

Capital Pet



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Balaguer



It's easy to see why Balaguer is a favorite around the Humane Society. Not only is he handsome, but

he has an amazingly mellow personality and some of the softest fur you will ever touch.

Balaguer is well known to the staff and volunteers at the Humane Society: he was brought in as a stray 12 times! It was like a scene from *Cheers* each time . . . everyone knows his name. Of course, this is not the kind of record we like to see any dog hold.

On his last trip to the Humane Society, Balaguer finally hit the jackpot and went home with his forever family in early June.

He is now living it up with a new family of his own that has two little kids. His dad brings him for truck rides and to the park almost every day and says he gets attention anywhere he goes. Dad is so happy with his new family member that he wants to come work at the Humane Society!



Tutti Fruti

Tutti Fruti is a sweet-faced, brindle-and-white pit bull mix. Even through her exuberance and smile, you could tell that she was in pain. It was confirmed with X-rays at Canterbury Animal Hospital that Tutti had a severe break to her right rear leg. Soon after, Dr. Tara Estra performed an amputation at the Humane Society.

The next day, even after major surgery, Tutti Fruti had a new sparkle in her eye. She spent a few days recovering in staff offices and solidifying her position as a favorite. Tutti went to an offsite clinic a week after her surgery and got tons of get-well pets and kisses.

Tutti Fruti is now living comfortably in a new home and getting around spectacularly!





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From the Director

All too frequently I read stories about the horrors of puppy mills and the dangers of buying puppies and kittens from pet stores or unscrupulous breeders. It is even worse when there are accompanying photos showing those animals living in filth. I frequently get phone calls from people who have recently purchased puppies and kittens from private sellers and have found themselves with an animal who had a serious medical or behavioral issue. In many cases they can't even find the person from whom they purchased to try to get some relief from veterinary bills and get answers as to why the animal was sold in such poor condition. Without fail, these conversations end with the distressed pet owner saying, "There ought to be a law." Thankfully, there now is such a law in Albany County.

Last year the New York State Legislature passed a law allowing local governments to regulate "pet dealers," which is a term that encompasses breeders and pet stores. For many years the USDA has regulated large-scale "wholesale" breeders and New York State has regulated pet dealers.

Both of these programs have not been well-resourced and have struggled to adequately protect animals. For years we have argued that it is those of us who live in communities who know where the worst offenders are and we should be able to act locally.

In June 2014, Albany County Legislators Gary W. Domalewicz and Bryan M. Clenahan led an effort in the legislature to pass a law allowing the county to regulate pet dealers. After testimony by

the New York State Animal Protection Federation, the ASPCA, community advocates and me, the bill passed unanimously. This achievement made Albany the second county in the state to take local control of pet store and breeder regulation.

The time has come for us to put an end to inhumane practices at unscrupulous kitten and puppy breeding and selling operations. By keeping oversight local and in the hands of a law enforcement department, we can be sure that real action can and will be taken when animals are put in harm's way by people who put profit over the welfare of animals.

As with the passage of Albany County's animal offender database, we have shown that we are an animal protection leader. My hope is that local governments across the state will follow Albany's lead so we will finally see an end to inhumane breeding and confinement of New York State companion animals.

Thank you to everyone who let your voice be heard by our legislators so they know how important animal protection is to the residents of Albany County. It is only through your steadfast support and effort that animals can be helped.



Executive Director
Brad Shear and Bastian, his cat

Out of the tree and into a box



In late spring we received a call from a man who was desperate. He had discovered a young black cat up a tree, not far from our animal care center in Menands, and had been trying to coax him down for about 11 days, to no avail. He was very worried about the health of the cat and frantically trying to find someone — anyone — to help, since the kitty would not or could not make his way down. The man tried calling every place he could think of before he called the Society.



We were able to find good Samaritans at Todd's Tree Service, who were kind enough to lend their time and equipment to rescue the cat.

Once the mischievous kitty arrived at the Society, he was examined and found to be about 10 months old. He was vaccinated and neutered and received lots of TLC from the staff and volunteers, who named him Nigel. Nigel was sweet, playful and loved the safety of his special shoebox. He gained almost two pounds while he was with us.

It only took about 10 days for Nigel to find his new forever home — hopefully one where he will not be tempted to climb a tree!



Everyday Adoption Center - Latham Farms

Now
Open!

PETSMART
Charities

We at the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society are proud and excited to announce the opening of the Everyday Adoption Center at PetSmart in Latham Farms. PetSmart Charities has provided 2,000 square feet of the store to the Humane Society to run an adoption center for dogs and cats. The center is open seven days a week. Please visit this exciting new adoption center today!

Paws in the Park

The day dawned sunny and bright (what a relief!) for our fifth annual **Paws in the Park Walk & Community Day** on Saturday, June 21 at Siena College in Loudonville. Close to 325 people participated, raising nearly \$43,000 for the animals.

A special thank you to Father Kevin Mullen of **Siena** for presiding over the Blessing of the Animals – always a highlight! Star Renzi warmed things up with some Zumba moves for pets and walkers, with music from the ever-popular **Grand Central Station**. We were delighted to have Albany County Executive Dan McCoy on hand to encourage all the two- and four-legged walkers! Ayco's Community Team Works and CSEA volunteers were so helpful in getting things set up and ready for the walk. Once again, the Ayco volunteers took on the task of judging the Best Costume, Best Trick and Parent-Pet Look-a-Like contests – it was one tough job to select the winners! Musical Sit, new this year, had all the two-legged observers in stitches. A big thank you to Benson's Pet Center for donating the prizes for the contests and the top individual walkers.

Our good friends at **Goldstein Auto Group** collected hundreds of cans and bottles for the *Empties for Animals*



program in just a few hours and were surprised by the new banner that will be displayed in the recycling area at the shelter, in recognition of Goldstein's long-standing and ongoing dedicated support of *Empties for Animals*.

Keith Flach was on hand again and is racing with our logo again this year! Pappy from the Tri-City ValleyCats and Devil Dawg were both on hand to cheer on the walkers. There were several new highlights this year: Talk to Your Animal with animal communicator David Louis and the Kids Zone with Bounce Zee Bounce's Spiderman and Dora, balloon sculptures by Balloon Gal Jenny and Jojo's Fabulous Faces, as well as a live radio broadcast by The Jockey. Home Style Caterers and Fried Dough at Its Best kept everyone well fed and hydrated! Albany County was on hand with CART (County Animal Response Team), where folks learned how companion animals are cared for during evacuations and declared emergencies. We also had the Sheriff Department's K-9 George, as well as the 4-H Youth Development office of Cornell Cooperative Extension Albany County with youth activities and demonstrations related to obedience and agility. Walk attendees also had the pleasure of seeing a dog rally complete with figure eights, serpentines and more.

Thanks to everyone who participated in, volunteered in and pledged to our fifth annual **Paws in the Park**, *our animals are the true winners*.

A very big round of applause (and a-paws) to our hardworking and dedicated volunteers who made



Father Kevin Mullen gave the Blessing of the Animals.

Top Team:
Glenmont Elementary School



Top Fundraiser:
Richard Nash & Hudson



Paws in the Park

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everything work smoothly and to our generous sponsors and vendors: Goldstein Auto Group, Price Chopper, The Jockey & Empire Broadcasting, Coppola Design, Benson's Pet Center, Capital District Colon & Rectal Surgery Associates, Capitaland Motors, Guilderland Animal Hospital, Sand Creek Animal Hospital, Curtis Lumber, Hoffman Enterprises, 4 Paws Animal Hospital, Bark Busters Home Dog Training, Camp Bow Wow Albany, Pet Spas of America & HeartsHerd Animal Sanctuary, TD Bank, The Fresh Air Fund, Top Dog Pet Fence, Adirondack Barkery, All Dawgs Training Services, East Side Collars, It's Fur Real Mobile Pet Spa, Lazy Dog Cookie Company, PJ Walker Photography, Ragged Ledge, Sadie's Suitcase, Studio 105 Glass, The Pet Cab, Beagle Freedom Project, Safe Paws, Save-a-Bull and Vested Interest in K-9s. A big shout-out to all the folks at Siena College who helped us keep the event running smoothly and making it another big success!

Top Fundraisers

Top Team: Glenmont Elementary School

First Runner-up: Walking for Weims

Second Runner-up: The Otis & Mack Show

Top Individual Fundraiser: Richard Nash & Hudson

First Runner-up: Mariesa Jozwiak

Second Runner-up: Christina Norris

Who will win next year? It could be you. Mark your calendars for **June 20, 2015** and plan to join us again at Siena College for our even bigger and better **Paws in the Park**.



2015 Cutest Pets Photo Calendar

Ready to ship in October



It's not too early to start your holiday shopping! Some of the cutest pets ever are in the new 2015 Cutest Pets Photo Calendar, ready for you to share and enjoy all year long for only \$10 per copy (plus shipping). Buy five or more calendars and you will receive a quantity discount. Please visit mohawkhumane.org to order. Calendars are also available in our main lobby. All proceeds benefit the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society.



Humane Ed in the Classroom

Part of the Society's mission is to educate the public about animal welfare in the community and to help people of all ages find ways they can help homeless, neglected and abused animals of the Capital Region. Below is just one example of our Humane Education program at work with youth in the community.

7 Community Center, Troy, NY
Good afternoon!

We really appreciate the great work you do. Our Kids for Kindness Club is donating the profits of their Holiday Gift Shop to your organization. We LOVED having Cherrie [Edwards, Humane Education volunteer] and Pepper visit and can't wait to see them again! Thank you again for all you do!

Sincerely,
Samantha Adkisson, Youth Program Director

Save the Date
for the 10th Annual
ART SAVES ANIMALS
A benefit reception & art auction for
MOHAWK HUDSON
HUMANE SOCIETY
Join us for the event!
Wed., October 15, 2014
5:30-8:30PM
The Arts Center of the Capital Region
265 River Street, Troy
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Around the World
for 80 Strays
April 25, 2015

Paws in the Park
June 20, 2015

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