

The Companion

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The Face that Launched a Thousand 'Awws'

When Heathcliff arrived at the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society last December, he was a young orange stray who had clearly been through a lot. His fur was unkempt, he drooled constantly, and food slipped right out of his mouth. With his tongue always sticking out (as we say, a permanent "blep"), **his face was both heartbreaking and adorable.**

Our veterinary team discovered that Heathcliff suffered from a severe jaw injury and dental disease, making it painful to eat and impossible to groom properly. He needed specialized surgeries and dental extractions that went beyond what we could provide in-house. **Because of generous donors like you, we were able to send him to outside specialists and give him the care he so desperately needed.**

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A Message from the President



Ashley and Rock

Dear Friends,

At the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society, we believe every animal deserves love, no matter what they've been through or how they may look on the outside. Some arrive with scars that speak of hardship, like Heathcliff, whose tongue always peeked out in a permanent little "blep" due to a broken jaw. Some come with chronic illness, like Opie, whose severely infected eye needed to be removed to give him relief from pain. Still others are like Daisy, with missing parts only surgery could have shown. And then there are those who carry wounds not immediately visible, yet just as real. Each reminds us that beauty is not in perfection, but in their brave and resilient little hearts.

What makes MHHS stand apart is our unwavering commitment to these "perfectly imperfect" souls. We do not rush them along. We take the time to heal, to comfort, and to patiently search for the family who will see them as we do: whole, worthy, and wonderful.

That work isn't always easy. It can take weeks, months, or even years. Your kindness turns hardship into hope and gives every animal the chance to be seen, loved, and cherished just as they are.

With gratitude,



Ashley Jeffrey Bouck
President & CEO

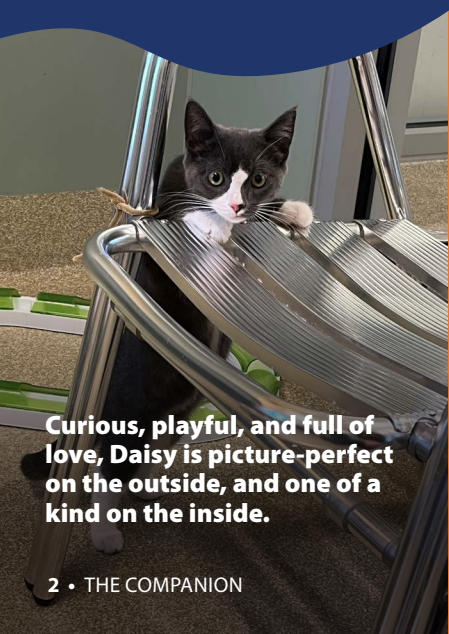
One of a Kind, Inside and Out: **Daisy**

Curious? Check. Playful? Check. Affectionate and cuddly? Double check. With her boundless kitten energy and love of toys, Daisy seemed picture-perfect on the outside.

But when she came to us with her three brothers, a routine spay surgery revealed something very unusual: **Daisy had no uterus, both kidneys were on the same side of her body, and her heart sat slightly off center.** Bloodwork and x-rays showed other irregularities, too. She was, in every sense, one of a kind.

After surgery, **Daisy healed in a foster home where her spunky personality shone through.** Once her test results improved, she entered our CrossRoads adoption program, created for pets with uncertain medical futures who are still thriving and full of life.

Today, Daisy is doing just that. She's stolen her adopters' hearts. Like all CrossRoads families, they saw beyond the unknowns and chose to give her the love and home she deserved.



Curious, playful, and full of love, Daisy is picture-perfect on the outside, and one of a kind on the inside.

Rock On! How MHHS Helped One Resilient Dog Find Her Way

Rock is a sweet, one-year-old pup who has already lived through more than most. She arrived at MHHS with a fractured pelvis, a leg she could no longer use, missing toes, chronic infections, and infested with fleas and worms. It would be easy to say Rock was broken, but that couldn't be further from the truth.

From the very beginning, Rock showed us her sweetness. Even in pain, she leaned in for pets, wagged her tail at kind words, and made it clear she wasn't giving up. Our team promised her the same.

At first, she just needed time and care to recover from the trauma and underlying illnesses. But, as the infections cleared and she regained strength, she continued to drag her back leg. She struggled to expend her new-found puppy energy and enjoy the life of a normal dog running through the grass.

To give her the future she deserves, Rock's injured leg was amputated. She healed beautifully! **And the news we're thrilled to share? Rock has been adopted!** With her pain finally behind her, she's discovering the joy of running, playing, and simply being a dog again, now with a family who loves her dearly.

Our team will never forget the rock-n-roll spirit that helped pull this little girl through.



Rock arrived injured and fragile, but now she's full of energy, joy, and unstoppable spirit.



Heathcliff has traded hardship for blankets, toys, and the comfort of a forever home.

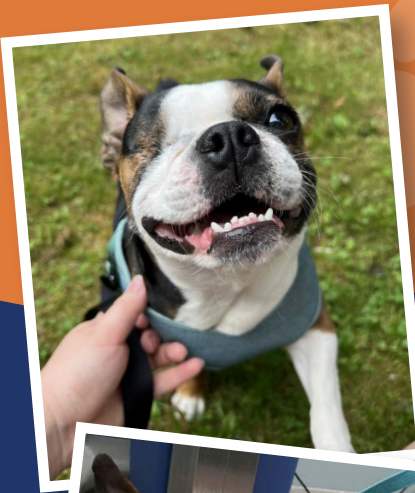
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After months of healing, Heathcliff's true personality came shining through in foster care. Curious, playful, and a little spicy, he learned the joy of toys, treats, and affection. His unique quirks only made him more lovable.

In August, Heathcliff found his family. His adopters tell us he fit right in, even cozing up to their other cats (after some playful negotiations). He still loves his squeeze treats, still flashes that endearing blep, and now enjoys the comfort and love he always deserved.

Heathcliff's journey is a beautiful reminder: your compassion makes all the difference. You gave him the gift of healing and a family.



Opie's painful eye condition is gone, replaced by a happy, playful smile.

Through One Eye, Love Leads the Way

Opie was less than a year old when he was found as a stray this past March. He was happy and playful, but something was wrong with his eyes. His left eye had "cherry eye," where the third eyelid gland slips out of place, forming a red bump. His right eye was cloudy and non-visual. Medication didn't help; he was suffering from uveitis, a painful condition that can lead to glaucoma.

When Opie was neutered, we repaired his cherry eye. It healed beautifully. **With the support of generous donors, our veterinary team removed his right eye to prevent future pain.**

With one bright eye and a brave heart, Opie recovered in a loving foster home. Soon after, he found his perfect family.

Today, Opie is unstoppable. He adores everyone he meets, greeting new friends with tail wags. He loves to snuggle, nap under blankets, and be carried like a baby, snoring happily in his family's arms. Yet he's also bold and energetic, keeping up with his toddler sister's zoomies and adventures. From camping trips to neighborhood walks, **Opie shows every day that one eye is more than enough to see all the love and joy life has to offer.**

You Can Help

As we enter the Season of Giving, you can celebrate the beauty of the perfectly imperfect pets at MHHS and in your own life by:

- 🐾 Making a gift to help provide urgent medical care and second chances to animals like Heathcliff and Opie mohawkhumane.org/donate
- 🐾 Becoming a Faithful Friend with an automated monthly gift that sustains animals like Rock and Daisy all year long mohawkhumane.org/faithful-friends
- 🐾 Giving in honor or memory of a beloved person or pet (what better holiday gift could you give?) mohawkhumane.org/tributes

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