

Event will benefit animal shelter

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HAMDEN — A holiday fund-raiser to support the new **animal shelter** will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at the M.L. Keefe Community Center, 11 Pine St.

Sponsored by the Happy Tails Foundation and **Hamden Animal Control**, there will be pet photos with Santa. Cats need to come to the event in carriers, and dogs on leashes. Parking is in the lot on the George Street side.

The **Hamden** Police Department's K-9 Division will give a demonstration.

Hot Diggity Dog Grooming Parlor staff members will volunteer to provide nail clipping and ear cleaning. Holiday pet products will be for sale. There will be a holiday bake sale courtesy of town government employees.

Animal Control Officer Jean Murray will take names for people who want to adopt pets.

There will be drawings for prizes donated by local businesses and individuals throughout the day.

Local business owner Dolores Giannini founded the Happy Tails Foundation to raise money for an **animal shelter** in town.

Giannini reminds residents not to abandon animals.

"Seek out people who can assist you in solving the problem. Working so closely with **animal control**, I have seen and witnessed firsthand some of the sad stories that have gone on, that there's a dog wandering or a litter of puppies born in the woods by a mother that was abandoned by the owner," she said. "It's terrible. Having a pet is a responsibility."