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A temporary pause to protect our cats 🐾

Mohawk Hudson Humane Society is pausing **on-site cat adoptions and cat intake** following two suspected cases of feline panleukopenia in cats at the shelter. Our veterinary team is pursuing confirmatory testing, and we are taking precautions now to protect the cats in our care and in our community. The two cats are receiving medical treatment from our veterinary team.

At this time, **no other cats are showing signs of illness.**

Dog and small-animal adoptions and intake will continue. Adult cats currently in foster homes remain available for adoption.

During this pause, our team will provide close veterinary monitoring, enhanced cleaning and disinfection, and strict protective measures to prevent the spread of illness. Cats will remain in their current housing areas. We will reassess after two weeks before resuming cat intake and on-site adoptions.

Panleukopenia is a serious, contagious illness in cats, with outbreaks occurring more commonly during the summer and fall. Vaccination is the best protection, including for cats who live entirely indoors. All cats and kittens are vaccinated for panleukopenia immediately after arrival and provided their first booster within 2-5 weeks. MHHS follows strict protocols to prevent the spread of illness, including thorough cleaning and disinfection, separate housing for stray animals, wearing gloves, and frequent handwashing. Even with strong preventive measures in place, panleukopenia can be introduced by cats who have been exposed. That is why we respond quickly and cautiously whenever a case is suspected, with the health of the cats in our care and in our community as our highest priority.

We have contacted all adopters whose cats may have been exposed and are carefully tracking potential exposures. The risk to any adopted cats is small at this time. Anyone whose recently adopted cat shows signs of lethargy, diarrhea, or vomiting should contact MHHS and be in touch with their veterinarian immediately. Panleukopenia does not pose a risk to humans, dogs, or other small animals.

Want to help? We could use donations of large towels, hand towels, washcloths, and pillowcases to support the daily cleaning and care that help keep our animals safe.

We know this pause affects people hoping to adopt or seeking help for a cat. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and support as our team gives every cat in our care the attention and protection they deserve. 💙