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Gifts from the Heart



The most cheerful stop on your shopping spree...

The Humane Society gift store goes year-round in its popular Andes home!

If you haven't visited HCHS's "Gifts from the Heart" shop on Main Street, Andes yet, are you in for a treat! "The quality and variety of merchandise — all donated — is just terrific," said store designer Laura O'Connor, "and, even this early in the season, we've had plenty of eager shoppers." With its sunny, freshly painted interior and tempting displays, even the most discerning shopper is bound to come away with an armful.

Those shoppers will also be doing a good deed - the net proceeds from the store will all benefit the shelter's homeless animals. "The store will make a wonderful site for adopt-a-thons in the busy summer months," said Shelter Director & store co-coordinator, Deb Crute, who also donates some of her days off to work at the shop.

Gifts from the Heart will be open every weekend, 11AM to 4PM, plus extended summer hours which began Memorial Day, Thursday through Sunday 10AM to 4PM and by chance. "Working here is great fun — you spend all your time chatting with animal lovers," laughed Deb. "And, the more we're open, the more revenue we can bring in," said Laura.



Shopping at Gifts from the Heart is also buying "greenly" — finding wonderful gifts in perfect condition that might otherwise have become landfill. Like abandoned pets, some of the best presents just need to find the right homes. Although the store doesn't accept clothes or electronics, the sky's the limit from there: CDs are priced from \$2, first-run DVDs and quality used books are going for a song, and the shelves are filled with beautiful jewelry and glassware, fun children's gifts, and hand-crafted afghans and throws — and that's just a sampling.

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Letter from the HCHS Treasurer on Page 8

Be sure to read the letter from our Treasurer! Learn about our great new programs and how you can help support the homeless animals at the shelter.

♡ Spotlight on our staff 🐾

Michelle Klimm started working at the Shelter while attending SUNY's Veterinary Science Technology program in 2005. She moved to Delhi from Rochester, NY in 1998 after working as an assistant manager of a local movie theatre for seven years. Michelle's love of animals inspired her to go back to college to pursue a career that she would love. We are proud to announce that, since she joined our shelter team as an animal care assistant, Michelle has become a Licensed Veterinary Technician and is continuing her education at SUNY Delhi in the Veterinary Science Bachelor's program.

She successfully juggles being a full-time student with working at the shelter, and is one of our most treasured foster caregivers for orphaned kittens that require round-the-clock care and bottle feeding. She shares her home with 7 wonderful cats (all adopted from the shelter) and her free time revolves around her studies, her job and her cats!

Michelle's compassion, kindness, dedication and hard work are sincerely appreciated by all of us and are all reasons why there is so much "heart" at the Heart of the Catskills Humane Society!



Michelle Klimm with Journey

♡ Senior Pet Planning



Plan for your pets in case you can't be there for them.

Like most shelters, HCHS faces the frequent responsibility of taking in pets of senior citizens because there was no pet care plan in place when an emergency occurred or an owner dies. Sadly, this causes a lot of added stress for the senior who is ill and for the pet, who is confused and doesn't understand why it is not in its own home with the person he or she loves.

For many seniors, pets are a comforting part of life and for some, their only daily companions. Planning for their care and well-being is essential in the event of owners' illness, short- or long-term hospitalization or death. The best time to plan and provide for a pet is before an emergency happens. HCHS recommends that you try to find a trusted friend or relative who is

willing to be the designated guardian or caretaker for your pets before an emergency occurs. It is important for you to have instructions for the care of your pets readily available in the event of an emergency and also provide



ready access to your home or apartment for those caretakers so they can care for your pets. "Having an emergency plan in place is perhaps most essential for seniors or people with serious medical issues, but it's not a bad idea for all petowners, so they can rest

assured their pets are going to be alright when the unexpected occurs," said Deb Crute, Director of Shelter Operations.

Essential pet care instructions include:

- Your pet's habits (eating, sleeping, exercising)
- Your pet's personality (good with other animals, children, and so forth)
- Your pet's veterinarian and medical history

You can also provide funds to a designated guardian or caretaker for the care of your pets in your will and/or trust. These caretakers can be friends, relatives, pet retirement homes, humane societies or trusted breed rescue organizations where applicable. You should make the choice about which situation works best for you and your pets, and contact your legal advisor.

♡ Extraordinary Volunteer! 🐾

Our Humane Society is one of the luckiest shelters because we have so many wonderful volunteers. And we are especially lucky because we have the best junior volunteers any shelter could ask for! One of our “star” junior volunteers is **Molly Karlin**. Molly has been a volunteer at the shelter since 2006 when she was only 10 years old and she started fostering kittens and collecting donations at her parents’ store in Davenport. While fostering, Molly diligently added cleaning and caring for infant kittens every day before and after school to her busy schedule, and she also learned to administer medications to sick kittens.

Molly has since become one of our best public relations volunteers at fundraising events! She has actively solicited pledges and sponsors for our annual Dog Walk, volunteered at our rummage sale, selling quilt raffle tickets, and worked at our annual Holiday for the Heart tree raffle event, selling holiday stockings to benefit the shelter. When she won a holiday tree herself this year, she donated it back to the shelter for our reception area! Molly has also volunteered at our annual spring dance and auction for the past two years making and selling mystery bags. At this year’s event, she created a handmade quilt for our silent auction that raised \$160.00! When it comes to asking grown-ups for donations for homeless animals, Molly is more confident, more persistent and more efficient than many fundraising professionals.

We think Molly might be headed into the veterinary field after she volunteered at a spay and neuter clinic for our shelter cats at SUNY Delhi this past fall. We are definitely one lucky shelter to have Molly and her enthusiasm and dedication to helping our shelter’s homeless animals!



Molly and loved ones!

♡ Spring Dance was a Tail-Thumpin' Success

Despite the snow still on the mountaintop at Belleayre Ski Center, the spring-like temperature on Saturday, April 12, was just the catalyst folks needed to shake the winter doldrums and come enjoy the Heart of the Catskills Ninth Annual Spring Dinner Dance and Auction. With nearly 200 attendees at the Lower Lodge, this special fundraiser gave us the opportunity to acknowledge our staff for their consistently excellent and caring work throughout the year, and allowed us to enjoy a festive night out in the company of so many of our loyal supporters and friends.

During the evening, the crowd dined on fine cuisine offered by Boston Concessions Catering, while listening and dancing to the music of local DJ Tito. Many thanks go to Tony Lanza and the

whole Belleayre staff for making this event run so smoothly.

This year’s Silent Auction was unique in that Heart of the Catskills had a “50 States with a Heart Challenge”: get at least one item donated for our auction from every state in the country. It wasn’t easy, but our little shelter with the big heart did just that and touched all 50 states. Donations large and small came from every state to help our homeless cats and dogs!

The Silent Auction offered numerous items and packages that appealed to many of the bidders, ranging from the pet lover, to the garden enthusiast, the Beatles fan, and the wine connoisseur, and even included a unique Time for Romance package. Perhaps the highlight of the evening came during the Live Auction, when auctioneer ex-

traordinaire, Dennis Metnick, brought a roar from the house when the Six Packette (six women who offered fine catering services for eight) went for a record breaking \$1,700 — two times! With the Six Pack (six guys, eight hours, one day’s labor), these 12 men and women raised a staggering \$5,400 for the shelter.

An event of this magnitude could not have happened without an extensive support system. Deep appreciation and thank-yous go out to all of the generous individuals, businesses, and volunteers, who not only attended the dance, but also donated auction items and services, bought advertisements, and supported us in so many ways. Know that the four-legged, furry babies sleep a little better every night knowing that so many wonderful people care for them.

HAPPY TAILS



BELLA

I adopted Bella after my mother passed away last April. She had been in the shelter since she was a kitten. I felt that she needed me as much as I needed her. She has adjusted very well and is very happy to have a home. Her favorite place to be when the weather is warm is the enclosed front porch where she does the majority of her “bird watching!”

~ Anne Kramer



THAI

I just wanted to give everyone an update on ol' Tigger (renamed ‘Thai’ because of his delicious eyes). He’s doing just fine! He enjoys 45 minute walks twice a day--and on very special evenings we rollerblade in the park! He has TONS of energy so we play a lot, too. He really seems to love rubber kongs and tennis balls. Thanks again for allowing me to adopt such a wonderful little guy!

~ Alisa Kimbrough



EBONY

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to adopt a dog from the Humane Society? It was an enjoyable and rewarding experience! Miss Ebony has never been shy to show her excitement, enthusiasm for a much needed walk around town or exuberance for a found tail!! We will continue to shower her with love and affection, belly scratches, a good meal and an occasional bone. Thank you for this perfect match!

~ Stephanie Warner



KERIN

Our dear Kerin at her favorite perch, getting ready for her favorite pastime, looking out our upstairs window at birdies! Words cannot describe the pleasure this little imp has brought into our lives. Thank you all so much!

~ Carl Merena and Dale Trethaway

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



ISIS

Isis is a wonderful dog and we are proud to have her. She is the most loving and passionate dog we have ever had. We wouldn't trade her for anything! Isis is doing great and is veary happy in her new home - thank you!

~Kelly and EJ Sherman



SALEM

I adopted “Smile” on December 26th and promised to send photos. I have renamed her Salem and she is the sweetest cat I have ever known! She is just delightful! Salem is playful, gentle and very affectionate - I couldn't be happier. My dog, Yodels, also adores her and they're good buddies. Thanks for everything you do for the animals and for the lucky folks to adopt them!

~ Kathy Brady

Gifts from the Heart Shop

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“If you have gently used items to donate, it would be very helpful if you would drop them off directly at the store during our open hours. This saves both time and space at our busy shelter,” said Deb. The store also carries new pet toys and gifts -- a line of Lupine collars and leashes and gorgeous pet-themed cards for every occasion, including pet condolences.

“The inspiration for ‘Gifts from the Heart’ came from the huge response and successes we’ve had every year at our Holiday Store,” said HCHS Board President and store co-coordinator, Ann Lukin. “But an enterprise of this magnitude would not have been possible without a tremendous leap of faith and commitment from a group of core volunteers with the skills and time to run a retail venture. Most of

all, we would not have this opportunity without the extreme generosity of our landlord, Andy Wos,” said Lukin.



When you see it now, you’d never suspect that “Gifts from the Heart” very nearly went down the drain just weeks before its scheduled opening. In mid-February, burst pipes flooded the

entire interior and Wos had to seriously consider whether the building could be salvaged. Despite the additional labor required to open and because of the tremendous commitment by Wos, the store opened on schedule.

“Andes has always been so welcoming to us, and this spot is just perfect for our staff and, we hope, our shoppers!” said Laura. “We’re looking forward to making a positive contribution to the energy of Andes’ Main Street and its business community,” she added.

If you would like to volunteer at Gifts from the Heart or have new or gently used items to donate, please contact Ann Lukin or Deb Crute at 607-746-3080 or email info@heartofthecatskills.org. You can also call the store directly at 845-676-HCHS (4247).



♡ CARING KIDS



Bill, As Seen By Ralph

Ralph Soltysiak comes to the shelter every Wednesday to walk dogs and give them lots of his attention. Needless to say, Ralph gets to know some of the dogs really well, especially the long termers. One day, as I was taking pictures of dogs to post on Petfinder, Ralph approached me with Bronco Bill, a senior beagle, who was a known dumpster diver & counter surfer that lived at the shelter for over 3 years! Ralph asked me what I was do-

ing and I explained that I take pictures and write bios to put on the internet to find the dogs good homes. Ralph looked me straight in the eyes and said “What about Bill, is he on Petfinder? I told him he wasn’t. He exclaimed, “Why not? Bill is a GREAT dog!” Ralph proceeded to show me all wonderful things that the old beagle could do, like roll over for tummy rubs, smile and run with his special waddle. How could I refuse? Ralph helped me to get the perfect photos. I posted Bill (and Ralph) on Petfinder that evening with a description of Bill as Ralph knew him. Ralph didn’t see an aging dog – he saw a GREAT dog! Less than a week later, Bill found his “forever” home. Ralph taught me a valuable lesson.....ALL our homeless pets belong on Petfinder because there are special people for every one of them. Special, like Ralph.

~ Submitted by Ann Lukin, President

Visit Our New Store!

GIFTS FROM THE HEART

Heart of the Catskills Humane Society
www.heartofthecatskills.org

Sit. Stay. Shop!

Collectibles • Crafts
Clothing • Jewelry

New Summer Hours:
Thursday - Sunday 10am - 4pm
119 Main Street, Andes
845-676-HCHS



New Inventory Every Day!

Shelter News

Rummage Sale

Garage sailors and flea marketeers starved for some savory shopping after a long Delaware County winter were not disappointed at the 8th Annual Paws for a Cause Rummage Sale on Saturday, March 29th. The United Ministry church hall was once again magically transformed from an empty space to a splendid array of linens, dishes, glassware, stuffed animals, toys, games, Christmas decorations, candles, pots, pans, appliances, jewelry and hundreds of other items.

Once again, the shelter bakers came through with pies and cakes and brownies and cookies – something sweet for each and every tooth. George, a handsome black and white cat, took time from his busy life at the shelter to oversee the day's events and brought warm smiles and nods of admiration from all who saw him. He has since found a forever home!

SUNY Delhi student volunteers teamed up with shelter volunteers to set up and price items on Friday, wrap purchases, carry boxes and bags to customers' cars, pack up the "left-overs" and clean up the church hall at the end of the day. When all the sales were totaled from baked goods and rummage, the cash register rang up a total of \$2,155, plus \$75 for the quilt raffle, for the homeless animals of Delaware County.

Thanks to all those who donated items, baked treats, and helped set up, sell, pack up and clean up!

PetSmart Adoption Center

call: 845-901-6115
for more information!

Matching Gifts & Volunteerism Pays

Your donations and volunteer time may be eligible for additional funding by your employer. Many organizations match their employees' donations to their local nonprofits of choice.

And, in many cases, based on the hours of volunteer service by their employees, they may also make donations to the employees' chosen charities.

Check your employer's policies - your gifts to HCHS may be worth more!

New Septic System



While it may not be the most glamorous of shelter news, HCHS is thrilled to announce that it has a new septic system. Thanks to a lot of help from their friends, the over 300 homeless cats and dogs and the shelter staff can be assured of a safe and sanitary environment.

Two years ago, Ann Lukin, President, stood before the Delaware County Board of Supervisors and asked for help with the Humane Society's failing 40 year old septic system. After the meeting, Nicole Franzese, Delaware County Planning Director (and now an HCHS Board member), approached Lukin and said she would like to help as a consultant to a committee. The committee, which included Lukin, Brent Truitt, HCHS's Treasurer and Deb Crute, Director of Shelter Operations, rolled up their sleeves and went to work.

The Committee approached Rob Allison, of Rettew Engineering, for help and he jumped at the request. He provided the services of his engineers who designed the system, which included a plan for future growth. The Rettew engineers worked with Delaware County Bulldozing to perform the perk and soil tests. They prepared the blueprints and worked in partnership with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection to expedite approval. In an unbelievable show of generosity, both Rettew and Delaware Bulldozing donated all of their services.

Under the guidance of Tina Mole, Bovina Town Supervisor, the Committee wrote a letter to Senator Bonacic to ask for financial assistance with the estimated cost of \$25,000 to purchase material and labor for the installation of the system. Senator Bonacic generously allocated \$10,000 toward the completion of the project.

In addition, the Committee applied for and received the remaining \$15,000 through a generous grant from the Lindsay B. O'Connor Foundation.

With the funding in place, the Committee sent out several requests for quotes. Because of the increased cost of materials and labor, however, the cost rose by nearly \$3,000 over the original \$25,000 estimate.

With no additional funds available to the shelter, Jonathan LaFever of LaFever Excavating kindly agreed to donate services and materials to meet the original cost.

According to Ms. Franzese, "I witnessed a sincere request for help, not a hand out. The Committee was willing to do whatever it took to get a new septic system for the shelter. With a lot of work and tremendous amount of patience, their efforts paid off. And let us not forget that because of the cooperation and the generosity of the many people involved in this project, a dream is now a reality."

CART = Delaware County Animal Response Team

HCHS PUBLIC MEETINGS: INFORMATIVE, EDUCATIONAL, & ENJOYABLE!

Did you know that HCHS holds two public meetings each year where members of the community are invited to hear about the progress of the shelter and to ask questions? Well we do! The meetings are held at SUNY Delhi in Sanford Hall on a Monday evening. And we even serve light refreshments and snacks!

At our most recent public meeting held on April 21st, our guest speaker, Amanda Walsh of Delaware County Public Health, discussed the Delaware County Animal Response Team (CART) and Disaster Planning & Your Pet. CART is the actual group that initially responds to and assesses those animals affected by a disaster. The team consists of volunteers and organizations who are trained in assisting with animal response and recovery.

What a great program!

In the event a disaster occurs, Delaware County's CART has a response

plan in place for both small and large animals, which includes rescue, sheltering, medical treatment, transportation, supplies, and public education. According to Amanda, "over 60% of American households own pets." Therefore, this is a vital component for both animals and their owners when a disaster strikes. And CART's response plan can minimize the stress and emotional trauma of a disaster for owners, their animals, and the responding team members.

A very important part of the CART plan is educating the public on ways to prepare your pets in case of an emergency. Amanda provided some excellent handouts that included checklists of items that you should have handy in the event a disaster strikes. Some of the items for smaller household pet emergency kits include:

- 2 week supply of drinking water & food
- water & food bowls

- can opener
- blanket or bedding
- pet waste bags
- rabies tag
- immunization & health records
- ID tag
- carrier or cage
- leash & collar
- any special medications

Some of the items for larger pet emergency kits, such as livestock, include:

- ID tags
- food
- method of transport
- vaccination & health records

To check out some of the brochures online, visit the Empire State Animal Response Team website at: www.empiresart.com.

Are you interested in becoming a CART member? Contact Delaware County Public Health by calling (607) 746-3166 or email Amanda Walsh at: mandy.walsh@co.delaware.ny.us.



E-TAILS



SHONEE SHINES (as told by Shonee Cartelli)

My first year I can't remember much because, well there just wasn't much going on. I was brought to this really "neat" shelter in Delhi because my previous owners claimed I was an uncontrollable dog. Initially, no one would adopt me because I was unable to walk on a leash without pulling everyone down. I was highly excitable and, I admit, sometimes out of control. Being bored can do that to a guy like me. I did get a bit of training at the shelter and I did learn to walk properly but I still needed someone who would work with me more. Then one day my guardian angels visited me and I was adopted into a family who had another Yellow Lab and German Shepherd. They were willing to take a chance! My guardians had a trainer come to my home and before you knew it I got the hang of what behavior was expected of me. I was so happy! My guardians decided to put me into agility classes where I quickly moved up from the beginner's class to the competition class. We go to the CPR trials and NADAC trials and so far I have won three ribbons; first place, third place and fourth place. My guardians say that I am a loveable, affectionate and smart dog that got the chance of a lifetime...I agree...they were my perfect match!!

A Letter from the Treasurer

While many of you know about the hands-on work we do in caring for homeless animals and in our major fundraising efforts, most know far less about how much it costs to run the shelter and how we pay for all of the shelter's activities. In fact, there are some fairly common misconceptions about where we get our funding and just how hard we work to get it.

First and foremost, it costs over \$1,250 each and every day to run the shelter, or roughly \$460,000 each year. All of this goes to major expenses like pet medications, veterinarian bills, utilities and fuel, wages, supplies and the myriad other bills we have to pay to keep the doors open. And, I can assure our supporters that not a penny is wasted, as we constantly strive to bring costs down, like conserving energy, finding lower cost vendors and soliciting in-kind donations of things like kitty litter and bleach that we use every day. Furthermore, the money that we spend goes to benefit the animals directly. Almost all of the administrative functions are performed free of charge by our directors and other volunteers, whereas at other organizations, they are performed by paid staff.

Perhaps the most common misconception is where we get the money to pay for all of these things. To the surprise of many, we are not funded by any government or any national organizations, like the Humane Society of the United States or ASPCA.¹ That's right – we have to work for and raise every penny we take in. While we do have contracts with the County and 20 towns and villages, we provide services (taking in stray animals that the government would otherwise

¹ As an aside, you might be interested to know that we are not an "SPCA," or Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Those organizations have enforcement powers, and can go out and investigate violations of animal cruelty and other laws, seize abused animals and even make arrests. We, on the other hand, are a "humane society" that offers shelter to stray and unwanted animals brought to us by the public and local animal control officers. We have neither the authority nor the resources to engage in enforcement activities, and must rely on our local law enforcement agencies to fill that role.

be required to shelter) in exchange for those funds, which account for about 12% of our yearly budget. The rest comes from things like contributions and membership dues paid by people like you, major fundraisers like our annual Dog Walk and the Spring Dance and Auction, adoption fees at both the shelter and the PetSmart adoption center that we operate in Kingston, and fees paid for crematory services that we provide to area veterinarians and the public. Money we raise through these activities, and numerous others (like the booths we sponsor at local fairs and other events) all goes toward paying the day-to-day bills that help keep the lights on. But, even that is not enough.



Brent with shelter alums, Haylee and Willow

the budget in years like this one, when we do not expect our income to keep up with ever-increasing costs.

In fact, because of the importance of bequests and other assets left to us by generous donors just to keep the doors open, we have instituted a formal Planned Giving program to provide shelter supporters with several options for giving to help ensure that our work will continue into the future. (You may have received a copy of our Planned Giving guide, which we sent to all of our members as well as local financial and legal professionals.)

Finally, to help cover the costs of big-ticket items, we are constantly seeking out and applying for funding through grants. While grants do not help to cover our day-to-day operating expenses, they do help us pay for much needed improvements that would have otherwise been prohibitively expensive on our budget. For instance, grant funding we were recently awarded is being used to pay for a new and desperately needed septic system and new computer equipment and software that will help us run the shelter, and organize fundraising efforts, much more efficiently.

In short, the shelter engages in a constant struggle to bring in enough money to cover our expenses, and one needs to look only at things like rising fuel costs to realize just how difficult that struggle is. As Treasurer, it is my goal that we

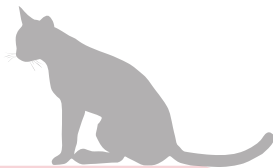


close our budget deficit by a substantial amount each year, relying less on our reserves to cover shortfalls so that we can invest them and build for the future. That means not only increasing the aggregate amount of funds that we raise, but ensuring that we build sources of income that are both predictable and recurring from year to year.

That is why, recently, we have been promoting things like our monthly giving program and Adopt-A-Cage or Kennel program. That is also why we just opened our “Gifts from the Heart” store in Andes and instituted our Heart Walk fundraiser to build walkways around the shelter made from engraved, commemorative bluestone pavers. These and even more exciting programs that we will be unveiling this year offer new opportunities, not only to bring in additional and steady income, but to increase our visibility in the areas that we serve to help find homes for all of the animals in our care.

On behalf of the shelter, our employees, the Board of Directors and, most importantly, the animals, we greatly appreciate your support and want you to know that every little bit counts and is put to good use for the animals.

Sincerely,
A. Brent Truitt
Treasurer



Become A Volunteer
call: 607-746-3080

Help Us Pave a New Path to Forever Homes!

Would you like to share your love for your pet or someone special for years to come? You can help the little shelter with the big heart by carving a tribute in bluestone, part of a durable and lovely pathway that will become the shelter’s new “Heart Walk.” You’ll be helping our homeless animals while making the shelter an even more beautiful haven than it already is.

Engraved, bluestone pavers in two sizes, 4” x 8” and 8” x 8”, will form elegant and enduring pathways all around the shelter grounds. You can have either size imprinted with a tribute in honor of someone special or in memory of a cherished pet or loved one. Your paver doesn’t have to be “in memoriam” either – you can celebrate a birthday, anniversary or other occasion with a commemorative paver. (How about the day a pet entered your life?) You could even promote your company by featuring its name and logo on a paver.



Can’t seem to find the perfect gift for that person who has everything? Want to give a gift that’s “green” and doesn’t add to anyone’s clutter? Purchase a paver that will last a lifetime and, at the same time, help our area’s homeless animals and keep our shelter doors open.

We unveiled the Heart Walk project at our recent Spring Dance and Auction, and are already off to a great start. But, it takes more than one or two or even 20 bricks to create a path; once a “walkable” number of pavers have been ordered, we will begin installing the first walkway at the shelter. We hope to add several more feet of walkway each year, further improving the shelter’s appearance ... and our financial foundation.

The cost of the pavers, including all engraving and even optional artwork, is \$100 for a 4” x 8” version and \$200 for an 8” x 8” version. For \$500 (less than you would probably pay for several color ads in a newspaper), you can have a corporate version engraved with your logo or text – a real bargain when you consider that this lasting tribute will endure through rain, wind and snow to greet shelter visitors year after year.

If you are interested in purchasing a paver, or would like more information on the Heart Walk, you can call the shelter at 607-746-3080 or go to our website -- www.heartofthecatsskills.org – where you can click on the Heart Walk brochure and order form. Better yet, come see us at the shelter and pick up a brochure in person so that you can pay a visit to the wonderful cats and dogs in our care.

~ OCTOBER 2007 - MARCH 2008 ~

IN MEMORY OF...

Rolla Allen

By Mary Jane Mehegan

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Steve Reynolds

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Keith Kathmann
Janet Newcomer
Irene & Tom Schuman
Beverly Travis
Denise Wricks

Jane Hoy

By Pearl Barber
James Hoy
Gordon & June Meagley
A.A. & M.A. Peterson
Helen & Maynard Vance

Mildred "Millie" Huggett

By Mildred &
William Coleman
Susan & James Cooros
Dorothy Marshall

Bill Jenkinson

By Kathy & Scott Vincelette

Meta Krahl

By Cristel Volger

Edward Lange

By Audrey Lange

Harry Lersin

By James Andrews

Jim Lettis

By Dorey Munch

Joyce Mansheffer

By Evelyn Norris

Harold "Mac" McNamara

By Carol Angelone

Ramon Oralls

By Nancy Wechter
& Dennis Tomkins
Margaret VanBremen
Nancy & Robert Webb
Eileen Edwards-Klinegardner
Gordon Peaslee

John Perez

By Gary and Barbara Atkin

Cindy Friedmann-Sharshon

By Jeanette Frazee
Merritt and Betty Krull
Gary and Gay Lehman
Priscilla & Richard Little
Dorothy Marshall
Jean and Vinent Tompkins

Frances Shaw

By Jason and Wendy Box
Betty & Jim Shaw
Hazel & Lacey Wasner

Cindy Putman Sheire

By Sharon & Ivan Koota

Lydia Skues

By Mary Nezansky

Kitty Kilgallen Softcheck

~ Beloved Mother of
Barbara Kaplan
By Michele DeFreece
Janice Elwell
Ellen Giambalvo
Denise McLean
Leslie Mokay

Daniel Stein

By Doris Pammer

John Klopp Torrens

By Judy Taylor & April Gates

Nate Velardi

By Cynthia Druck

Harold Weiss

By Wadler Bros. (Jason, Lisa
& Steven)
Dorothy & Paul Jennings
Vivienne Ferrer

Gerald Welch & his pals

Zoe & Manly
By Dorothy Welch

IN HONOR OF...

Kathy Coffee

By Candace and Robert Vancko

Deb Crute- Happy Birthday

By Carol and Abe Fass

Dr. Evans

By Katherine &
Thomas Dessereau

Ken Gellhaus & Elayne Gold's marriage

By Ronald Macklin

Norman Hall

~ Happy Birthday
By Gertrude Hall

Bobby Henderson

By Norman Hall

John Hultenius

~ Happy Birthday
By Elizabeth & Dave Archart
Stacy & Michael Branigan
Elizabeth & Benjamin Bray
Jennifer & Scott Hamm
Leanne & Michael Paoli
J. & B. Vickers

Carolyn Jenkinson

By Maureen &
Raymond Lindie
Kathy & Scott Vincelette

Emily Kollig

~ Happy Birthday
By Stacy & Michael Branigan
Elizabeth & Benjamin Bray
Leanne & Michael Paoli
J. & B. Vickers

Kelsey Little

By Dorothy Marshall

Tom Little

By Janice Williams

Joyce and Gary Manning

By Wesley and Shirley Warren

Jackie & Tom Morris

By Jane & Peter Hamilton

Dawn Norwood

~ Merry Christmas
By Linnea Grace Burwood

Dawn Norwood

~ Happy Birthday
By Robert and Sandy Russell

Jacqueline Purdy

~ Happy Birthday
By Anne Martin

Jane and Bill Roberts

By Wesley and Shirley Warren

John Schulman

By Marianne Johns

Cheryl & Fred Sherman

~ Happy Anniversary
By Arlene Tanney

Fred Sherman

~ Happy Birthday
By Arlene Tanney

Pauline Tompkins

By Jill Fluet

Marie VanValkenburgh

~ Happy Retirement
By Ann Turkus

~ OCTOBER 2007 - MARCH 2008 ~

Gerda Walling
~ **Happy Birthday**
By Marie Palko
& John Schoonmaker

Wes and Shirley Warren
~ **Merry Christmas**
By Gary and Joyce Manning
William and
Mary Jane Roberts

Our child
By Ivan and Sharon Koota

Adrienne, Clifford & Willow
By Robert Payne &
Paul Snyder

Bronco Bill
~ **backroom shelter dog**
By Joan Bachorik

Cookie & MoMo ~ cats
By Dominick Pampinella

Gus and Jaq ~ dogs
By Peter and Jane Hamilton

RAINBOW BRIDGE PETS



Abby & Socks ~ beloved cats
By Janine & Brian Deane

Addy ~ beloved cat
By Janice Wittaker

Becky ~ beloved dog
By Dr. Ernst and
Erika Kirsteuer

“Breezie” Torma – Kelly
~ **beloved dog**
By Mary & Rich Kelly

**Bruno ~ beloved dog of
Fred of Cheryl Sherman**
By Arlene Tanney

**Butch ~ loving pet of
Mr. Joesph Resch**
By MaryAnn Larkin

Calvin ~ beloved cat
By Jose & Kathleen Santos

Casey
By Joanne and
George Callahan

Chelsea Gouse ~ beloved dog
By Janet Losavio

Chet ~ beloved dog
By Alma and Wayne Reynolds

China ~ beloved cat
By Harry & Kerry Gracey

Cocoa Lange ~ beloved dog
By Audrey Lange

Cookie & Victoria
~ **beloved dog and cat**
By Shirley & Richard Nesbitt

Crystal ~ beloved dog
By Dale Trethaway
& Carl Merena

Dalton Morse ~ beloved dog
By Bruce and Marshall Ledda

Dodie ~ beloved dog
By William & Robert Beckman

Emmy ~ beloved cat
By Lynne Attanasso

Fifi ~ beloved cat
By Margaret Baldwin

Hamish ~ beloved dog
By Linda Rodin

**JT ~ beloved dog of
Ellen Giambalvo**
By Cheryl Dietzman
Ellen & Bob Giambalvo
Barbara & Alan Kaplan
William & Linda Kulaski
Bruce Ledda
Gerda Weber

Kiwi ~ beloved dog
By Thomas & Janet Losavio

Kobi ~ beloved pet
By Stephen & Barbara Townes

Lexi ~ beloved dog
By George &
Judith Hendrickson

Leo ~ beloved dog
By the folks at the Bibliobarn

Max ~ beloved dog
By Melissa & Ben Fenton

Misty ~ beloved dog
By Dawn Tompkins
Kathleen & Wayne Tompkins
Pauline Tompkins

Misty Crute-Fass
~ **beloved dog**
By Ann & Mark Lukin

Molly ~ beloved dog
By Dorothy Friedmann

Molly ~ beloved cat
By Janice Whittaker

Momma Muscarella
~ **beloved cat**
By Dale Trethaway
& Carl Merena

Moonie ~ beloved dog
By Judy Tator and April Gates

Nanook ~ beloved dog
By Dr. Sindy Becker

Puff ~ beloved dog
By Wanda Callagy

Putters & Dylan ~ beloved cats
By Ann Lavin
Frank Kipp

Roxy ~ beloved dog
By Dale Trethaway
& Carl Merena

Sam ~ beloved dog
By Dorothy & Jack Friedmann

Sam ~ beloved dog
By Candace Vancko

Sasha ~ beloved dog
By Joan Miller

Seymour Truitt – beloved cat
By Ann & Mark Lukin
Joan Smith
Jennifer & Brent Truitt

Shadow, Snowball & Pumpkin
~ **beloved dog and cats**
By Hannah & Alvin Tanzer

Skipper- beloved dog
By Sally Van Benschoten

Shannon O'Connor
~ **beloved dog**
By Ann & Mark Lukin

Ship Marshall ~ beloved dog
By Vivione Marshall

Smedly Macklin ~ beloved cat
By Stacey Pritz

Sparky ~ beloved cat
By Benjamin
& Melissa Dobbs-Fenton

Stoner Louise ~ beloved dog
By Helen Gibson
& Barbara Warland
Judy Tator & April Gates

Sundance ~ beloved cat
By Karen Drewitz

Talula ~ beloved dog
By Ivy Preuss

Teddy ~ beloved dog
By Judy Tator and April Gates

Theodocious Crute-Fass
~ **beloved dog**
By Ann & Mark Lukin

THANK YOU FROM OUR FURRY FRIENDS



**Rocky, Spike, Tucker,
& Abby Churuti ~ cats**

Medic Hoyt ~ Alumni dog

Bella Kramer ~ Alumni cat

Marshall Ledda ~ Alumni dog

Jesse, Libby, Higgins Lull
~ Alumni dogs

Buddy Mastrandrea
~ Alumni dog



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**“Until one has loved an animal, a part
of one’s soul remains unawakened.”
- Anatole France**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Visit the HCCHS booth at these Community Events:

Roxbury Sidewalk Fest

Saturday, July 5, 10am-3pm, Main Street, Roxbury

Pakatakan Farmer’s Market

During the summer months, Round Barn, Route 30, Halcottsville

Margaretville Antique and Flea Market

Saturday, August 2, 9am-4pm, behind the A&P in the Village Park, Margaretville

Andes’ Community Day

Saturday, August 9, 10am-3pm, Main Street, Andes

Margaretville Street Fair

August 23, 10am-3pm, Main Street, Margaretville

Grand and Glorious Garage Sale

Saturday, September 13, 9am-4pm, Main Street, Oneonta

Public Election of Board of Directors

Mon., September 15, 7pm, SUNY Delhi, Sanford Hall Room 1

6th Annual Woofs n’ Wags Dog Walk & Fair ~ Woofstock!

Saturday, September 20, 11am-3pm, American Legion Field, Delhi

Cauliflower Festival

September 27, 10am-3pm, in the Village Park, Margaretville

Fall Festival & Craft Fair at Belleayre Mountain

Sat & Sun, October 11 & 12, 10am-5pm, Highmount

40th Anniversary Celebration - October, TBA

If you want more information and/or wish to keep informed on shelter updates:

- Call the shelter at 607-746-3080
- Visit the HCCHS web-site: www.heartofthecatskills.org and while there sign up to receive **Shelter Scoop e-mail bulletins**.

COMPLETE SERVICES OFFERED

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

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

We’re located at 46610 State Highway 10 in Delhi, two miles north of the Village. Turn at the Delaware County Historical Association, where you will see our sign.

We Welcome Your Visit!

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