

New Rochelle Humane Society

From our home to yours

Fall 2015

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

John Feldtmose

We believe the New Rochelle Humane Society is the best animal shelter in Westchester.

But we're not content to sit on our laurels – we know we can improve. With that objective in mind, we convened a strategy meeting of our Board of Directors and Senior Management to brainstorm how we can do better. We focused on three key elements of our mission:

Animal Rescue – assure we take in all lost, stray, abandoned, abused and injured domesticated animals in our service area of 19 communities in southern Westchester.

Adoptions – increase our adoptions to the public, especially among those harder-to-place animals, such as older or disabled pets and less popular breeds.

Humane Education – be a resource for pet owners and the public in general on the proper care and treatment of animals; provide humane education for children.



We hope by becoming even better at these activities, we will serve both the general public and the animals we love by promoting the human/animal bond and our belief that pet ownership is a lifetime commitment.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 13th - New Rochelle Street Fair - Main Street - 11am-5pm

Come visit us at our booth at this huge event.

Sunday, September 13th - Rye Brook Dog Wash - Rye Brook Fire Station - 10am-3pm

Rye Brook Firefighters and Police Officers will hold a dog wash to benefit the NRHS. Be sure to stop by.

Sunday, September 27th - Hounds on the Sound Dog Walk and Festival - Harbor Island Park in Mamaroneck - 10am to 3pm

See page 4 for more details.

Monday, October 12th - It's Great to Live in Harrison Day - Annual Columbus Day Celebration 10am-3pm

We will have a table at this fun event. Come by and meet one of our dogs.

Saturday, October 25th - 11am-3pm - Free Rabies Vaccination/Low Cost Microchipping Clinic

Come to the New Rochelle Humane Society for rabies vaccinations and microchipping.

New Rochelle Humane Society On-Line Facebook Auction in October

We have not decided on a date yet. Check our web site (newrochellehumanesociety.org) and Facebook page for details as we get closer to the event.

Howliday Shopping at the New Rochelle Humane Society

Shop for the holidays in December. Date to be announced on website and Facebook.

Holiday Pet Portraits at the NRHS

5x7 Christmas or Chanukah themed photo taken by a professional photographer. Additional prints and holiday card options are available.

Mission Statement

The New Rochelle Humane Society is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization dedicated to promoting the human/animal bond through the compassionate care and treatment of animals throughout the communities we serve in Westchester County and beyond. To that end, our goal is to create a living environment that is not just a shelter, but a transitional home for stray, lost, abandoned, injured, and abused animals, until they can ultimately be placed in loving permanent homes.

Through promotion of successful pet adoption, animal population control, and public education of animal welfare issues, we advance our belief that pet ownership is a lifetime commitment.

Services

Adoptions
Animal Rescue
Lost and Found
Animal Welfare Education
Spay/Neuter Certificates
Dog Training
Pet Therapy

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Please visit our **Thrift Shop** at 54 Centre Avenue in New Rochelle to drop off merchandise or to search for bargains. The store hours are Tuesday-Friday 11:00 to 3:30 and Saturday from 11:00 to 4:00. There you can find clothing for women, including shoes and purses, men and children clothing, household items, jewelry and hidden treasures. Visit our web site for more information and pictures.

FROM OUR SHELTER MANAGER

Dana Rocco



Rescue, this is why I wanted to work for the New Rochelle Humane Society over 13 years ago. Rescue is at the very heart and soul of what we do every day and night. I love our commitment to the animals that need our help from the 19 communities we serve and beyond. Over the past couple of days this is what we rescued.



*A day old kitten found alone and cold in **Rye Brook**, is now with a nursing mother cat and is doing well.

* A small dog found in **New Rochelle** and happily reclaimed by the family.

* A construction worker finds a two week old kitten in **Pelham Manor**. The kitten is in foster care

* A young kitten born to a feral

cat in **New Rochelle** is now in foster care. We are working with the finder to trap the mother and have her spayed

*An injured kitten arrives from **Scarsdale** needing immediate medical help. The kitten received medical treatment and is now recovering at the shelter.

*A retired 14 year-old guide dog for the blind is lost from his home in **Eastchester**. Within hours we reunite Carter with his very thankful family.

* Max, a large mixed-breed becomes lost and is found in the **Village of Mamaroneck**. We are there to rescue and reunite him with his family in **Larchmont** the following day.

* Two kittens were rescued from behind a car wash business in **Greenburgh**. Suds and Bubbles are now ready for adoption.

* A litter of four kittens was rescued in **Pelham**. All four are currently available for adoption.

* A pair of kittens found in **Tarrytown**, also now ready for adoption.

* Splash, the labradoodle wandered from his home in **Pelham Manor**, now happily reunited with his family.

During this same few-day period we found five dogs and fifteen kittens/cats loving homes. We used our fundraising efforts to provide a free spay for a pit-bull and had fifteen feral cats spayed and vaccinated at no charge.

Our days often run into our nights, and our days and nights run into weekends and holidays. The work never ends, but I am so happy to be part of an organization with such a commitment to rescuing animals in need.

FROM THE VET

Paul Amerling, DVM

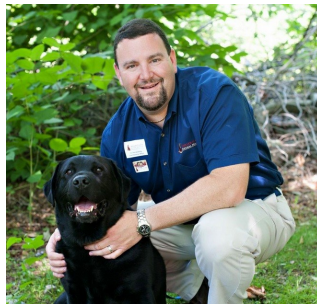
As I see my clients with their beloved pets in the throes of the worst heat wave of the year, I am constantly reminding them to be careful of the heat. We are all aware of the dangers that a car can impose on an innocent pet. The dangers of leaving a pet inside a car for even five minutes have been well documented. But every year we lose a few of our beloved friends to these unfortunate, and preventable events.

However, one risk that is commonly overlooked is the temperature of the ground outside. In the heat of the summer, under the blazing sun, the concrete can easily exceed 110 degrees. This is a threat that most people do not think about. Taking your dog for even a short walk can cause thermal burns to their feet.

The next time you want to take your dog for a walk on a hot sunny day, go outside first, in the sun, without shoes on, and see how it feels. If it's too hot for you, it's probably a wise choice to avoid it for your dog too.

And don't forget those outdoor cats too. Their foot pads are also susceptible to the hot concrete.

Please enjoy your summer, but be careful. It's a shame to lose a pet to a preventable problem.



A SPECIAL THANK-YOU



We wish to thank **Eric Albert and Claire McIntee** for assuming the annual generator maintenance costs in memory of their beloved Frankie who was adopted from the New Rochelle Humane Society in 1995. They also contributed generously to the purchase of the generator.

Frankie was a special needs dog who required surgery on both knees. Throughout his 17 ½ years he needed other medical attention which was lovingly provided by Eric and Claire as can be attested to by the fact that Frankie lived such a long life.

Eric and Claire thought a legacy in Frankie's name would benefit all current residents of the NRHS and be a nice way to memorialize Frankie in perpetuity. We think it is a wonderful idea.

DOGS – MORE THAN JUST PETS

We all know that dogs have been used to guide the blind for a very long time. German Shepherds, Golden Retrievers and Labrador Retrievers can be seen leading the blind across busy intersections and helping them in so many ways. But dogs are doing so much more now, from sniffing out explosives to helping children with autism.



Puppies Behind Bars is a program where puppies are raised as service dogs for wounded war veterans and for explosive detection for law enforcement. This program not only helps the recipients of the dogs but the prison inmates who raise and train them. The trainers learn what it means to contribute to

society rather than take from it. It brings hope and pride to the inmate trainers and independence and security to those who get these animals. It's a win-win situation.

Educated Canines Assisting with Disabilities is an organization whose mission is to enable people with disabilities gain greater independence and mobility through the use of specially educated dogs. Dogs are placed in five residential treatment facilities specializing in helping at-risk youngsters with emotional, behavioral and learning issues. It is these youngsters who train the dogs who go on to assist children with autism and veterans with physical injuries, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury. The dogs are also placed in court houses, nursing homes, hospitals and anywhere extra love and kindness are needed.



Children who train these dogs have gone on to succeed in life, many of whom would not have.

The New York Times had an article about dogs who spend one year at Auburn University in Alabama training to sniff out bombs, narcotics and other threats as part of their **Canine Performance Science Program**. These dogs are able to patrol crowded areas and smell someone who has had contact with hazardous materials, like those used in bombs. Part of their training is done by inmates at a correctional facility. Many of these people have never done anything in their lives to give them a sense of pride. Watching these dogs succeed gives that to them.

These programs and so many others are examples of how our canine companions can serve to enrich not only the lives of the trainers but the lives of the people they are able to serve. Aren't dogs truly man's best friend!

HOUNDS ON THE SOUND NEW VENUE - HARBOR ISLAND PARK, MAMARONECK



It's hard to believe that six years have passed since the New Rochelle Humane Society and Pet Rescue started co-sponsoring the Hounds on the Sound Dog Wash/Festival. For the first time, this event will be held at Harbor Island Park in Mamaroneck. It will be bigger and even better than ever.

We will still be surrounded by water where you and your dog will take a one mile walk. Before and after the walk you will be able to shop at our many vendors, have lunch at one of our food carts, listen to music from our DJ, have your children participate at our Children's Corner for games, crafts, face painting and candy cotton. You will even be able to have your dog participate in an agility event called "My Dog Can Do That" which will be presented by the Port Chester Obedience Training Club, and have a souvenir photo taken of your pet and family with the beautiful Long Island Sound as the background. There will be kittens, cats, puppies and dogs available for adoption.

In order to make this event a huge success we need you to help by signing up to walk and if possible asking relatives, co-workers and friends to sponsor your walk. To do this please go to the event web site **houndsonthesound.org** where you can register and set up you own web page with your own message to email to anyone you think may wish participate in your fund raising effort. The money raised will be shared by our two organizations with a portion going to the Mount Vernon Shelter so all of us can continue to provide our animals with the best possible care.



Bam Bam Arrives

HAPPY TAILS

Bam Bam, a five month old shepherd mix, was found wandering through the street of Scarsdale on July 7th. He was extremely thin, had very long nails and was wet and sticky. He also appeared to have urine burns all over his body. A bath and grooming, a good diet, medication and lots of love changed this dog into a happy playful animal who found his forever home in less than three weeks. Bam Bam, now Boomer, is bringing great joy to his new family.

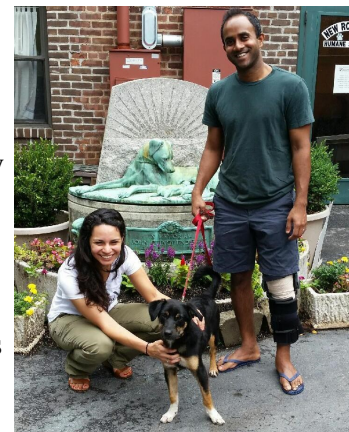


Bam Bam/Boomer Adopted



Mugsy Arrives

Mugsy, an adorable eight-month-old shepherd mix, came to the New Rochelle Humane Society's shelter by way of Atlanta, Georgia. When Mugsy arrived at the shelter in Georgia the staff discovered he had a broken jaw. His owner was located but did not return phone calls, so the shelter brought him to an animal clinic where he had orthopedic surgery. From the look of his jaw it was determined that he probably had been kicked. Mugsy came to our shelter on May 30th where he was kept on a special diet of only soft food. He made a wonderful recovery and was adopted on July 18th.



Mugsy Adopted

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FOSTERING KITTENS



Kitten season begins as soon as the weather gets warm, usually around May. At that time cats who live outside start having their kittens. We trap them, and if they are without a mother, we find foster homes for them where they can be cared for and socialized until they are eight weeks old and ready for adoption. Here are two articles from foster moms who express their great joy in being part of this program.

We hope these articles will encourage more people to volunteer to bring kittens into their homes and send them on their way to forever homes where they and their owners will share many happy years together.

"My family has been fostering kittens and cats for the New Rochelle Humane Society for 4 years. We have fostered everything from mama cats with newborn kittens, young kittens that just need a little more time



Jiffy Pop—Lynx Point Siamese Mix

before being available for adoption, adult cats recovering post-surgery or post-trauma, and our "specialty"-feral kittens that are very scared and difficult to handle. These kittens have had little to

no contact with people, and need to learn to trust us and adjust to life inside a home.

There is nothing more rewarding than taking a kitten who hisses, growls, and swats, and within a few weeks, watch it become sweet, affectionate, comfortable, and ready to be adopted to its own forever family. It truly is life changing, both for the kittens and for my family! We just love watching them blossom.

Fostering has been such a wonderful experience - we love our "babies" while they are in our care, and we are always looking forward to our next foster!" Sara

HAPPY TAIL

"We adopted Seamus from you exactly one year ago today, and it has been the best year ever!"

We wanted to show you how happy he is, literally jumping for joy! We cannot thank you

enough for putting him in our lives."



GALA NEWS

Our next Gala will be in the Spring of 2016. Please be on the lookout for information and details early next year.



"After a long, cold and dark winter, spring arrives and my anticipation starts to grow thinking about hearing the pitter patter of little kitten feet running across my floors again.

Some kittens that I take into my home for fostering may be frightened and I enjoy instilling in them trust and caring. The sick or injured ones I love to nurse back to health

and those too young for adoption I love to hold and cuddle.

Sometimes I get to name the little ones using silly, cute or serious names. It's ALMOST like naming a child! And it's another fun part of fostering.

These are a few of the reasons I love to foster.... it makes my heart feel good. I am preparing little kittens for their forever homes." Karen

2016 HAPPY TAILS CALENDAR



Please watch for our 2016 calendar. Our first two calendars featured Firefighters and then Police Officers posing with our dogs and cats.

Now we are proud to

present Adopters who want to share their happy stories with you. Each month features one of our special rescues, now very much a part of their own family.

Watch for it at the beginning of September. You will see it on our web site and on our Facebook page. You will be able to order the calendars or pick them up at the shelter. We will even mail them to you if you cannot come in person.

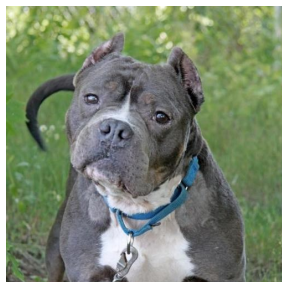
A big thank you goes to **Geoffrey Tischman of Tischman Pet Photography** for taking all the pictures for this calendar. He can be reached at **tischmanpets.com**.

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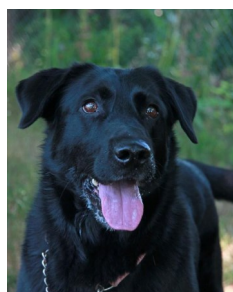
**Great Face
Loves Laps**

Mollie



**Frisbee and
Agility Champ**

Emma



**Black Lab
Beauty**

Bo



**Heart As Big
As Head**

Buddah



**Chubby
Charmer**

Alma



**Senior
Sweetheart**

Glen



**Mayor of
Cat Room**

Winnie



**Lovely
Little Lady**