



MOHAWK HUDSON
**HUMANE
SOCIETY**

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



LOOKING BACK AS WE MOVE FORWARD

As we look back on our incredible 135- year history, we are reminded of just how important a role the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society (MHHS) has played in our community. Founded in 1887, this organization was at the forefront of protecting the most vulnerable members of our community—orphaned, neglected, and abused children.

MHHS soon expanded its charter to protect animals and continued to serve both until 1957. At that point, our focus shifted entirely to animals and the crushing pet overpopulation crisis so prevalent during that time.

Our extraordinary history has been marked by forward-thinking leaders with a vision for a more humane community for all of its members. How I wish those who began this journey could see how we have carried their hopes and dreams forward.

An important thread that ties our past and present together is our community's dedicated support. Their generosity has provided the resources to think bigger and achieve better for the animals and those who love them.

You are part of that caring community.

Today we have the tools, to not only limit pet overpopulation, but also programs and services to address other causes of homelessness, including economic disadvantage.

No longer is lack of space a reason for an animal to lose its life. Today, we have the expertise and capacity to treat illness and physical injuries. We have the gift of skilled staff to help animals that are emotionally scarred as well.

The rampant cruelty and neglect so prevalent in the days of our predecessors is no longer, but this fight continues in new ways. Today we have laws, our own humane law enforcement team, and community partners committed to working with us to bring justice to those with no reverence for animal lives.

Most powerfully, we have the support of a community who believes, as we do, that all animals deserve to know a loving home.

Together, we will continue to carry out our lifesaving work, which is so aptly reflected in our new mission statement:

Transforming the lives of animals and people through partnerships, protection, and hope.

Warmly,



Ashley Jeffrey Bouck
CEO, Mohawk Hudson Humane Society



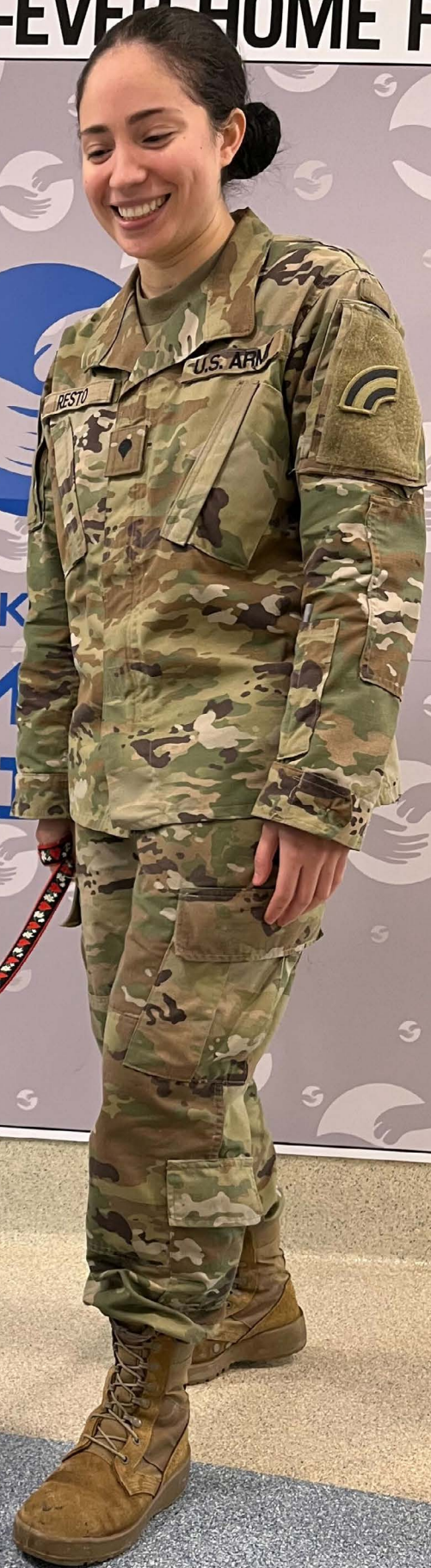
ANOTHER FURR-EVER HOME FOUND

How About a Selfie?

Adopting a new family member is big news! We encourage all doggers to pose here for a selfie to make a proper announcement of their own.

Our thanks to:

TIMES UNION



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THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Our community opened their hearts and homes to shelter pets of all breeds and ages. They gave these animals the opportunity to know safety, love and care. Some pets that come to us have complicated medical conditions. CrossRoads adoptions are for those pets that are terminally ill and have limited time to enjoy life, but their adopters ensure they live the final leg of their journey to the fullest.

Foster families provide a supportive home environment for pets needing special medical or behavioral care. Often these foster volunteers make all the difference in an animal's story and prepare them for their forever home.



2,174

ADOPTIONS



639

**ANIMALS FOSTERED
BY VOLUNTEERS**



25

**CROSSROADS
ADOPTIONS**

PROVIDING AFFORDABLE CARE

Every animal who comes through our doors receives a thorough medical evaluation by our highly skilled veterinary team. Each animal also receives a microchip, are spayed or neutered and receive rabies and other core vaccinations. Our veterinarians, technicians and support staff perform thousands of surgeries every year, and rely on their training and experience to offer each animal the very best care.

We offer a low-cost veterinary clinic that helps pet owners spay and neuter their dogs, cats and rabbits. Our clinic also offers microchipping and wellness services.



1,526

**LOW-COST
SPAY & NEUTER**



674

WELLNESS VISITS





PROTECTING PETS, HELPING PEOPLE

MHHS is the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) for Albany and Rensselaer Counties, and has supported law enforcement in the investigation of animal cruelty and neglect cases for many years.

Our Peace Officers can investigate animal cruelty, apply for search and arrest warrants, and make arrests when necessary. We are always ready to mobilize when our partners in law enforcement call on us to help with cases of animal cruelty. From active physical abuse to hoarding, neglect, and abandonment, we have to be ready to handle it all.

One of the most important roles of a Peace Officer in Humane Law Enforcement is Community Outreach. While our main focus is animals, partnering with our community is the key to ensuring animals receive the care they need to be happy, healthy and loved. When we step in with food, reduced-cost veterinary care or supplies, we can improve the lives of pets and their owners, and hopefully prevent future cases of cruelty and neglect.



218

SEIZED ANIMALS

BEHAVIOR AND OBEDIENCE TRAINING

Through specialized treatment plans, our Behavior and Enrichment team helped pets build confidence, improve manners, and increase adoptability. Behavior issues are some of the most common reasons pets are relinquished to shelters. But with trustworthy guidance and support, it doesn't need to be that way. Enrichment goes hand-in-hand with behavior, as adding positive activities and experiences to daily life can make a big difference.

Our free Behavior and Enrichment Helpline helps pet owners work through many common issues that, left unaddressed, may get worse and cause a pet to lose a loving home. Reliable advice from our team of caring experts is just a phone call away.

Dog training courses help you and your dog strengthen your bond as you learn fundamental skills through positive reinforcement. For those dogs that might need one-on-one attention, our skilled training staff offers private consultations to address specific behaviors.



27

**OBEDIENCE
CLASSES**



403

**BEHAVIOR AND
ENRICHMENT PETS**



24

**PRIVATE
CONSULTATIONS**





THE ROAD AHEAD

THE LISA MITZEN ANIMAL CARE CENTER

In 2021 we received a \$1,000,000 gift from Business for Good that went toward the Capital Campaign for the Menands Animal Care Center, now named the Lisa Mitzen Animal Care Center. This gift allows us to devote more resources to transforming the lives of animals and the people who love them.

WELCOME to the Lisa Mitzen Animal Care Center



HUMANE EDUCATION

MHHS is growing its humane education programs for people of all ages. This includes summer camps for elementary aged students and service-based programs for middle and high school students. MHHS hosts free educational programming throughout the year that is open to the public.

There are future plans to build a humane education wing to the current site to allow for expansion of these programs.

HUMANE LAW ENFORCEMENT

Cruelty and neglect cases consume an enormous amount of resources, both financial and emotional. We continue to invest in training staff and developing key community partnerships.

One of those partnerships is with Albany County. The County has offered to supply emergency safe housing for animals - especially farm and livestock - in those instances when we are called to farm cruelty cases and need to safely remove the animals.

We are also training more humane law enforcement staff to be ready to step in when these cases arise.



LOVED FOR
Life



20,938

VOLUNTEER HOURS



559

VOLUNTEERS





81,289

PET MEALS

FINANCIALS

REVENUE

	DONATIONS AND FUNDRAISING \$ 3,357,944
	PROGRAM REVENUE \$ 1,597,358
TOTAL REVENUE..... \$ 4,955,302	

EXPENSES

Program Services	\$ 3,185,257
Administrative and General	\$ 467,688
Fundraising	\$ 500,728
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 4,153,673
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS.....	\$ 1,556,259

We value transparency and carefully steward your donations so that your contributions provide the second, third and fourth chances that stray, abandoned and neglected animals deserve.

MISSION

Transforming the lives of animals and people through partnerships, protection and hope.

VISION

A community where all animals are loved for life.

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