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From the Director's Desk:

A Diamond Worth Celebrating



Maureen with HumaneCNY alum Dexter

In October 2025, HumaneCNY took in an emaciated, black Pit Mix, Diamond, from the Syracuse Police Department. Diamond spent long days and nights in a dark basement kennel - starving, repeatedly bred, and covered in scars and cigarette burns. Despite the trauma and discomfort Diamond endured, she remained resilient while waiting for her mandatory cruelty hold to end. During this time, she quickly became a favorite among staff and volunteers, melting into every lap she could find and greeting each person with trust and affection. Over time, Diamond's confidence grew, and she made incredible strides in training thanks to the patience and consistency of our staff and volunteers!

For months after her release from cruelty hold, Diamond waited patiently at the shelter, but no one selected her to be their special girl. Then in June, her online photo and description reminded someone of a beloved companion he'd recently lost, and he knew he had to meet her.

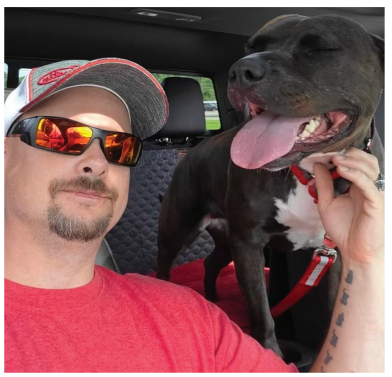
I am thrilled to share that Diamond is finally exactly where she belongs. She has been adopted into a loving home, where she'll spend her days as the perfect "house hippo" and enjoy countless road trips with her new dad, a truck driver. Diamond's happy ending is a powerful reminder that every life saved begins with a community willing to step forward.

As we celebrate HumaneCNY's Diamond Anniversary, it feels especially fitting that one of this year's most memorable rescue stories belongs to Diamond. While Diamond's name wasn't chosen to coincide with our 60th Anniversary, it has become a meaningful reminder of the resilience, hope, and second chances our supporters make possible.

HumaneCNY's needs have never been greater. Rising costs for veterinary care, food, litter, medications, staffing, utilities, and insurance make it harder than ever to exist as a donor-supported, non-profit animal shelter. Every gift helps keep our doors open and gives animals like Diamond the loving homes they deserve. **As we celebrate our 60th Anniversary, please consider making a special gift today.** Your generosity will help ensure the next animal who walks through our doors receives the same lifesaving care, compassion, and chance at a happy ending.







With Gratitude,

Maureen Davison

Executive Director

The People Behind The Mission – Volunteer Spotlight

Some volunteers become such an important part of an organization that it's hard to imagine life without them. For HumaneCNY, that person is Jim—affectionately known as "Uncle Jim". A longtime volunteer of more than 15 years, Jim is truly a pillar of our shelter. Ask anyone here to describe him, and you'll hear the same words over and over again: selfless, reliable, kind, funny, and always willing to help. From transporting animals to and from spay and neuter appointments, to cleaning at the shelter each week, to rushing animals to emergency veterinary appointments, we can always count on Jim. We know he's always just a phone call away—well, a *landline* phone call away!







We recently called Jim on a Sunday afternoon when pregnant mama cat, Cynthia, began experiencing complications during labor. He dropped everything to rush her back and forth to the emergency vet multiple times! Thanks to Jim, Cynthia was able to reach the emergency veterinarian without delay, ultimately giving Cynthia and her two surviving kittens the urgent medical care that saved their lives. This wasn't the first time, nor will it be the last, that Jim has stepped in when we needed help most, and we're eternally grateful for his unwavering dedication to the animals and the people of HumaneCNY.



HumaneCNY relies on volunteer support for a wide variety of needs—from cat socializing and dog walking, to event support, data entry, fostering, and shelter cleaning—no offer of help is too small. With medical care and payroll representing our largest expenses, **every volunteer hour and every donated dollar has a direct impact on how many animals we can take in, care for, and rehome.**

Are you interested in volunteering? *Our next volunteer orientation will take place at HumaneCNY on Thursday, August 20th from 6-7:30pm. To learn about volunteer opportunities or to sign up for the next orientation, please visit humanecny.org/volunteer for more information!*

Adoption Corner

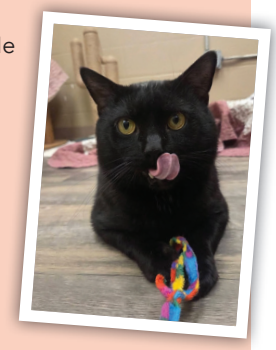


If you're looking for a loyal companion who has already mastered the basics, **Captain Jack** may be your perfect first mate. This handsome senior gentleman is house-trained, crate trained, and loves the company of both humans and dogs! He's the kind of dog who settles in easily, appreciates life's simple pleasures, and is happiest spending time with his people. This easygoing guy carries himself with the contentment and confidence that often comes with age.

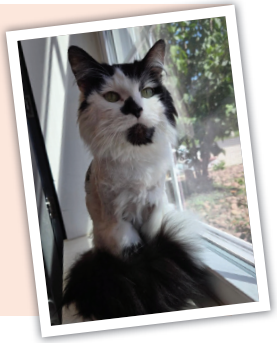


Lainey is a 3-year-old Pit/Husky mix with a big personality and an even bigger heart! This goofy, lovable, and entertaining girl adores people and is always ready for fun. Whether she's running, playing, or showing off her zoomies, Lainey loves to keep her humans smiling. She would prefer to be the only pet in the home so she can soak up all the love and attention. If you're looking for a loyal, adventurous best friend, Lainey may be the perfect match for you!

Forklift is a handsome, huge 1-year-old boy who is more than ready for his forever home! He came to us as a stray from the Syracuse Police Department, arriving scared and nervous after being lost outdoors. We quickly learned that he has anxiety and feline asthma, but both are very easily managed with medication. With the right treatment, Forklift is a whole new man! Forklift is a sassy, lovable boy with plenty of personality. He has his very own room at the front of the shelter where he'll happily run up to greet you. Forklift loves pets and playtime, but more importantly – he loves a cat nap!



Meet your new best friend, **Martin**! This sweet, talkative senior has captured all our hearts and is a staff and volunteer favorite! A lovable senior, 13-year-old Martin prefers a calm environment and would likely thrive as an only pet or with other laid-back, older animals. Martin does have some age-related stomach issues that are well managed and can be discussed with interested adopters. Please stop in to chat with Martin in his cat condo today!



For all available animals, visit **humanecny.org/available-animals.**

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Please help us save costly postage. Providing your email will allow us to acknowledge your gift electronically, and 100% of your donation will go directly to helping rescued animals!

Happy Tails

Have you adopted a pet from HumaneCNY? We LOVE to see photos! Search "**HumaneCNY Alumni**" on Facebook to join our adopter group!



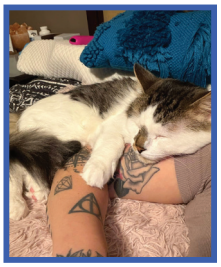
Winston was finally adopted after two long months in the shelter! This active young guy finally found a family to call his own. Winston was May's West Herr Chevrolet of Clay Adoptable Dog of the Month! Thank you to West Herr for sponsoring Winston's adoption fee - Winston and his new family are ready for a summer of adventures!



After spending more than 100 days at the shelter—and many months before that in another shelter— **Bentley** has finally found a loving home! Now thriving with his new mom, Bentley spends his days enjoying all the things he loves most: splashing in the water, digging in the sand, cuddling, and spending time with his new family. Bentley's mom is incredibly grateful to have found him and to be able to give him the second chance at life that he so deserves.



BitBit (left) and **Ellie** (right, formerly Hollywood Rose) were both adopted within a few months of each other, and they are slowly becoming the best of friends! BitBit was surrendered when her owner passed away, and Ellie was brought to us as a pregnant stray. BitBit and Ellie are both obsessed with the family dog, following him everywhere! Their adopter says these two were perfect additions to their family.



Beetle has become the very best friend his adopter could have ever asked for. Equal parts cuddly, goofy, and adventurous, Beetle loves leash walks, car rides, and keeping a watchful eye on his family! Whether he's zooming through the house, demanding chin rubs, or magically appearing at the sound of a tuna can opening, his adopter says that in just one year, he's brought more joy than they ever imagined!

CURRENT NEEDS

- Martingale collars
- Retractable cat wands and squeeze-up treats
- Hill's Science Diet Adult Dog Food
- Patè Style Wet Cat and Kitten Food
- Non-clumping cat litter
- Gently used blankets, towels, and flat sheets
- Postage Stamps

See our Amazon Gift Lists for a full list of items we can use at the shelter! Scan the QR code or visit humanecny.org/wishlists

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Thank you to the sponsors, attendees, and volunteers who helped us boogie our way through our 60th anniversary event!



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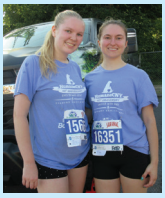
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- CNY Community Foundation - commercial dryers and security system upgrade
- Harmony Candle Shop
- Dexter Duck Derby
- West Herr Chevrolet of Clay
- CNY Adult Hockey League & Rick Deyulio from TK 99
- Morgan Stanley



SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for our
2026 Stock the Shelter & Silent Auction Event!
Saturday, September 26, 10am-2pm at HumaneCNY!

Want to donate to our silent auction? We're seeking already made auction baskets, gift cards, liquor, and wine! Items can be dropped off at the shelter until September 1st. Contact info@humanecny.org with questions.

Looking for some Paw-Some Helpers to Join Our Board!

Do you love animals and have skills in finance, marketing, fundraising, community outreach, or leadership? Do you have the capacity to volunteer 5-10 hours/month? If so, please consider joining HumaneCNY's Board of Directors! Board members help with:

- **Guiding and facilitating the shelter's vision and mission**
- **Supporting fundraising and shelter events**
- **Strengthening community partnerships**

Your involvement = more rescues, more fosters, more adoptions, more happy tails! Interested candidates, please email your resume to info@humanecny.org.
Subject Line: Board Member Application