

From the Director's Desk

Another Busy and Rewarding Year at the Shelter!



Maureen with Adoptable Toaster

With help from volunteer trainers, we've introduced larger, guided play groups to help dogs build confidence and develop social skills. These sessions also allow us to better assess animal behavior. In many cases, dogs and cats once believed to need "only pet" homes are now thriving with other animals, thanks to improved observation and evaluation.

We've also begun daily tracking of enrichment and behavior for each dog and cat. Thanks to our incredible dog walkers and cat socializers, we can monitor who's had walks, playtime, training sessions, and enrichment (like catnip or stuffed Kongs). This ensures every animal receives individualized, thoughtful care tailored to their needs. At HumaneCNY, we're proud to say that our dogs and cats get quality time outside of their enclosures every single day.

Some dogs receive targeted training to build essential skills, such as leash manners or managing energy. One standout example is Bugsy, who went from long-term resident to a loving foster home after daily training helped ease his kennel stress. Bugsy came to the shelter just as he turned a year old. He's now been with us for 450 days... His transformation is a reminder of how structure, patience, and enrichment can truly change an animal's life.

For animals like Bugsy, foster homes are vital. Many of our dogs have never experienced life in a home, and fostering offers peace and comfort, and is often a critical step towards adoption. Foster homes are just as crucial for our cats—and one foster has made an especially big impact. Since she began fostering over a year ago, Amanda's Purdy Whiskers and Wagging Tails has helped 10 cats find their forever homes!

She even set up a cozy foster room in her business to showcase long-term residents in a fresh, welcoming environment. Thanks to her dedication, cats like Anakin, Murray, Hopper, and Mosaic are now enjoying life with loving families. 3-year-old Anakin spent over 160 days at the shelter after her original owner could not take her to his new apartment. Now, Anakin has a loving home with two kiddos and a dog to call her "siblings."

Another exciting transformation is our new "Real Life Relaxation Room" -- a former dog room transformed into a cozy, home-like space with freshly painted walls, curtains, and a comfy couch. This inviting environment helps dogs decompress, relax, and experience the comforts of home with their devoted staff members and volunteers.

As a result of these efforts, we've already adopted out over 375 animals this year and have significantly reduced the average length of stay for both dogs and cats. Even animals once considered "hard to place", those with medical needs or manageable behavior challenges, are now finding the homes they deserve.

These success stories wouldn't be possible without your generous donations. Your support helps fund medical treatments, training tools, enrichment toys, and more. Every dollar ensures dogs like Bugsy and cats like Anakin are healthy, happy, and loved while they wait for a second chance.

With gratitude,

Maureen Davison

Executive Director



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SPECIAL Thanks

Thank you to Fulton Speedway for their generous silent auction donation of over \$5,000!



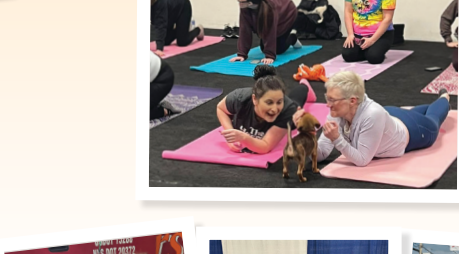
Thank you to our donors and to the Jordan's Way Team for stopping by HumaneCNY for a second time! This Facebook Live Fundraiser helped us raise nearly \$10,000!



Our 2025 Biggest Bake Sale Ever raised over \$10,000 for our animals!



Thank you to Rick Deyulio from TK 99 and the CNY Adult Hockey League for hosting **Playoffs for Pups!** They raised \$7,000 for our animals, and Dandy was adopted!



Puppy Yoga was a success this Spring! Many thanks to CNY Pet Training and Behavior and Infusion Yoga Studio for hosting this fun event.

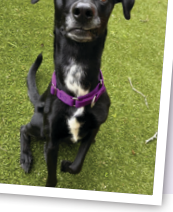


Thank you to our Boilermaker Road Race Charity Bib Runners and Walkers who raised nearly \$6,000 for HumaneCNY!

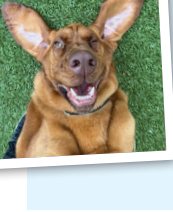
Adoption Corner



JR is a loving 5-year-old, 75 lb. pup who adores lap time, car rides, and toys. He's part of our Shelter Dog Training Program and shines in his sessions. JR walks well on leash and prefers shorter strolls. Though big-hearted (and big-bodied), he's learning to channel his enthusiasm. He's lived with cats and dogs but may be selective with canine friends.



Sassy is a 2-year-old, sleek, medium-sized beauty with a striking blue eye and a heart full of love! She's playful, cuddly, and adores other dogs. She rides calmly in the car, enjoys walks, and thrives on companionship. While she's not treat-motivated, a game of chase is her favorite thing. Agile and athletic, she'll need a secure yard—this girl can jump! Sassy even has a hidden talent—she sometimes walks on her hind legs!

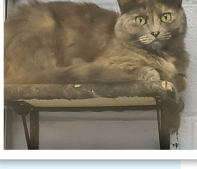


Roux is a 1-year-old Bloodhound bursting with personality, charm, and sniff-powered energy! Potty trained, neutered, and kennel trained, Roux will do best with hound-savvy humans, a fenced yard, and plenty of outdoor adventures. He loves people, but his big energy is best for older kids and homes without cats. Roux is working on polite dog greetings and prefers hard, sturdy toys over plush ones. Loyal, goofy, and full of heart, Roux is ready to be your adventure buddy!

Hollywood Rose Hollywood Rose is a young mama cat who is missing an eye. She is a bit shy at first due to her rough start in life, but she learns to trust quickly. At just under 2-years-old, she raised her babies outside until being brought into the shelter. Hollywood Rose would prefer a quiet home to romp around in!



Dorie is a 1.5-year-old cat with the perfect mix of sugar and sass. Friendly, curious, and playful, she loves spending time with her people and also enjoys some solo time. Dorie enjoys interactive play with toys and is just as content lounging nearby. She's a fun, independent companion who will bring joy and personality to any home.



Irving is a calm, 1-year-old cat who came to us from the Syracuse Police Department. He has been a sweet, easygoing presence in our Community Cat Room. Irving enjoys the company of other cats and people. A gentle lap cat at heart, he's the perfect companion for a peaceful home, whether shared with feline friends or solo.



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Happy Tails

Soup, the 6th Persian cat to be abandoned at our shelter in the last year, has been happily adopted! After being thrown over the fence into our dog yard, he is now living the good life. His new name is Noodle, and he is adored by his new family!

Snowball was finally adopted after over 100 days in the shelter. She's a sweet and chunky mama cat whose kitten Sitch was adopted before her. Snowball now lives with Velveeta, another HumaneCNY Alum!

Dickens came in with a group of cats, all of which were adopted before him. Despite a full tail amputation, he's healed, healthy, and full of love. Dickens is a cuddle bug who loves attention. We're thrilled he's finally found his forever home after 100 days in the shelter!

When **Kenzo** arrived in early 2024, sick and emaciated, we wouldn't have guessed he'd be one of our longest residents. During his stay, he formed a special bond with our dog walker and mailman, Frank. After four months of fostering, Frank knew their connection was meant to last - Kenzo had



found his person. Now, Kenzo is finally home, where he belongs, with a best friend by his side.

Micah and Sasha, two German Shepherd mixes, spent nine months on a cruelty hold before being officially surrendered to us. Once they were available for adoption, it didn't take long for these sweet girls to find their happily-ever-afters. Adopted by separate families, both now enjoy lives filled with love, outdoor adventures, cozy snuggles, and the comfort they always deserved. After a long wait, they finally have safe, happy homes to call their own.



Vanilla Ice is an all-around perfect dog with endless love to give, so we couldn't understand why he waited so long! After five months with his amazing foster mom and two dog siblings, his patience paid off, and he's found his forever home! Now, he is free to be his joyful, goofy self with a family that adores him. After being transferred from another shelter to ours and then to a foster home, Vanilla Ice's long journey is finally over.



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- Cat and Dog Meet and Greets Mon – Sat, 12pm – 4:30pm
- Please review available animals on our website. Submitting an online application before you visit is encouraged.

Find HumaneCNY pets available for adoption on Petfinder: humaneecny.org/adopt/

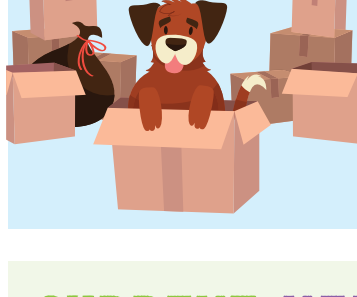
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2026 is HumaneCNY's 60th Anniversary!

Stay tuned for all our anniversary events in the new year!



SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for our 2025 **Stock the Shelter & Silent Auction Event!**

Saturday, September 27, 10am-2pm at HumaneCNY!

Gift cards, liquor, and wine can be donated as auction items until August 20th. If you have any questions, please contact info@humaneecny.org.

Consider Joining HumaneCNY's Leadership Team!

We're currently seeking people with:

- A strong desire to improve the welfare of homeless cats and dogs in CNY
- The capacity to volunteer 5-10 hours/monthly
- Creative ideas and the ability to lead fundraising efforts
- Excellent organizational and communication skills

Community affiliations and experience with accounting, business management, and marketing are a plus. Interested candidates, please email your resume to info@humaneecny.org.
Subject Line: Board Member Application

CURRENT NEEDS

Wet Kitten Food

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Non-Clumping Cat Litter

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Dry Cat Food

Purina Pro Plan Dog Food (Wet & Dry)

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

Leave a Legacy of Love by Making a Planned Gift to HumaneCNY

HumaneCNY's Board VP, Stacey Wiley, was the guest speaker at April's meeting of the Estate Planning Council of CNY (EPCCN). Ms. Wiley encouraged EPCCN members to keep HumaneCNY in mind when their clients are considering beneficiaries for their estates' assets including savings accounts, IRAs, annuities, and other legacy instruments. EPCCN members learned about HumaneCNY's 95% Charity Navigator score and GuideStar's Platinum rating, which places HumaneCNY in the top .1% of charities nationally for fiscal transparency and responsibility. Members also learned that HumaneCNY spends hundreds of thousands of dollars on medical and veterinary care alone for the nearly 1,000 cats and dogs that pass through the shelter annually. EPCCN members were attentive and engaged, along with being very generous, having brought along much needed shelter supplies as well as a check in HumaneCNY's name.

