

Meet Ben



Photo by Hal Henty

By Kate Sinsabaugh

The star of our Winter Newsletter is Ben. Ben is estimated to be three years old and is a gorgeous orange cat. He's now neutered and up-to-date on shots, but not too long ago he was pretty down on his luck.

Ben was a stray who probably used up a number of his nine lives before we took him in. Ben's luck changed when one of the staff members at the Humane Association of CNY (HumaneCNY) had to pick up a pet food order. Ben had been hit by a car and left paralyzed to fend for himself. Somehow he made his way to the parking lot of the pet store and that would be the last he knew of life as a stray. After our staff member briefly checked him out, he was safely loaded into the car and transported for a professional's opinion.

Ben visited our veterinarian and was told he would never walk again, but never say never, especially if you're Ben. Once back at the shelter and after some R & R, the staff began to focus on exercising Ben's back legs so that he didn't lose too much muscle and might eventually gain use.

Although he can't use his back legs for walking, Ben can scoot along great! He can climb up and down stairs and uses a litter box just fine. His new home should not have carpet so that Ben can move around with as much ease as possible. Ben should also be the only cat in the house. While he's affectionate with people, he also needs to have time to himself when he's not up for company – either the human or animal kind.

Do you have a soft spot for animals that have had a rough start in life? Are you without animals right now, but need to fill that fuzzy hole? Please consider Ben as your new companion. He's quirky, he's cute, and he needs a home just as much as you need him.

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**Wishing All of Our
Members and Supporters a
Peace-filled Holiday Season**





From the Director's Desk

"Captain Jack"

Some time ago, a small black stray was dropped off at the shelter. Although we were filled to capacity, we obviously had to help this poor little guy. The staff rallied immediately, got him cleaned up and fed, and bedded him down in the infirmary, where he could be kept under observation and treated.

The real crisis began a few weeks later, when "Captain Jack" (as the staff had named him), for reasons unknown, developed painful corneal abrasions which left him unable or unwilling to open his eyes for more than a few minutes per day, effectively rendering him blind. Both oral and topical medications as well as two attempts to tack his eyelids temporarily, proved to be of little to no avail. It was recommended by one of our primary care vets that we consult a veterinary ophthalmologist. The verdict: the best hope of restoring normal visual function lay in surgical intervention to resect/revise his eyelids (and it goes without saying that such interventions are not inexpensive...)

Now, here's where you come in. Over the years, thanks to the committed support of our local CNY community, the Humane Association of CNY (HumaneCNY) has become known for its high standard of veterinary care, and rightly so. "Captain Jack" had had a hard enough start in life without being threatened with years of blindness and pain for want of a proven and readily available procedure. Under the circumstances, HumaneCNY felt there was no ethical choice but to commit to the eye surgery (which, happy to report, was performed with great success) - the critical issue, as usual, was funding. Truth be told, in cases such as this, we consciously make a giant leap of faith, trusting in our members and friends to continue doing everything in their power to enable us always to be in a position to help those who need it most. Gratefully, we have never been disappointed. Our very best to you and yours, and warmest wishes for a joyous and happy holiday season!

Yours, for the animals,

Bill Young

William H. Young, Director



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Christmas Wish List

CAT ITEMS

- ◆ Canned food
- ◆ Cat litter
- ◆ Dry food
- ◆ Catnip
- ◆ Litter pans
- ◆ Cat treats
- ◆ Cat milk
- ◆ Kitten formula (KMR)
- ◆ Scratching posts



DOG ITEMS

- ◆ Canned food
- ◆ Dog biscuits
- ◆ Puppy formula (ESBILAC)
- ◆ Collars & leashes (all sizes)
- ◆ Nail clippers



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5th Annual Drop-A-Thon, Open House & Silent Auction

By Bethann Kistner



Volunteers Nancy Levine, Mark Buttiglieri, Scott Small, and Beth Goldberg pitch in to help at this year's Drop A Thon.

What a day! It was windy, then raining (*I mean downpour!*), then sun, then rain, then sun.... So you might think the event was a washout, right? Wrong! It seems that on really nice days, everyone has other tasks on the agenda. The rain actually helped to make this year's Drop-A-Thon one of HumaneCNY's most successful events. Hundreds passed through the house where over 200 silent auction items were displayed! And this year the items were amazing; a grill, a mountain bike, coolers on wheels, hundreds of gift certificates and even a BOAT! We are so very grateful to our community for donating silent auction items, to all those who stopped by with pet food, cleaning supplies and so on, and to those who joined in and purchased items from our HUGE silent auction! Thank you! Every donation makes a difference. Please remember to drop off donations during the winter months when the heating bills go up and cash and supplies go down!



Members of the CNS Football Team help with the "heavy lifting" at this year's Drop A Thon.

L to R - Nick Allis, Avery Yarn, Tyler Griffio, Kyle Hale, Konner Bick, Brian Kerrington

Celebrity Bartender Extravaganza Raises \$2K for HumaneCNY!



Danny Hall and Alexis Koval

By Cheryl Robinson

On August 12, celebrity soccer player bartenders, Vittorio Petrera and Danny Hall from the Syracuse Silver Knights, and Linde Zajac and Alexis Koval from the Syracuse Lady Knights, along with Lisa Chelenza from TK99, served up drinks and fun at Sharkey's Restaurant in Liverpool. The event included gift basket raffles and live and silent auctions. In addition, the bartenders encouraged patrons to donate



Linde Zajac, Vittorio Petrera and Lisa Chelenza

tips to raise money for the shelter which routinely sees donations drop during the summer months just when "kitten and puppy" season causes the shelter population to rise. HumaneCNY wishes to thank everyone who attended and especially those that helped sponsor this event: Allen Laventure and Tommy Tanner of the Syracuse Silver Knights, Jim Nichols and Pam Sprague of Sharkey's Restaurant, Pam Levine of Galaxy Communications, and Phil Oropallo of Syracuse Flooring America.

Socialization - A Smart Step Toward the Future

By Clif VanAuken



Clif and his dog, Molly.

Along with establishing yourself as the “Pack Leader” with your dog, “Socialization” has one of the most important impacts on your dog’s behavior. Puppy socialization begins at birth and ends around 16 weeks of age. This period is the beginning of who they will become as an adult. Temperament, characteristics, and behavioral habits are developed during this period. This can determine the dog’s behavior around strangers, the environment, noises, and animals.

Socialization stimulates a puppy, and desensitizes them to the sights, sounds, smells, and touches of daily life. Socialization prepares your pup to be comfortable around and deal with new experiences and challenges that appear throughout its life. This is also the time to build a strong foundation in your human- animal

bond, your “Pack Leadership” role. Active Socialization is when people purposely introduce dogs to such things as other pets, people, kids, cars, and vacuum cleaners. Passive Socialization is what a dog comes across on her/his own while exploring: insects, birds, squirrels, thunder, rain, etc.

Dogs that are not exposed to as much during this critical socialization stage can exhibit fear, shyness, aggression, timidity, etc. towards people and animals. Dogs that are not well socialized do not know how to pick up warning signs from other dogs. Behavioral problems are the number one cause of families turning their dogs in to shelters and the number one cause of dogs being euthanized once they are in a shelter.

Socializing a dog that exhibits behavioral issues can be challenging, but you can be very successful if you put forth the effort. Consistency and always following through in a positive way, will lead an under socialized dog to becoming adapted to any environment, and will fix other behavioral issues. As always, training goes a long way, and is a tool that will be used throughout the life of the dog.

I work at the K-9 Kamp Dog Daycare in East Syracuse and bring my own dogs there. This is a great place to bring dogs that are socialized and non- aggressive. The daycare is large and allows dogs to be part of a dog pack, while pack leadership is provided by the well-trained staff. Many of the dogs that attend the daycare are from successful adoptions. The daycare provides stimulation and socialization for dogs of all different breeds, sizes, and stages of life. This allows dogs to be dogs, and burn off some of that pent up energy from inactivity. K-9 Kamp Dog Daycare has two locations: East Syracuse and Baldwinsville.

Having behavioral problems? Or just need a refresher on training? Please feel free to contact me at 315-214-9992, or at vanaukenclif1@verizon.net or www.k-9kamp.com. I am now offering special training packages for new and existing clients of K-9 Kamp. I also offer special packages for private sessions, and discounted rates for families that adopt, foster, or rescue dogs from shelters.



Exhibitor Candace Martin with “Gretchen” a horse owned by Lisa Mather.



Exhibitors line up for the “in-hand” class at the Century Stables Invitational horse show.

Thank you Century Stables!

By Teresa Melnick

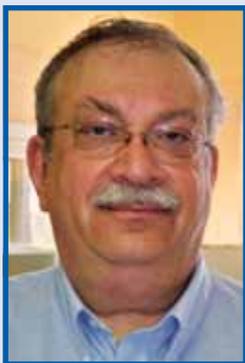
Jim and Lisa Mather, owners of Century Stables in Marcellus, hosted their first Invitational Horse Show October 21st. They graciously donated the \$1,900 dollars raised to the Humane Association of CNY (HumaneCNY). The lovely, fall weather helped draw exhibitors from across Central New York to a day of riding, fun, food, and prizes. HumaneCNY wishes to thank the Mather’s for their hard work in putting on such a wonderful event, and we wish to thank RGB Training and Sales, and the Central New York horse community for their support of this show and for their overwhelming generosity. It is much appreciated.

The Humane Association of CNY wishes to thank...

...the following businesses for supporting our shelter with everything from goods and services, to sponsorship of events. We couldn’t survive without the generosity of our community. We are truly grateful.

- ♥ Syracuse Silver Knights
- ♥ Syracuse Flooring America
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President's Message

Winter 2012

By Bruce B. Shafiroff, M.D. President

Our members are frequently reminded that The Humane Association of CNY (HumaneCNY) is an entirely separate organization from The Humane Society of The United States (HSUS). In the past, many of our members have been surprised when they learned that their donations to HSUS were not in part returned to the HumaneCNY. That being said, the two organizations share many principles and beliefs, only differing in the magnitude of their work and the species they are involved with. It was therefore an exciting event when the leadership of both organizations met on two occasions in Central New York.

Wayne Pacelle, The President/CEO of The HSUS was in Syracuse promoting his book *The Bond* (William Morrow). It is a great read, and I am certain that our members will greatly enjoy it. A portion of each sale is being given to The HSUS. Brian Shapiro, the New York State Director of The HSUS, accompanied him at Barnes and Noble and we had an enlightening talk after Wayne's presentation. Several weeks later Brian contacted me and took me up on my offer to visit HumaneCNY. Brian's fiancée is a veterinarian and while she was attending a veterinary meeting at Cornell, he took the opportunity to meet with several organizations in Central New York. Brian is the past Director of The Ulster County (Woodstock NY) SPCA, and he had many useful thoughts regarding our facility, which, as you know, is presently undergoing major renovations. He also shared proven income-generating strategies and New York State contacts The HSUS could provide. You will see several of his concepts playing out here in CNY in the future.

Volunteers and board members are the life blood of not-for-profit organizations. The HumaneCNY is no exception. We have been blessed with an increasing group of volunteers, many of whom you have seen on the pages of our Newsletter. During the past few months we have added 3 new Board Members; Dave Beecher (The Solvay Bank), Pam Levine (Galaxy Communications), and former board member Helmut Liberatore has returned.

On behalf of the board and staff of The Humane Association of CNY I wish you a...

Happy and Healthy New Year!



Staff Spotlight: ELIZABETH MAUNDER



By Ann Marie Borowski



Liz and Lucy

Elizabeth Maunder is a veterinary technician who has been helping the animals at HumaneCNY for nearly five years. When asked why she chose this career path, she replied, "I want to help the creatures that can't help themselves."

Liz graduated from Delphi College in 2005 with a degree in Veterinary Science. During the time she attended college, she volunteered in the Puppies and Kittens Program. She would bring puppies and kittens from the local shelters into nursing homes to visit the residents. Both the residents and the puppies and kittens benefited from these visits. Elizabeth also enjoyed walking the dogs at the shelters.

The first job Liz had after college was working in an emergency veterinary clinic. That type of work was, as she puts it, "out of my comfort zone" because it was too stressful. Then she found her "right fit" at HumaneCNY. The two things she likes best about her job are matching people with pets and taking the animals to events in the community. Liz also loves caring for the "bottle babies" and has fostered about 20 of them since she started working at HumaneCNY.

Liz is the youngest of six children. She attended APW schools and was a member of the Marching Band and Concert Band, and in middle school she was the only girl in the Archery Club. She still enjoys archery, and some of her other interests are bowling, gardening, baking, painting, crocheting and reading. She lives in Parish, NY with her parents who also share her love for animals. They have three adopted cats; one is an amputee named Maui, which Liz adopted in college. The other two, Magua and Tannis, were adopted from HumaneCNY.

Thanks to Liz and people like her, who share a compassion for animals, HumaneCNY continues to thrive and help the animals of our region.

ADOPTION CORNER

By Martha Heald

BREEZY AND EDDIE

When you think of the term “shelter dog,” what comes to mind? Most likely a “mixed breed,” “hybrid” (a nicer term than “mutt”) or “Disney dog”. You probably wouldn’t expect to find a purebred there, but the truth is that about one quarter of all dogs in shelters are just that: purebreds. So why are these often costly dogs lost (and not sought and found) by frantic owners or surrendered to shelters? Pet overpopulation and the definition of companion animals as property are two reasons. Some are used to generate income, then abandoned once they’re no longer profitable. Other purebreds end up in shelters because of the struggling economy and its effect upon their owners. Each of our featured dogs is an example of one of the foregoing situations, but unlike many, they were fortunate enough to come to a no-kill shelter.



Name: BREEZY
Her story: We named her “Breezy”, but her name belies her past circumstances.

A beautiful eight year old chocolate lab, she was used by a breeder to produce litter after litter. Labrador retrievers are this country’s most popular dogs, so she was a great source of income until she grew older and was deemed expendable. A kind old gent saved her from being “put down” by adopting her. He gave her a good home until he passed away. His son and daughter-in-law took her in but, sadly, they were about to be deployed overseas. Unable to take her, they brought her to us to find a new home where she will be appreciated. She’s now spayed, but all her maternal experience has made her great with puppies, older dogs, and even cats. Because she’s a big girl (about 90 pounds) she’d probably be best matched with older, bigger (and therefore

sturdier) children. She also has a food sensitivity, so special food is needed, but she has certainly earned a little extra consideration.



Name: EDDIE
His story: Eddie’s a four year old Jack Russell Terrier (like “Eddie” in Frasier) whose owner surrendered him because of his own economic circumstances.

Forced to take a second job to make ends meet, Eddie’s “dad” had to put him in a crate while he was at work. For an energetic breed like the Jack Russell, that crate must have seemed like a prison. He has a big personality and a lot of pent-up energy, which manifests itself in a “big man on campus” attitude. Don’t call him “small”; he’s “fun sized”. Eddie would be a great companion for someone (or a family) that would give him the attention, love and exercise he craves.

SULLY AND BAILEY: WE’RE NOT THE PITS



Sully Running



Bailey

Ah, the pit bull . . . what a difference a few generations make. From the early 1900s they were revered as family pets and symbols of American pride; now they are blamed for everything but Original Sin. During both world wars pictures of pit bulls graced recruiting posters as well as advertising designed to sell war bonds. Helen Keller had one (Sir Thomas); so did Teddy Roosevelt (Pete) and the Little Rascals (Nipper and Petey). In World War I, a pit mix named Stubby was wounded twice in combat but still managed to save his entire platoon from a poison gas attack. He was the first canine to receive Army medals and awarded the rank of Sergeant.

Stubby’s celebrity status allowed him to meet three presidents and become the Georgetown Hoyas football team mascot. He was a hero, but today his brethren are seen as Public Enemy Number One.

So what is a pit bull? The term covers multiple breeds, including the American Pit Bull Terrier, the American Staffordshire Terrier and crosses between the two. Their ancestors were the products of interbreeding between the Old English Terrier and English Bulldogs, the object of which was to produce a dog with the gameness of a terrier and the athleticism and strength of the bulldog. For many years they were general working dogs, herding, hunting and guarding families. They were even called “nanny dogs” because of their tolerance for and protection of children. So have the dogs changed, or have the acts of evil people (dog fighters, drug dealers) been imputed to the poor dogs who are their victims? I posit guilt by association.

But hope is on the horizon. Groups like Bad Rap, Love-a-Bull, Best Friends Saving America’s Dog Campaign, and

Animal Planet’s Pit Boss seek to correct the tarnished image of this noble dog. This past summer Gund, the stuffed toy manufacturer, held a “top dog” photo contest on Facebook in which Jonny Justice (a former Michael Vick dog who now visits libraries and helps children learn to read by letting them read to him) was the clear winner. The reward? A plush toy bearing his likeness is scheduled to arrive in stores next year.

HumaneCNY, like other shelters, has an abundance of “pitties”. A couple of ours would like to introduce themselves.

SULLY: My ancestors were British? Well, I say old chap, public enemy number one? What a load of old cobblers! While I’m not that crazy about other male dogs, I’m fine with the girls. It’s just natural; the boys are my competitors, so why would I like them? And cats, blimey, why do they need so many claws? One or two sharp ones would get the point across: they don’t like me any more than I like them, the nasty little sods. I’m not aggressive; I prefer

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MEMBERSHIP AND HEARTS & TAILS PARTNERSHIP APPEAL!

Thank you for supporting The Humane Association of CNY with your annual membership. If you have not yet returned the membership form you received in April, please mail in the form provided below. (Please print)

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Please contact me so that I may establish a lasting legacy to The Humane Association of CNY within my estate plans.

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the term assertive. I'm just under 3 years old, so I have a lot of energy, and would make a great companion for a runner or an active family.

BAILEY: Sully, you may have lost your Jackson Pollocks but you sure haven't lost your edge. Such a dominant bloke. Now, if I can get a word in edgewise, I'm only ten months old, energetic, and affectionate. I love hugs and kisses, and as long as you're not a big male dog or a cat (they just get up my nose, sometimes literally), we'll get along just fine. When I play, I like to be the boss, so I'm told that I need someone who can help me learn to "play well with others". I'm still a wee 'un and need a little

guidance to become the wonderful pet I'm meant to be.

Membership drive: To make sure that great pets like Sully and Bailey have a place to stay while they await their new permanent homes, consider becoming a member of HumaneCNY. It's easy to do. Just visit our website, www.humanecny.org, find us on Facebook, or call 315-457-8762 Wednesday through Sunday between 12 noon and 5 p.m. to find out how you can be a part of this lifesaving work. We receive no public funding nor support from any national organization, so our existence is dependent upon private donations.

Editor's Note: HumaneCNY typically shelters 15-20 dogs and 150-200 cats. If a dog or cat pictured here has already been adopted when you visit, please consider all of the other loving hearts available. Remember--You can't change the world by adopting a shelter animal, but you can change the world for that animal!



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We apologize for the addendum "Or Current Resident", but Postal Regulations mandate its use on all bulk mailings. Please overlook this unintended offense, and know that the monies thus saved are better utilized for animal care.

AXA Equitable Successfully Hosts 3rd Annual Pets on the Plaza Event

By Cheryl Robinson



Kevin Sheridan presents AXA Hearts' Jeans Day Check to Cheryl Robinson

AXA Equitable's Hearts Committee invited HumaneCNY to attend a very special fundraiser held on September 19. AXA's employees visited with the shelter's representatives and their cats and dogs to learn all about adopting from and volunteering for the shelter. Employees purchased tickets to wear jeans to work and bought raffle tickets which contributed to much-needed funding for HumaneCNY.

Thank You AXA Employees!



Kelly Way fell in love with Jerry

Editors Note: *A happy ending for Jerry. Since falling hard for this adorable cat at the AXA event, Kelly Way adopted Jerry and has given him a new loving home.*

Trish Davis and Ann Curcio admire Jennie



Cheryl Forino plays with Jennie

