

From the Director's Desk



It's hard to believe that it's been one year already since taking over as the Director of HumaneCNY. Since I started, my main focus has been the physical and mental well-being of the animals in our care. For me, it's very difficult to see animals in kennels or cages and then left alone when we all home to our own animals. My goal is to make

their stay with us as "normal" and stress-free as possible while they wait for their forever families.

Some things we've implemented to try to normalize our dogs' lives are:

- New fencing was put in place to allow for more dogs to be out in the yards at the same time. This increased the amount of time dogs get out to play. We also enhanced the side yard for agility, play groups, and adoption 'meet and greets'.
- Dog walkers perform enrichment that includes taking the dogs out for car rides, to the store, to the park, and for ice cream.

For the cats:

- We added 3 cat suites that are used for FIV+ cats or cats that may feel uncomfortable in a community cat room setting. These suites give them access to windows and a big space in which to play.
- We added portals to existing cat condos to allow more room for the cats to enjoy.
- Every day, cat socialization volunteers interact with all the cats, and the cats get to enjoy time out of their cages to romp and play.

Save the Date:

Stock the Shelter and Silent Auction

Saturday, September 25, 2021
10 am to 2 pm



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SPECIAL THANKS

- **Carol Thoryk-O'Leary, Skinner & Associates Realty** – Paw Sponsor for Rejuvenate and Rescue fundraiser
- **Cato-Meridian Elementary School** – a HUGE collection of food, toys, and cleaning supplies!
- **Children's Birthday Supply Collections** – a 'woof and meow' thanks to our generous CNY kids!
- **Dunkin' Donuts Spare Change Program** and the wonderful volunteers who collect for us!
- **Fred Sortino, Salt City Lawn Care** – sod for our new dog agility yard
- **Park Outdoor Advertising** – complimentary digital billboard in Camillus, March 2021

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Cat Socialization Leads to Increased Adoptions

by Natalie Scavone, Volunteer



In December 2019, a small group of people banded together, trained, and became the Cat Socialization Team. The goal of the team is to work with all of the cats to better socialize them so their chances of adoption increase. COVID-19 put our efforts on hold for a few months, but we were invited back into the shelter (masked, of course) as soon as it was deemed safe and appropriate.

Each member schedules time to visit the shelter and spends time with the kitties to provide them with sight, smell, taste, sound, and touch enrichment. Upon arrival, some cats are scared and lash out at anyone who comes near. In those instances, we talk gently to them (I have been known to read my emails aloud to them or play my meditations while in the room), play with toys through the cage, cover the front of the cages with towels to reduce stimulation, and make sure there

is a hiding place in their cage where they can disengage when they need that strategy.

Many of the cats have histories that break our hearts, but all of us are committed to providing love and kindness while they await their forever homes. We have seen remarkable transformations from feisty to lap cat, from injured to healed, and from hairless due to stress to luxurious black fur. Being part of their transformations spurs us to find new ways to create opportunities for the cats to thrive while at the shelter.

The Cat Socialization Team regularly emails each other with updates on the cat residents at HumaneCNY. We celebrate the adoptions and mourn the losses. Each member takes great pride in the work they contributed that results in a kitty finding a forever home. Whenever possible, please consider one of our fine cats as your next companion!

May Day Virtual Pet Paw-Rade is a Tail Wagging Success!

by Pam Levine, Event Chairperson

HumaneCNY held its first virtual Pet Paw-Rade fundraiser on May 1st and was overwhelmed by our community's support! Facebook Live viewers were treated to an adorable parade of adorable pet photos submitted by CNY animal lovers. The event's online auction gave everyone a chance to view and bid on a wide variety of gifts, products, and services. Our deepest gratitude goes to our volunteers who collected and the businesses who donated wonderful items for the auction. Your support means everything to our shelter, as we continue our work to provide care for homeless animals until they find their forever homes.

Thanks also goes to everyone who bid on these items, which helped make this a fantastic fundraiser during a very difficult time. People had lots of fun bidding on a variety of items, many of which had bids well above the minimum price, and we are very grateful for everyone's support!

And where would we be without our Pet Paw-Rade Sponsors whose generous support made this event possible! We sincerely thank them for being there for us during our time of need.

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- Dr. Jeffrey Kirshner and Lorraine Rapp

This event raised an amazing \$10,460 for HumaneCNY which helped defray some of the revenue lost from cancelled in-person events. We look forward to repeating a virtual event in 2022!

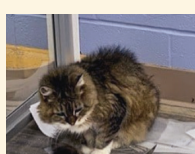
Happy Tails



Winston – Do you remember the sad tale of Winston, the dog who fell off the back of a truck and was left behind on the side of the road? Through the work of the shelter and a loving foster family, Winston has healed from his physical wounds of a head injury and the loss of an eye. There was not a dry eye when Winston was adopted in May and went

to his forever home with his tail wagging and with a smile on his new owner's face.

Kasey – Kasey is now living her best life after finding her forever family. Kasey is a 1-year-old darling who is playful, smart, and energetic. She was the longest resident at the shelter until she left to start her new BIG life on May 30.



Puddy – Puddy is a sweet 16-year-old gentle kitty turned in after her elderly owner could no longer care for her. She turned out to be a sweet soul who was content to curl up and sleep in the sun. However, once

construction began on the new cat suites, Puddy enjoyed supervising every step along the way! Once in her suite, she'd often be seen gently sleeping the day away while the world passed her by. Fortunately, one day someone didn't pass her by, and she's gone to a forever home where she can spend her remaining years in utter bliss.



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Adoption Corner

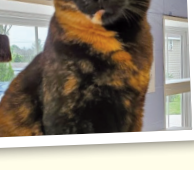
Tango is a young 1.5-year-old dog with a wagging tail and big smile. Because he's so energetic, he's looking for a forever family who will exercise him daily and where he won't have to share his owner's affections with cats or small children. Having been abandoned, Tango is still learning advanced training cues, but he loves walks and car rides to the ice cream store!



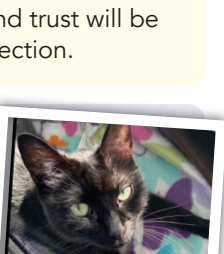
Trixie is a 2-year old black beauty feline. She can be a bit spicy and would do well as an only cat. Trixie's owner will need to be patient since she takes her sweet old time to warm up to people. Once she has accepted a person, she purrs and allows petting.



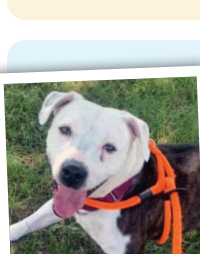
Novalie is a spirited tortie cat who was sadly returned to us when her beloved owner became homeless. She's used to being a single cat and would like to act like a Queen in a new forever home. Novalie prefers to give affection on her own terms and likes to rub against people's legs as long as no other cat is near her in the Community Room. Patience and trust will be the key to winning Novalie's love and affection.



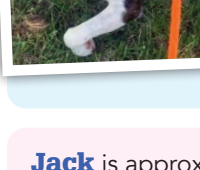
Tao is a 6-year-old black kitty. When Tao arrived at the shelter, she was missing most of her fur because she was so stressed from a home that was overcrowded with pets. Her fur has grown back and it's luxurious! She loves head rubs and likes to talk to anyone who passes her cage. She would continue to thrive in a forever home where she is the only kitty.



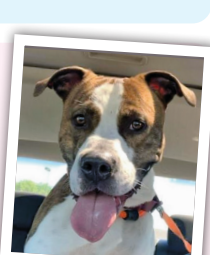
For a current listing of all our available animals, please visit humanecny.org/available-animals/



Roxy is a 5-year-old dog who was brought to the shelter by the Syracuse Policy Department in January. Roxy loves riding in the car and is great on a leash. Anyone looking for an affectionate and snuggly dog who loves squeaky toys should make an appointment to meet Roxy. She would prefer to be an only pet.



Jack is approximately 1 year old who is quite an energetic guy who would love an active family. Jack is good with most dogs but would need a home with no cats. Give us a call to come meet your new running buddy today!



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Shelter Hours

Tuesday - Sunday, 12pm - 5 pm

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Dog Walker Group Stimulates Shelter Dogs' Minds and Bodies

by Nancy Hohler, Volunteer



HumaneCNY's Dog Walking Group hit the ground running in July 2020, and it keeps growing! Currently, 16 volunteers are scheduled for 4 hours/week to interact with the shelter's dogs. Our group not only helps with dog walking/running but also provides essential enrichment that shelter dogs need.

Enrichment programs, such as hiding treats in boxes and frozen Kongs, help reduce the stress

and boredom of kennel life by giving dogs the opportunity to become mentally engaged. Our Dog Walking Group also consults with a positive reinforcement trainer to provide basic training for all our dogs. All of this enrichment increases adoptions and saves lives.

If you would like to be part of this amazing group, please email us at info@humanecny.org.

CURRENT NEEDS

- Purina Naturals Dry Cat and Purina Kitten Chow Dry Food
- Fancy Feast and Purina Pro Plan Wet Kitten Food
- Fancy Feast and Friskies Pate-Style Wet Cat Food
- Pedigree Dog and Puppy Ground Dinner Wet Food
- Laundry Detergent, Bleach, Dryer Sheets
- Kong Dog Toys, all sizes
- Corrugated Cat Scratchers, all sizes
- Postage Stamps

Other ways to help:

- Select HumaneCNY while shopping on **Amazon Smile**
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- **Monetary donations** are always appreciated and go directly to helping CNY's homeless animals!

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