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newsletter
of the

Mohawk & Hudson River
HUMANE SOCIETY



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SUMMER CAMP VISITS THE SOCIETY

Every summer Hudson Valley Community College presents their “Kids on Campus” program to give local kids the opportunity to learn about subjects that aren’t always offered in school. For the first time, HVCC offered a week long humane education camp. The Society’s staff worked with the course instructor to arrange for speakers and activities for the humane advocates of the



future. On the final day of camp, the kids took a field trip to our shelter where they learned about humane law enforcement and how an animal shelter operates. Brad Shear, Executive

Director, gave the kids a personal tour of the shelter and, best of all, brought dogs out to play. Special thanks to HVCC and instructor Bonnie Engelman for sponsoring the class.

HAPPY ENDINGS



Fred and Norman

Dear Humane Society Staff,

We were not planning to get a cat eight years ago when Fred (the gray cat) showed up on our doorstep as a two month old kitten. We asked the neighbors if they knew where he came from and finally found one who said her son had brought the kitten home and she didn’t want it. So Fred was ours. When we came to the Humane Society a couple of weeks ago ‘just to visit’ we were not planning to get another cat. Then my husband made eye contact with Norman (the black cat) and another cat was on his way to our home. We were very concerned that Fred would not want to share his house with another cat. He rules the roost and little five month old Norman seemed so small.

As instructed by your staff, we kept Norman and Fred separated so that Norman could adjust to his new home and Fred could get used to the idea of having another cat around. When the two finally met it was like they were meant for each other. The two immediately started running around the house playing and having a great time together. When they were finally worn out, they cuddled up on the couch for a nap. We are so glad that we found Norman and he has brought new life to our middle aged Fred. Thank you to everyone at the Humane Society for your caring help and advice.

Sincerely,

Fred and Norman’s mom



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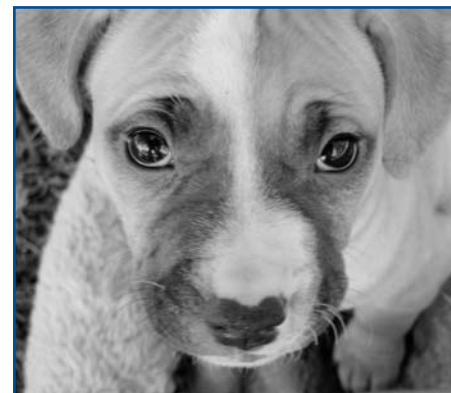


Executive Director
Brad Shear and
Bastian, his cat

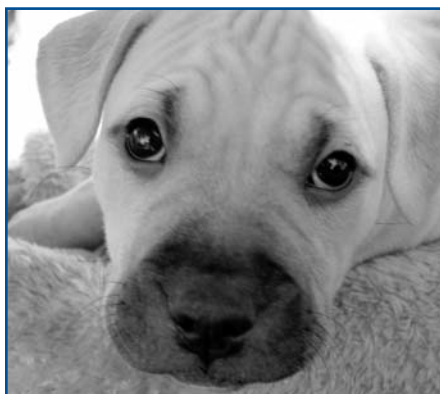
When football star Michael Vick was accused and then convicted for his involvement in a dog fighting ring, there was a renewed interest across the country in this serious issue. Animal protection agencies like the Humane Society have been fighting this serious and dangerous issue for decades. Now that dog fighters and their cruel practices have been exposed by the media, many people ask me if we have a problem with dog fighting in the Capital District.

Unfortunately, upstate New York has a very active dog fighting underground. Dogs are bred, sold and fought right here in the capital of our state. Many people have asked me about what the true cost of this horrific illegal activity is for our community. We know that animals suffer horribly at the hands of dog fighters. They are chained for days with little shelter, food or water and no loving human contact that dogs so desperately crave. They are forced to fight other dogs and are often fatally wounded in the fights. We know that once the fighters are done with a dog or a dog refuses to fight, these innocent animals are killed in the most horrific ways. We know from many years of investigation that dog fighting is also accompanied by illegal drugs, illegal weapons, and a variety of gang related activities. All of these are terrible costs of dog fighting in our community, but are these the only ones?

When a mother dog came in with her four 1-week-old puppies, I looked into their eyes and saw the true cost. The nursing mother and her puppies were confiscated from a known dog fighter who had been convicted a few years prior of stealing dogs and fighting them. He was now out and back to breeding dogs to fight. Luckily, these dogs were seized from him and came to the Society's shelter where they could be loved and cared for, avoiding the horrific life that they had been bred for. The true cost of dog fighting is these precious, innocent puppies that would have experienced a life of torture and suffering if local law enforcement and the Humane Society had not stepped in.



Every day the Society works to educate the public about the importance of caring properly for animals while we help to prosecute offenders who harm animals. Please join us in our



quest to end all forms of cruelty to animals. Report animal cruelty when you see it, volunteer at the Society to help us care for these forgotten pets and donate to our animal cruelty prevention efforts. Those puppies and many more like them will thank you.

Brad Shear

TRAINER'S CORNER

By Christine Danker, CPDT

Winter Games

It's winter time, it's cold outside, and your dog who has been so well mannered is now getting into everything, stealing items, chewing things, jumping up. Your dog needs something to do. Just like a bored child, a dog needs something to occupy his mind when confined indoors. Since dogs cannot turn on the TV and watch their favorite program, or pick up the latest best seller, we need to stimulate their minds.

Your dog still needs a good brisk walk several times a day or a good game of fetch in a fenced area, even if the temps are hovering near the freezing mark. However, it has been shown that mental exercise can be more tiring than physical exercise for dogs. So let the winter games begin.

Make mealtimes into a game.

Let your dogs have fun finding, searching and working to get their meals. Instead of a two minute meal in a bowl, extend their meal time to 20 minutes or longer.

Kongs, those rubber toys that look like a snowman, can be filled with their meals. The black Kongs are harder than the red Kongs. If your dog is a vigorous chewer, then use an empty marrow bone, from a butcher, to stuff. Empty out the marrow before using (the marrow contents can cause digestive upset). Be sure that the opening to the marrow is of such a size that your dog's lower jaw will not get caught. Once your dog is able to empty the contents of the kong or bone quickly, up the mealtime challenge: use moistened food and freeze it. A frozen Kong can provide an hour or so of entertainment.

There are also Buster Cubes, cubes that hold dry food. The dog has to move and spin and turn the cube to get the food to fall out. Be forewarned, the cube can make lots of noise when it is moved along a hard wood floor or when it bangs into walls or furniture. To me, the noise is well worth a contented dog.

Search.

To begin, hold your dog by the collar while you throw a few pieces of his food in front of you. Then, with a 'get it' or 'search for it' cue, release your dog to get the food. Make it more difficult. Throw it on the lawn, or in a pile of

leaves. Your dog cannot readily see the food, but he will use his nose — a fun but tiring game for most dogs. When the snow is falling, throw some of their meals out into the snow and watch the fun begin! If you have several dogs you may want to feed separately to make sure each gets their quota of food. Mealtime should be a fun time, not a time of stress. For really cold days you can place meals in a cardboard box or between two towels and tell your dog to search in the kitchen.

Water Games.

For the dog who loves water. Using a large bowl (one of the brands that does not tip over) fill it about two thirds with water. While your dog watches, drop a piece of his kibble in water. Dunking for kibble has replaced dunking for apples!

Which Bowl?

Begin with two plastic or stainless steel bowls large enough so your dog cannot carry them away...you know those Retrievers will carry just about everything! While your dog watches, place a special treat under one bowl. Then release him to find the treat. Once he is able to find the treat consistently, use 3 bowls or more.

Tricks.

Teach your dog some tricks! There are numerous books using positive methods to teach your dog tricks. I have taught my dogs to get the phone when it rings, get a tissue when I sneeze, shake, catch, say their prayers, take a nap, and give me a hug.

Chris Danker, CPDT has over four decades of showing, and handling her own dogs as well as dogs for clients. Participating in many venues, Chris has handled dogs to multiple National and Regional Specialty wins, and over 70 titles in obedience, agility, and conformation. She is active in pet therapy with her own dogs. Chris is a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) and Therapy Dog International (TDI) evaluator.

Chris is now teaching classes and workshops at the Humane Society. Check our website www.mohawkhumanesociety.org for the latest dates and times.



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Tributes listed here were received 4/1/07 - 8/31/07. More recent tributes will appear in future editions.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

By Deidre Bruce, Volunteer Manager

“There’s never a dull moment.” That’s what Sharon Ansell said when I asked her about her experiences as a foster care volunteer for the Mohawk & Hudson River Humane Society. But then, Ansell is not a typical volunteer.

From sun up to sun down on a small farm in Altamont, Ansell cares for a flock of wool sheep, two miniature horses, four Himalayan cats, and a Chow Chow she adopted from the Humane Society. She also provides foster care to countless animals that come through the doors of the shelter in Menands. She is currently caring for Willie the cat and eight kittens.



Sharon Ansell

Ansell utilizes the organizational skills she honed during 20 years in public administration to manage the farm and her volunteer work with the Humane Society’s foster program. The program involves volunteers taking stray and abandoned pets into their homes — usually cats and kittens — and caring for them until they’re well enough to be returned to the shelter for spay and neuter surgery and get adopted.

Ansell compares helping to manage the foster program to managing a flock of sheep. “Good record keeping (of their medical care) is what’s important,” she says.

Ansell did not seek out the volunteer position; rather a personal experience led her to discover the magnitude of pet overpopulation in the Capital Region. On August 18, 2000, the Ansell family’s white Chow Chow was stolen from their property. “For eight months, three times a week, I came to the shelter in Menands looking for Stoli,” Ansell said. During her visits Ansell witnessed “cage after cage of kittens being brought in.” There was no formal volunteer program at the time, but one of the shelter staff learned she had experience raising Himalayan

cats. “Someone asked me to take a litter of infant kittens that had a slim chance at survival,” Ansell recalled.

Ansell successfully fostered nearly 60 cats and kittens for the Humane Society during her first year. “Kittens have a high mortality rate but with guidance, an inexperienced person can successfully raise infant kittens,” she explains. “You don’t have to be a professional to be successful.”

Ansell is quick to credit the success of the program to the team of foster volunteers she has helped develop over the last several years. She continues to recruit new foster

families using grass roots efforts such as neighborhood publications and contacting area Scout troops and 4-H groups. She believes continuous recruitment and training of foster families, and educating the public about pet overpopulation is critical to stemming the tide of unwanted pets in the region. “The canine population seems to be getting under control,” Ansell says, knowing there is more work to be done. She believes the problem of pet over population must be addressed through education, especially of school aged children.

Ansell recently fostered a seven year old German Shepherd for the Humane Society, seeing her through major surgery and cancer treatment, and then turning her over to a new adoptive family. “It’s very hard to let them go,” she says.

Ansell doesn’t dwell on the sadness for very long, though. “We enjoy the animals. They’re extremely entertaining, nearly always in good spirits,” she says before she has to go. The shelter has received some more kittens and she needs to find them foster homes. There’s much more work to be done.

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KEEP PETS SAFE AND HAPPY DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

The holidays are a time to eat, drink, and be merry. We all want to enjoy the holidays with our entire family, including the four legged family members. Festive goodies and holiday decorations are beautiful and fun, but can be hazardous to your pet's health. Here are some tips to keep your pets happy and healthy during the holiday season.

HOLIDAY SWEETS WITH CHOCOLATE ARE NOT FOR PETS.

Depending on the amount ingested, chocolate can be potentially poisonous to many animals. In general, the less sweet the chocolate, the more toxic it could be. Unsweetened baking chocolate contains almost seven times more theobromine (a substance similar to caffeine) as milk chocolate. Vomiting, diarrhea, seizures, hyperactivity, increased thirst, urination and heart rate can be seen with the ingestion of as little as 1/4 ounce of baking chocolate by a 10-pound dog. Candies and gum containing large amounts of the sweetener xylitol can also be toxic to pets, as ingestions of large quantities can produce a sudden drop in blood sugar, resulting in depression, poor coordination and seizures. Be sure to keep such products well out of the reach of your pets.

Don't give pets holiday leftovers and keep pets out of the garbage. Poultry bones can splinter and cause intestinal blockages. Greasy, spicy and fatty foods can cause stomach upset; spoiled or moldy foods could cause food poisoning, tremors or seizures. Your pets will be just as happy with a holiday treat made especially for them instead of potentially harmful "human" treats.

KEEP ALUMINUM FOIL AND CELLOPHANE CANDY WRAPPERS AWAY FROM PETS.

They can cause vomiting and intestinal blockage. Also be careful with holiday floral arrangements. Lilies are commonly used this time of year and all varieties, including Tiger, Asian, Japanese Show, Stargazer and Casa Blanca can cause kidney failure in cats. Safe alternatives can include artificial flowers made from silk or plastic.

Common Yuletide plants such as mistletoe and holly berries can also be potentially toxic to pets. Should a cat or dog eat mistletoe, they could possibly suffer gastrointestinal upset and cardiovascular problems. Holly can cause vomiting, nausea, diarrhea and lethargy if ingested. Poinsettias are considered to be very low in toxicity. However, they could cause mild vomiting or nausea if ingested by your pet.



BE CAREFUL AROUND THE TREE.

Christmas tree water may contain fertilizers, which if ingested, can cause stomach upset. Stagnant tree water can also harbor a lot of bacteria and if ingested a pet could end up with nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Consider decorating your tree with ornaments that are relatively less enticing to pets, such as dried non-toxic flowers, wood, fabric or pinecones. Traditional decorations such as ribbons or tinsel, if ingested can look like toys to animals and become lodged in the intestines causing intestinal obstruction. This is a very common problem, particularly with cats.

If your pets show any signs of illness or irregular behavior, call your veterinarian right away.

Although we are all busy this time of year with family and friends, we must make sure to pay special attention to our best friends this time of year. We all want to make sure that our pets enjoy the holidays and the New Year with us. Happy Holidays from all of your friends (two and four legged) at the Humane Society.

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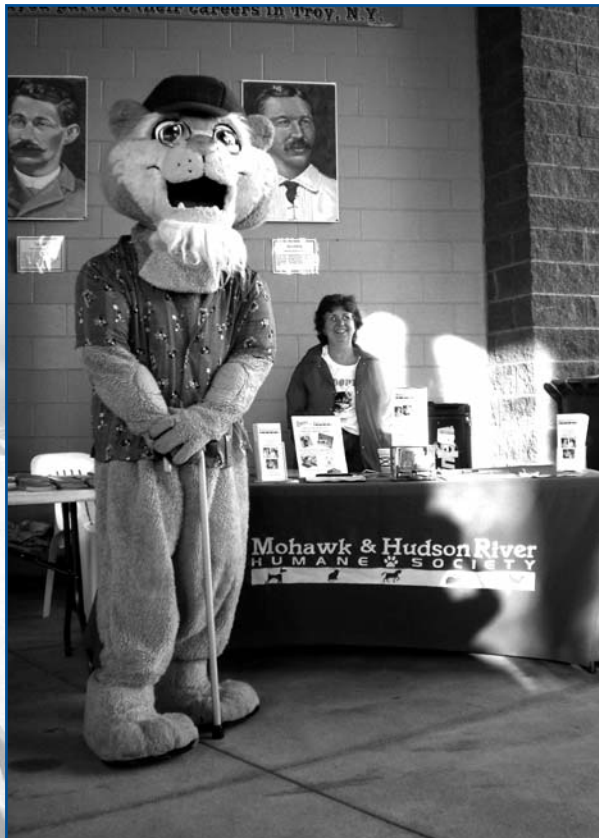


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VALLEY CATS NIGHTS

The Humane Society was excited to be invited to two Valley Cats games this summer. First we had an education table at Joe Bruno stadium for "Safe Cats Night" on August 10th. We had the opportunity to educate the fans about the importance of providing proper care for pets and keeping cats indoors. Brad Shear, our Executive Director, even got to throw out the first pitch.

Society staff and volunteers soon returned to "The Joe" for "Bark In The Park" on August 21st. Fans were invited to bring their dogs to the game and the Humane Society brought dogs available for adoption. The Society's dogs were shown on the big screen between innings and all were adopted in the days following the game.



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For performing limb sparing surgery on a dog.

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