



Capital District Humane Association

"For the Love of Animals"



NINJA

Fall 2017 NEWSLETTER

DOG ADOPTION CLINICS

Latham Petsmart

10 am to 1 pm

first & second Saturdays each month

Clifton Park Petsmart

10 am to 1 pm

fourth Saturday each month

Visit our website at cdha.net for a listing of all animals available for adoption.

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When no one wants you

To make a good impression, dogs can't drive status vehicles or wear Prada. They're reliant on such superficial aspects as cuteness. An added bonus is usually being a pocket sized, non-barker who is perfectly well behaved and could live on a shelf at Toys 'R Us, along with all the other stuffed animals.

When asked what qualities they are looking for in a dog, potential adopters will often respond that they want a cuddly, affectionate dog who is a non-barker, completely housebroken, and obedience trained. I'm always tempted to send such people to a toy store. Stuffed animals may not be able to return affection, but they also don't present any challenges either.

More often than what we'd like, we take dogs into our adoption program who are wonderful but no one seems to want. Ninja, who has been with CDHA for over a year now, is just such a dog. Although not pocket size or a designer mixed breed, he is a handsome mixed breed of unknown lineage who is just about the perfect size (approximately 35 lbs). He's completely housebroken and crate trained and thrives on human attention. He even knows how to do tricks to amuse people. Ninja's only negative is that he is not good with other dogs, although his foster mom has trained him to get along with all her other fosters.

Despite all his good qualities, Ninja is overlooked at all our adoption clinics. It's really pathetic to see him go through his entire trick routine, only to have potential adopters turn their backs on him and walk away.

Oh, we've had a couple of people who wanted to adopt Ninja, but they weren't good homes so we declined the applicants. He's too good of a dog to recklessly place in a home where he wouldn't have the best care and succeed. No matter how long we've had a dog in our program, we wouldn't jeopardize their wellbeing for the sake of seeing an animal leave us. So, what do you do?

We've placed special ads, he's been featured on tv, and he attends all our adoption clinics. Still we wait, knowing that someday Ninja's adopter will come along and he will have his forever home. To meet Ninja or any of the other dogs who need homes, stop by one of our adoption clinics.



SEFA number 50-00070

Dear State workers,

Please choose the Capital District Human Association (CDHA) when choosing an organization to support during this year's SEFA campaign. CDHA is the oldest and one of the most highly respected rescue groups in the Capital District. SEFA is our only major source of funding, and we rely on your support to continue our rescue efforts. 100 percent of your donations are spent on the animals under our care. Any donation you make can help!

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

CDHA needs your donations

- Clean, used towels, sheets, blankets, quilts
- Wire dog crates
- Postage stamps
- Leashes and collars
- Dry and canned dog and cat food
- Dog treats
- Dog beds
- Financial support

If you have any items you'd like to donate please call Jennifer at 518-664-3450.

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING!

CDHA welcomes anyone interested in volunteering their time with adoption clinics or fund-raisers. Please contact us if you are interested or can help in any way.



THE FUNDS FOR ALL OUR WORK COME EXCLUSIVELY FROM DONATIONS

Your compassion and generosity keep us going. Please donate what you can. The lives of helpless animals are at stake.

We need foster homes

“How many hurricane dogs are we taking in?” some of our volunteers have innocently asked. My response: “If we had more foster homes we could help more dogs. Are you willing to foster?” Getting dedicated foster care providers is as difficult as getting a date with Elvis.

At clinics we sometimes meet people who offer to foster. Translation: they want to try out a dog. If the dog is perfect, they would then want to keep it at no charge because that’s what some groups let people do. Some shelters call it “foster to adopt.”

Fostering involves taking in dogs and working with them. This invariably means housebreaking, socializing and whatever else may need addressing. If there are health or medical issues (recovering from malnutrition, skin issues, etc.), this could mean giving the animal care under a veterinarian’s supervision. It’s not uncommon for us to take in dogs who are underweight due to having been worm infested. Fostering is not always easy, but the reward of having been involved with a needy dog and seeing its transformation is beyond words. Agnes, a starving Lab who CDHA was able to save in 2016 due to the incredible dedication and knowledge of her foster mom Marie, is one example of a happy ending. Her adopters stopped by one of our adoption clinics to proudly show us her picture. Agnes, who was basically a hairless skeleton when we took her in, is now full bodied with a beautiful coat of hair. Her adopters adore Agnes.

You could make a difference. Fostering helps so much. It’s all about saving lives. Please let us know if you can help by emailing or calling CDHA. Thank you.

The story of Jenny

As a rescue group, we don’t own a shelter or have a paid staff, but we often take in animals that a shelter wouldn’t consider helping—those with special needs of different types. When animals have physical needs they can’t address, rescues are often the only answer. “Jenny,” a Poodle mix puppy who couldn’t walk due to the need for leg surgery, is one example of the many special needs dogs we’ve helped this past year.

Jenny could only hobble, and she needed surgery to rectify the problem so she could live a normal life. CDHA rescued Jenny from the shelter and paid for her surgery. After weeks of medical treatment and rehabilitation, Jenny came to CDHA and was placed in the home of the family who was waiting to adopt her. Financially we can’t always intercede as we did for Jenny, but we’re so grateful when we can.

JENNY



About CDHA

We save pets' lives. We do everything we can to save animals from destruction:

We try to find homes for unwanted, needy animals before they reach an animal shelter where they could be destroyed due to the shelter's overcrowding.

We take in handicapped animals who would not be adopted without our "special" help.

We ask that if you cannot keep your pet, you please consider us instead. Unlike most animal shelters, we will not destroy an animal unless it is deemed absolutely necessary by one of our veterinarians. The decision to terminate an animal's life is reached only in cases of irreversible physical or behavioral disorders.

Capital District Humane Association (CDHA) rescues many dogs and cats from animal shelters, where they are subject to euthanasia if they're not adopted. As a no-kill organization, CDHA spends whatever time it takes to find the right home for each animal. Whenever we find that "ideal" match we celebrate the hours of phone calls, adoption clinics, home visits and whatever else has gone into making that adoption a successful one. The letters and photos from happy adopters are one of our rewards.

They're a dime a dozen

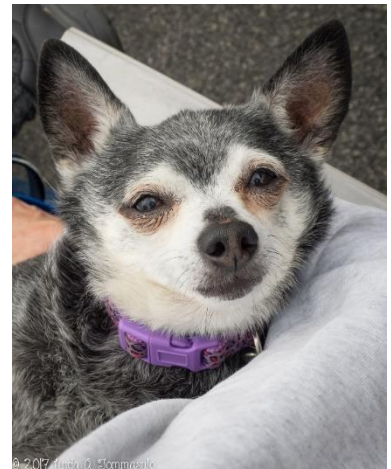
Baby Bear is a twelve-year old, female Chihuahua mix. Someone recently said to us that Chihuahua mixes and Chihuahuas are a "dime a dozen." Yes, we see a lot of them needing homes (just like Pitbulls and Pit mixes), but as many as we rescue, we quite easily place them. Baby Bear has been no exception. She came from a home where there were 10 other dogs. Her mistress, knowing she had too many animals, asked if we would take her dogs. We took all 10.

The younger dogs got adopted first, but Baby Bear got offers too, despite her age. First, she went to a home that seemed ideal but was returned because their other dog didn't accept her.

The second time, Baby Bear was placed in a home where she reacted negatively to the family's daughter. Baby Bear is such a little doll that her foster mom said she didn't care if she ever left, so we weren't worried about placing her. We knew her perfect home would come along. Sure enough, it did. At a recent clinic we saw a dog who could have been Baby Bear's twin they looked so much alike. They were identical, even having the same crook in their tail.

It seemed like the perfect match, so Baby Bear got her third chance for a home of her own. People may think Chihuahua types are a dime a dozen, but we and the Baby Bears of the world know their worth.

BABY BEAR



Four we fought to save

We'd save them all if we could. The reality is that we do what we can as a rescue whose animals are in foster homes. No, we don't have a large animal shelter with a paid staff. Volunteers come and go, and what we can do to help is reliant on those who are willing and able to assist. Due to the generosity of our supporters and the God-sent help of some wonderful volunteers, CDHA is able to help hundreds of animals yearly.

Locally, we take in the dogs we're in the position to help. Meanwhile, we receive urgent postings from animal shelters on the internet seeking help from rescue groups like ours who might be able to take hardship cases. Such was the case when the plea went out from an animal shelter to save four senior dogs whose previous owner had to surrender them due to personal health issues.

Amber, Cleo, Ebony and Skipper were four terrier mixes with pathetic faces and a sure death notice. Despite the fact that they were senior dogs and one was heartworm positive, I felt compelled to save them. The dilemma was how? They were at an out-of-state shelter with whom we hadn't worked before. We would also need someone to get the dogs. Four days of phone calls later we succeeded in freeing this hapless group. Free! Free from an untimely fate. Amber, Ebony, and Skipper arrived first. Cleo arrived a few weeks later after she was treated for heartworm.

While Skipper, Amber, and Cleo adjusted quickly, Ebony was terrified for weeks and took a bit longer to adjust. It was a wonderful save. Although these four couldn't tell us, one look at their smiles and wagging tails spoke volumes. For every animal we rescue, it's always worth all of the effort it takes.



SKIPPER



EBONY



AMBER



CLEO

Donations for Feral Cats

Did you know that CDHA feeds and cares for a large colony of feral cats? Without our help these animals couldn't survive. Please help us help them by donating canned and dry cat food. Please call Jennifer at 518-664-3450 or stop by any of our adoption clinics with donations.



Why Support the Capital District Humane Association?

- One of the oldest, most highly respected animal rescue groups in the Capital District.
- Since 1988, CDHA has been rescuing unwanted, stray, abused/neglected and otherwise needy animals throughout the Capital District and beyond.
- CDHA has set a standard for excellence and has been honored by NYS Humane Association and others for its work.
- CDHA is approved by the ASPCA
- We are unique. CDHA rescues not only dogs and cats but farm animals as well—horses, pigs, etc.
- CDHA is also the only volunteer animal rescue group in the area that does cruelty investigations.
- We are an all-volunteer, no-kill group. Your donations are NOT paying salaries of a paid staff.
- Our **28 years of dedicated service** have led to thousands of animals' lives having been saved.
- Not all rescue groups are the same. CDHA offers assistance when no one else is willing to do so.
- CDHA is a true rescue group, taking in the old and medically challenged as well as those that are more highly adoptable.



**THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE MANY
PRECIOUS DOGS YOUR SUPPORT HAS
HELPED TO SAVE IN 2016**

Thank you!!!

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