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Society Rescues 240 Animals in Westerlo

On November 17, staff from the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society assisted the Albany County Sheriff's Office in rescuing and removing over 240 animals from a home in Westerlo. Most of the animals were rabbits, birds (chickens, ducks, geese), dogs, cats, and goats.

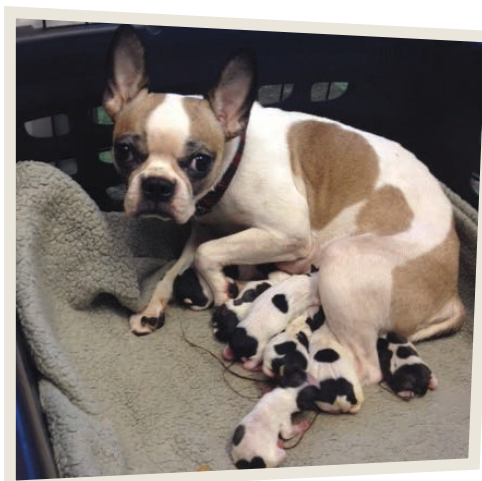
Thirty-five dogs and eight cats were taken to the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society shelter in Menands, where they were promptly evaluated by our veterinary staff.

Included in the group of dogs was an injured Boston Terrier/French Bulldog mix who had just given birth to seven puppies the prior evening. The mother had only three legs, with a stump where her right rear paw was, and was severely malnourished.

The Society worked with several other groups to disperse the animals to appropriate environments to continue their care. The New York Wildlife Rescue Center and Northeast Llama Rescue at Red Maple Farm in Schoharie County, SPCA serving Erie County and Lollypop Farm (Humane Society of Greater Rochester) took all of the birds, geese, ducks, rabbits and goats. We are so grateful to them for their assistance.

We are pleased to report that, as of this month, 39 dogs and cats have been adopted into their forever homes. The remaining animals are in foster care and will become available as soon as they are ready for adoption.

We would like to thank all of those individuals who made a monetary gift or donated food and supplies to help us care for these scared and mistreated animals. Your support has made a significant difference in their lives and the lives of the families who adopted them.



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Upcoming Events...

**AROUND THE WORLD
FOR 80 STRAYS GALA**
April 9, 2016
Albany Marriott

**PAWS IN THE PARK WALK
& COMMUNITY DAY**
June 25, 2016
Siena College



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**PetSmart Glenmont
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From the Director



Executive Director
Brad Shear and Bastian, his cat

As most of us in the Capital Region are well aware, a new legislative session is in full swing here in Albany. For many, that means a busy time advocating for our cause. Unfortunately, animals cannot advocate for themselves, but they do suffer the consequences of poorly written and enforced laws.

Since our founding in 1887, the Society has been a leader in advocating for animal protection legislation both locally and statewide. I am currently the President of the Board of the New York State Animal Protection Federation, the only statewide organization representing animal welfare organizations in New York. This is a group of people who all have "boots on the ground" to protect animals across New York State in big and small communities.

We will be working to increase penalties for animal abusers, especially focused on preventing them from having animals for a longer period of time. Currently, someone committing misdemeanor animal cruelty will only be on probation for a maximum of three

years and can get another animal as soon as that time has elapsed. Three years is not long enough for crimes against animals like the ones we see all too often in the Capital Region.

We also will be pressing for stronger penalties against people leaving dogs outside in inclement weather. Did you know the maximum fine for leaving a dog outdoors without shelter is \$50? If you're like me, you are wondering how that can be. With a fine that small, it is cheaper to pay the fine than to buy a proper dog house.

While the vast majority of nonprofits in New York receive state funding, there is only a very small fund for spay/neuter in the state and no funding for the other important programs organizations like ours provide. We will continue to work toward more funding to protect animals this year, as we did when the spay/neuter fund was first established.

While there are animal protection leaders from across the state working on these issues so New York will be a safer place for animals, we need everyone who cares about animals to speak out on their behalf. Politicians do listen when masses of people rally around an issue, and we will need your help. Please follow our Facebook page and Twitter feed for the latest updates on legislative issues throughout the session that may help (or hurt) the animals we all care about.

It is only because of supporters like you that we have the current protections we do have for animals; we will need to continue to work harder to keep animals safe. Thank you for speaking out for those who cannot speak for themselves.



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AROUND THE WORLD FOR 80 STRAYS



Gala

APRIL 9, 2016

at the ALBANY MARRIOTT



SAVE the Date

Around the World for 80 Strays Gala

The 9th annual gala is only a couple of months away and promises to be even more exciting as we raise money to help the more than 6,000 homeless and abused animals who will come to the Society this year in need of care.

The event will be held Saturday, April 9 at the Albany Marriott on Wolf Road. That's right, we have a new location for 2016! With more room to celebrate, you'll be able to mingle with guests more comfortably, get a better view of silent auction items, and spread your wings on the dance floor. And we'll be able to add a few surprises to make the evening a fun and memorable one.

Paul Harding and Steve Caporizzo are back as our Event Chair and Emcee, respectively. Assemblymember John T. McDonald, III has graciously agreed to serve as this year's Honorary Chair.

Our Humane Hero Awards will be presented to:

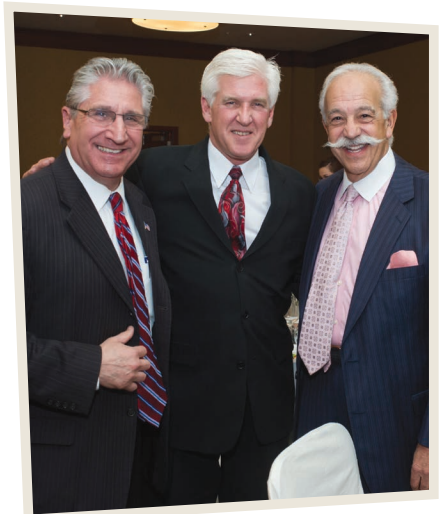
Humane Hero Award – Wes Laraway, New York Wildlife Rescue Center

Humane Media Award – iHeart Media

Humane Business Award – Benson's Pet Center

Bluz House Rockers will entertain us and get our feet moving on the dance floor. Our live and silent auctions are sure to have something special for everyone. There will be a photo booth and other fun surprises.

Make your reservations and mark your calendars to join the fun and excitement at the Albany Marriott on Saturday, April 9th! Please visit mohawkhumane.org/gala or call 518-434-8128 x206 for more information.





Mishka - *The Best Birthday Yet*

I'm a cat person, and my long-time fiancé was not a cat person. For years, we were at a stalemate about getting a cat or dog. In the meantime, we had an aquarium. It had been about ten years since my last cat passed, and my beau knew I had longed for a kitty. The week before my 40th birthday, we went to PetSmart because he "needed fish supplies." He said he'd just run in while I'd wait in the car.

He came back out empty-handed and asked, "Are you ready for your kitty?" It took a minute to register—did I hear the anti-cat guy right? When it sunk in, my eyes welled with tears. Bringing our sweet kitty home was the best 40th birthday present.

Mishka has been with us for a year, and she's brought so much joy. And

she's happy too! She loves to run around the house, play in piles of kraft paper, watch birds and rabbits from her cat tree window, watch the fish in the aquarium, and "hunt" for hidden cat treats.

Plus she makes us laugh trying to curl up in cardboard boxes big and small, as well as lying flat out on her back anywhere, especially in front of the fireplace. What's even funnier is my fiancé's attitude change about cats. He's done research to understand her behavior; he's attentive to her needs. He actually said he LOVES the kitty. He is so sweet with her and sings to her. He even said he wished we'd adopted sooner! Mishka doesn't like other cats, so she's the only one for now, but that just means we get to spoil her all the more. Thank you!

Happy Tails - *The Perfect Pair*

In July we adopted Sienna from you, and she was the perfect little Siamese kitten. She was almost three months old, and we fell in love with her instantly. But, Sienna needed someone to play beside. We didn't want to get another kitten because we wanted to give an older cat a home, too. We saw Benji, a calico girl, listed on your website and we kept checking to see if she was there each day.

What a PERFECT addition to our little family! Benji is just over a year old and is a little snuggle bug. She just wants to lay on your chest and nap. The best part is she acts like a kitten when she is playing with Sienna. Those two tumble around and play all day and then rest together at night. As you can see from the pictures, they finally figured out how to share the cat tower and love to nap there. We are so happy with both cats! Thank you, MHHS, for giving us these two love bugs.



2015 in Review

What a wonderful year we had! Milestones reached and records broken, all in support of fulfilling our mission to improve the lives of animals and the people who love them.

3,858 animals found new homes

1,973 cats and **880** dogs belonging to low-income families were spayed or neutered

412 lost pets were reunited with their families

1,657 children were reached through Humane Education programs

652 animals were cared for in volunteer foster homes

129 free-roaming cats were trapped, neutered and returned

315 animals were seized during animal cruelty investigations

34 pets of domestic violence victims were protected and cared for in the Safe Haven Program

And we opened our Saratoga location on Route 50 to accommodate an even more robust spay/neuter program and provide cat fostering and adoptions.



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BUCK a Bull

The Mohawk Hudson Humane Society is pleased to once again offer the "Buck a Bull" spay/neuter program. For just \$1, qualifying families are able to spay or neuter their Pit Bull type dogs at the shelter in Menands or at our facility in Saratoga. The program is made possible by a grant from the ASPCA on behalf of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and will continue as funds remain available.

Appointments must be made in advance. An application and proof of income must be submitted before an appointment will be scheduled. Interested participants can download an application on our website at mohawkhumane.org/spayneuter.html.

Rabies and FVRCP (distemper) vaccinations as well as flea prevention are included in the \$1 price of surgery. Services available for an additional fee include heartworm testing and microchipping. Surgeries can be performed at our animal care center in Menands or at our new clinic in Saratoga. This program is only available for Pit Bull dogs.

The Society is committed to long-term solutions to the problem of pet overpopulation and encourages all pet owners to spay or neuter their pets. We are dedicated to an organized and accessible spay/neuter program for its many health and behavior benefits as well as its direct effect on improving the quality of life for all residents of the Capital Region, whether they are people or pets.



Empties for Animals Sets New Record

Our Empties for Animals recycling program continues to grow! Thanks to all of our donors and our partnership with Goldstein Auto Group, we have set a new all-time record of \$130,000 for 2015. That means that our dedicated and steadfast volunteers sorted more than 1,625,000 bottles and cans. Since its inception in 2011, the Empties for Animals program has experienced a 76% increase in revenue for Mohawk Hudson Humane Society. We are so grateful for the support of our volunteers, donors and partners for the Empties for Animals program. Keep those bottle and cans coming!

