



Milford

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## Because of you and your help . . . It is what we do and how we do it

The shelter gets a call or a visit. A dog was dumped, can we take it? We explain we don't have room and that we can only take the animal if one who is already here has been given a forever home with someone and a space is now open.

Most of the time we get understanding individuals. It often seems to us that the caller is really thinking that it is only one dog. The unspoken thought is that we could surely make room for just one more. The caller is right, it is only one dog, to them. For us it is the fifth call and the seventh "only one dog (or cat)" of the morning. Chances are someone will drive up and ask us to take a couple of puppies the kids picked up or a cat with kittens. We truly wish we could take them all. We could take them if we had a facility that could house hundreds and a staff of forty. We could if we had a bank account that involved six or even seven digits (dollars). As it is, we can't.

We also get calls that go like this: "I rescued a dog and now I don't know what to do with it!" OK, if you don't know what to do with it, you didn't rescue it. In our lives "rescue" means you will take responsibility for this animal's life and well-being. It doesn't mean that you picked it up and brought it to us. We think picking up an animal to save it's life and then hope that someone will take it off your hands is something entirely different. We will always try to help, even if we don't have room in the shelter. We can try to help with food and we will utilize our Facebook page to help place a foundling (many animals have found forever homes through this.) Sometimes we can help with spay or neuter expenses. We try, but we hope that folks understand our space, resources and manpower are limited. The decisions we make are not easy but we have to place the shelter and it's continued existence, along with the orphans in it, on the top of the list.

Please help us to help the lost animals with your monetary support and by rescuing a lost animal as you give it a forever home.

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ALL THE GREAT  
VOLUNTEERS AT  
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