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A heart in the right place

Known to many as the “little shelter with a BIG Heart”, our heart has always been in the right place, but the old name and logo really didn’t reflect who we are. To keep pace with the staff, volunteers and board members, it was time to breathe new life into this little shelter’s name. The Humane Society of Central Delaware County (HSCDC) was a mouthful, cumbersome and didn’t truly reflect the scope of coverage and service our shelter offers. We provide services to over 90% of Delaware County in the Catskills, including towns in three other counties. We want people to realize that we’re here for cats and dogs in our Catskills’ *region* that need our help, not just those closest to Delhi.

With that in mind, the shelter has pumped up our name, putting *heart* in the right place: “Heart of the Catskills Humane Society.” In addition to the new name, we’ve unveiled a new logo and website. All three reflect the shelter’s new direction, such as the new “user friendly” front office, intake entrance and the cattery. Now the name, logo and website are more user friendly, too, and will make it easier for people to identify and contact us.

The logo, a combination of dog and cat, hearts and mountains, was fashioned by volunteer graphic designer Maura Callahan of New York City and board member Jennifer Truitt of New Kingston. The shelter’s staff played an integral part in the name selection and logo creation. Based on the initial drawings of staff members Beth Utter and Eileen Hanavan, Maura and Jennifer were able to capture an image that reflects the essence of Heart of the Catskills.

The website, www.heartofthecatskills.org, was also revamped by Board members Mark Quigley and Bruce Ledbetter. Streamlined, effective and user-friendly, the new URL and website offer easier access to viewing our adoptable dogs and cats with a link to www.petfinder.com. Site visitors can view adoption policies and download an application. They can browse through all the wonderful tributes in memory of beloved pets, on Rainbow Bridge, which is sure to warm the visitor’s heart. Please keep watching for more updates to our site.



holiday for the heart!
 saturday, december 3rd



spotlight on our staff

In September 2003, at our first annual Woofs n' Wags Dog Walk & Fair, **Laura Wright** volunteered her time to help out in our Paws Café. Since it was the first time Laura appeared on the "shelter scene." Everyone was asking "Who is that woman? She's so incredibly nice and fun to work with!" Little did they know that Laura was just hired to begin work the following week at the Humane Society as an animal caretaker.

Laura is one of our wonderful resident "cat lady" staff members – paying extra special attention to all our felines and making sure they stay comfy during their stay here with soft blankets, toys and lots of love! She has an unbelievable gift for fostering orphaned newborn kittens by bottle-feeding them until they're healthy, pudgy and ready for adoption. Laura has a sweet spot in her heart for dogs too, and if she could adopt more than just one, she would have her entire house full!

Laura graduated with honors from Elmira College with a BA in English. She is imaginative, artistic and enjoys writing, singing, dancing and creating beautiful artwork... talents that we take advantage of each year as she dazzles and brightens the photo display board for our feline furr-tography contest. Laura brings care and kindness to our animals each day... and we appreciate her tremendously for it!



LAURA WITH HER ADOPTED DOG, MARIA,
AND SHELTER KITTEN, BISQUICK



EXTRAORDINARY VOLUNTEERS

It is amazing how animals have a knack of bringing the right people together, in life and in death. If it were not for Charlie, a beautiful tuxedo cat, **Jean Henderson and Santo Cambareri** may have never found the Heart of the Catskills.

Beautiful Charlie, a rescued cat, passed away after living a long and wonderful life with Jean and Santo. Grief stricken and faced with what to do with all the possessions that belonged to Charlie, they decided to donate them to the shelter. And that was the beginning of just one of the many gifts Jean and Santo have given to support the homeless animals and staff.

If you have ever visited our booth at an event, you've spoke with Jean. She would not have let you pass by without letting you know about the hard work HCHS does and how important it is to support us by donating and most importantly, by adopting! Jean and Santo have done both.

If you have ever bought a wonderful "Kitty Krinkle" bag, a quilted fleece mat, or table placemats, then you have purchased an item crafted with much love by Jean and Santo. They spend the summer sewing to make these items to benefit our shelter felines.

HUGE cat lovers, they helped to raise the funds for our cat gazebo, our new cattery and this year, our outside cat run. Had they not donated all the cat cage units in our isolation room in Charlie's memory, we would still be using guinea pig and rabbit cages. But the greatest gift they gave was a home for Oliver, another homeless tuxedo cat who was living at the shelter.

As seasonal residents, Jean and Santo continue their support when they leave the Catskills for NYC by sponsoring adoption ads, finding homes for cats and calling to check in and make sure everything is going smoothly for us. And Santo, an incredible artist, donated one of his beautiful still life watercolors to our Spring Dance and Auction last year.

Yes, animals can make magic happen..... Thanks Charlie, for sending your angels to us and to Oliver.



SANTO AND JEAN WITH OLIVER

Happy Tails



Here are just a few of the wonderful tales about pets who, because of your support, have now found their forever homes.

Barney

We just love Barney and we are so grateful that we found him at the shelter! It was a privilege to adopt him and bring him into our family!

~ Paula Christman



Buddy



Thought you might like to see Buddy in his new home. He's really very happy here. As you can see, he has his own new bed. But as soon as I leave the room, he's right on Richard's recliner or if Rich is sitting in it, he's on the couch. We love him & thanks for allowing us to bring him home with us. He'll have a wonderful life here.

~Barbara Doyle



Pollyanna

Pollyanna is a joy and became an instant family member. She's affectionate and she and Kodak [another canine shelter alumni] have brought immense happiness to our home.

~Jayne Anne Harris



Honey

Honey is fully adjusted to living with me and is such a sweetie pie, and I love her very much! She continues to be loving and

friendly and I love spoiling her... I've made a plush and cozy sleeping area on the chair and she makes regular use of it as you can see in this picture!

~Karen Drewitz



Pongo



Pongo (now Parker) is such a darling! He really loves it here: I have 5-6 acres of partly wooded area, with tall grasses and bushes to explore, lots of squirrels and chipmunks and blue jays and rabbits and so on. In short, lots of fun for a dog allowed to explore all he wants. He does not like that I go to work (he thinks I should stay home and pamper him!) and he assured me that he would NEVER run away! I took him to a friend to get a bath and manicure, and he actually LIKED IT!!

~Viviane Hickins

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THEY'RE AT IT AGAIN!

Representing the plight of all the homeless animals, doggie activists and their friends marched on Delhi's American Legion Field on Saturday, September 17th for the 3rd Annual Woofs N' Wags Dog Walk and Fair. And what a march it was!!

Woofs N' Wags is one of HCHS's four major fundraisers. A huge portion of our operating funds are grassroots-generated, so this event is really a pinnacle charity event to meeting our operation budget. The event also helps raise awareness of responsible pet ownership, humane education and spay/neuter options. There was something for everyone during the day, including food, vendors, demonstrations and a quilt raffle. We are happy to report that the 'Paws Café' and 'Dog-gone Good' bakery sold completely out of food and baked goods this year!

The top individual fundraiser, Deanna Scala, of New Jersey, single-handedly pulled in over \$2,100 in pledges. This was the second year Deanna won 1st prize. Board members, Joanne Callahan raised over \$825 and Mark Quigley \$480, but both declined to be in the running for a prize. Second Prize and the group trophy this year went to the sisters of Xi Rho Delta, for raising \$456. 3rd Prize winner was Don Mead and Vicki Jorgensen for raising \$235.

This year's honorary guests included 15 shelter dogs. As of this printing, four were adopted and sent home including Matrika, Murphy, Shane and Sasha. No doubt a few of these dogs found their forever home because of their fanciful performances during the Shelter Dog Show. Bronco Bill, the astutely stout 10-year-old beagle, took top honors as "Chunky Monkey." Buddy stole the show by being the most vocal of the group. All 15 dogs and their handlers received 1st prize ribbons because they are all winners in our book! This event is really all about them - our area's homeless dogs and cats.



MATRIKA HAD FUN!

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The doggie obstacle course attracted lots of wannabe agility masters and their dogs. Kelton "Spike" Compton with shelter alumni Buddy won the beginner bracket; Sherry Hull with Micah won the intermediate division.

Several proud cat owners entered photos of their favorite felines in the Furr-tography Contest. This year's winners included Robin Alger and her cat "Phil" for "Cat-titude", Eileen Hanavan and her cat "Munch Man" for "Most Expressive Tail", Sherril Berry-Wysong and her cat "Turnip" for Best Cathlete and Martha Vink and her cat "Moonshadow" in the "Golden Oldie Cat-egory."

The day was filled with great opportunities for pet owners, animal lovers, families, adults and kids. At the opening ceremony Pastor Martha Vink began the day with a Blessing of the Animals. The Walk followed, with over 75 dogs leading nearly 200 guardians and friends around a short river walk and across the athletic field.

Four demonstrations filled the day. Dog handler Joanne Callahan and Bill Berloni, of **Theatrical Animals Inc.** who adopted two alumni -- Sydney and Patches -- for parts in the Broadway play, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, gave pet owners ideas on how to exercise with their pets. Dr. Karen Garelick, of **Doc's K9 Agility & Obedience - Kingston** took charge of the obstacle course and showed people the basics of dog obedience and agility. These same principles came into play during the **DEP** Police dog skill demonstration with **Officer Doug Disciullo** with Argus and **Officer Kelly Kilpatrick** with Brix.

The day ended with the crowning of the King and Queen of The Dog Walk: Lacey and Calvin. Both dogs were shelter alumni and sported handmade, red velvet capes and tiaras as they walked the runway.

We would like to thank all of our sponsors and volunteers, especially the SUNY Delhi students for helping set up and keeping the show rolling. The most obvious volunteer is the person who shows up at the Dog Walk with a pledge form filled with names and an envelope full of donations. However, so much more goes into putting this event on. We could never do it without their help, or that of the Dog Walk committee members this year: Chairperson Jackie Purdy, Joanne Callahan, Tara Collins, Deb Crute, Barb Kaplan, Ann Lukin, Laura O'Connor, Ann Rayment and Jennifer Truitt.



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SUNY DELHI VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS PRESENT A CHECK FOR \$800 TO THE SHELTER TOWARDS OUR DISHWASHER FUND. THE STUDENTS RAISED THIS MONEY THROUGH BOTTLE DRIVES, BAKE SALES, AND OTHER CREATIVE FUND DRIVES.

watch out energizer bunny!!

What a great way to raise funds for a cause that is close to your heart, working with friends, neighbors, relatives and clients and having a good time doing it. HCHS has the most incredible supporters that work with others to “keep the doors open” for the homeless animals. These people come together to collect funds within their clubs or organizations and have many creative ways to raise donations

Youngsters and seniors, schools, clubs and businesses give another purpose to their gatherings, helping HCHS care for over 200 cats and dogs daily.

The fundraisers come in many forms, like read-a-thons, birthday parties, bar-mitzvahs, school dances, bottle drives, bake sales,

HCHS speaking engagements, giving a percentage of the sales of Hurricane Kitty Ale, buying on the internet, matching gifts, dress down day, proceeds of animal nail clipping or just because they are collecting and we are their favorite charity. Many thanks to the following groups **that keep on giving!**

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THE PURR-FECT GIFT!

The old tiny reception area was left empty and bare when we moved into the new building extension. Our dream was to one day build a cattery that would allow us more room to care for cats and kittens. The idea was to create a “feline wing” in the shelter since the cat adoption room was located right next door. It was a project we thought would have to wait a year or two until we could raise the funds for the renovation. Then we got an wonderful surprise when someone remembered the animals and stepped in to make our cat dreams come true.



Muriel Drewitz and her family have been loyal supporters of HCHS for many years and are avid cat lovers. As if Muriel had ESP, she called us just as our extension project was ending, to ask what BIG project

could she could help us with. We told Muriel about our dreams of a cattery and without hesitation she agreed to help make the dream a reality, with only one request.....that the room be dedicated in the memory of her beloved cats Mikki, Tommy and Rusty.

Although Muriel's incredible donation paid for the majority of the costs needed to build this beautiful room, the project proved more expensive than was initially estimated. After hearing about the extra cost of the new room, other cat lovers, Jean Henderson & Santo Cambareri made a generous gift to the project and Time Warner employees, Elyse Segelken and Jennifer Truitt, applied for and received grant funds through the Time Warner's Employee Volunteer Grant Program, to help raise the remaining funds to complete the project.

Muriel once wrote to us, “For eternity let us remember the animals of the world with our love and caring.”

Everyday the homeless cats and kittens live and play in a beautiful room -- all because their guardian angels were watching, caring, loving and remembering them. Purrrr.....means Thank you!!

the purr-fect match!

If your employer has a matching gift program, your donation to HCHS could **double or even triple** in value! Many companies also donate funds for volunteer services provided by their employees.

By checking to see if your company matches donations to the HCHS, you can increase the support to hundreds of animals cared for by us each year!

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1. Obtain a matching gift form from your company's Personnel Department. Some companies will even match gifts made by spouses and retired personnel.

2. Send the completed form to the Heart of the Catskills Humane Society.

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Deanna Scala, with Chet, a deaf American Bull Dog mix, raised over \$2,000 in pledges for the Dog Walk by using her organization's Matching Gifts program. A supporter from afar, Deanna volunteers at our shelter and her local shelter in New Jersey. What a woman!!



heart prints left behind

Planned Giving can make a world of difference for a little aging shelter in the rural Catskill Mountains, whether it's given as a restricted or non-restricted bequest or set up as a Trust fund.

Bequests: It is with our deepest appreciation for their love of animals, their generosity and their kind hearts, we remember:

Albert J. Contento, gift in memory of his mother Mae
Kraemer Contento and his aunt Augusta Enders
Flora Dutcher Lucy Quirk
Janette Howland Mary Siciliano



TREE PLANTING IN MEMORY OF MARY SICILIANO

Their gifts have allowed HCHS to continue giving the best care possible to the homeless cats and dogs And make many improvements to the shelter that we could never have done otherwise. As an example, the bequest left by friend and employee, Mary Siciliano, paid for our much needed HVAC ventilation system. After over 40 years of being a BIG Dream item, it has finally become a reality. What an incredible gift!

Trusts: Set up many years ago with much forethought, there were a few times in our past that were it not for the timely distribution of these funds, we would have had to close the doors to the shelter. We will forever honor the memory of and owe a ton of gratitude to:

Carolyn Goodrich Elsie Logwin
Gladys Henderson Leona McDowell



Please join us for the 2006 Memorial Day Open House, as we place plaques in their memory on our new Heart Prints Recognition Wall.

New Senior Pals Program

Research shows that people who care for a pet live longer, have lower blood pressure and possess a better sense of overall well being. They feel more connected to their communities and embrace a higher sense of self-worth. If that isn't enough, sharing your life with a pet is fun and rewarding, and fills a need, both on a human and a humane level.

Heart of the Catskills Humane Society has a newly funded program designed to bring together men and women over the age of 60 with adoptable, mature cats and dogs. The \$10,000 grant, coordinated by Jonathan Korn of Margaretville, was made through the generosity of the Werner Dannheisser Testamentary Trust specifically for this purpose.

The grant covers the start-up costs associated with pet ownership. Senior Pals fully subsidizes expenses such as adoption fees which include spay/neuter and vaccinations, first-year medical expenses to the allowable limit, and basic necessities like leashes, collars and litter boxes. The program even covers the damage deposit that some housing facilities require. If requested, the program also teams the new pet guardian with a "partner caretaker" who will assist them if necessary.

For more information contact Deb Crute, Director of Shelter Operations, at 607-746-3080; Dawn Norwood, Senior Pals Coordinator at 607-746-4451; or Tara Collins, Senior Pals Partner Caretaker at 607-746-6809.



PANDA, ABOVE, AND SASHA TO THE RIGHT, ARE LOOKING FOR THEIR FOREVER HOMES THROUGH HCHS'S SENIOR PALS PROGRAM.



2005-2006 BOARD OF DIRECTORS POSITIONS FILLED

A classified ad for the job of an HCHS Board Director would look something like this:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEEDED – must be able to work with a “hands-on, active, working” board. Responsible for keeping the organization financially sound; help to provide a good working environment for the staff; and most of all, work to ensure a safe haven for the homeless cats and dogs from our communities while working to find them “forever” homes. Strictly volunteer work, no monetary reward, but LOTS of satisfaction in knowing you are saving homeless, unwanted and sometimes neglected or abused animals. And you'll be working with the best team of staff, volunteers and directors you'll ever find!

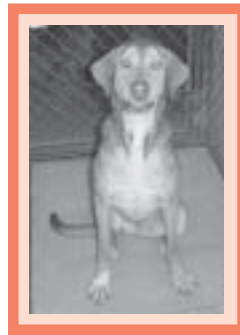
The newly elected members are ready to accept this challenge. The directors of your community's shelter for the fiscal year 2005 – 2006: **Re-elected Officers:** Ann Lukin, elected as President for a 4th term, Ann Rayment, as Vice President for a 2nd term, Brent Truitt as Treasurer for a 2nd term, Nancy Thomson, as Secretary for a 3rd term; **Re-elected Directors:** Lynne Attanasso, a 3rd term, Joanne Callahan, a 2nd term, Laura O'Connor, a 2nd term, Mark Quigley, a 2nd term, and Jennifer Truitt, a 2nd term.

We welcome new Directors Barbara Geywits, Bruce Ledbetter and Steve Rayment. Another milestone, Dawn Pomeroy-Norwood returns after a well earned sabbatical.



be an animal's angel for the holidays!

The Heart of the Catskills Humane Society successfully launched our *Be An Animal's Angel* holiday adoption campaign last year and we are once again committed to helping families make the right adoption match for the holiday season. Family pets are part of our holidays and what better gift could we share during the holiday season than to give a loving, lifelong home to a homeless cat or dog waiting to be adopted? In the past, some shelters have discouraged families from adopting pets during the holidays, and as a result, these families end up supporting the puppy mill industry. But if the adoption process is done properly to match the needs of the pets with the wishes of the families, then everybody wins – especially the homeless pet! So if you're thinking of bringing a pet home during the holidays, let us help you make the right match to make your season bright and furry!



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Ho Ho - Hold Everything!

Look what the elves at HCHS have conjured up! Introducing, for the first time ever, an event so spectacular it belongs in Rockefeller Center -- but who wants to travel all the way to Manhattan when you can have twice the fun in Delhi, NY?

On Saturday, December 3rd, at the Delaware County Historical Association Norris Gallery, from 10 am to 4pm, HCHS will host "**Holiday for the Heart**" -- a fabulous fundraiser where we ask businesses, organizations and individuals to sponsor a tree that we provide, and then they decorate that tree in the creative theme of their choice. Raffle tickets are purchased by the public at the event and then are deposited in a container placed in front of the tree that you would like to win. The more you buy, the better your chances, and the better the chances for our homeless cats and dogs!

Won't you please join in the festivities and help make this **first time fundraiser** for HCHS a huge success? It will be an all day event and the public is invited to come spend an hour or two or the entire day with us. There will be live entertainment, crafts for children, refreshments, a bake sale and of course, our traveling "Beastie Boutique." This is a family holiday event for all ages! **A true Holiday for the Heart.**

6th Annual Holiday Store

All across the US, the day after Thanksgiving is known as Black Friday—the biggest shopping day of the year! We at HCHS wish to invite everyone to join us as we open the doors on Friday, November 25th to our ever so popular Holiday Store, on the 2nd floor of The Commons in Margaretville.

The **Holiday Store** is open on weekends, November 25th through January 8th (otherwise by chance or appointment). All the items in our store have been donated, including the use of the store itself provided by "The Commons" owners, John Camaron and Linda Seaton. All proceeds go directly to care for the animals. For your convenience, we gladly accept checks and credit cards.

Our Holiday Store has a vast variety of merchandise, from antiques, "gently used" to brand new products. You never know what you might find! Our Beastie Boutique is back and better than ever, with products for your canine and feline companions. **And every week we will have a cat or kitten on the premises available for adoption.** There will be baked goods, a raffle and photos with Santa Paws, so come join the merriment at The Holiday Store — we'll be waiting for you!

Do all your Holiday shopping with us, make your lists and check them twice, support the homeless animals at the shelter, it feels so nice!

Donations for the Holiday Store may be dropped off at the shelter or Franklyn Footwear in Margaretville. If you have any questions call Laura O'Connor 845-586-1633. Thank you for your support!

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Cheryl Sherman

By Arlene Tanney

Bob & Frances Stevens -

Happy 50th Anniversary!

By Tina & Dennis Schvejda

Dave Turan & Kelly Keck

By Jacqueline Purdy

RAINBOW BRIDGE PETS

Andes of Dingle Hill - beloved dog

By Bev Travis & Bob Lidsky
Mark & Ann Lukin

Andie Guerrazzi/Hendel - beloved dog

By Jennifer & Brent Truitt

Burt - beloved dog

By Garth Battista & Lilly
Golden

Cocoa Lange - beloved dog

By Audrey Lange
Virgil & Irene Parrish

Cyrus - beloved cat

By Pam & David Grant

Dapple - beloved cat

By Charlis Weiss

Hera - beloved dog

By Ronnie Zimmerman-
Aptekar

Hershey - beloved cat

By Richard & Rosemary Bossie

Indiana Jones - beloved cat

By Jennice Thomas & Lillian
Mathison

Isaak Oesterle- beloved dog

By John & Dorothy Friedmann

Lucy Metnick

By Amy & Dennis Metnick

Madame X – beloved dog

By Mark Quigley

Maggie Crute/Fass – beloved dog

By Cheryl Dietzman

Malcom Ennis/LaFrenier – beloved cat

By Suzanne Bevier

Nikki – beloved pet

By Mary & Jim Mullusky

Parker – beloved dog

By Deborah Schneider &

Tom Joyce

Mark & Ann Lukin

Pizza Glass-Spiro – beloved dog

By Mickie Beerman & Linda

Pensabene

Shadow Ehle – beloved horse

By Mickie Beerman & Linda

Pensabene

Skunk – beloved cat

By Margaret Van Breeman

Sophie – beloved dog – HCHS Mascot

By Lynne Attanasso

Margaret Baldwin

G. Craig Ramsay, M.D.

Artie Zier

Trader Lukin – beloved dog

By Jean Henderson & Santo

Cambareri

Mark & Ann Lukin

Brent & Jennifer Truitt

Twiggy Lukin – beloved dog

By Jean Henderson & Santo

Cambareri

Mark & Ann Lukin

Ed & Laura O'Connor

Brent & Jennifer Truitt

Sandy Wanger – beloved dog

By Rocky Turner/Major

Snowball – beloved dog

By Dale Trethaway & Carl

Merena

Zaky & Rusty – beloved dogs

By Santina Wilken

Zenecke – beloved cat

By Barbara & GeraldDePalma

**THANK YOU
From Our
Furry Alumni**

Howard & Jack Brazie –

Alumni Cats

Whimsey Brazie – Alumni Dog

Luv E. Ritter – Alumni Cat



**Get The
Message**

If you wish to receive periodic updates about the shelter through our e-mail "Shelter Scoop Bulletin," please send your e-mail address to info@heartofthecatsskills.org.

All information is kept confidential; we do not share or sell our supporter's information, ever!

**New Monthly
Giving Program**

Heart of the Catskills is pleased to announce a new way for our supporters to show their heart and help us give the gift of shelter to our homeless animals. Last spring we launched a new monthly giving program that gives our supporters a convenient way to donate each month through their credit cards or checking accounts. These monthly contributions help to provide ongoing care for the animals and support the programs of the Heart of the Catskills Humane Society. It's easy to sign up for this program using our new monthly giving enrollment form and contributions can be canceled at any time simply by notifying HCHS. If you're interested in becoming one of our special monthly contributors, please check the box for monthly giving on the enclosed return envelope.

Hurricane Katrina

Dedicated supporters of the Heart of the Catskills Humane Society and clients of the Delhi Animal Hospital joined together in September to raise disaster relief funds for the furry victims of Hurricane Katrina. To assist more, we have signed up as a "sister" organization to the SPCA of Louisiana to help provide supplies in the disaster areas. We are collecting and sending specifically requested supplies, which will then be shared with animal groups needing help throughout the disaster areas in both Louisiana and Mississippi. Recovery from the devastation will be ongoing and long-term, so if you would like to help, please contact Heart of the Catskills at 607-746-3080 or info@heartofthecatsskills.org.

MISSION STATEMENT

HCHS's mission is to act as a protective association primarily in the care and disposition of lost, strayed or homeless dogs and cats, and as incident thereto, shall maintain shelter for such animals and operate the same. The Corporation shall promote and advance humane and protective care and treatment of animals by positive community interaction through education, spay/neuter programs and other activities that enable people of all ages and in all circumstances to enjoy animal companionship.

Your contribution to HCHS, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, is tax-deductible and goes entirely toward helping homeless dogs and cats.



Heart of the Catskills Humane Society
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Join our
growing
volunteer
family and help
us continue
making a great
home while
finding a
forever home!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Holiday for the Heart – Saturday, December 3, 2005, at the Delaware Historic Association, Delhi, from 10 am to 4pm – Contact shelter for more information call 607-746-3080.

6th Annual Holiday Store – opens November 25, 2005 weekends (or by chance/appointment) thru January 8, 2006, 10am – 4pm, 2nd floor of “The Commons” in Margaretville. Donated items and volunteers needed – Contact Laura O’Connor, Chairperson 845-586-1633.

6th Annual Rummage Sale – Saturday, March 11, 2006, 8:30 am - 1 pm at the United Ministry Church Hall in Delhi. Donated items needed - Drop off items (NO clothing or computers please!) Thursday and Friday, March 9 and 10 from 9 am to 3 pm. Baked goods for Paws Cafe may be dropped off Friday, 9am to 3pm or Saturday morning. Volunteers needed – Call Barbara Kaplan, Chairperson 607-746-2515.

Public Meeting -- Monday, April 17, 2006, 7pm.
Guest Speaker TBA - SUNY Delhi, Sanford Hall, Rm. 1

7th Annual Spring Dance and Auction – End of April/Beginning of May – Date, Time and Location to be announced – Donated items needed for auction – Contact Ann Rayment, Chairperson 845-676-3840.

Complete Services Offered

Low Cost Spay/Neuter Certificates
Dog and Cat Adoption Service
Microchipping for Adoptees
Presence on PETFINDER.com
Humane Education Programs
Senior Pals and Animal Angels Programs
Dog Training Classes
Junior & Adult Volunteer Program
Barking Books Literacy Program
Cremation Services/Memorials
Lost & Found Registry
Lilac Lane Pet Memorial Garden

We're open Tuesday through Saturday, from 11am to 4 pm and by appointment.

We're located at 46610 State Highway 10 in Delhi, two miles north of the Village. Turn left after the Delaware County Historical Association. We're at the end of the road that goes right in front of Curtis Lumber.

We Welcome Your Visit!