

// We are so happy to be celebrating 75 years of providing humane refuge to homeless and abandoned cats and dogs. We estimate that we have taken in and found loving, permanent homes for more than 22,000 cats and dogs during the past 75 years and spayed or neutered all of those that were not already sterilized. We could not have done this work without the generous support of the community all of these years, and for that, we are truly grateful. We look forward to rescuing and taking in homeless and vulnerable animals in need for many more years to come. //



The Animal Haven

75 YEARS



The Animal Haven enters an agreement with Alice Hande Kipp to lease .39 of an acre of land at 89 Mill Road, North Haven, CT.

THE ANIMAL HAVEN IS FOUNDED

The Animal Haven is incorporated by three compassionate animal lovers (Alice Wickson Watt, Virginia Whitfield Rodiman, and W. Raymond Blazer) as a charitable organization to provide refuge to homeless adoptable cats and dogs.

Because The Animal Haven has no shelter, the founders and other volunteers take in and care for the animals in their homes.



The Animal Haven obtains a special permit to build a new shelter for dogs and cats at 89 Mill Road.

THE NEW SHELTER

The building of the new shelter is completed, which includes 19 dog runs.



CELEBRATING 75 YEARS

The Animal Haven celebrates 75 years of saving the lives of homeless and abandoned cats and dogs.

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THE ORIGINAL SHELTER

The Animal Haven's shelter was built, consisting of 32 cat cages, and 16 dog runs.

Alice Hande Kippe conveys the leased land to The Animal Haven, and The Animal Haven purchases the remaining acres at 89 Mill Road for \$15,500.



The main area of the shelter is gut renovated to install a state-of-the-art HVAC system and provide more room for daily operations, including an expanded kitchen, medical examination room, laundry room and sanitation room.

Construction of a 1,500+ square foot cat wing expansion to provide more room for the shelter's cats begins.

The dog kennel area is renovated, including the installation of new kennels and the enlargement of some kennels so that the bigger dogs are more comfortable.

CAT WING EXPANSION

A ribbon cutting ceremony is held to celebrate the opening of the cat wing expansion.

