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## Expanding Our Pawprint

At the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society we are always looking for opportunities to do more to help animals and slow the rising tide of new animals being born. We have cared for animals at our primary site in Menands since 1913 and plan to continue doing so for many years to come. However, there are people and animals who might not easily reach Menands, so we have looked north to help more communities.



On August 1st the Society opened a new site at 4255 Route 50 in Saratoga Springs. The new site, known as Mohawk Hudson Humane Society – Saratoga, initially will serve as a regional spay/neuter clinic for Saratoga and surrounding counties. Led by Dr. Julie Whipple, the new clinic is capable of performing 4,000 surgeries per year. Dr.

Whipple is one of the most experienced spay/neuter surgeons in the Capital Region and has an incredible ability to perform high-quality, high-volume surgery.

The new facility will also provide a central location for our new cat adoption programs throughout Saratoga County. We already have a network of foster parents in that area caring for cats, in addition to our cat adoption site at the Petco in Clifton Park and multiple one-day adoption events throughout the area.

The new Saratoga site is essential to spreading the success we have had in Albany and Rensselaer Counties to the rest of the Capital Region and beyond. Thanks to supporters like you, we are able to continue to expand our lifesaving work with programs that help animals and people.

## 14 Years Young

Fourteen years ago Bettina Hamm and her family adopted two female German Shepherd mix puppies from the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society.

She tells us, "Since then, Nellie and Zoe have been an integral part of our home and the best companions a family could ask for. On July 1st, the two celebrated their 14th birthday. Our two seniors have their fair share of health issues (one has diabetes and is blind, while the other is completely deaf), but they have been the most amazing duo even through their later years. They never cease to amaze us with their continued love and kisses."

"Just wanted to say 'thank you' for providing the services you do for the animals of the Capital District. Without the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society, our family would not have known the joy of these two. We are forever grateful."



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## Upcoming Events...

**11TH ANNUAL ART SAVES ANIMALS 2015**  
Thursday, October 15  
Arts Center of the Capital Region  
265 River Street, Troy  
5:30-8:30 pm

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

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



**3 Oakland Avenue  
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**Hours:  
Monday-Friday 10am-6pm  
Saturday 10am-5pm  
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**From the Director**



**Executive Director Brad  
Shear and Bastian, his cat**

I don't like sitting still; I guess it's just not in my nature. So I like being involved with an organization like the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society that also doesn't want to keep doing what it's always done. The culture among our board, staff and volunteers is one that is always looking for new and innovative ways to help animals and the people who love animals. This means new ideas come from all corners of the organization.

It was a volunteer named Tara Wallace who had the idea to start our Save a Bull program to advocate and train Pit Bulls. A volunteer dog trainer, Chris Danker, suggested a program to teach our volunteers how to train dogs at the shelter.

Another volunteer, Brad Blauhut, saw we were distributing pet food to people who couldn't make ends meet and needed pet food to get them through to their next paycheck. He volunteered to bring pet food to local food pantries in the area so people with the fewest resources wouldn't have to make a special trip to the Humane Society. That idea resulted in over 19,000 pounds of pet food being distributed last year to people and pets in need.

*"We're right here in the community listening to and helping the people who live here and are affected by our work."*

I have written before about Alan Goldstein's idea to increase our income from redeemable bottles and cans by collecting them in his dealerships. His idea more than doubled our income and improved the impact of programs that help animals throughout the Capital Region.

Our latest big idea came from a longtime supporter and advocate for animals, Lorryne Seibert. She called me to let me know about an opportunity to help with the establishment of a spay and neuter program in Saratoga. I contacted a few people involved and we quickly agreed that having the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society involved would help keep the clinic sustainable long into the future. You'll read more about our new Saratoga location in this issue.

The Society is an independent, locally based, non-profit organization. We are not an affiliate of any national group. We're right here in the community listening to and helping the people who live here and are affected by our work. You don't have to go to New York City or Washington, DC to meet the people who run the Society: our board members and I live right here. This local presence and focus gives us the ability to listen and respond to the needs of our community. It is because there are local animal lovers like the people who subscribe to this newsletter that those responses are possible. Thank you for all your support and enabling the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society to continue to innovate and grow our animal protection programs.

*Brad Shear*



**11<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Art  
SAVES  
Animals  
2015**

**Thursday, Oct. 15  
5:30-8:30pm**  
to benefit  
**The Safe Haven Program**  
for victims of domestic violence

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For more information, please visit [mohawkhumane.org/asa2015](http://mohawkhumane.org/asa2015) or call 518-434-8128 ext 206.



# Happy Tails



## Emilio

Emilio came to us as a stray on June 1st. Everyone immediately noticed his gorgeous appearance and equally stunning personality. It took a few minutes more to notice he had a wound on his right hind foot that had previously been sutured. Our veterinary staff went right to work on cleaning and debriding the



wound and putting in new sutures to help him heal. He became a permanent resident in our intensive care ward and every day a different staff member or volunteer would be talking to him, snuggling him or enriching his shelter days. His wound was a tough one that needed several procedures to clean and bandage. Since Emilio had spent so much time at the Humane Society, we decided he deserved a loving foster home where he could continue to heal and thrive. He has now found his permanent home.



## Minnie & Daisy

In early May, Albany Animal Control brought two shy, scared Chihuahua mixes to the Humane Society. They were named Minnie and Daisy, and they had no idea how much their lives were about to change. We were told they were being mistreated and abused. What we didn't know was that Daisy was pregnant. On June 25 we received a welcome gift: Daisy had two puppies, a boy and a girl, that we named Butch and Sundance. On June 28 they were transported to one of our veteran foster homes, where they grew and prospered. The former owner was given eight months' probation and was required to relinquish all of the animals to the Society. All four have gone on to find loving forever homes.



## Snickers & Licorice

Snickers and her sister Licorice came to the Humane Society in the middle of May because their owner was ill and couldn't care for them. Once they were examined by our veterinary staff, it was determined that Snickers' right eye was badly damaged and was going to have to be removed to avoid infection and more serious damage. That didn't matter

to this girl, who was the life of the party around the shelter. They became fast favorites and were both adopted quickly to a loving home.



Your support makes this happen. Thank you!



# Paws in the Park

The sixth annual Paws in the Park Walk & Community Day was held Saturday, June 27 at Siena College. Close to 400 people participated, raising \$40,000 for the animals.

## Top Fundraisers

### Top Team:

Lisha Kill Middle School

### First Runner-Up:

Dog Park Groupies

### Second Runner-Up:

Unity House

### Top Individual Fundraiser:

Richard Nash

### First Runner-Up:

Christina Norris

### Second Runner-Up:

Lisa M. Suominen



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Funflatables of North Greenbush  
Balloon Gal Jenny  
Zoraida's Duct Tape Art  
JoJo's Fabulous Faces

Mark your calendar for June 25, 2016 for the next Paws in the Park!

## Mike Buckley Joins MHHS

In late May the Society welcomed Michael Buckley as its new Director of Development. Mike joined us from Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, where he served in a similar role. Prior to ACPHS, he worked at Siena College. Mike will be responsible for fundraising and donor relations, as well as oversight of marketing, communications and special events.

"It is a great time to be at an organization with a long history that is also about to take the 'next step' to advance its mission," said Mike. "The Humane Society has a large, loyal group of supporters and it is exciting to get to work with passionate people."

A native of Long Island, Mike and his wife Alison O'Brien Buckley reside in Guilderland with their cat Max.



## Safe Haven Program supports human and animal victims of domestic abuse

Research has continued to show a direct correlation between animal abuse and domestic violence. In fact, one survey showed 85% of women and 63% of children entering domestic violence shelters discussed incidences of pet abuse in the family. In light of our mission to support animals and the people who care and love them, we have developed the Safe Haven Program. As a partnership between the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society, Unity House and Equinox Inc., the goal of this program is to eliminate barriers that prevent domestic violence victims from leaving abusers, and to educate the community about the connection between animal abuse and domestic violence.

While their owners are in the domestic violence sheltering programs offered by Unity House or Equinox, the animals are housed in a secure and confidential location at no cost to their owner.

We are proud of all of the work we do, but this program in particular is unique in our area. We look forward to being able to expand our reach with these services and continue to strive to make owners and their pets safe.

## Humane Education Program teaches area residents

Staffed by our loyal volunteers, the Society's Humane Education Program is hard at work teaching area children and adults about the Humane Society and the important work we do. In the first half of 2015 alone, our Humane Educators interacted with 1,300 children for shelter tours and/or humane education presentations.

Studies have shown there is a direct correlation between children's treatment of animals and their treatment of each other. According to the National PTA Congress, "Children trained to extend justice, kindness and mercy to animals become more just, kind and considerate in their relations to each other. Character training along these lines will result in men and women of broader sympathies; more humane, more law-abiding, in every respect more valuable citizens." The goal of our Humane Education program is to have a direct impact on how school-aged children treat themselves and animals through increasing their empathy and understanding.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in having a group attend a Humane Education presentation, please look for more information under the "Programs" heading on our website ([www.mohawkhumane.org](http://www.mohawkhumane.org)).





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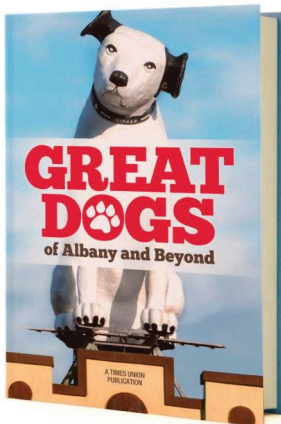
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