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WINTER 2025

President's Message



Dear Supporters,

I'm pleased to report that in 2024 HumaneCNY successfully placed more dogs and cats into loving homes than in any other year of its operation. In fact, over the past 12 years, HumaneCNY has gone from adopting 120 animals a year to nearly 800! This dramatic increase is a direct result of operational changes

made possible by the continued backing of our supporters. We recognize and appreciate the faith you've placed in us to rescue as many homeless cats and dogs as possible while providing for each animal's physical, emotional, and behavioral health.

Here are just a few ways we are doing this:

Enhanced Foster Program – HumaneCNY's community of foster homes continues to grow. Currently, we have 33 animals-- 20 dogs and 13 cats—enjoying the comforts of living in a home. This represents 32% of the animals currently in our care! With Kitten Season just around the corner, we're extremely grateful to have this network of compassionate caregivers willing to offer their homes to animals in need.

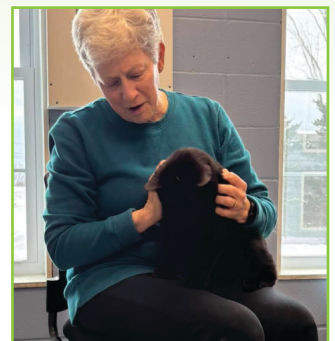


Mama Sweetart resting in a foster home with her 9 puppies.

Shorter Lengths of Stay – Most dogs and cats leave HumaneCNY within 30 days of their arrivals! As soon as an animal arrives, our staff leaps into action. If there's a health

concern, the animal receives immediate veterinary care. All animals are vaccinated and spayed/neutered as quickly as possible. During daily rounds, staff monitor and respond quickly to each animal's condition. Additionally, our staff promotes a positive adoption experience that encourages adopters to thoughtfully accept the responsibility of caring for their new pet for the rest of its life.

Daily Enrichment – Mental health is just as important as physical health. Therefore, HumaneCNY is committed to the emotional wellbeing of all its animals. Staff and volunteers use many techniques to reduce stress, read body language, and conduct behavior assessments. All of this results in happier dogs and cats, comfortable with showing their loving personalities to potential adopters who just can't resist taking them home!



Volunteers enrich our animals' lives with cuddles and treats.

Rescuing and rehoming hundreds of dogs and cats each year is extremely rewarding! We remain proud to be local people helping local animals, which happily includes you, our donors, volunteers, and adopters. **From all of us to all of you, thank you for your continued support.** We look forward to continuing our mission in 2025!

With gratitude,
Cheryl Robinson
President



HumaneCNY's Happy Tails are made possible by our incredible adopters!

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Major Gifts Save Little Lives... Make a Legacy Gift to HumaneCNY!

Long-time volunteer and donor, Bethann Kistner, explains why leaving a legacy gift to HumaneCNY is so important to her and her husband, Mark. "We've received much joy from our rescue cats over the past 18 years, and we'd like our legacy gift to help care for many animals and assist them in finding their forever homes. Legacy gifts help fund emergency medical care and provide crucial financing for major upgrades such as HumaneCNY's \$2m shelter renovation in 2019. Legacy gifts also help the shelter maintain expensive appliances like commercial washers and dryers. These may not seem important when caring for animals, but without washing hundreds of pounds of laundry daily, it's impossible to operate a sanitary shelter." She also noted, "Mark and I want to know that after we're gone our final gift will make a difference. As a member of HumaneCNY's board of directors, I know firsthand how much thought goes into how legacy gifts benefit rescued animals, and I'm certain our gift will be used in a meaningful way."



Mark snuggling up with HumaneCNY alum, Izzy

To discuss making a legacy gift to HumaneCNY, please contact HumaneCNY's Donor Development Coordinator, Hayley Pudney. Hayley.pudney@humaneecny.org 315-457-8762

Volunteer Spotlight

Many thanks to HumaneCNY's data entry team! For over 10 years, these hard-working volunteers have worked together to send timely thank you acknowledgments to our wonderful donors! Here they are relaxing after enjoying a well-deserved holiday luncheon.



Top: Eva Shanley, Vicky Blackwell
Bottom: Megan Spencer, Sheri Mills



Adoption Corner



Jethro is a 4-year-old Blue Tick Coonhound who would do well with a family that has large hound experience. He does well with kids and would prefer to be the only pet in the home. Jethro goes with the flow! He enjoys adventures, walks, car rides, and rope toys. He loves being a couch potato too, making him the ideal family dog!



Bugsy is a 2-year-old big(ish) boy who loves being active. He's always down for an adventure and would thrive in a home that can provide lots of playtime. Bugsy is a fast learner and already knows several commands, and he gets along great with most dogs.



MC Hammer is a 9-month-old Pit mix, but he's so tiny and cute we thought he was even younger! MC is a sweet, adorable guy who loves playing with his friends, but he does sometimes struggle with sharing his toys! He loves going on walks, romping in the yard, or just hanging out on the couch and getting belly rubs! MC is great on leash and a very quick learner.

Yara is a sweet 2-year-old tabby kitty who was cared for by a foster mom after being removed from an overcrowded home. Yara is now at the shelter ready for adoption. She'd do best in a peaceful, quiet forever home with no other pets or young children.



Victoria is a fun 1-year-old girl looking for a home where she can play and cuddle. Victoria likes playtime and loves pets even more!



Mittens (M) and **Lokie (F)** are 2-year-old tuxedo siblings looking for a forever home. If they are not adopted together as a pair, they'd prefer to live in a home with other cats to keep them company. They can be a bit shy at first, but after a little wand toy play time, they are ready to show their inquisitive, playful side!



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Happy Tails

Although most of our dogs and cats find new homes within a few months, these **Happy Tails** are examples that HumaneCNY understands that some animals need a bit more time than others to achieve their **Happy Ever After!**

1 Jesse was at the shelter for 620 days before he found his forever home. He arrived at the shelter with a fractured pelvis and a broken tail, which needed to be amputated. Despite some behavioral issues that required ongoing training and patience, he found his people who are willing to put in the work in return for lots of love. Now he's happy at home with feline brother, Romeo, who's also a HumaneCNY alumni!

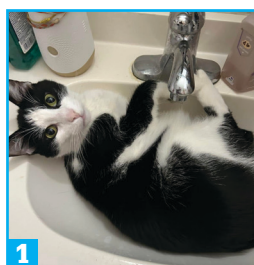
2 Teddy spent more than 8 months in the shelter, watching as many cats around him found their happy homes. Finally, in December his new family came along and gave him a chance. Teddy settled in nicely and enjoyed his first ever holiday season at home!

3 Mister is a sweet and shy little guy who came from an overcrowded home where he received minimal human attention. Because he was a little wary of human interaction, he spent over 100 days at the shelter being loved on by staff and volunteers before finding his forever home.

4 Sally is a sweet young Pit mix who spent nearly 10 months at the shelter before she found her family. At first, they were just fostering Sally, but they quickly realized they couldn't imagine life without her in it! Her new family has sent us photos of Sally relaxing on their boat, enjoying a toy in the yard, and taking naps on her cozy bed.

5 Max was an emaciated senior dog whose story made national news after he was found tied to a park bench with a note pleading, "I'm a good boy... please help me!". Max spent 5 months with a loving foster who learned about him and his senior ways. With the help of his foster, we found the perfect retirement home for Max – a family that understands that all Max needs is patience, lots of treats, and even more love!

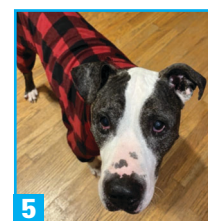
6 Diamond was with us for over 600 days after being severely neglected during her puppyhood. But thankfully, she found her people just in time for the holidays, and they report that she was made for them. They love her dearly!



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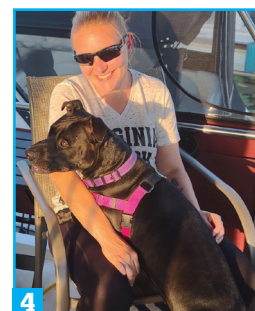
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For a full list of our current needs, please visit humanecny.org/wishlists. To see our Amazon Gift List, scan QR Code.



Saturday, June 14
9am-3pm

Clay Volunteer Fire Department, Rt. 31

Great for Father's Day celebrations. Let us bake for you!

Mark your calendars so you don't miss out on hundreds of homemade items!

We're looking for bakers!

Email bethann.kistner@humanecny.org to sign up.

UTICA'S BOILERMAKER RACE

Sunday, July 13, 2025, Utica, NY

HumaneCNY has 11 Charity Bibs and is seeking runners and walkers! All participants must raise a minimum of \$500 for HumaneCNY. For details, send inquiries to hayley.pudney@humanecny.org.



FOR PUPS
Saturday, April 5
11am – 5pm

Midstate Athletic Community Center Twin Rinks in Cicero, NY.

- Come and watch twenty-five hockey league teams play! There will be onsite food trucks, a silent auction with autographed gear, restaurant and spa gift cards, liquor and pet gift baskets... just to name a few of 60+ auction items. This event will also feature HumaneCNY's adorable dogs taking a lap on the ice!
- Thanks to Rick Deyulio from TK99 and the CNY Adult Hockey League, all event proceeds will benefit HumaneCNY. See HumaneCNY's Facebook page for updates.



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