

# Capital Pet



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## New Animal Care Center Takes Shape



A look inside the front entrance of the new Animal Center in late December.

The progress on our new Animal Care Center has been incredible to watch! The team from BBL Construction Services has been working around the clock to make sure we're moved in by summer of 2017. As of January 1, the exterior walls are up, the underground plumbing has been laid, the roof is on and interior work is underway.

Organizationally, we're preparing as well. Every member of our team has had the opportunity to tour the site, to see the floor plans and be involved in discussing workflow in the new space. Our new center will allow for increased operational efficiency and flow, and we're working hard to ensure we're ready to go on "day one."

One of our favorite features in the new space is our community cat rooms. Cats make up roughly two-thirds of our total intake. Cats will now be living in big, bright community rooms, each with their own window. We've even gone so far as to specify plantings of flowers and shrubs outside the windows of these rooms that will attract birds and butterflies, so the cats can enjoy homelike amenities and amusement while waiting for their new homes.



We invite you to make arrangements to come down to the site and see it for yourself. We're happy to host community members for hard-hat tours and answer any questions you may have. There is still an opportunity for you to support this amazing project. Please contact Mike Buckley, VP for Philanthropy and External Affairs, at (518) 434-8128, ext. 221 to learn how.

### ***Upcoming Events . . .***

**MHHS 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala for Animals**

April 22, 2017 — Albany Marriott

**Paws in the Park Walk for Animals**

October 2017

**New date and venue! Stay tuned for details.**



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Monday-Friday 10am-6pm  
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**Saratoga**

4255 Route 50  
(518) 886-9645

**PetSmart Latham Farms**

609 Troy-Schenectady Road  
(518) 785-4621

**PetSmart Glenmont**

241 Route 9W

**Petco Clifton Park**

6 Halfmoon Crossing

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# From the President and CEO



Brad Shear gets a kiss from Banner, a 2-year-old pit bull mix being treated for heartworm.

Here at the Humane Society, we are focused every day on **keeping animals safe**. Animals can find themselves in harm's way all too often — sometimes due to accidents, sometimes because of cruelty or neglect, and other times as a result of natural disasters.

For years we have worked with the Albany County Sheriff to ensure animals in our region will be cared for if a disaster strikes. Since Hurricane Katrina, animal protection groups have made efforts to better communicate with each other in times of emergency, so animals can quickly be moved to safety.

We were called to do just that last fall when Hurricane Matthew threatened the East Coast. Large numbers of animals were being moved out of shelters in the Carolinas to make room for owned animals needing shelter, or to relocate animals in facilities that were themselves threatened.

We initially accepted nine dogs and 20 cats from Beaufort County, SC. Then we received a call to help with a large transport of dogs to Maryland. All were placed except for six pit bull mixes, the type of dog most commonly found in shelters across the country. They often stay in shelters longer than other dogs, and consequently, no one could take them.

We knew we had to help. While we take in many pit bull mixes, we have great success finding them homes. Years ago our Save-A-Bull program was founded by a group of volunteers with a mission to change the image of pit bulls in our community. We believe they were successful, as people now come to us looking specifically to adopt these lovable dogs.

Of the six we received, two were heartworm positive and have required several months of treatment. We were able to help them because our community cares enough to support our work, enabling us to reach out to animals in need across the country.

These great dogs found safety here in the Capital Region, where we are known as a community that cares for and protects animals.

We thank you for being part of that caring community.

*Brad Shear*

## Meet Leonard

Handsome Leonard came to us with a severely injured leg, which would have required expensive surgery if not for the help of our friends at Miller Animal Hospital in North Greenbush. The top of his femur was fractured and beyond repair. They performed a femoral head osteotomy, or FHO, and removed the damaged bone. Leonard's gait is a little different, but he is pain free. Our thanks to Drs. Michael and Evelyn Rice, who are always willing to help with special cases, dentistry and other services to help make our shelter pets healthier and more adoptable.



Get the latest MHHS news and updates and share your news, too! We're on Facebook and Twitter @mohawkhumane.



10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL

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# GALA

— for Animals —

Presented by

**LW & F** LaFave, Wein & Frament, PLLC  
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Saturday April 22, 2017

at the Albany Marriott

HONORARY CHAIRS

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EMCEE | AUCTIONEER | MUSIC BY  
WTEN's Steve Caporizzo | LeGrande Serras | Grand Central Station

*Join us for an inspiring and fun evening!*

For information contact Marguerite Pearson  
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## STEM Project: Vax Clinic for Pets and People



Susan Robarge with the kitten she adopted and members of the Purple Piggies FIRST LEGO League Team: Sarah Meaney, Bryce McCann, Gregory Miller-Kramer, Carter Tripp and Tyler Drexel, at the Healthy Pets/Healthy People Clinic.

The Schoharie Mohawk Initiative for Science and Technology (SMIST)'s FIRST LEGO League (FLL) is a robotics program designed to get kids excited about science and technology through robotics and projects to solve real-world problems. For this year's "Animal Allies" themed challenge, the Purple Piggies team, comprised of six fourth through eighth graders, came up with the innovative idea of a Healthy Pets/Healthy People vaccination and flu shot clinic.

Prior to the clinic, held in December at the Duanesburg YMCA, the team collected pet food and supplies to be donated to MHHS and prepared promotional materials for the event. On the day of the clinic, they assisted our staff with pet adoptions. MHHS veterinary staff provided rabies and distemper vaccinations and microchips, and staff from Rite Aid Pharmacy in Rotterdam administered flu shots.

According to SMIST Director of Development and team coach, Julie Drexel, "MHHS helped make our team's ideas a reality! The kids had a great time helping at the clinic. We hope to partner again to bring clinics to our rural area of Duanesburg, and have the kids to engage in more volunteer opportunities."



Dr. William O. Stillman

## Stillman Society Membership Grows

In 2016, we welcomed 23 new donors into the William Stillman Society. This Society honors individuals who have made a charitable gift, via their estate plans, to the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society. The Society is named in honor of William O. Stillman, M.D., president of the Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society from 1892 to 1921. Dr. Stillman was also instrumental in the establishment of the American Humane Association, as well as the New York State Anti-Cruelty Society.

Many of our loyal supporters have found making a gift through their estate plans is a mutually beneficial way to ensure the future of our work. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding estate planning. If you have included us in your estate plan, we are grateful for such generosity and would like to thank you appropriately by making you a charter member of the William O. Stillman Society. Please contact Michael Buckley at (518) 434-8128, ext. 221.

# Happy Tails

**Cashmere**



"Cashmere is beyond happy and couldn't have been a better addition to our family! She and our boxer Chloe are best friends. She is loving her second chance at life just as much as we are. Thank you."

**-Phil, Heather, Cashmere and Chloe**

**Little Girl**



**The Old Man**



"We adopted Kit (now The Old Man) and Dahlia (now Little Girl) after losing our 13-year-old cat. They get along really well and enjoy each other's companionship as much as ours. It was so nice to see the caring and compassion from your staff for all of the animals there. Thank you for making the adoption such a nice experience."

**-Ed and Adelia**

**Bandit**



"This was Charlotte, now Bandit. Her favorite things to do include playing with her toys, purring a lot, looking at herself in my full-length mirror and sitting with me while we watch TV together. She's a great addition to my house, and I can't wait to watch her grow!"

**-Mike C.**

**Wally**



"Since he arrived, Wally (on the floor) has been nothing but a welcome addition to our human and pet family! He is a gentle giant who wants nothing more than to be loved on. Thank you so much for the opportunity to bring him into our lives."

**-Tricia**

**Send your Happy Tails to [happytails@mohawkhumane.org](mailto:happytails@mohawkhumane.org).**

## Pets Are Welcome



In many communities, ours included, renting with pets can present a major challenge, especially for those with multiple pets or certain breeds of dog. "Pet friendly" housing is not good enough when lack of housing for families with pets is a leading reason pets are surrendered to our shelter. So when developers of Van Allen Apartments in North Greenbush approached us for advice on developing a truly pet-welcoming rental community, we were happy to assist.

Todd Cramer, VP for Operations and Chief of Staff introduced them to "Pets Are Welcome," a program developed by The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) whose research supports the idea that with the right policies, dogs, cats and other

pets can thrive in apartment communities and live in harmony with residents without need for restrictions based on number, size or breed. We provided training for their staff and helped them develop policies for residents.

"We were initially going by industry standards for pets in multifamily communities, which involved breed and weight restrictions on dogs and limited families to one or two pets per apartment," said Sunrise Management & Consulting President Jesse Holland. "MHHS been integral to helping us become a model community for people and their pets."

Van Allen also offers a pet grooming center, dog parks and a walking trail. It is also the first local apartment community to receive the HSUS "Pets Are Welcome" designation. Learn more about this beautiful complex for you and your entire family at [www.VanAllenApartments.com](http://www.VanAllenApartments.com).

## Tribute Donations

All memorial and honorary donations can now be found on our website at [mohawkhumane.org/tributes-index](http://mohawkhumane.org/tributes-index).