

# Capital Pet



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## Mocha's Long Journey Home

MHHS is strongly committed to our fellow rescue organizations when disaster strikes, taking in cats and dogs from shelters across the country so that they have room to house owned pets displaced by flooding, hurricanes and other disasters. In September of 2017, we accepted 29 cats and dogs from Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control during Hurricane Irma. Mocha, a sweet pit mix, then just three years old, was among them.

Our staff came to know and love her as a sweet, gentle, cuddly dog, who just loved hugs, kisses and belly rubs. She was not a fan of other animals, but with all of her amazing qualities, surely she would find a home quickly! Soon after she was made available for adoption, however, she began demonstrating signs of extreme pain — so much so that even the gentlest touch was painful, and she was too hunched over to walk. Pain medication provided temporary relief, but did not solve the problem.

Thanks to donations from caring supporters, Mocha was able to have an MRI. It showed that she had three herniated disks. It was soon discovered that her pain was caused by diskospondylitis, a bacterial infection of the intervertebral disks. Her treatment was an extended course of antibiotics, restricted activity and abundant doses of TLC.

In time, her symptoms improved and Mocha was available for adoption once again. However, even in our "Featured Pet Suite," where her lovable personality was on constant display, she was overlooked. Everyone who met her was smitten with her sweetness, yet still no adopter, now over a full year later . . . until the day Sarah walked in.

There she saw Mocha on her couch, snoozing comfortably on the lap of our President and CEO, Todd Cramer. Sarah was looking for a cuddler and that scene hooked her. Now, thanks to your support, Sarah and Mocha are cuddle partners and best friends.



**Mocha and Sarah on adoption day.**



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## Taking the Extra Step

Dear Friends,

The stories in this edition of Capital Pet epitomize the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society's two core philosophies when providing for animals and people: take the extra step and do the right thing.

Our team is trained to see pets for the individuals they are by asking each one, each and every day, "Who are you? How are you? What can I do for you today?"

Although most of the pets in our care are healthy and easily adoptable in every way, for those that aren't — like Mocha, a refugee from Hurricane Irma who needed treatment for back injuries, Wanda, a lovable senior pet with senior pet issues, and Linus, a shy cat with special needs — the Humane Society will, with your support, take the extra step and do the right thing.

It is this philosophy that led us to taking a stand against a law that doesn't work so Luna, the dog deemed dangerous in Troy City Court and ordered euthanized, could have her story fully heard and have a chance to live. At the time of this writing, Luna is happy and

healthy in our care while awaiting her appeal.

We can only do this work with your support and there are so many ways to give to the animals. Whether you make a cash gift, donate needed items, honor a pet or loved one with a pledge to our building fund, or leave a legacy of compassion by including the animals in your estate plans, YOU allow us to be successful for the animals and we sure do appreciate it.



For the animals,

Todd Cramer, President and CEO



## Gala for Animals

**Friday, May 31**  
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## Who Would Want Her?

*Wanda came to us as a stray. Her ears were infected, she had growths on her face, the few teeth she had left needed to be removed, she had parasites and she was obese. We estimated her to be 13 years old. Who would want such an old, "damaged" dog? Enter the Hull family, who has shared this loving account of welcoming Wanda, now Winnie, into their home.*

Over the past seven years we have adopted 16 miniature dachshunds. Many were rescued from a torturous life in a puppy mill. Some became homeless because owners passed away or were too ill to care for them.

Some were confused because their secure life had disappeared. Some had never known love. Too many toys and grass and belly rubs were things they never knew. What joy as we all formed a family!

We saw Winnie on Mohawk Humane's website. We headed out to meet her. Yes! We were allowed to adopt her!

She arrived home and was surrounded by love. All of our dogs know what it is like to come to a new home and they always welcome a new friend. She was never fearful; never overwhelmed by all of those wagging tails vying for her attention.

We learned Winnie is deaf, but we are working out hand signals. She caught on quickly to the routines of the house. Winnie started at 25 pounds and is now at 19 pounds. She has another 5 or 6 pounds to lose. Her bad teeth have been removed and the large warts on that pretty face are now gone. The sores on her skin have cleared up with medicated baths several times a week. Those ear infections have been a challenge, but now a third medication might do the trick.

When Winnie arrived, she slept a lot. A diet to strengthen her joints, heal inflammation and reduce weight has made it easier for this ol' gal to start to show her spunky personality. She even does a little dance when she sees the leash. Winnie is one of the Hull Hounds and we love her, head over heels love her!



**Winnie loves her fluffy bed and is always glad to share it with her siblings.**

## A Promise Kept for Linus and Friends

A compassionate man's dying request was to ensure that all of the cats he had cared for would find loving homes. Over the years he had taken on the responsibility of caring for strays that had ended up in his neighborhood. This included spaying and neutering them all. At the time of his passing, there were 32 in need of a place to go.



His family worked with various rescue groups to carry out his wishes, and it came down to seven very shy cats that needed our help. Some ended up in our Spirit Cat Room, which is just for these types of kitties — wary of humans and happy to be with other cats — all adoptable to patient homes with other cat-friendly felines.

The family was most concerned about Linus, who had very poor vision. Happily, he found the perfect new home. His mom Casey reports that his new name is Pants, and he loves following his feline brother around. He is quite the night owl, and that's when he bats things around. He's becoming less shy and even starting to talk a bit.



## Pixie



An update on Pixie! It took a little time, but she's feeling right at home now.

**- The Farley Family**

## Clementine



Clementine is the sweetest darling around. We are looking forward to all of our future adventures with this new love.

**- The Gagnon Family**

## Maddie



Maddie is such a beautiful and sweet dog. We're so glad we adopted her.

**- The Ascanio Family**

## Punchy



We walked in to the shelter expecting to get a dog, but none were a fit for our family. Our 5-year-old son wanted to see the cats. When we walked past Punchy he rolled over onto his back looking for a scratch. We took him to a room to play and that was it! He is the sweetest guy, and we just love him.

**- The Palage Family**

## Lucy



At an adoption event, we recognized Lucy from her picture online and we fell in love instantly. We had some struggles in the beginning with a bit of separation anxiety, but we were patient and worked with her. Lucy has since overcome her anxiety and is such a wonderful addition to our family. Anyone who meets her falls in love. We are so happy that we met her. Thank you.

**- The Nahlik Family**