

Donor Privacy Policy

What Information We Collect

The Society collects personal information from donors, including amount donated, address, telephone number, donor comments and e-mail address. Tax laws in New York State and the United States require the Society to keep contact information and contribution level of donors on file.

How We Use that Information

The Society will never sell, trade, rent or share names, e-mail or mail addresses, or telephone numbers of our donors. The Society will use contact information (e-mail, telephone number and address) of donors for these purposes only:

- Distribute receipts for donations
- Thank donors for their donation
- Inform donors about upcoming fundraising and other activities of The Society
- Internal analysis and recordkeeping
- Required reporting to relevant U.S. and State agencies
- Contact donors about changes to this policy

The Society may publish an annual list of donor names once annually in the Society's newsletter. Donors can choose to remain anonymous by contacting the Society. The Society will publish the names of donors who have given tribute gifts in the Society's quarterly newsletter and on the Society's website. Donors can choose to remain anonymous by contacting the Society.

Financial Information

All access to donor financial information is strictly limited to professional staff who need to process those data. No such data are given to any person, organization or group who does not need to access those data.

The Society only uses online payment processing services with world-class security and strong reputations. The Society does not store, nor does it have access to, your credit card information, bank account numbers, or other account data sent to those processing services.

Contact Us

If you have questions about this Donor Privacy Policy or if you wish to be removed from our e-mail/postal contact lists, please email donations@mohawkhumane.org, call 518-434-8128 ext. 204 or write to:

Mohawk Hudson Humane Society
3 Oakland Avenue
Menands, NY 12204

Donor Bill of Rights

The Society subscribes to the Donor Bill of Rights.

Philanthropy is based on voluntary action for the common good. It is a tradition of giving and sharing that is primary to the quality of life. To assure that philanthropy merits the respect and trust of the general public, and that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in the not-for-profit organizations and causes they are asked to support, we declare that all donors have these rights:

1. To be informed of the organization's mission, of the way the organization intends to use donated resources, and of its capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purposes.
2. To be informed of the identity of those serving on the organization's governing board, and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.
3. To have access to the organization's most recent financial statements.
4. To be assured their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.
5. To receive appropriate acknowledgment and recognition.
6. To be assured that information about their donations is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.
7. To expect that all relationships with individuals representing organizations of interest to the donor will be professional in nature.
8. To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the organization or hired solicitors.
9. To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from mailing lists that an organization may intend to share.
10. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.

The text of this statement in its entirety was developed by the American Association of Fund-Raising Counsel (AAFRC), Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP), Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), and National Society of Fund Raising Executives (NSFRE).