

Shelter Facts



Pope Memorial
Humane Society
Cocheco Valley

About Us

A community-funded, nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, Pope Memorial Humane Society-Cocheco Valley (PMHS-CV) is dedicated to promoting the humane treatment of animals in Strafford County, NH and Southern Maine. We are a safe, temporary home for more than 1,000 surrendered, lost, abused, neglected, or unwanted animals each year.

We Fulfill Our Mission By:

- Placing animals into caring, forever homes
- Promoting the practice of spaying and neutering
- Assisting with cruelty investigations and rescue
- Raising awareness within the community about animal welfare
- Encouraging volunteer involvement and support
- Being an active voice and advocate for the safety, health, and wellbeing of animals
- Serving as a comprehensive resource center for the community

History

Pope Memorial Humane Society-Cocheco Valley (PMHS-CV), located in Dover, New Hampshire, was founded in 1984 as Cocheco Valley Humane Society to serve the domestic animal welfare needs of Strafford County's 125,000+ residents. In addition to Strafford County, we assist individuals from across New Hampshire and southern Maine who seek our support. Previously operating out of a 100-year-old piggery on the former county farm, PMHS-CV receives no state or federal funding and relies entirely on community support.

Founded: 1984 (Moved to new building: 2019) Pavilion Finished: 2023

Thank you: Lyman Pope Jr.

Lyman Pope, a lifelong animal lover, has left an indelible mark on shelters across New England. His significant donations spearheaded the construction of four shelters in Thomaston, ME; Orleans, VT; Concord, NH; and Dover, NH, all bearing his name. Pope Memorial Humane Society in Dover, NH, formerly Cocheco Valley Humane Society, faced fundraising challenges for a new facility. In 2017, Lyman Pope's \$1 million donation surpassed the goal, enabling the dream of a new building.

Recently, Mr. Pope donated to Pope Memorial Humane Society in Dover again, funding an expansion for a 5,250-square-foot play area, including a roofed outdoor pavilion for training sessions and adoptee meet-and-greets.

Additional Info:

Capacity on site: Dogs - 35, Cats - 100

Top community offerings outside of stray reclaim/surrendering/adopting/volunteering:

- Pet food pantry
- Low cost spaying and neutering
- Low cost medical clinics
- Safe Pets Program
- Mother Spay Program

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