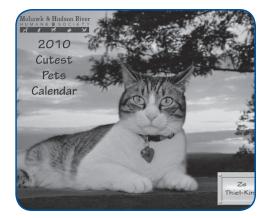


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# Holiday GRATITUDE AND MEMORIES

The holiday season was a busy time. We met old friends and Society alum, and made many new friends at all sorts of events. We would like to thank those companies and organizations that helped make the holidays joyous for us and better for our four-legged furry friends.

The season started off with a bang and we knew we weren't in Kansas anymore. MHRHS volunteer Rachel Baum's dog, Nellie, was cast as "Toto" in Cohoes Music Hall's C-R Kids production of *The Wizard of Oz* and we were invited to participate in the Saturday and Sunday matinees on November 7th and 8th. Both dogs who made the trip to the theater with us found new homes!



Early December found us on the South Concourse at the Empire State Plaza for the annual Community Holiday Sale, where we sold a bunch of "hot off the press" 2010 Cutest Pet Calendars and other holiday goodies for pets.

Several organizations "adopted" the Society for Holiday gift giving. The Starbucks located in Albany at the Hilton Garden Inn across from Albany Medical



Left to right: Kelly Paslow, Rensselaer County Director of Public Safety; Brad Shear, MHRHS Executive Director, with Ginger and Kathy Jimino, Rensselaer County Executive.

Center displayed our wish list; customers and employees donated items to help our animals "weather" the holidays in style. The NYS Department of Labor also adopted us as part of their holiday plans, and collected all sorts of food and toys for the animals. In addition, Rensselaer County employees had a "dress down" day and raised funds to donate to the Society.

Sunday, December 13th found us at Shampoodle in Clifton Park talking



Eve Rosen, store manager for Ten Thousand Villages, with Brad Shear.





Abby with Santa. Abby was brought to the Colonie Center iSmile Studio photo session on December 16th by mom Jennifer Albright.



about coming events and having a grand time getting groomed and gussied up for the holidays. That same day, several volunteers were at Ten Thousand Villages in Stuyvesant Plaza where 15% of sales made between noon and 4pm were donated to the Society. What a treat to spend time making new friends – even in the snow and slush – while serving up cider and cookies!

We have the pictures to prove that Santa loves pets, too! Santa was very busy visiting the PetSmart stores in Latham and Glenmont on December 5th and 6th,



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# **FROM THE DIRECTOR**



Executive Director Brad Shear and Bastian, his cat A recent headline in a local paper read "Vermont court eyes value of a dog's love." The story was about a couple suing a neighbor who shot their dog for wandering onto the neighbor's property. The man who shot the dog had already pled guilty to animal cruelty and had been ordered to pay for the veterinary care and cremation costs the owners incurred while trying to save -- and ultimately losing -- their family pet. The case started in 2003 in a small town just outside of Montpelier and wound up in the state's highest court.

So often we see news about animal cruelty and focus on the perpetrator and animal, but this is a story about two people and the love they have for their dog. They are two people who miss their friend and companion, who was lost suddenly, tragically and unnecessarily.

All of us who have lost a pet understand how difficult it can be to not only grieve the loss, but to experience the misunderstanding many people have of our grief. Often we are told to just go get another pet, or expected to "get over" our loss quickly.

This response shows a fundamental misunderstanding of our connection to animals and their importance in our lives. Archeologists in Germany found a 14,000-yearold grave in which people were buried alongside their canine companions – the oldest remains ever found of a domesticated dog. Not only does this show how long we have been living with animals, but this time period was a turning point when animals helped humans to survive and humans did the same for animals. There were physical changes to both human and canine that made us forever reliant on each other. Some say we humans domesticated the animals, but the truth is that we domesticated each other -- fitting our lives together so that both would be better equipped to survive.

Cats were worshiped as gods in ancient Egypt. Egyptians were fascinated by cats and depended upon them for their ability to control snakes and rodents. As an agrarian society, Egyptians needed cats to protect their harvested crops. The penalty for killing a cat in ancient Egypt was severe, sometimes including death.

Today we have easier lives and don't need animals to help us hunt or protect our community. Our relationships with animals have given us a new leisure time that our ancient ancestors never could have imagined, but the importance of our connection remains embedded in our DNA.

Over and over again, cases similar to the Vermont case have been filed throughout the country and, to my knowledge, all have failed. The courts regularly refer to a lack of case law supporting the concept that we can be compensated for the emotional distress caused by the loss of our companion animals. The courts say it is for legislatures to create these laws and give further recognition to the

importance of our faithful companions.

Companion animals aren't just nice to have around. They truly shaped who we are over thousands of years. It is time we pay them back for the protection, assistance and love they have shared with us for thousands of years.

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# **BUDDY'S HEROISM**

Dear Humane Society,

I need to tell you about Buddy, who was known as Seymore the yellow lab at the shelter. He recently became a doggie hero on November 11, 2009. You see, on that day, an electrical fire started in the upstairs of our house. My husband was home sick with a stomach virus and was exhausted due to lack of sleep the past two nights, kept awake by his stomach bug. He was passed out on the couch after being sent home from work early, while my daughter and I had made plans to go to the movies.

As we sat in the movie, my cell phone kept going off (on vibrate, of course) until I finally called voice mail. It was my husband frantically telling me the house had caught on fire, and if Buddy had not been in the house with him, he would probably be dead. My husband was in such a deep sleep that he never heard the smoke detectors going off. Buddy jumped on him and pawed at his chest until he woke up.

I'm happy to say that everyone, including all of our animals, made it out just fine. To this day, Buddy will run and bark if he hears a smoke detector going off, and will try to make sure everyone is in the same room. If someone is missing, he will actually try to find that person.

I just had to let someone at the Humane Society know about Buddy's heroism. He deserves some boasting! He was a terrific dog when we brought him home, and we all love him so much. We now have a better understanding about how much he loves his family.

Sincerely,

Buddy's Mom

Buddy (left) and his housemate Sara.



# **A STORY OF HEALING**





When Clancy arrived at the Humane Society, all 90 pounds of him had to be carried into our admitting center. The kind person who found Clancy said the big Shepherd mix had been hit by a car and could not stand up. Our medical director hurried to Clancy to examine him and make him comfortable.

Clancy could not use either of his back legs. The vet's initial exam found no obvious breaks, but xrays would be needed. Clancy was given medication to manage his pain and reduce inflammation from the injury. The vet was very concerned about Clancy's condition after his initial exam because Clancy had lost all feeling in his back legs, but he held out hope for a

recovery. Staff members visited Clancy frequently just to sit with him and gently pet him while he began to recover from his traumatic experience. Clancy warmly accepted the attention and comfort.

Xrays would confirm that, miraculously, none of Clancy's bones were broken. It appeared that anti-inflammatory medication, pain management and love were all Clancy needed to get back on his feet again. After days of only moving with assistance, our staff came in one morning to see Clancy standing up to greet them, wagging his tail.

Clancy never gave up and kept a positive attitude throughout his trauma and treatment. Today Clancy is in a new loving home where he'll spend his time sleeping in his own bed instead of dodging traffic.



## **MOHAWK & HUDSON RIVER HUMANE SOCIETY ANNUAL FUND**

The Annual Fund levels reflect donations received between 1/1/09 and 12/31/09. The Annual Fund does not include tributes or event-related contributions.

We are pleased and proud to announce that we have created an Annual Fund as a way to recognize and celebrate our generous donors who provide the funds needed to keep orphaned animals healthy and ready for their new forever homes. Your support will maintain the Society's position as the preeminent leader in animal sheltering, humane education, advocacy and collaborative programming in the Capital Region. With your help, we will continue to fulfill the Society's mission to improve the lives of homeless and abused animals through sheltering, adoption, education and advocacy and the prevention of animal cruelty. In addition, we will advance our vision of a community in which it is unacceptable to neglect, abuse or abandon animals; in which homeless animals will be given refuge in an appropriate facility; and ensure every adoptable animal finds a home.

During the next few weeks and months you will be hearing from us, receiving small tokens of our appreciation and invitations to special events. It is our way of thanking you and keeping you up-to-date on what's happening with the organization. We look forward to hearing from you and celebrating another year of helping animals in the Capital Region and beyond. Thank you for your past and continued support of our mission and vision. Our Board of Directors thank you...our staff thanks you...and most importantly, the animals we care for thank you. Together we can make animal dreams of new forever homes come true because with your help, anything and everything is PAWS-sible!

## ORGANIZATIONS

CRITTERS' PICK - \$10,000+ Robb Charitable Trust

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(BFF) - \$1,000+ AIR Show Jumping Anonymous Arbor Hill Elementary School Bank of America Matching Gifts GE Foundation NYS Division of Budget Goodwill Fund Wal-Mart Foundation We Build Pages WTEN/Pet Connection

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It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving. -Mother Teresa

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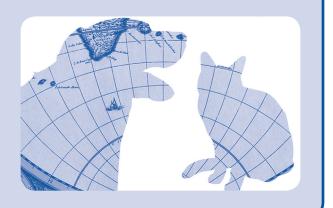
# Around the World for 80 Strays is Underway

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Around the World for 80 Strays gala is fast approaching, so mark your calendars for Saturday, April 17. Dr. Harry and Kathy Odabashian have graciously agreed to serve as Honorary Chairs for the event.

**Dolores Montero** 

Gala Co-Chairs Denise Ringer and Eveline Ward-Sells have a talented and dedicated group of people on their committee working hard to make this event even more special than ever before.

Watch your mail for letters and invitations, and plan to join us for a wonderful evening as we raise funds for our programs and to support our four-legged friends.



# **WE'VE BEEN ADOPTED!**

The Mohawk & Hudson River Humane Society has been adopted for all of 2010. Community Resource Federal Credit Union selected the Society as a non-profit that will receive the support of its employees for an entire year. The Credit Union staff are animal lovers and owners; many have



adopted from the Society. We couldn't be happier and we will be sharing stories and photos about this partnership in upcoming newsletters. You might just see some of the Credit Union's employees at our offices and our special events – lending a hand and working with us to fulfill our mission. Our thanks to our new friends at the Community Resource Federal Credit Union.

Credit unions are based on the philosophy of people helping people. Community Resource Federal Credit Union, located on Wade Road in Latham, is a community credit union serving those who live, work, worship or attend school in Albany County. Community Resource provides friendly service, outstanding rates and low fees on a full range of financial products. Community Resource has \$66 million in assets and 6,100 members.

The Credit Union has an Employee Charity Committee that is responsible for managing employee donations, fundraising, selecting the charities each year and distributing the funds. In honor of the 75th anniversary, the Credit Union adopted a policy that allows employees 20 hours of work time to help out selected charities.

## **A**DARIUS

Adarius is a big boy who had a rough time on the streets of Troy before arriving at the Mohawk & Hudson River Humane Society. It looked like he had to defend himself from other strays more than once. When he arrived at the Society, he had two large abscesses that were probably caused by injuries he had received in these street fights.

In spite of his wounds, Adarius was sweet and friendly, purring any time he was petted. Our veterinary team gently examined him and treated his wounds, relieving pain and avoiding a potentially serious infection. Adarius recovered well and maintained a great attitude throughout his treatment and stay at the Society. Now he just looks forward to a peaceful home away from the dangers of the streets.

Adarius was adopted on December 18th and lives in wild, wild West Sand Lake.

# **SAVE THE DATE**

### **SPRING FLOWERS BRING DONATIONS**



Celebrate Spring, remember loved ones during Passover and at Easter with flowers and support our furry friends at the same time. J.H. Kenney's Flowers and

Laurel's Florals will donate 10% of your floral purchase (excluding delivery and wire fees) made during the week of March 28 through April 4th to the MHRHS.

Call 518-273-0972 or 518-426-4658, email laurelflowershop@yahoo.com or jkenney8940@earthlink.net or stop by 736 3rd Avenue in Watervliet to place your order for all your loved ones, family and friends. When ordering, be sure to say, **"I want** to support the Mohawk & Hudson River Humane Society." It's that easy. You can welcome the season with springtime flowers and help out the MHRHS at the same time.

### SPARETIME BOWLING FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendars now and spend some time with family and friends at Spare Time. They will be donating part of their proceeds to the Society.

Saturday, March 20

Spare Time

570 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush

1-3PM and 3-5PM

We'll be there with some canine friends to cheer you on. Join us for some family fun and games, raffles and more.

For additional information, call 477-9306.

### Paws in the Park Walk & Community Day

These paws were made for walking... Inaugural walk and family fun day to support the Society.



Walk & Community Day

The Crossings of Colonie

Saturday, June 26, 2010

#### 9AM to 1PM

Fun for the whole family...pets included! Walk, jump, throw a Frisbee, celebrate summer.

## HOLIDAY GRATITUDE AND MEMORIES (continued from cover)



where a donation to MHRHS put Santa in the picture. On Wednesday, December 16th, Colonie Center management and iSmile Studios held a photo session from 7-10pm at the mall, where a \$5 donation to the Society got a 10" x 13" color photo of Santa and excited pups of all kinds – many dressed for the occasion. Over 50 pets came face to face with a wonderful Santa while we raised funds, made new friends and caught up with some MHRHS alums who were there to put in their holiday requests for bones and soft beds.



We wrapped things up in style on Saturday, December 19th and Sunday, December 20th at Arlene's Artist Materials on Fuller Road. Our volunteers wrapped purchases and passed out holiday cheer as shoppers did their last-minute gift buying. It was indeed a wonderful holiday season and we are grateful for all our volunteers who gave their time to help us at all these events. We are also grateful for the generosity of the companies, offices and organizations who helped make the holidays and beyond better for our animals.

Cheryl Kleis of Starbucks at the Hilton Garden Inn in Albany delivers wish list donations from their customers and staff to Brad in the community cat room.





Mary Brady Murray, left, and Amanda Lanesey, right, of the NYS Department of Labor present MHRHS's Executive Director Brad Shear with much needed food, toys and supplies.

NYS Department of Labor Unemployment Claims Center employees think of the Society's animals during the Holidays.



Lisa Zibella, owner of Bella Rouge Cosmetic & Skincare Boutique in Clifton Park Center, offered her customers and holiday gift buyers an incentive to make a donation to the Society. With every \$5 donation, customers were entered into a drawing to win an amazing assortment of skin care products valued at \$250. Even better, customers who made a donation of \$10 or more received 10% off their entire purchase. The drawing was held on January 2nd and we are grateful to Lisa, her staff and all her customers for making the holiday season sweet for our animals!



Activities Coordinator Ken Bevin contacted the MHRHS to ask if we could arrange for a visit to the Eddy Daybreak Adult Center in Troy before the Holidays. Chris Danker and Puff made the trip to Troy and the results were wonderful as the photos show!





## **A Special Thank You**

Our ability to participate in all these special community events was made possible because of our truly selfless and dedicated volunteers. They took time from their busy holiday schedules to assist us at special events, community outreach events, adoption clinics and photo sessions, as well as continuing to sort cans and bottles, walk dogs, care for cats and serve as foster families. We literally could not do what we do here at the Mohawk & Hudson River Humane Society without all our wonderful volunteers and we are ever so grateful for their time, talent and dedication. Thank you for all you do!

## **COMPASSION IS THE WORD FOR DECEMBER AT GRAFTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Grafton Elementary School kicked off its December character word of the month at the December 7th Character Education Assembly. The character word for December is compassion. First grade teacher Tracie Heinrichs invited Nancy Haynes, Animal Welfare Manager from the Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society, to speak to the children about how they can show compassion this month by donating much needed supplies and food to thousands of animals without homes.

Haynes thanked the students for their generous gifts to the Humane Society. She explained what the Society does with donations and answered several questions from students about the animals at the shelter. Haynes had her dog Elvis with her. She fostered and then adopted the dog through the Humane Society. Heinrichs has had her first grade classes collect and donate gifts to the Humane Society for over ten years.

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# **TEACHING YOUR DOG PHYSICS**

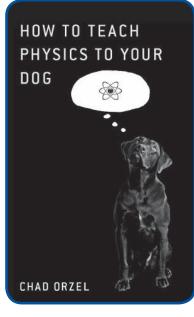
Emmy Orzel is a German Shepherd mix born in 2002 and adopted from the Mohawk & Hudson River Humane Society by Chad Orzel and Kate Nepveu in August 2003. Her original owners named her Princess, but Chad and Kate didn't think that was the best name for a 50-pound mixed-breed dog, so they changed it to Emmy. Emmy, however, took the name change as a promotion and has regarded herself as the Queen of Niskayuna ever since.

Emmy's interests include long walks, bunnies, squirrels, quantum physics, squeaky toys and belly rubs. She lives in Niskayuna with Chad, Kate and their daughter, where she works diligently to protect the house from mail carriers, inferior dogs and evil squirrels. She can sometimes be found on Facebook, because everybody's on Facebook these days, and she has a Twitter account as Queen\_Emmy.

Emmy's many conversations with Chad have resulted in a book called How to Teach Your Dog Physics. The book explains quantum mechanics in terms that even a dog can understand -- in fact, the dog does some of the explaining.

Emmy's story just goes to show that Humane Society alumni can do anything, even teach you a few things about physics -- especially when the lesson results in a few dog treats.





## MOHAWK & HUDSON RIVER HUMANE SOCIETY TRIBUTES Tributes listed here were received 11/3/09 – 1/4/10. More recent tributes will appear in future editions.

#### In Memory Of...

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