

**New Hampshire Federation
of
Humane Organizations, Inc.**

The following Resolution was adopted by the Federation on September 30, 1997:

Members of the New Hampshire Federation of Humane Organizations (NHFHO) are united in our desire for an end to euthanasia of healthy animals. We recognize, however, that adopting "no kill" policies does not eradicate overpopulation or end suffering, but does encourage splintering in our movement. NHFHO Members believe that we must all work together and present a unified front, and that the nature of our work is such that success requires different ideas and strategies at different times and in different places. To that end, NHFHO Members unanimously adopted the following resolution on September 24, 1997:

1. NHFHO Members will engage in intentional, open communication amongst ourselves. The NHFHO will develop a structure for gathering and documenting good ideas (such as programs, promotions, and fundraising campaigns that work) in order to have a ready resource in place for Members.
2. NHFHO Members deserve "the benefit of the doubt," therefore; Members will pass along public praise and misconceptions immediately and constructively to the organization in question and shall work to re-educate the public about the work in which we are collectively engaged.
3. NHFHO Members will work to maximize efforts and resources by marketing collaboratively from region to region.
4. NHFHO Members will refrain from employing any public relations tactics that shed an unfavorable light on any Member organization.
5. NHFHO Members will not use the term "no-kill" to describe shelter policies. Instead, NHFHO Members will use the terms "Open Admission" and "Special Admission" to denote differences in shelter policies without defining any one approach in negative terms.