

Capital Pet



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A Dog Named Devlin

A little buff Chihuahua, no more than 10 pounds, was seen wandering in a neighborhood for weeks. He would reappear, but whenever Animal Control was called or someone tried to catch him, the elusive little fellow would run and disappear all over again. He was seen close to Mohawk Hudson Humane Society (MHHS) so shelter staff and volunteers were on the lookout for him, but each time he was seen, he managed to evade capture. All sorts of tricks to lure him in were tried without success.

After two weeks of dodging people, the soon-to-be-named Devlin showed up on a woman's porch. When she opened the door to her house, he just walked right in. Soon Devlin was at MHHS, where people who had seen him from a distance for a while noticed that he wasn't quite the spry little dog he had seemed before. Most noticeably, he had a slight limp. He was brought to Canterbury Animal Hospital in Delmar for X-rays, which showed he had a fractured pelvis. We'll never know exactly what happened to him – he may have been



hit by a car or sustained the injury some other way – but one thing was certain: he needed help.

Devlin was given pain medication and sent to a foster home to begin his recovery. This kind of injury can be painful and, if not attended to, may heal improperly and cause long-term problems. Dr. Bowersox, a board-certified surgeon, was called to take a look at Devlin. He said a repair was possible, and he would give us a specially discounted rate. Luckily, many donors have given to our Guardian Angel Fund, and we were able to provide Devlin with the surgery he needed.

Devlin went back to his foster home to recover after the surgery and received physical therapy rehabilitation at Fitter Critters in Lee, Massachusetts. Thanks to a skilled veterinarian, a foster parent willing to open her home and the supporters who give to our Guardian Angel Fund, Devlin is now in a loving home.





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From the Director



Executive Director Brad Shear and Bastian, his cat

The Mohawk Hudson Humane Society had a fantastic year in 2012. We started by celebrating our 125th anniversary and kept the celebration going all year long by saving more animals and expanding our essential services, like adding spay and neuter services and more offsite adoption days and growing our pet food pantry program. We did it all with the help and support of our community.

We were thrilled to win two online voting contests. The first, from Fastsigns, provided us with funds to replace the shelter's signage with our new logo and better legibility so customers can find us. We'll also be getting some new mobile signs that will help direct people to our offsite adoption events.

We were also happy to be the winner of the *Times Union's* first Capital Region Giving contest. As the winner, we received \$5,000 in cash to care for animals and \$5,000 in advertising in the *Times Union* so we can continue to get better exposure for animals in need of homes.

The year ended with a great honor. As you'll read in this issue, the Society was chosen to be the Tech Valley Nonprofit Business Council's Nonprofit Organization of the Year (1-74 employees).

We plan to continue building on this success and finding more ways to help homeless animals. Most notably, we'll soon be adding a new satellite adoption center that will be our best one yet to find more homes for orphaned pets.

All of this support for the Society and the work we do has been wonderful. We are so appreciative of the community's support for homeless animals. Winning the contests and receiving the award means more people will hear about the Humane Society and more will adopt animals. It means that when a little stray kitten named Cruzer came into the Humane Society in the middle of winter, he had somewhere warm to stay and a foster parent who was there to take him home, until he was big and strong enough to be neutered and go to his forever family.

Cruzer isn't too concerned about signs, newspaper ads or awards. He cares about healthy food, fresh water, warmth and a toy he can chase around his new home. He'll never know how important it is that he lives in a community that cares about homeless animals. He just knows that he has a safe place now. On Cruzer's behalf, I thank you.

Foster, Volunteer, Be Part of a Community

My daughter Jackie has been a volunteer since she was 14 and we have been a foster family for the past 9 months. Jackie has learned how important it is to be a volunteer and foster parent because she sees the difference she makes for the animals. She really enjoys the time she spends playing with them, helping them to become family-friendly and taking care of them. She has met numerous friends since she has been at Mohawk Hudson Humane Society, even her best friend. Learning to help the animals and the workers helps the future of the Humane Society and the good work they do.

Volunteering at the Humane Society connects us with so many caring people who share our concern for animals. They are a perfect example of people with a humane nature.

Every time there is a dog attack in the news, we get calls about how terrible these attacks are. My daughter was mauled by a dog in 2007 and has undergone five reconstructive surgeries, but that never changed her love for animals. She has turned her experience into an opportunity to help animals and help others understand how important animals are in our lives.

Some of the kids who volunteer may have some trait for which other people would judge them, but you can see how much the staff and other volunteers make them all feel so important and that what they do really matters. All the animals want is for someone to give them attention, and these kids and volunteers feel so important when they can help. I hope more people will volunteer and foster animals so they can have the same great experiences my daughter and I have had.

Since Jackie has been volunteering and fostering, she has decided to become a veterinarian and looks forward to working in a shelter one day.



Tech Valley Non-Profit Business Award

On November 16, Mohawk Hudson Humane Society was honored to be chosen as the Tech Valley Nonprofit Business Council's 2012 Nonprofit Organization of the Year (1-74 employees). The



Business Council is a joint effort of the Albany-Colonie and Schenectady Chambers of Commerce. Each year they seek out a nonprofit organization that has done exceptional work, with an emphasis on working collaboratively with other groups.

The Society's Safe Haven Program received special recognition during the ceremony, with partners from Unity House and Equinox speaking on our behalf. The Save Haven Program houses the pets of domestic violence victims while they are in the process of leaving their abusers and beginning new lives.

We are honored to receive this recognition. Thank you to our supporters who make it possible for us to help animals and serve the community.



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Saturday
June 8th
9AM - 1PM
at SIENA COLLEGE

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