



Green Mountain Animal Defenders

Working to Protect Animals Since 1983

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GMAD Has Been Busy Advocating for Animals!

By Erin Flaherty

Green Mountain Animal Defenders had a banner year advocating for various animal issues which include events and campaigns related to spaying and neutering, homeless and lost pets, promoting vegetarianism, protecting animals in entertainment, **wildlife rescue** and more.

We tabled on Church Street in Burlington to raise awareness about **World Farm Animals' Day**, animals used in "entertainment", trapping, and the Bushway Slaughterhouse cruelty case, to name a few.

Tabling volunteers reported that all were successful, with many people stopping to learn about the plight of abused animals.

GMAD also held demonstrations at the **Nerger's Lion & Tiger Show** at the Champlain Valley Fair, bringing attention to the horrendous conditions these majestic animals are forced to endure, while being confined in small cages. Our efforts attracted quite a bit of media attention and our spokesperson, Deb Loring, eloquently relayed our compassionate message. For more information on animals in entertainment, please check out <http://www.expocruelty.com>. We're excited to report that, according to the Champlain Valley Expo Facebook page, Nerger's show will not be brought back in 2011.

Spay/neuter efforts were a constant theme throughout the year.

Brenna Galdenzi spoke about the importance of spay/neuter with Dr. Peggy Larson on the Charlie and Ernie radio show. They informed listeners that spaying and neutering not only helps combat the pet overpopulation crisis, but also makes pets healthier.

In another media appearance, Brenna G. and Deb L. (and Deb's dog Squidgy) appeared on the *Positively Vermont* television show, where they discussed the success of the Mile of Money campaign.

Spearheaded by Lindsey Deon and Pat Cram, this amazing campaign raised \$12,189, some of which was used to subsidize the spay/neuter of **416 cats and 32 dogs** in 2010 alone!

GMADers also made appearances at local college fairs and many other venues to sign up more compassionate people to help us help even more animals!

A big thank you to our volunteers, board members and supporters who made all this possible!

Tricky Travel for Three Turkeys

When GMAD was made aware of three turkeys in Burlington who were being evicted on short notice, Greg saved them from probable slaughter when he managed to load them into his car! He and his daughters volunteered to transport the turkeys to safety at their own home in Shoreham, Vermont. Cheers to Greg and his family for rescuing these turkeys! This kind of dedication is exactly what makes us so proud of our GMAD volunteers.



Turkeys have all settled in and are enjoying the sunshine.

"Animals cannot speak, but can you and I not speak for them and represent them? Let us all feel their silent cry of agony and let us all help that cry to be heard in the world."

~Rukmini Devi Arundale



Message from the President

Green Mountain Animal Defenders celebrated our 25th anniversary with a gala celebration a few years ago. That milestone marked

a quarter century of tireless dedication to the animals and energized us to work even harder on our mission: *Believing that all animals have intrinsic value and are worthy of protection, we use our statewide network to help animals of all species.*

Since then, we've gained even more momentum. As I reflect on other reasons for the growth and success of our organization, the development of our internship program by Whit H. in 2003 comes to mind. This unique partnership with area colleges has opened up exciting possibilities while providing a win-win situation for both students and the animals.

College students, with their tremendous passion and motivation, are often a perfect fit for animal advocacy! GMAD gives them an amazing opportunity to learn, and they give so much in return, all while earning college credit. With these young, driven people on the animals' side, we are able to work effectively on existing programs while proactively starting new ones.

Our success continues to depend on the efforts of all the exceptional people in GMAD—volunteers, donors, interns, board members, advisory council members, and individuals—who care and contribute in their own unique ways.

Therefore, I am pleased to introduce **Brenna Galdenzi as our official volunteer coordinator.** The work Brenna does collaborating with our interns, volunteers, and other members has an exponential effect, allowing even more life-saving work to be accomplished!

Whether you're looking to hone your event planning skills behind the scenes, be on the front lines assisting at our tabling events, or anything in between, we need your help, so please contact Brenna@gmad.info.

A huge thank you goes out to all of our supporters who donate their time, talent, effort, and money to our cause. You make our organization the positive force for animal protection and advocacy that it is today.

Sharon MacNair

Fish Free Fairs

We are pleased to report that for the first time in decades, NO animals—including goldfish—were allowed to be given out as prizes during the 2010 Vermont carnivals and midways.



As many longtime GMAD members know, getting enforcement of pre-existing legislation which bans the awarding of live animals as "prizes" has long been our goal. Last year, we focused our efforts on educating our members, the public, Vermont legislators, law enforcement agencies, and fair management that using animals as prizes is in violation of Vermont law.

Upon GMAD's request, State Representative Kate Webb of Shelburne agreed to sponsor legislation to clarify the wording and tighten the loopholes that allowed these violations to continue. After much discussion at the statehouse, the fairs complied voluntarily.

GMAD confirmed that the remaining fairs were all

"fish free"

One incident of non-compliance was reported at the first fair of the 2010 season in Bradford, but was quickly remedied.

That particular vendor agreed not to use live fish at the other Vermont fairs.

GMAD has confirmed that the remaining fairs were all "fish free," and we estimate that this compliance has saved the lives of thousands of goldfish! Please keep an eye out at future fairs, if you see any live animals given as prizes, contact GMAD immediately.

We thank all of you who worked so diligently to make this happen!

Robbie Rabbit



When Jessica discovered a domesticated rabbit outside an emergency exit at her job, she knew she needed to help. This little guy would not have survived out in the wild. Jessica didn't have much bunny experience, so she reached out to GMAD for help. Now, thanks to GMAD board member Kathee Ludwig, Robbie Rabbit has a new home and a companion, Bobbie Bunny!



Cruelty and Neglect Case Updates

1. Animals from East Montpelier Neglect Case Are Now Safe

The Central Vermont Humane Society has received permanent custody of 16 of the 17 animals they seized from an East Montpelier home in a severe case of animal neglect. The animals have been recovering at the Humane Society and are looking for good adoptive families. The animals will NOT be returned to the horrible conditions. Thanks to the kindness of GMAD donors, we raised and matched a total of \$1,545 to help provide much needed care for these animals.

2. South Ryegate Cats Rescued

Forty-two live and five dead cats were removed from the South Ryegate home of Cynthia Erlandsson in December. The judge took this case seriously and decided Ms. Erlandsson would not receive the cats back, awarding them to the Kingdom Animal Shelter, who worked the case.

If convicted, Erlandsson faces one year in prison and a \$1,000 fine for each count of animal cruelty.

A special thank you to all the GMADers who generously sent donations, which were matched by GMAD, allowing us to send \$2,645 to defray the cost of the cats' medical expenses.

Bushway Scandal

GMAD and animal supporters everywhere celebrated a long awaited victory when two former Bushway slaughterhouse employees were charged with animal cruelty. The slaughterhouse was temporarily shut down in 2009 after the Humane Society of the U.S. released video footage of unthinkable abuse at the hands of its management and employees. This included baby calves repeatedly shocked, kicked, and skinned while still conscious.

In response, GMAD helped form the Justice for Calves coalition, whose goal was to ensure that criminal charges were brought and the maximum penalty was sought against those individuals involved in the abuse. It began with a rally in Montpelier in November 2009. Supporters were encouraged to write to the Vermont Attorney General and sign petitions, requesting felony animal



Protesters Speak Out for Bushway Calves.

abuse charges be filed and the maximum penalty of three years' jail time and a \$5,000 fine be sought. After months of dedication, that goal was realized!

In October 2010, the owner pled no contest to misdemeanor animal cruelty and received a one-year suspended sentence, a \$2,000 fine, and 120 hours of community service. In November 2010, one employee pled guilty to felony animal cruelty, receiving a one to three year sentence.

A most important component of their sentencing is that they will be prohibited from working with animals in the future. These individuals were justly punished for their appalling animal cruelty and their sentences set an example to others that animal abuse will not be tolerated.

As we go to press, the Bushway slaughterhouse is still closed.

Thank you to everyone who signed a petition, wrote to the Attorney General, sent letters to the editors, and showed their support at the rally! GMAD is proud to say that justice for calves has been achieved.

Foie Gras

GMAD has launched a campaign to raise awareness of the inherent cruelty involved in the production of foie gras. Foie gras is a "delicacy" made of the fattened liver of a duck or goose. Animals are force-fed until their livers expand. Along with the discomfort and disease caused by unnatural liver expansion, the pipes used in force-feeding may also bruise or scrape an animal's throat. Sadly, until foie gras is banned or people stop purchasing it, this treatment will continue.


We have contacted restaurants in Vermont that serve foie gras, asking them to reconsider this menu option. You can help by encouraging restaurants to stop serving foie gras and refusing to dine at their establishments until they do so.


As we go to print, the Vermont restaurants and stores that offer this "delicacy" are Doveberry Inn, Juniper Hill Inn, Leunig's Bistro, Pangaea Catering, Reluctant Panther Inn, Shelburne Supermarket, The Green Room, The Inn at Weston, The Quechee Inn at Marshland Farm, and Windham Hill Inn. If you are aware of others, please let us know so we can contact and educate them as well.


Watch the Bushway Rally on YouTube
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=27_LxEYsPpo




Paws Up

 Paws Up to Cecilia, a longtime member, who raised \$3,500 for GMAD by selling donated jewelry! The money she raised is earmarked for spay/neuter efforts. A huge thanks to Cecelia for thinking of and implementing this great idea!

 Paws Up to tireless volunteer Lindsey Deon, who was always up to the task whether it was a bake sale, garage sale, or raffle. She raised over \$12,000 for spay/neuter through her successful Mile of Money campaign! Sadly for GMAD, Lindsey moved to Albany, NY, but not before GMAD honored her with a goodbye party and even sponsored a cow in her name at the Finally Home Sanctuary. We miss you, Lindsey!

 Paws Up to GMAD's anonymous donor! Thanks to this person's incredible generosity, we expanded several of our programs, including spay/neuter, wildlife assistance (payment of transport costs for injured animals), and sponsorship of the humane resources hotline (1-877-9-HUMANE). Though we cannot thank the person directly, we want them to how know much their donation benefited animals!

 Paws Up to GMAD member Holly Tippett and rehabber Ellen Jareckie for recovering a baby starling! Holly found this little creature, having fallen prematurely from the nest and sick with a bacterial infection, in her barn. She called GMAD for help, and Ellen stepped in to treat the little bird until he/she was strong enough to be released. Kudos to Holly and Ellen for acting quickly and saving this tiny, fragile life!


GMAD Says Goodbye to a True Hero




The animal advocate community lost a great veterinarian and friend when Roger "Doc" Prior passed away. Many people knew Roger from the Cat Spay and Neuter Clinic in Colchester, which he and his wife Peggy Larson started in 1992. For over 19 years, the clinic has performed an incredibly valuable service by spaying and neutering over 67,000 cats at a low price for those in need. The Clinic's contribution to reducing the number of unwanted companion animals in the area cannot be overstated. Despite her loss, Peggy continues to perform her life-saving work at the clinic.


How You Can Help

 **Be a Foster Care Volunteer**
If you have space in your heart and your home to foster needy canines or felines, you could help save a life! All too often we get calls from people who find abandoned animals, grow concerned about a stray, or find themselves reluctantly having to give up their family pets. With the help of some wonderful GMAD volunteers, we have been able to find temporary loving homes for these needy dogs and cats as they wait for an opening at the Humane Society. Please **contact Kristen at kristen@gmad.info** to be added to our foster volunteer list.

 **Wildlife Rescue Volunteer**
Wildlife, especially babies, are often found injured and/or abandoned. GMAD is working on an initiative to expand our services to help these animals in need. There are many ways you can help.

 **Become a Wildlife Rehabber**
Currently, there are only 19 licensed wildlife rehabilitators in Vermont, which is not enough to be able to care for the many thousands of injured animals in need so sadly many die. Last summer, wildlife rehabilitator Ellen Jareckie held a workshop for potential rehabbers. If you are interested in attending a future workshop or being trained as a wildlife rehabber, **contact wildlife@gmad.info or call 802-861-3030.**

 **Animal Transporter**
If you are interested in being added to our list of life-saving transporters who pick up injured/abandoned wildlife and/or domestic animals to bring them to safety, or would like to borrow our humane traps/excluders, please **contact us at wildlife@gmad.info or (802) 861-3030.**

 **Donate Now!**
GMAD holds raffles, small auctions, bake sales, and tag sales throughout the year. As a nonprofit organization, we need these events to replenish our funds! If you can offer a location for a sale, donate any items/services (except furniture, clothing, and electronics), please **contact us at sharon@gmad.info or (802) 861-3030.** We appreciate your contributions!

To conserve resources, you can receive our newsletter electronically. Another benefit is that you'll see more stories/photos that do not fit in the printed version! Please **email your name to sharon@gmad.info** with "e-newsletter" as the subject.



Duckling Detour

By Bill Gagnon

After my wife, Julie, and I ran a ten-mile road race in Montpelier, we were looking forward to celebrating our feat and resting our muscles at home with a few hops and barley beverages. Ten plucky ducklings put an end to those plans.

Driving back to our home in the New North End of Burlington, I noticed what looked like a series of small dirt lumps on the shoulder of North Avenue. Seeing the lumps moving in a straight line, I quickly realized that they were ducklings and made Julie stop the car. After they ran under a dumpster at the end of a residential driveway, we searched frantically for a mother, but could not find one.

Julie made a few calls to GMAD folks and wildlife rehabilitators and learned that the ducklings were in grave danger from traffic, pets, and other wildlife, whether or not the mother was somewhere in the area. These concerns were confirmed when a seagull swooped down in response to the ducklings' calls for their mother. The seagull, I assure you, did not have nurturing on its mind.

We decided it was time to catch the ducklings and bring them somewhere safe. Corraling them was no easy task, but we managed to gather the noisy little guys and put them in a shoe box.

Did I mention how cute they were?

Helena, a waterfowl expert who had helped us previously with baby squirrels, offered to temporarily take them in. When we got to her home, Helena promptly identified the ducklings as wood ducks, one of the most colorful birds in all of North America, at least as adults. (These newborns had short, brownish feathers.) Helena said that they had hatched within the last twenty-four hours.

The next day, Helena called Julie to tell her she had located a home for the ducklings in Bolton, on a pond, with a man who loved wood ducks. It was a perfect placement.

Julie and I never did get to enjoy a quiet evening with a few beers on that Sunday. Was it worth sacrificing a few hours of relaxation to save some of my new favorite animals? Without a doubt, and it's not even close.

Beware
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Beware of Raisins, Grapes, Cocoa Mulch, and Other Products

Many of us know that chocolate is poisonous to dogs, but few of us are aware that raisins and grapes are also extremely dangerous. In fact, a GMAD board member's friend's dog almost died after eating just a few raisins. As few as seven grapes can be toxic, resulting in acute renal failure.

Another product to watch out for is cocoa mulch, which is highly toxic to dogs and cats. It contains an ingredient called theobromine, found in chocolate. Dogs are attracted to the smell and may subsequently ingest this lethal substance and die. Other dangers to dogs include onions, cocoa, avocados, and macadamia nuts.

Is your pet toy safe? Tests have shown evidence of toxic chemicals in some pet products, of all things! Check out HealthyStuff.org (<http://www.healthystuff.org/departments/pets/>) for a list of products that contain hazardous chemicals. They tested tennis balls, chew and tug toys, pet beds, collars, and leashes.

Please share this with all pet guardians you know and ask them to do the same—what you share in just a few minutes might save lives.

Check Out:
www.healthystuff.org
Departments/Pets



Humane Wildlife Solutions



Please check out, *Into the Wild*, a company that provides compassionate solutions and can remove wildlife from a house or structure while educating the public about non-lethal ways to live in harmony with wildlife.

Please Visit

<http://www.wildneighbors.net/contact-us.html> or contact JoAnn Nichols at 802-651-6863 or wildneighbors@gmail.com.

GMAD Advocates for Humane Bills at the Statehouse

H. 303 ACT RELATING TO PET MERCHANTS

This bill would close a loophole by requiring that anyone selling more than one litter or two animals over the age of 6 months per year be registered as a pet merchant, ensuring better treatment by requiring inspections of them.

H. 340 ACT RELATING TO DOGS IN PUPPY MILLS

Puppy mills do exist in Vermont. This bill sets minimum standards for the care of the dogs that spend their lives in them, covers breeders who have more than 10 breeding females, and limits the total number of dogs to 50.

H. 229 ACT RELATING TO SURGICAL PROCEDURES ON DOGS

This bill requires that surgical procedures, such as tail docking (cutting off a tail), debarking (cutting of the dog's vocal cords), and surgical birth procedures, (cutting through a dog's uterus) be done only by a licensed veterinarian.

None of these bills passed into law during the last session. We'll keep trying!

Call the Vermont Humane Federation's Animal Response System's toll-free number which is sponsored and paid for by GMAD

1-877-9HUMANE
(1-877-948-6263)

- To report animal cruelty/neglect/abuse
- To find a wildlife rehabilitator
- If you need low cost spay/neuter options

Please keep this number with you at all times since you never know when you'll come across an animal in need!



Tiny the Mouse

By Erin Flaherty

When Matthew D. found a baby mouse on his basement floor, he wasn't sure what to do. He knew he wanted to help the mouse, but he didn't know how! After carefully setting the little mouse into a box, he went looking for advice. Fortunately, one of his coworkers put him in touch with GMAD. In turn, GMAD turned to wildlife rehabilitator Ellen Jareckie for aid. As always, she took excellent care of the tiny orphan by making sure he had no injuries and was well hydrated.



No animal is too small or big to deserve a chance.

The baby mouse was fittingly dubbed Tiny, and Ellen declared him to be in good health. However, since Tiny was so young, he needed to be fed every two to three hours, and this extensive care would last for two or three weeks. GMAD reached out to our volunteers for help!

Cheers to Greg for stepping forward and volunteering to care for this helpless little baby! Tiny traveled with Greg to work, as he needed to be fed several times throughout the day. Tiny has since grown into a strong, healthy adult and has been released in a field with the appropriate habitat.

We applaud Matthew for recognizing the baby mouse's need for aid, Ellen for her masterful care of Tiny, and Greg for volunteering to be a foster mouse dad. Everyone's contribution in saving this delicate life made a huge difference to Tiny. I'm sure Tiny has also made a huge difference to those lives he touched as well.

Brian, Lost and then Found!

Brian escaped from his new mom Sally after being adopted from Good Karma Rescue in July. Good Karma asked GMAD for help, so we quickly sent out an alert that led to volunteers taking turns to search day and night.

Thanks to the diligence of our wonderful volunteers, Brian was spotted and captured after several days on the run! We are grateful to all the volunteers who helped bring Brian, now renamed Willie, home safely.



Mark Your Calendar Upcoming Volunteer Meetings

August 23, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Location: To be determined.

October 4, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Location: To be determined.

However, you don't have to wait until our next volunteer meeting to volunteer! **Contact us at Brenna@gmad.info** for more information.



Join the Cause

Make Animal Abuse a Felony!

Our mission is to make all animal abuse a felony in every state and to have an animal abuse registry of convicted animal abusers to help better protect not only our animals and children, but our neighborhoods.

You can join the cause at:

<http://www.causes.com/causes/397129-make-animal-abuse-a-felony>



"Like" us on Facebook

If you like GMAD and what we do, please "like" us on Facebook!

- Help GMAD increase awareness on many important initiatives as they happen.
- Discuss important animal issues and events with our supporters.
- Stay up-to-date on what we're doing and how you can help!
- Watch videos highlighting various animal issues as well as coverage of GMAD volunteers in action at local events!

How to like us:

Type "Green Mountain Animal Defenders" into your search bar in Facebook, and click "like."

2011 UPCOMING EVENTS

Volunteers are needed to staff each of these GMAD booths. Please contact Brenna@gmad.info if you can help!

Pet-A-Palooza

Saturday, June 18

Curtis Lumber Adopt-A-Thon in Burlington was a big success last year. GMAD's booth was quite busy.

Animals in Entertainment

Sunday, July 3

10:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

Table on Church Street in Burlington.

Healthy Living's Dog Day Event

Saturday, July 9

11:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.

Healthy Living, Dorset Street, South Burlington.

Compassionate Shopping

Saturday, July 23

10:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

Table on Church Street in Burlington.

Homeless Animals' Day

Saturday, August 20

May include candlelight vigil, coupons for free pet ID tags, information about what to do if you find or lose a companion animal, and a blessing of the animals. Details to be determined.

Shelburne goes to the Dogs!

Sunday, September 18

Shelburne Museum invites all dog lovers to the biggest dog party in Vermont, and GMAD will have a table there. Volunteers will enjoy a fun-filled day and free admission, so sign up now.

World Farm Animals Day

Saturday, October 1

Table on Church Street, where we'll be memorializing the more than 60 billion cows, pigs, turkeys, chickens, and other animals who needlessly suffer and die every year.

Trapping season opens in Vermont

Saturday, October 22

Outreach table on Church Street in Burlington to raise public awareness about the cruelty involved in trapping and fur garment buying. Please be aware that trapping also puts your pets and other "non-target" animals at risk.

Please Note: As some of these events may change, please refer to our e-mail alerts and our website for updates!





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GMAD's Life-Saving Transport Team!

We are very pleased to report that a white-throated sparrow who flew into a window and was injured in St. Albans has recovered! The bird was transferred to a wildlife rehabilitator in Shelburne shortly after our alert for transport help went out.

Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to Linda J. of St. Albans (who brought the bird to Colchester where he was picked up and transferred), to Harry B. (who then brought the bird to Shelburne for treatment) and, of course, to Ellen Jareckie who provided amazing medical care.

At first Mr. Sparrow's prognosis seemed bleak as he appeared blind due to a probable head injury. After only a few days, his sight already showed signs of returning. His release a week later, after being driven back to his familiar territory by Linda J., was reason to celebrate this miraculous recovery and the teamwork that made it possible!



Mr. Sparrow contentedly perched on a branch once his vision was restored!

SUPPORT GMAD'S EFFORTS

A donation of any size would be greatly appreciated to support our work and will make a world of difference to the animals, so PLEASE send yours today by:

Donating online at:

www.gmad.info/donate.php

or by mailing us a check, payable to:
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Burlington, VT 05406



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VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET

Date _____

Name _____

Best days/times to reach you _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Alt. phone _____

I would prefer:

- E-mail alerts and electronic newsletters **-OR-** Regular postal mail newsletters and mailings.

In order to better connect you with volunteer opportunities at Green Mountain Animal Defenders that most suit you, please indicate your areas of interest below:

ANIMAL PROTECTION ISSUES:

- Homeless pets
- Spay/Neuter
- Animal cruelty/Neglect
- Humane farming
- Vegetarianism/Veganism
- Animal experimentation
- Cruelty-free shopping
- Wildlife protection/Rehabilitation
- Trapping/Hunting
- Animals in entertainment
- Other: _____

I WISH TO USE THE FOLLOWING SKILLS FOR THE BENEFIT OF ANIMALS:

- Writing and editing
- Clerical and computer
- Social media and networking
- Public relations/PSAs/Media
- Public speaking
- Graphic design
- Desktop publishing
- Web design/maintenance
- Bookkeeping/Business accounting
- Fund raising
- Event planning
- Teaching/Humane education
- Public policy/Law
- Project/People management
- Database design/Maintenance
- Photography/Videography
- Animal specialty (cat/dog behavior, wildlife rehab, etc.)

Please describe: _____

- Other: _____

ACTIVITIES:

- Writing (newsletter, articles, letters, etc.)
- Office support (data entry, e-mail, etc.)
- Bookkeeping
- Animal pickup and transport
- Staffing an outreach event
- Fundraising
- Donation pickup
- Baking for bake sales
- Advocacy/Public policy
- Coordinating volunteers
- Board or advisory council service
- Other: _____

I am currently a paid member and my dues are current.

I would like to become a member (please fill out the reverse side) -OR- I will join online at www.gmad.info/join.php

Thank you for your interest in helping animals. If you have any questions or suggestions about how GMAD can be a more effective voice for animals, please contact info@gmad.info or call 802-861-3030.

About Green Mountain Animal Defenders

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- Maintaining a volunteer-run organization which allows donated funds to more directly benefit animals
- Educating the public through outreach efforts, media relations campaigns, and other special events
- Incorporating a unique internship program that captures the energy and enthusiasm of students and trains them to become effective animal protection advocates
- Sponsoring spay/neuter programs
- Maintaining a foster care network
- Managing and activating a grass roots network of animal protection advocates throughout the state to support animal protection legislation
- Providing rescue and transportation services for all animals, including wildlife
- Sponsoring the Vermont Animal Cruelty Response System's toll-free number for reporting abuse, finding low-cost spay/neuter, and connecting with wildlife rescue resources:
1-877-9 HUMANE

GMAD Membership Form

The animals count on your generous tax-deductible contributions.

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Please stay informed and help us be "green" by receiving GMAD alerts (two to three times a month) and our annual E-Newsletter via e-mail. We never sell or give out your e-mail to third parties.

Save a stamp, donate online at:

www.gmad.info/donate.php

Enclosed, please find:

- \$15 Student/Senior Membership
- \$35 Membership
- \$50 Household Membership
- \$100 Animal Advocate
- \$500 Animal Ally
- \$1,000 Animal Defender
- \$2,500 Guardian Angel
- \$_____ Additional Life-Saving Donation
- I have filled out the volunteer form on the reverse side
- Please remove me from your mailing list

Please make checks payable to:

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Thank you for your life-saving gift.