

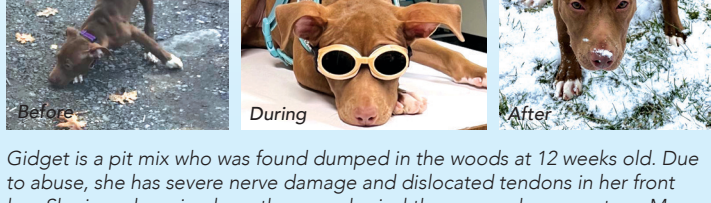
President's Message



When I reflect on HumaneCNY's activities in 2023, the word progress comes to mind. The dictionary defines progress as forward movement, developing to a more advanced stage, and even a journey marked by pomp and pageant. Due to the diligent and often heroic efforts of our staff and volunteers and the support of our donors, HumaneCNY progressed in several areas in 2023.

Strong Donor Base: Forward movement

HumaneCNY relies upon the support of our donors. 2023's forward movement was marked by welcoming nearly 1,000 new donors and a growing number of regular donors who are the much-appreciated mainstay of our donor base. In 2023, many of the cats and dogs brought to us required expensive veterinary care. In addition to caring people who responded to our medical appeals, we were extremely grateful for the kindhearted people who remembered HumaneCNY in their legacy giving plans. Bequests from retirement plans, life insurance, and estate assets allowed us to move forward with advancements in shelter housing and enrichment experiences while providing the personalized medical care which characterizes HumaneCNY as a leader in local animal rescue.



Gidget is a pit mix who was found dumped in the woods at 12 weeks old. Due to abuse, she has severe nerve damage and dislocated tendons in her front leg. She is undergoing laser therapy, physical therapy, and acupuncture. More recently, a cancerous lump was detected on her back and removed. While she is still recovering from her injuries, she has improved dramatically thanks to wonderful medical care and a loving foster.

Organizational Strength: Developing to a more advanced stage

HumaneCNY continually strives to be a charity worthy of your donations. I am therefore delighted to announce that HumaneCNY has earned Charity Navigator's Highest 4-Star Rating and GuideStar's Candid Platinum Seal! These independent agencies inform donors of where their dollars are going and what their dollars are doing. To earn these high ratings, we provided audited accounting statements and the strategies we use to save hundreds of lives each year. Our 4-Star Rating demonstrates HumaneCNY's robust operational stability, trustworthiness, and financial sustainability.

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Animal Rescue: A journey marked by pomp and pageant

A record 538 cats and 210 dogs arrived at our door this past year. Whether rescued from cruelty situations, as homeless strays, or surrendered by owners no longer able to care for them, each cat and dog continued its journey at HumaneCNY, embraced by loving people who provided them with physical comfort and emotional encouragement. This support helped these animals to trust their caregivers and their kindhearted adopters. Although the pomp and pageant may only consist of a farewell photo and well wishes, our hearts rejoice as every cat and dog continues its journey in a loving forever home!

On behalf of the animals we care for, thank you for supporting our progress as a leader in CNY's animal rescue community. We cannot do what we do without you!

Cheryl Robinson

President

Our favorite pastime? Posting Happy Tail adoption photos weekly on Facebook!



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Naming a Charity as a Beneficiary of an IRA has Benefits for You and Our Animals!

For those who are charitably inclined, there are several strategies allowed by the IRS to lessen the tax burdens of retirement withdrawals by making charitable contributions. The strategy people use most often is utilizing their annual Required Minimum Distributions as Qualified Charitable Distributions. This alleviates the taxable income from the distribution (limited to \$100,000 per year).

Another sometimes-overlooked benefit afforded to individuals is the ability to designate a charity as a beneficiary to their retirement account assets, primarily focusing on those "pre-tax" retirement accounts. With the implementation of the SECURE Act, IRAs inherited by non spouse beneficiaries are now required to be fully distributed by the tenth year, eliminating the previous "stretch IRA" estate and tax planning benefit. As individuals now need to navigate this new rule while going through the estate planning process, people

have been forced to consider the potentially substantial tax liability to beneficiaries who inherit retirement accounts. Fortunately, there are some major benefits of leaving those assets to a charity. By designating a charity as a full or partial beneficiary to your retirement accounts, the charity has the ability to withdraw the assets from the accounts upon inheriting them tax free due to their tax-exempt status, a feature that is not granted to individuals. There is no limit on how much can be left to a charity as there is with Qualified Charitable Distributions. Individuals also receive an estate tax charitable deduction which results in potentially fewer federal estate taxes.



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Adoption Corner



Bonded Pair Mason & Zip Code Zip Code was found by a postal worker in the City of Syracuse and was delivered to us in a mailbag. He has a deformed rear leg that will be amputated in February. Mason came to us a couple weeks later after being found sitting in the street on a rainy day. Although they didn't come in together, they have become the best of friends since being in their foster home. These boys are both 5-6 months old. Both are affectionate, playful, and love to be petted.



Brownie is a playful 2-year-old shepherd mix who has been at HumaneCNY for an entire year. She would love a home with active adults and older kids. No cats for this girl, but other dogs are possible, pending a meet and greet. A routine of walks (she's great on leash!) and more basic training would help Brownie settle into your family.



Emma is a beautiful 6-year-old gray cat with striking white markings. Sadly, she was surrendered to us in May when her owner passed away. Because of this huge life change, Emma is quite shy and reserved. She spends lots of time in her hidey beds or perched in her cat tree. Emma is looking for a home where she can be the only pet; she would love an adopter or foster who will give her all the time she needs to adjust to her new life.

Tina is an 11-year-old tabby who would love a retirement home where she can be the only kitty. For an older girl, she is still relatively healthy and happy. Tina would do well in a home with someone who is patient and understands it might take her a little time to settle in.



Buster has been with us for well over a year and he is a staff and volunteer favorite! He is around 6 years old and would love to be your only pet. Buster's favorite things are his human friends and beef liver treats! He is a big, goofy boy who walks great on leash, is a quick learner, and loves car rides!



You might remember **Theo**. He is nearly four years old and has spent three of those years at HumaneCNY, making him our longest resident. He arrived here extremely shut down and fearful after spending most of his puppyhood in a basement. While still fearful of strangers, Theo has improved tremendously in his time here. He enjoys finding the perfect stick and adventures with the dog walkers he has befriended. He would do best in a home with strong, assertive adults who are dedicated to rescuing a special needs dog. A low traffic home with no kids or other pets is required.



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Happy Tails

Mugi was surrendered to us at 14 years old with an overactive thyroid that required daily medication. After arriving at the shelter in October, Mugi was finally adopted in January! He found a wonderful family and even has a doggy sibling. We are all so grateful Mugi has a safe, warm place to relax for the rest of his days!



Shamoo is a very shy fluffball who was found in our recycling bin in October. Our cat socializers worked hard to make him feel comfortable and safe at the shelter, but ultimately, knew he would do even better in a home. Thankfully, Shamoo finally found

a family that gave him space and time to explore at his own pace. They even have a camera monitoring his activity –you can see him pictured here enjoying the couch when no one was looking! His family reports that he continues to make great progress.



Tootsie, our longest cat resident, arrived on Christmas 2022 after her lifelong owner could no longer care for her. After nearly a year, this seven-year-old girl was happily adopted in November. She is enjoying life with her new mom as the queen of the house – just like we knew she would!

Jasper had a rough start to his young life. At around a year old, he suffered a terrible injury to his eye at the hands of humans. Despite this, Jasper remained in good spirits and was interested in every human he met. After recovering from eye removal surgery, Jasper was happily adopted. He now enjoys a home with tons of land to romp around on and two lovely parents who enjoy relaxing with him on the porch!



Princess, another longtime resident, was finally adopted after 8 months with us. She found a home complete with a wonderful dad and a hound dog brother! While we thought Princess didn't like other animals, she fell in love with her new brother, and they enjoy tons of outdoor adventures and even have a great fenced-in yard to play in!

TJ was at the shelter for over six months before he found his forever home. This energetic boy was waiting for a family who would spoil him and go on adventures with him. Good thing he now has a wonderful yard to play in and gets all the treats and toys his heart desires!



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