

Capital Pet



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Saving Shrimp

Every pet that comes to the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society (MHHS) is in some sort of crisis. For most of these precious animals, that crisis is homelessness. However, there are others whose needs go far beyond the need for temporary care and shelter. Such was the case for Shrimp, an 8-month-old Great Dane mix found as a stray.

It was hard for our team to look at his tiny frame. He was so underweight that every bit of his skeleton was visible under his thin black coat.

In veterinary medicine there is a rating scale for body condition in which 1 is emaciated, 5 is ideal and 9 is obese. Shrimp weighed 31 pounds when he arrived, putting him at a 1.5 on the scale. The natural urge for most people would be to give a starving animal the thing he wants most: food. However, giving Shrimp too much food in his condition could have been deadly. When an animal is deprived of food for a long period of time and suddenly allowed to feed freely, the animal's system gets a shock. All of the body's resources rally to support metabolic function, and that compromises other vital functions, which can lead to death.

Fortunately, our veterinary staff knew just how to handle Shrimp's situation and prescribed a strict feeding protocol for him. The sweet boy began gaining weight at a healthy rate for a growing puppy.

Once he was healthy enough to move to a foster family, Shrimp thrived. They taught him crate training and basic obedience. He grew from a dog without the energy



Shrimp was severely undernourished when he first arrived.

reserves to do much to a healthy, affectionate, energetic puppy who is always ready for the next adventure.

That charming personality is what made his new family fall in love with him the minute they brought him home. Your generosity turns hundreds of tragic situations like Shrimp's into happy outcomes each year. Thank you.



Shrimp — happy and healthy



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A World of Difference in Just One Year



It's been one year since we moved into our new Animal Care Center and what a difference it's made for homeless pets and the people who care for them!

Our housing area is larger and designed to support the physical and emotional wellness of the animals in our care. This, combined with the creation of our Behavior and Enrichment program, is helping reduce illness and behavioral issues in our animals. It's all part of our goal to save more lives.

Additionally, our much larger, state-of-the-art veterinary clinic enables us to provide the best, most effective care, reducing the time between intake and adoption.

Through expanded educational programs, we are working hard to build a more "humane" society. In our bright, spacious Community Room, we housed our first Animal Learning Lab summer camp, and the space is currently being used for ongoing Saturday programs for children. The Community Room also gives us a place to offer a free Community Education Series on topics such as dog, cat and rabbit care, living in harmony with wildlife, and animal advocacy. Our dog training classes range from basic obedience to Canine Good Citizen (CGC). Every class is designed to enhance the bonds between people and their canine companions. And don't miss our Meowmaste Yoga with Cats. It's one of our most popular activities and combines fitness with the fun and joy pets bring to our lives.

The realization of our new Animal Care Center was many years in the making and we cannot thank our building fund supporters enough for bringing it to fruition. We continue to imagine new ways to create a better future for animals, and we hope you'll continue to support us along the way. There are still opportunities to make a building fund pledge in honor of a special person or pet in your life.

For more information and a tour of the center, I invite you to reach out to me directly at 518.434.8128, ext. 202 or at tcramer@mohawkhumane.org.

For the animals,

Todd Cramer, President and CEO



Let's stay connected. We're on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

Hurricane Help: Rescuing Animals Affected on the Coast

About a week before Hurricane Florence was expected to make landfall in South Carolina, Grand Strand Humane Society in Myrtle Beach — located just miles from the coast — reached out to us with a plea: they needed to evacuate nearly 300 animals and asked if we could help.

“Although we were quite full, we assessed ways to make more space for the coastal animals through foster care and adoption promotions,” said President and CEO Todd Cramer. “It’s extremely important to help our colleagues in times of crisis. We know they would be there for us if we needed them.”

In just 72 hours, Grand Strand Humane transferred all of the animals, including 29 cats and kittens, to safety in our care. They received lots of love and attention from our staff and our community. Thanks to a flurry of media attention, many of these southern kitties were on their way to loving homes in less than a week. We are so grateful for a community that always comes forward in times of crisis.



Following a 16-hour transport, these hurricane evacuees were ready to catch up on some sleep.

Nothing Like Furry Love

No other companionship quite compares to that of an animal. Creating a therapy dog outreach program to deliver unconditional love and joy to those who need it most has always been one of MHHS’ long-term goals. Now, thanks to supporters like you and through the help of our staff, it’s a goal that is coming to life.

According to Director of Behavior and Enrichment Nancy Haynes, “This program is a great way for our staff to receive training and share more quality time with their own dogs, as well as answer a need in the community.”

Several staff members had participated in training classes with Haynes, so she knew those dogs had the potential to become therapy dogs. Now, four staff members and their companions, along with Haynes and her dog, are working to build a program that will meet requests for a



therapy animal that can visit schools, nursing homes and other places.

MHHS also offers basic obedience, CGC and therapy dog prep classes for the public and plans to add tricks and other fun classes in the new year. Learn more at www.mohawkhumane.org.

Our staff-driven therapy dog teams: Nancy Haynes, Director of Behavior and Enrichment, and Cricket; Nicole Gagnon, Executive Assistant to the CEO, and Kerouac; Kelly Diehl, Summer Camp Director, and Titan; Gail Hughes-Morey, VP for Operations and Chief of Staff, and Layla; Caitlin Davis, Operations Manager, and Watson.



Gifts of the Season

As an organization that relies almost exclusively on the generosity of our community, YOU are our greatest gift! It’s been an incredible year of growth for MHHS, and we are so proud of all of the lives we have saved and good we have done with your support.

This holiday season, we encourage you to keep the animals in your thoughts and giving plans. Here are a few ideas:

- Make a donation in honor of an animal lover in your life. We’ll send them a special card in return. It’s a gift that shows thought and meaning.
- Visit Nipper’s Nook for fun MHHS apparel, gifts and pet supplies. It helps the animals and shows your pet pride.
- Donate before December 31 to take advantage of year-end tax benefits.

Happy Tails

Send your Happy Tails to happytails@mohawkhumane.org.



Bruce



"We love this cutie a lot!"

– **Meg Penny**

Bill



hold him, and he loves playing, jumping with his toys and watching the birds and squirrels out the windows. He is a smart and funny cat who makes us laugh every day."

– **Erin D.**

Note: Our new Animal Care Center has a Spirit Cat Room. These are kitties who are very shy and not yet comfortable around people. Here they enjoy each other's company and our volunteers spend time getting to know them on their terms so that they will learn to trust people.

Belle



"My husband kept coming back to this small, sad-looking dog lying in her kennel and suggested we give her a try. She was shy at first, but quickly came out of her shell and became the great, sassy dog she is today!"

– **Amanda Tuthill**

"We adopted George a while after the devastating loss of our cat Magic. George has filled our home with the love, laughter and comfort that had been missing since Magic's passing. I could not be more grateful for this loving soul!"

King George



– **Kaitlyn Painton**

Raisin



"We adopted Raisin from the Glenmont PetSmart, and we are so happy with our new little girl. She is just so sweet! At first she was shy, but after an hour, she was following us everywhere and playing."

– **Nerisha Padilla**

SAVE THE DATE! Our 2019 Gala for Animals will be May 31 at an exciting new location.