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☐ I’m walking solo.
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Please bring cash donations and this form to Check-In on the day of the event. Teams should also download and complete a Team form.

Make checks payable to the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society. Copy this form as needed or get additional forms online.

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Hunky David Hasselhop was rescued from dire conditions and brought to MHHS where he found a new home.

For most, it’s hard to fathom what drives people to allow their animals’ living conditions to deteriorate to extremes that cause suffering or even death. Earlier this year, the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society (MHHS) provided support in two cases that left everyone involved in utter disbelief.

In the first case, an anonymous tip to the Albany County Sheriff’s Department led to an investigation in Berne involving more than 50 animals, including horses, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens, dogs, cats and a rabbit living in filth without adequate food and water. MHHS worked onsite with law enforcement and veterinarians to document the condition of the animals and support relocation efforts.

Most of the neglected animals were successfully moved to Camp Pinnacle in New Scotland. Several goats in need of more supervised medical attention were turned over to HeartsHerd Animal Sanctuary and Rescue Center in Buskirk, and MHHS took the dogs, cats and rabbit. The owner of the animals was arrested and charged with misdemeanor animal cruelty.

In New Scotland, another case left community members outraged when bank representatives entered a house in foreclosure and found the bodies of a dog and a cat. The animals were found locked up amid trash and extreme filth. The owner of the home told Albany County Sheriff’s investigators that she was living with the dead animals for months. However, it is believed that she allowed those animals to starve to death. One cat, who we named Molly, survived in the house, despite two months of extreme neglect.

The petite 6-year-old Ragdoll mix came to us hungry and terrified, her long fur matted and stained. Yet, with medical attention, grooming and a clean, healthy environment, Molly’s sweet personality emerged and she found a forever home. The owner was charged with two counts of Failure to Provide Sustenance in violation of Agriculture and Markets Law.
Letter from the President and CEO
What about the other animals?

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In fact, animal sheltering and adoption is just one aspect of our broad scope of work that makes us a true animal welfare organization. Because of our amazing donors, we are also able to fund things like low-cost spay/neuter services, a Pet Food Pantry, a domestic violence partnership, low-cost vaccination and microchip clinics, and humane education programs.

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As the region's leading animal welfare organization and at a point in our evolution where we have achieved great success, we will widen our community's circle of compassion to think beyond our most common animal companions. One of the most important aspects of our job as a humane society is to engage our community through education and share information that helps you make informed decisions that are right for you.

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As part of this educational series, we are launching a new initiative to educate our community on keeping their animals healthy. We will be sharing tips on how to keep your pets healthy, how to prevent injuries, and what to do if an emergency arises. We will be sharing this information on our website and Facebook page, and we hope to see you there!

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VIP Accommodations for Moms & Kittens

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Join the Celebration on September 30 and October 1

All summer, while we have been settling in to our beautiful new Animal Care Center, our builders have been working hard to complete our campus. We're excited to celebrate the opening of this incredible new facility with the community and we invite you to visit this long-awaited and transformative center for animal care and humane education. Please join us for our Grand Opening events on Saturday, September 30 and Sunday, October 1. Find details on our Facebook page.

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Thank you for your loyalty and support.

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