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FREE-ROAMING KITTIES A Tour of Our Cat Rooms

Even no-kill shelters can be stressful places for cats waiting to be adopted. Away from family and anything they know, cage-confinement can make the shelter experience that much more traumatic for many animals. Open-plan cat areas like the one here at the HVSPCA can help to overcome this by providing space for our feline residents to roam and express their naturally inquisitive personalities.



Camera-Ready Crew

Our cat area includes two free-roaming rooms – one large and one small – as well a medical room and a “catio”! The larger of our free-roaming rooms is roughly four hundred square feet. It pro-

vides a homey environment for many of our most social residents, with oversized cat trees to climb, baskets to hide in, and loads of toys to play with! Cats who are overwhelmed by the larger room can enjoy the same features in our smaller cat room, which has the added benefit of several wide windowsills where they can stretch out and enjoy the sunshine!



The Catio

Our “catio” – a fully enclosed outdoor patio – is another great place for our residents to get fresh air and play year round. Accessed through a kitty door from the large-

er cat room, this area allows former indoor/outdoor pets to safely experience the world outside.

When a kitty doesn't feel well, he or she is temporarily moved from the free-roaming areas to our



Medical Unit

medical unit for monitoring and special care. This not only helps kitty to get better more quickly, but also maintains the health of the rest of the population.

Open cat rooms aren't just a less stressful place for cats to wait for their forever homes, they're also a great place to meet the new kitty in your life! So come by the HVSPCA! We're sure someone will snuggle up to you the minute you walk through the door!

Sponsorship – A VERY SPECIAL GIFT FROM THE HEART

You can make a difference in the life of a local dog or cat by becoming an HVSPCA Sponsor! Many of the animals who come to our door are injured or traumatized. With the help of our sponsors, we are able to give these animals the care and security that they need until their forever families come along!

Becoming a sponsor is easy! Simply visit www.HudsonValleySPCA.org and click on the DONATE/Sponsorship tab. There, you can make a monthly donation of \$25 or more to help support the animal of your choice. Your tax-deductible contribution will help provide that animal with shelter, food, and medical care.

When you become a sponsor, we will send you – along with our sincere grati-

tude! – a personalized *Certificate of Sponsorship* that includes a photo of the dog or cat you've selected.

Sponsorships also make great gifts! Lucky recipients will be sent not only a *Certificate of Sponsorship* but also a personalized message from you. The gift of love and compassion is a wonderful way to celebrate anniversaries, birthdays, graduations or any other special occasion.

Attention Businesses!

PLEASE CONSIDER A BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP?

Your business can show
how much it cares about animals
in need by sponsoring
one or more animals!



Did You Know?

- Dogs curl up while sleeping because their instinct is to keep warm and to protect vital organs while they sleep.
- When cats grimace, they are usually “taste-scenting” because they have an extra organ that, with some breathing control, allows the cats to taste-sense the air.
- Dogs have wet noses to help them absorb scent chemicals. Sniff, sniff...
- The world's largest cat measured 48.5 inches long.
- The basenji is the only breed of dog that can't bark - but they can yodel!
- The oldest cat video on YouTube dates back to 1894 (when it was made, not uploaded, of course).
- When dogs poop, they prefer to do it in alignment with the Earth's magnetic field. Grab that compass!
- The tiniest cat on record is Mr. Pebbles, a 2-year-old cat weighing 3 lbs. and standing 6.1 inches high.
- **We have adopted out more than 30 cats and 40 dogs so far this year! That's on top of the 108 cats and 244 dogs we adopted out in 2016!!!**

In Memoriam

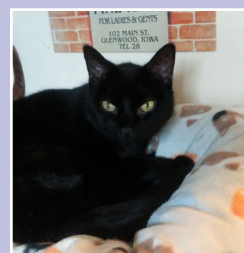
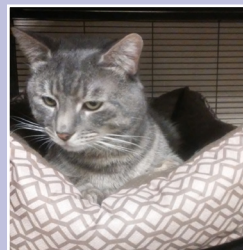
Remembering and honoring
James Durlak,
a sincere and dedicated
animal advocate.

LONG TIMERS Still waiting for their turn.



FRISKY is a 6-year-old very sweet and quiet lap cat. Her favorite thing in the world is taking naps in her basket. She also has the most beautiful green eyes!

TUFFY is 6 years old and was the only cat in his house until his owner passed away. He would love a quiet home where he could be your one and only!

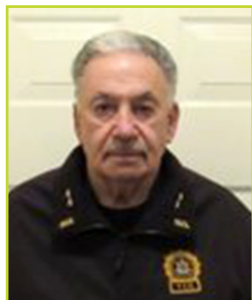


MARBLES is 8 years old, and came to the HVSPCA when his owner moved away. He is a super-lovable boy who misses having a family to call his own!



The HVSPCA Humane Law Enforcement Team

April is Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month. In recognition, we honor all of those in law enforcement who protect animals from abuse and neglect. Here in Orange County, the HVSPCA's Human Law Enforcement officers are dedicated to exactly this purpose and have already responded to nearly 200 cases year-to-date! Read below to learn more about this team from the HVSPCA's Humane Law Enforcement Chief, Gene Hecht.



What is Humane Law Enforcement?

There are 47 SPCAs in NY State, but only 16 do Humane Law Enforcement (HLE). Humane Law Enforcement SPCAs are the only departments in the state dedicated to animal abuse and neglect.

Tell us about the Hudson Valley SPCA's Humane Law Enforcement team.

Our team is made up of six investigators, including myself. All are certified Peace Officers, and each investigator has a special skill. For example, one is a prior Orange County Deputy Sheriff as well as a current New York State Certified Police Academy Instructor. He is also ex-CIA, and an ex-Green Beret. Another officer has extensive prior experience in Humane Law Enforcement at the ASPCA, Sullivan County SPCA and Suffolk County SPCA. All of the members of our law enforcement team are on call 24/7.

Beyond "the law", what have you learned from being in HLE?

Not everyone we encounter when we go on a complaint is even aware that we exist, this includes farmer as well as domestic animal owners. A large part of our job is education. We find that not all the people we encounter mean to neglect animals... it is just that they are not fully aware of how they are required to feed, license, medically care for, and house the animals.

Which case had the most profound effect on you?

It was a case in 2015 in Hamptonburgh, NY where we rescued 173 starving and sick farm animals, and we found over 20 dead animals just rotting away. We were overwhelmed by



the poor condition of the animals and could not believe how anyone could treat living things the way these had been treated!

What do you wish the public knew about Humane Law Enforcement?

We are not dog catchers, we only do animal abuse and neglect cases. We are the voice for those who cannot speak for themselves. We have zero tolerance for abuse and neglect. We try to educate first. If that fails, we will prosecute those who are guilty. All our inves-

tigators have taken advanced cruelty and neglect courses wherever and whenever given. We are certified in animals crime scenes investigation and crime scene photography, as well. I personally am certified in animal CPR.

Where do you think the laws need to change to help you do your job better?

It is very disheartening when a person is found guilty of abuse or neglect by a judge and is given their animals back. The public has to become aware of what is happening. We find dogs frozen to death, farm animals starved to death, horses that are skin and bones, calves and goats too sick to stand. This has to change!

The sentences for crimes against animals must become stiffer for people to take abuse and neglect more seriously. In most cases, we find a small fine is not a deterrent. People will start to understand neglect and abuse will not be tolerated in this state when they are made to forfeit their animals and pay stiff fines. They should have to reimburse the rescuing organization for medical bills and housing until the animal is brought back to good health. Jail sentences have to be imposed. And if a subject is found guilty of abuse or neglect, he or she should not be able to get their animals back!

Where do you think the laws need to change to help better-protect animals in general?

Humane Law Enforcement departments rely strictly on donations from the public and business to operate. They receive no state, federal, town, city or village funding. They receive zero dollars from the ASPCA. With real funding, more animals could be helped.

If you see an animal in imminent danger – in a hot, locked car, for example – call 911 immediately.

If you suspect abuse or neglect, contact HLE directly at (855) 448-2548.

File a complaint on the Humane Law Enforcement website: www.HudsonValleyHumaneLaw.com.

April 29, 7-11 p.m.

Bingo Bone-nanza!

All proceeds benefit the
Hudson Valley SPCA

Salisbury Mills Fire House, 2128 Route 94
Doors open at 7 p.m. - Bingo starts at 7:45 p.m.

\$55 per person

INCLUDES:
Ten (10)
Game Cards,
2 Drinks,
Snacks,
and Prizes!

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- And Much, Much More!

BUY TICKETS TODAY AT
www.HudsonValleySPCA.org/bingo-tix
or book your reservations by contacting Nora at
845-597-4892 or nmiceli@hudsonvalleysPCA.org

Thank You to our Wonderful Sponsors!

The Hudson Valley SPCA BINGO BONE-NANZA!

JOIN US for our Bingo Night Fundraiser

WHEN: Saturday, April 29th from 7 to 11 p.m.

WHERE: Salisbury Mills Fire House
2128 Route 94, Salisbury Mills, NY

Yes, it's that time again, and we hope you will join us for a fabulous night of fun! For only \$55 per person, you will get 10 game cards, 2 drinks, loads of snacks and a chance to win wonderful prizes, including Hopper Passes to Walt Disney World, designer pocketbooks, a KitchenAid mixer, gift certificates to great local restaurants, a Galaxy Tablet, a 2-night stay with dinner at the CT Mohegan Sun, and much, much more! And, of course, you will be helping the animals of the Hudson Valley SPCA.

You can purchase event tickets online at www.HudsonValleySPCA.org/bingo-tix. You can also purchase tickets, donate items, or get more information about this event by contacting Nora Miceli at nmiceli@HudsonValleySPCA.org or (845) 597-4892. All donations are tax deductible!

SAVE THE DATE! Fourth Annual Charity EXOTIC CAR RALLY

Hosted by Franco Porporino Jr. & HVSPCA benefactor Paul Teutul Sr.

WHEN: Sunday, June 11th at noon

WHERE: Fresco da Franco
16 Church St., Montclair, NJ

Come down and see Ferraris, Lamborghinis, Maseratis and more!!! This year's amazing event will benefit *Tomorrows Children's Cancer Fund* and the animals of the Hudson Valley SPCA!

On top of showing off some of his famous bikes, American Choppers reality T.V. star and long-time HVSPCA supporter Paul Teutul Sr. will lead the rally! Mikey Teutul will also join in the fun by hosting the Mamma Giuseppina Meatball eating contest!

Be sure to mark this exciting day on your calendar! And stay tuned to www.HudsonValleySPCA.org for more details!!!

FRESCO DA FRANCO &
ORANGE COUNTY CHOPPERS PRESENTS
4TH ANNUAL POLICE ESCORTED EXOTIC CAR RALLY

SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH, 12:00 PM
FRESCO DA FRANCO
16 CHURCH ST. MONTCLAIR, NJ

1000 Mille Miglia
AUTO CLUB

MAMMA GIUSEPPINA
MEATBALL EATING CONTEST
HOSTED BY MIKEY TEUTUL FROM OCC


Orange County Choppers



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