

Capital Pet



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You Give More Than Shelter...



Eggs was found as a kitten in a dumpster, and due to family issues, he was brought to the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society (MHHS) when he was about a year-and-a-half old. His right eye most likely had an infection that had gone untreated because, by the time he arrived, it was shrunken and sightless. He also had a condition in his left eye known as entropion, in which eyelashes turn inward and scratch the eye's surface. It's irritating and often painful. We couldn't leave him in that condition.



Eggs had two eye surgeries while at MHHS.

Thanks to your donations, our veterinary staff performed two eye surgeries — one to remove his infected eye and another to correct the problem with his lashes. He wasn't too pretty during the healing process, but he certainly was sweet. Ultimately, this handsome boy found his forever home with the Pfendler family, who now calls him "Bubba." They say he's a real lovebug and the best cat ever.

New Venue, New Date for Paws in the Park!



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Monday-Friday 10am-6pm
Saturday & Sunday 10am-5pm

SATELLITE LOCATIONS

Saratoga
4255 Route 50
518.886.9645

PetSmart Latham Farms
609 Troy-Schenectady Road
518.785.4621

PetSmart Glenmont
241 Route 9W

Petco Clifton Park
6 Halfmoon Crossing

Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

It is so humbling to have been recently named the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society. We have been focused on caring for the animals in our local community for 130 years and I am proud to have been charged with the task of leading this organization in the next exciting chapter of our history.

In the next few months, we will complete the construction of our new Animal Care Center. This space will dramatically impact the number of animals we can care for, allowing us to continue to exceed animal care standards and will change the face of animal welfare in our community. I cannot wait for you to see it.

Having grown up in upstate New York, I know firsthand how important this organization is to our local community. I am committed to ensuring we continue to work hard to provide for our community's pets and their people through our ever expanding range of community programs.

My career has spanned nearly every facet of animal welfare and taken me across the country to work for some noteworthy organizations such as PetSmart Charities and the ASPCA. But it is has truly been a privilege to serve MHHS as the Vice President of Operations & Chief of Staff this past year and, now, an honor to continue my tenure as the President and Chief Executive Officer.

On behalf of the entire team of committed staff and volunteers, who enrich the lives of the neediest animals in our community every day, I thank you for your support of our organization and look forward to getting to know you as we continue forward.

Todd Cramer



The Power of Freedom

The Five Freedoms are a cornerstone of care and, thanks to your faithful support, our new Animal Center will enable us to provide these freedoms more effectively than ever before.



1. Freedom from Hunger and Thirst

Through our partnership with Hill's Pet Nutrition, all of our animals are fed a quality, consistent diet.



2. Freedom from Discomfort

Attentiveness to our animals' physical comfort is a high priority. Many of the things that cause discomfort, such as parasites, are treated as soon as an animal enters our care.



3. Freedom from Pain, Injury or Disease

Our new facility expands medical care space to nearly 1,800 square feet and provides our veterinary team with the latest technology in the treatment of our pets.



4. Freedom to Express Normal Behavior

Our dogs will have an average of 100 square feet of kennel space plus outdoor play yards. Our cats will live in large community rooms or four-tiered towers, allowing them to stretch, climb and have more freedom of choice within their environment.



5. Freedom from Fear and Distress

In addition to the power of a gentle touch and the ability to relax in safe surroundings, the Center's soundproofing, lighting and air flow will contribute greatly to a calming environment.

Thank you for helping provide the Five Freedoms every animal deserves!



Get all the latest MHHS news and share your pet updates.
We're on Facebook and Twitter @mohawkhumane.

Paw-ing it Forward

Too much drive. Too energetic. The very traits that caused them to be given up are what made Walter and Echo rock stars in the eyes of K9 handlers from the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Fire Prevention and Control.

Active dogs like this are not happy unless they're busy. One of the things our volunteers do to help them redirect their energy is ScentWork training, which is just what it sounds like — using their noses to seek out scents. That is how Walter's keen skills were identified.

During his assessment with fire protections specialists, Walter showed incredible persistence in locating a tennis ball thrown into a field, but no interest in climbing on a rubble pile of uneven concrete. This eliminated him from consideration for search and rescue. However, he went on to complete eight weeks of intense training with his partner, Investigator Justin Worden of the Orange County Sheriff's Office, and in May he graduated from the Canine Accelerant Detection Program.

When Echo was given the same test, he took to the rubble like a pro, continuing to climb and retrieve his ball over and over. He is now in training with the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation in Santa Paula, CA. His training will continue for approximately nine months before he is paired with a partner to train for certification as a Disaster Search Dog Team.

We are so proud of these great dogs and wish them and their partners many safe, successful years together as they work to protect our communities.



Above: K9 Officer Walter with his partner, Investigator Justin Worden. **Below:** Echo easily navigated rubble during his test.



A New Paws in the Park Moves to October

We're excited about our new fall date and venue! Join us on Saturday, October 14 at the Joe Bruno Stadium, home of the Valley Cats. We'll still have all the fun things you love about PITP, plus new activities, vendors, food, drink and great prizes.

Find all the details at mohawkhumane.org

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Honor Someone You Love

Pay tribute to a special pet or person with a plaque on our Wall of Honor in the new Animal Care Center. It will be a lasting reminder of your love and commitment to the animals.

\$500 14" x 6" wall plaque with up to 60 characters and paw, heart, cat or dog graphic

\$275 7" x 3" wall plaque with up to 60 characters

Visit us online or call (518) 434-8128, ext. 208 to make your gift.



Happy Tails... Because of You!

Matsuko



"Matsuko wasn't in a very nice place before the shelter and was very frail and anxious. We gave her her first real toys, food bowls and bed, and she slowly learned how to be like the other dogs. Now Matsuko is my little princess. She's a bundle of love, kisses and snuggles."

- The Bush-McKeon Family

Belle & Luna



"Belle and Luna adjusted very quickly and have been part of the family from day one. They love their new home and new sister, Nala. They are very active and so loving. We just love our three girls! Thank you."

- The Hartwell Family

Daisy



"Daisy is the most lovable creature and we love her so much. Her papers say Maine Coon and she certainly has the personality and looks to match! We are so fortunate to have her. She loves to be near us and sleep with us."

- The Singer Family



Jax

"Jax has been the perfect addition to our family! He loves walks and car rides. He especially loves car rides to Starbucks for his puppuccino! We are so thankful for him and couldn't imagine life without him. He and my daughter are truly best friends."

- The Selby Family



Gala Raises \$185,000

We are extremely grateful to all who helped us raise a record amount in support of our Animal Care Center at our 10th Anniversary Gala in April.

Honorary Chairs

Herb & Annmarie Ellis

Committee Chairs

Paul Harding
Robin Lozman Anderson

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Animal Lovers

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Capital Bank	The Animal Hospital
In the Comfort of Home	The Healthy Cafe Catering Co.
Just Cats Veterinary Clinic	Upstate Veterinary Specialties
Nigro Companies	

Pet Bereavement Support Group

All are welcome to attend this free support group to help deal with the heartbreak of losing a beloved animal companion. The program is generously sponsored by In the Comfort of Home, a house-call service exclusively for end-of-life-care, and led by Estelle Giles-Monroe, MSW, LCSWR.

Second Wednesday of Every Month, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at MHHS

Send your Happy Tails to happytails@mohawkhumane.org.

Tribute Donations

All memorial and honorary donations can now be found on our website at mohawkhumane.org/tributes-index.