

# Capital Pet



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## A Vital Partner in Cruelty Cases



**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.



**Molly lived for months in an abandoned house. MHHS provided care and found her a loving home.**



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#### HOURS

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 and CEO What about the other animals?

Dear Friends,

The community thinks of the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society as a safe place and adoption center for cats and dogs that need new homes — and we are. But thanks to your support over the last decade, we have grown to become a full-service agency, serving a much wider purpose than before.

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.

With our mission and program focus on companion animals, what about the other animals? Do we care about species beyond cats and dogs? Of course we do and we know that our community does as well.

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.

This fall we will launch an evening educational series covering topics such as living with wildlife and the value of doing so, the benefits of plant-based diets, and we will have dialogues on subjects such as the truth behind so-called animal sports. Expanding that education to include issues that impact all animals is the right thing to do.

Check our website and Facebook page for updates and we hope to see you there!

Todd Cramer



## 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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# A Lucky Day for the Moleman

It was blind luck when Hans Moleman, a sightless little pup, was found by Bethlehem Animal Control. The officer first thought his eyes had been gouged out, but upon examination, we realized his condition was a birth defect. He still has some eye tissue, which will be removed in order to prevent any irritation or inflammation from developing. But for now, Hans Moleman is a happy, sweet puppy who is in foster care with Dr. Trish Rockstroh, our V.P. of Veterinary Services.



Dr. Trish Rockstroh with Hans Moleman, a blind stray now safe in our care.



Enid gets a snuggle from her best buddy, MHHS veterinary technician Meg Lee.

## Not Just a Bad Hair Day

Enid came to us as an Albany stray. She had a bad upper respiratory infection and her fur was severely matted. In fact, the fur on her legs was so tightly matted that her leg tissue was nearly strangulated.

Matted fur is not merely a cosmetic issue, but a serious health risk that can cut off circulation and cause hypothermia. It can also be very painful and make it hard for animals to walk. Thankfully, Enid ended up in our care where she was groomed and received medical treatment. Thanks to our supporters, our new facility has a grooming room which makes it so much easier to give baths and haircuts to our residents.

## VIP Accommodations for Moms & Kittens

Our new Animal Care Center has many specialized rooms for specific care purposes. One of those is our Nursery, a space exclusively for moms and their litters and orphan kittens as well. Because kittens are one of our most vulnerable populations, the Nursery was specially designed to provide a safe, stress-free and healthy place for these little ones to grow.



A mother cat and her litter stay comfy and healthy in the Nursery.

