



Spring, 2018

It's early Monday morning, and there's so much on your mind. It's a full-time job just getting yourself out the door most mornings. You've found your wallet and keys and you have your coffee cup in hand as you lock your front door.

Turning around, you find something completely unexpected sitting in your driveway.

A panting, emaciated looking dog sitting on its hindquarters.

Staring at you.

Gingerly, she raises her right front foot and paws the air, trying to tell you something.

Clearly, the poor thing is frightened, hungry, and dying of thirst.

Would you help?

Of course, you would! You would run back inside the house and grab some water and food. I bet you would grab a blanket to wrap and protect her too.

**Writing a check to the RCHS is no different than directly providing food and water to a starving animal.**

In 2017, nearly 1,400 homeless, lost, and abused animals graced our doorstep. With your support, the Rutland County Humane Society was able to provide safe shelter for homeless animals and strong adoption and humane education programs.

We are asking for your continued support in 2018. Please consider sending a check made out to the Rutland County Humane Society. \*

Thank you for helping an animal in need...even if she's not sitting in your driveway.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Kevin A. Rushing*

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Executive Director

\*Please note the RCHS does not receive donations from nationally based animal welfare associations/societies.

## Ruby



Ruby, a female Shih Tzu was one of three dogs surrendered to us by a family in Rutland County. As Ruby was being checked-in, we discovered she suffered from several medical issues. In addition to not being spayed, she was diagnosed with Lyme disease, severe tartar buildup on her teeth and her left eye required enucleation. We opted to invest resources into Ruby's veterinary care and after recuperation from her surgeries she was adopted out to a wonderful family in our community.

## Zia



Zia, a pregnant gray and white cat was picked up as a stray by the Rutland County Sheriff's Department. Since Zia appeared ready anytime to have her kittens, we called one of our wonderful Foster Moms, who took Zia into her home. Within a few days, Zia delivered four kittens.

Unfortunately she developed mastitis and would not be able to feed her kittens. Zia was brought back to RCHS where she is being treated for her infection. The kittens

are being bottled fed a special formula by the Foster Mom. RCHS covers the costs of veterinary care, food and supplies while the animal(s) are in a foster home.