and a vegan table that Joel Martell organized. Joel gave out free vegan food samples along with vegan and anti-factory farming literature. Joel offers a vegan mentoring program and he signed up 11 people. If you would like to learn more about Joel's program, please visit his facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/New-Hampshire-Vegan-Action/352421308169322> Thank you to Café Indigo and Primal Foods for food donations. And a special thank you to Granite State Natural Foods of Concord for the donation of a raffle gift basket. Free tickets for the raffle were given out to the folks who signed the NHCAT petition and the winning ticket was drawn on Saturday, July 20..

CMF was a productive event for NHARL and NHCAT even though the weather was extreme. The three-day festival was very hot and balmy with some surprise downpours. A microburst passed through Main Street on Friday at midnight destroying many vendors' displays and tents. Luckily, both NHARL booths survived with minor damage. Thank you to Kristina, Linda, Joel, Cindy, and Darlene for helping at CMF. We couldn't have done it without your amazing help!

## Kelly Miller Circus Visited NH in July

Although the Kelly Miller Circus has already come and gone, it is never too late or an inappropriate time to contact the sponsors listed below to protest their appearance in NH. Please voice your concerns politely and respectfully to these organizations about using animal circuses as fundraisers. The Kelly Miller Circus had many animals with them, including elephants and large exotic cats, who feel severe stress and frequent pain when traveling and performing.

July 3 and 4 (Cheshire Fairgrounds) - Sullivan County Fire and Rescue [sullivanfirerescue@yahoo.com](mailto:sullivanfirerescue@yahoo.com) 847-9020, 440 Centre St. Sullivan, NH 03445

July 5 and 6 - Laconia American Legion Wilkins-Smith Post 1 [info@nhpost1.org](mailto:info@nhpost1.org) and the Facebook page where you can send them a message <https://www.facebook.com/nhpost1?fref=ts> 849 North Main St., Laconia, NH 03246

July 7 - Bristol Lion's Club [nwhmpshr1@aol.com](mailto:nwhmpshr1@aol.com) and the Facebook page where you can send them a message <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lions-Club-Bristol-New-Hampshire/249378951834637> Joseph Denning, Secretary, 41 Worfield Circle, Bristol, NH 03222

July 8 - Penacook Community Center [info@penacookcommunitycenter.org](mailto:info@penacookcommunitycenter.org) 76 Community Drive, PO Box 6008, Penacook, NH 03303

The Piccadilly Circus also performed in New Hampshire, charging exorbitant ticket prices and providing mediocre entertainment. We aren't sure who sponsored it, but one can write to the JFK Coliseum, the Rochester Fairgrounds, and the Cheshire Fairgrounds asking that it not be returned to New Hampshire. If they don't have a venue, they can't return. They have also performed at the Everett Arena in Concord. If anything, our community leaders should protect our pocketbooks from organizations such as Piccadilly Circus.



*I think we had more protesters and supporters driving by than the circus had attendees. Thank you to everyone who came out. A special thank you to Ashley who organized the Laconia protests. In attendance from the left, Kristina, Katelyn, Katelyn's Mom, Emily A, Emily B, Emily A's Mom, Kiel, Kathy, Casey, Ashley, Adam and two passersby, who saw a caged tiger and felt so bad for him they joined us in the protest.*

## Legislation

Dear NHARL Friends,

Here's a wrap-up of NH animal related legislation in the 2013 session... for detailed information on any of these bills go to the state's website:

[http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill\\_status/quick\\_search.html](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/quick_search.html) and enter the bill number with no spaces, for example, HB110.

HB 641, Cebrowski, increasing penalties for failure to license dogs, WITHDRAWN

HB 497, Cebrowski, relative to the negligent treatment of animals, INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

HB 109, Cebrowski, repealing group licenses for dogs, INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

HB 110, Haefner, requiring people who videotape abuse of farm animals to hand over tapes to law enforcement within 24 hours, RETAINED IN COMMITTEE

HB 608, relative to the slaughter of poultry and rabbits, RETAINED IN COMMITTEE

HB 390, MURPHY, allowing companion dogs in certain areas of restaurants, PASSED IN HOUSE; KILLED IN SENATE

HB 328, O'Conner, relative to the sale of pets, SIGNED BY GOVERNOR, 6-6-2013

HB 276, Reilly, relative to wildlife resistant solid waste storage and disposal, ITL

HB 258, Kidder, prohibiting the baiting of deer, RETAINED IN COMMITTEE

HB 564, Vaillancourt, prohibiting simulcasts of greyhound races, ITL

HB 547, Haefner, establishing a Committee to seek funding for a veterinary diagnostic laboratory, SIGNED BY GOVERNOR, 6-21-2013

SB 13, Cataldo, allowing the taking of red deer and elk, ITL

SB 133, Woodburn, adopting the interstate wildlife violators compact, SIGNED BY GOVERNOR, 7-2-2013

SB 56, Forrester, prohibiting bear baiting, ITL

SB 59, Carson, prohibiting cruel confinement of farm animals, ITL

SB 72 Bragdon, classifying owls as raptors, ITL

In other news, several weeks ago I filed a lawsuit against the Selectmen in my town ( Stoddard) due to their refusal to enforce our dog tethering ordinance, passed at Town Meeting in 2005 by an overwhelming majority vote. Specifically, I filed a Petition for Declaratory Judgement and Mandamus, which means I am asking the Court to declare that the Stoddard ordinance is legal, and to compel the Selectmen to enforce it.

I've never been a party to a lawsuit in NH, so this is all new to me, but I'm trying to learn as much as I can about Superior Court rules and procedure. I think my case is very strong, but it's impossible to predict the outcome. Either way it will clarify what needs to be done to help the dogs who live at the end of a chain. If you'd like to be kept up to date on the lawsuit, please contact me.....Jean

**Editor's update: Jean reported that her court case was dismissed. She is seeking animal friendly legislators to see if any one of them would like to introduce a bill in 2014 for a better statute to protect chained dogs.**

## Vigil for Andrew, December 5, 2013

### Mark your calendars!

As you know, Andrew, Melissa Fogelson's beloved dog, was tragically killed on December 5, 2012 in a conibear trap that was illegally set on a public trail. Melissa said she heard a pop and then a squeal. When she looked, Andrew was spinning, trying to get the trap off his throat. Melissa herself did a lot of screaming and crying but even as a veterinarian, she couldn't save her dog. His horrific death has inspired us all to work toward this never happening again. **Not One More** should suffer as Andrew did.

We are planning a vigil in Andrew's memory at the NH Statehouse in Concord, NH on **Tuesday, December 5, 2013** from 5 to 7 pm. We need many people, and their dogs, to attend in support of Andrew and "Andrew's Bill". Let's send a message to our legislators that we are serious and that IT IS TIME to end this cruel activity of recreational fur trapping.

## Marion Gerrish Community Center

The Marion Gerrish Community Center is located in Derry, NH. The building is an old schoolhouse that was built in the 1860's. Today, the center provides meeting space for over 150 groups and organizations throughout the year of which the NHARL is one. They allow non-profits to use the various rooms free of charge although they do appreciate donations. The NHARL has been using its rooms for many years now at very little cost to us. Room 1 is a huge room that also has a kitchen area and is perfect for potlucks and Gentle Thanksgiving. We have used other rooms for meetings as well. NH Citizens Against Trapping has had many meetings there. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Center for allowing us the generous use of its facility.

The building is also the home of a thrift store which is the main source of income to keep the building operating. They take donations of gently used clothing and other items. Please check out their website to learn more and help out if possible by giving them a donation. It would be much appreciated by them and by us. Having an inexpensive meeting place has surely been a blessing. <http://mgccderrynh.org/> They are on 39 West Broadway and the thrift store is located in the downstairs basement on the left side of the building.

NHARL's next use of the center will be on November 23, 2013 for our annual meeting, election results, and Gentle Thanksgiving potluck. More details will follow in our next newsletter.

### Please Note:

The attachment or the enclosure, depending on how you're receiving this newsletter, is for NHARL members to nominate fellow members for the 2014-2015 Board.

If you aren't sure if your membership is up-to-date please contact Linda Rauter, 603-788-5776 or llr@tds.net.

Your membership and financial help is much needed and appreciated.

\_\_\_ \$20.00 Regular member, age 15 or over.

\_\_\_ \$5.00 Student member, Senior member, Junior member, (age 14 and under).

\_\_\_ \$200.00 Life member, for self and spouse.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor/Donor who wants to support NHARL, without being a member.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Donation.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total. **THANK YOU!**

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*Giving to NHARL through your will is one of the most important ways you can help animals for years to come. Making a bequest is easily executed with your attorney and can save your estate money in tax payments if the estate is subject to federal estate tax.*

## The Animal's Right to Habitat at the Brox Property in Milford

*Blanding's turtles*, a NH state-endangered species, live there . . . .

*Bank swallows* with their nests dug into the sides of hills live there . . . .

*Spotted salamanders, wood frogs and fairy shrimp*, all species that require special wetlands called "vernal pools" live there . . . .

*Great Blue Herons* with nine nests perched atop and along the branches of dead trees in a large beaver pond live there too . . . .

But where, you ask? Their home, their habitat, is the 270-acre yet undeveloped Town-owned Brox Property in Milford, NH, that supporters of conservation have dubbed more appropriately -- the Heron Pond Wetlands Complex. It is threatened by the prospect of development and that is why Brox Environmental Citizens, coordinated by Suzanne Fournier, was formed a year ago to promote as much conservation of this wetlands complex as possible, for the sake of nature and all the inhabitants.

See us on Facebook at:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Brox-Environmental-Citizens/493178244034567>