Happy Tails... Because of You!

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**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 protection 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.

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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 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

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