



Capital District Humane Association

"For the Love of Animals"

Fall 2018 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.

**CDHA, PO BOX 11330
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The Tragic Loss of our Dear Friend, Lynn Bammann

Tragically, on August 12, 2018, we lost our dear friend and dedicated volunteer, Lynn Bammann. Since Lynn started volunteering after she and her husband adopted a dog from CDHA in 2016, she never missed an adoption clinic. She was always one of the first people to arrive, with her folding chair slung over her shoulder. On August 12, she left her last adoption clinic at 12:50, having volunteered all morning, and was killed by a drunk driver on her way home. The last day of her life had been spent doing something positive to help others – in this case, helping homeless dogs find homes. We will never forget Lynn and will truly miss her.



The
CAPITAL DISTRICT
Humane Association

Remembers our friend,
and tireless volunteer,
Lynn Bammann
August, 2018





SEFA number 50-00070

Dear State workers,

We ask that you support the Capital District Human Association (CDHA) when choosing an organization for this year's SEFA campaign. CDHA is the only all-volunteer, all-animal rescue in the Capital District and has saved the lives of countless animals of all kinds – horses, cows, pigs, chickens, dogs and cats since 1987. 100 percent of your donations are spent on the animals under our care. Any donation you make can help!

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

We're Proud You've Returned

It's always such a pleasure when CDHA adopters visit one of our adoption clinics with the dog(s) they adopted from us. When previous adopters from CDHA return to once again adopt, which happens quite frequently, we're overjoyed. Having been previously approved by us, it's an easy adoption because the home visit, etc., doesn't have to be redone. Unless there is some reason that the animal has to be held back a week, the dog is able to go home from the clinic. We don't have to worry about the unknown. Previous adopters are like old friends, of sorts.

If you've adopted from CDHA, please stop by one of our clinics to say hello. We LOVE pictures and updates.

If you're looking to adopt again, please visit us at one of our adoption clinics. Check our website at CDHA.net to see our calendar of events. You can email us at info@cdha.net or call Jennifer (518-664-3450) or Diane (518-899-0187) with any questions.

What is a Dog?

The best friend you will ever have.

A loyal, loving companion that cares for you more than himself.

A special creature whose time in your heart will far outnumber its days on earth.

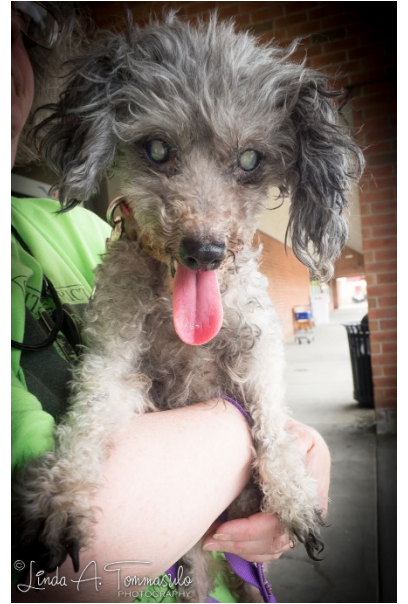
Perfect in our Eyes

When CDHA was founded in 1987, it was the intent to rescue those animals that would not stand the chance of being adopted at an animal shelter—the elderly, physically challenged and otherwise needy who would be overlooked by the public and automatically destroyed by the shelter because they would be considered unadoptable. Our first rescue was a three-legged Golden Retriever named Sandy. He was followed by “Tri Pod,” a three-legged, one-eyed puppy born with a birth defect. Countless others have followed. Just recently we offered to take in a very senior, blind and deaf, Toy Poodle mix we named “Ashley.”

It was almost painful to watch this poor little soul as she wobbled around. Ashley had been so matted before we got her that she was shaved to the skin, thus exposing her almost skeleton-like body. Pretty she wasn’t.

Two others who joined us this past year were Harriet, a little mixed breed with a hind leg she was unable to use because of an untreated injury, and Chica, a Miniature Pinscher who had a front leg that needed to be amputated because it was being held up and tucked under her body. We’re sure that many more such animals will join us this year because that’s what we do. They may not look like perfect specimens, but in our eyes, they are beautiful!

ASHLEY



HARRIET



CHICA



People Don't Know Who We Are or How We Operate

At countless adoption clinics and other activities and as we answer phone calls, most people don't know who we are—and certainly don't know how we operate. We are commonly mistaken for being an animal shelter. People will say that they want to visit our facility, and they will say they financially support... My response is to say that we are not who they think. Capital District Humane Association is an all-volunteer, no-kill animal rescue. All of our dogs are housed in foster homes, and we do not operate a facility where animals can be viewed. We also operate strictly on public donations. We do not have a paid staff who can solicit major publicity to encourage financial support. This response usually leads to a bewildered look or dead silence.

So, how does a group like CDHA financially continue operating? If thoughtful benefactors hadn't remembered us in their wills, we would have been out of business long ago.

Please remember Capital District Humane Association in your will.

You might not have time to volunteer with us, but please help support us financially. The smallest amount can help. If you love the dog or cat you adopted from us or love all animals, please know that we can't help others without your support.

Donations can be sent to:

Capital District Humane Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 11330
Loudonville, NY 12211

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Housebroken?

One of the first questions potential adopters ask is if a dog is housebroken. We reply that the dog may appear to be so in its foster home, but we can't guarantee that it will be in its new home. We try to advise potential adopters regarding what to do when bringing a new pet home, but our advice is not always heeded. In some instances, we will get calls from frustrated adopters who want to return their new dog.

One of our newer foster care providers even suggested that we only take housebroken dogs into our adoption program! That leads to the issue of people expecting to get perfectly trained, well-behaved animals that require no work on their part. When animals don't fill that expectation, they're often surrendered. We try to make sure that potential adopters will be dedicated in the training and education of their new pet. If a potential adopter has had a dog in the past, we can look at their history with a previous pet. People who have never had a pet before can give us reason for concern.

The Real Faces of Rescued Dogs

There are always those at shelters who no one will adopt. Gumby (once known as “Gumball”) was in this category. His story was posted on the internet for rescue groups to see because he would have no hope otherwise. According to the animal shelter, Gumball had been found as a stray, badly matted and caught in a brier bush. Gumball had a miserable temperament and would charge and try to bite. The saving grace was that he had no teeth so could do no physical harm, but it’s still a natural instinct to recoil in self-defense. Another saving grace was that he was a cute, Toy Poodle, although aged and mostly blind.

Gumball would have been just another shelter statistic if someone didn’t offer to help. I didn’t want to take the chance someone else would step up, so we said that CDHA would take him. He appeared to have had a terrible past life, so perhaps now he could experience love and good care. Unlike an old-fashioned Hollywood tearjerker, there was no major transformation once Gumball was released from his near-death experience at the shelter. He still charged at his caretakers and tried to bite the hands of those who fed him. Charming he wasn’t. Comically, his handler soon outfitted him with a harness that she could use to safely lift him when he didn’t want to walk where she wanted. All the time, of course, he’d be grumbling.

Thank God for the very special people in this world who are willing to take on a challenge. Arlene, who had previously adopted from CDHA, stepped up to give Gumball a home. We’re sure it wasn’t easy, but she prevailed and today Gumby is thriving.

This pint-sized curmudgeon isn’t fessing up to thank anyone, but we know that he secretly appreciates the new life with which he’s been blessed!

GUMBY



I am a Dog

I am a dog. I am a living, breathing animal. I feel pain, joy, love, fear and pleasure.

I am not a thing. If I am hit - I will bruise, I will bleed, I will break. I will feel pain. I am not a thing.

I am a dog. I enjoy playtime, walk time, but more than anything, I enjoy time with my pack - my family - my people. I want nothing more than to be by the side of my human. I want to sleep where you sleep and walk where you walk. I am a dog and I feel love...I crave companionship.

I enjoy the touch of a kind hand and the softness of a good bed. I want to be inside of the home with my family, not stuck on the end of a chain or alone in a kennel or fenced yard for hours on end. I was born to be a companion, not to live a life of solitude.

I get too cold and I get too hot. I experience hunger and thirst. I am a living creature, not a thing.

When you leave, I want to go with you. If I stay behind, I will eagerly await your return. I long for the sound of your voice. I will do most anything to please you. I live to be your treasured companion.

I am a dog. My actions are not dictated by money, greed, or hatred. I do not know prejudice. I live in the moment and am ruled by love and loyalty.

Do not mistake me for a mindless object. I can feel and I can think. I can experience more than physical pain, I can feel fear and joy. I can feel love and confusion. I have emotions. I understand perhaps more than you do. I am able to comprehend the words you speak to me, but you are not always able to understand me.

I am a dog. I am not able to care for myself without your help. If you choose to tie me up and refuse to feed me, I will starve. If you abandon me on a rural road, I will experience fear and loneliness. I will search for you and wonder why I have been left behind. I am not a piece of property to be dumped and forgotten. If you choose to leave me at a shelter, I will be frightened and bewildered. I will watch for your return with every footfall that approaches my kennel run.

I am a dog - a living, breathing creature. If you choose to take me home, please provide me with the things that I need to keep me healthy and happy. Provide me with good food, clean water, warm shelter and your love. Do not abandon me. Do not kick me. Do not dump me when your life gets too busy. Make a commitment to me for the entirety of my life, or do not take me home in the first place. If you desert me, I do not have the means to care for myself. I am at the mercy of the kindness of people - if I fall into the wrong hands, my life will be ruined.



Ninja Still Needs a Home

Ninja, who was featured in our last newsletter in the fall of 2017, is still waiting to be adopted, giving him the distinction of being CDHA's longest-waiting dog needing a home. Soon Ninja will have been with us for three years. In the world of Thoroughbred horse racing, the infamous Zippy Chippy went winless in over 100 races. So, Ninja, you're becoming the Zippy Chippy of homeless dogs. We love him, but we aren't a sanctuary and must place our rescues to make room for others in need.

He is a nine-year-old, neutered male Rat Terrier mix, who weighs approximately 40 lbs. Ninja is crate trained, housebroken and well behaved. He even does tricks to entertain humans.

He would do best as an only pet, but he would be good with a dog bigger than he is.

He would not do well living in an apartment or mobile home.

Ninja would be an ideal companion, especially for an older adult looking for a faithful friend. Ninja likes sitting on the sofa with his human and enjoys car rides.

Please call Jennifer at 518-664-3450 with any inquiries.

NINJA



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CDHA Always Needs Your Help

- Donations of clean, used bedding (towels, sheets, blankets, quilts)
- Volunteers to work our adoption clinics
- Foster homes
- Financial support
- Wire dog crates
- Postage stamps
- Leashes and collars
- Dry and canned dog and cat food
- Dog beds

CDHA appreciates any help you can provide.

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