



MOHAWK HUDSON
HUMAN
SOCIETY

Our Growth Era

2025 Impact Report

Dear Animal Lovers,

2025 marked my fifth year leading the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society. Five years ago, we were navigating a pandemic, virtual adoptions and events, disease outbreaks, evolving shelter standards, and an increasing volume of serious animal cruelty investigations. We were focused on stabilizing, strengthening systems, and expanding our impact in the community.

Today, we are leading.

Thanks to the support of our community, our staff has grown from 49 to 80. Humane Law Enforcement has expanded from 3 peace officers to 12, supported by a 27-member Animal Response Team. We've built stronger policies and developed programs that help meet animals and families at every stage of need.

Five years ago, we were steadying the ship. What followed was not just recovery, but transformation. In 2025, that transformation was fully visible.

We served more animals. We supported more families. We expanded our veterinary capacity, strengthened Humane Law Enforcement, deepened our foster network, and broke fundraising records that ensure this work continues long into the future.

MHHS is no longer simply responding to need — we are leading through it.

We are in our Growth Era.

And because of you, more animals are loved for life.

With gratitude,



ASHLEY JEFFREY BOUCK
President & CEO, Mohawk Hudson Humane Society



Ashley & Rock

ADOPTIONS

Finding the Right Home — Even If It Takes Time

In 2025, **2,080** animals began new chapters because our community said yes.

Some journeys were quick. Others required months of patience, enrichment, behavior support, and trust-building. But we do not measure success by speed. We measure it by stability.

Kiena spent 662 days in our care, arriving frozen with fear after being rescued from a large-scale cruelty case. Over time, with patience and dedicated support, she transformed into a confident, joyful companion who is now happily devoted to her tiny chihuahua brother. Tringle, a shy Spirit Cat, spent over 400 days watching other cats leave before it was finally her turn.

Second chances aren't rushed here. They're built.

And every adoption represents something bigger: a community that believes animals deserve time, training, and hope.

Kiena

FOSTER TO ADOPT

Trial. Trust. Transformation.

Some animals need more time and support to adjust to their new home.

Our Foster-to-Adopt (FTA) program allows animals with behavioral or medical needs to transition gradually into home life — with guidance, medication when appropriate, and ongoing support.

In 2025, **37** dogs left the shelter through Foster-to-Adopt placements. Dogs like Oakley, who needed medical support and structured behavior plans before succeeding. With time, training, and strong foster commitment, he found the perfect home.

Foster-to-Adopt gives pets and their future families the time and stability they need to adjust — and that makes all the difference.



Oakley

CrossRoads



Love at Every Stage of Life

Compassion doesn't end when prognosis changes.

Through our CrossRoads program, **15** animals facing uncertain futures were placed in loving homes in 2025.

Because of her hypertension, it's difficult to know how much time Mrs. Potts may have left. CrossRoads gives her the chance to live the days she has left in a warm, comforting lap.

Mrs. Potts

Safety When It Is Needed Most

Most animals come to MHHS in one of three ways: as a stray, as part of cruelty seizure, or being surrendered by their owner.

In 2025, **1,335** animals came to MHHS as strays and **159** as part of cruelty cases.

In 2025, our Managed Intake program helped **512** animals enter the shelter through structured surrender planning — preventing crisis and reducing trauma for families facing instability.

One of those dogs was Cloud, who was in urgent medical need due to severe eye disease his family could not manage. Our team stepped in to give him the medical care and specialized support he needed. Today, he is joyfully navigating life as a blind dog with his new family.

Because “Loved for Life” includes the hardest chapters, too.

Shelter Veterinary Care

Medicine That Changes Futures

The MHHS team continues to provide the most comprehensive shelter veterinary care in the region — and in 2025, that team expanded its impact dramatically:

- **3,288** shelter pet exams (up 26.7%)
- **1,518** shelter surgeries

From fractured legs to parvovirus, urinary obstructions to orthopedic surgeries, our team treated complex cases.

Mulder arrived with severe medical complications and a massive splenic tumor. Heathcliff needed advanced jaw surgery to be able to eat. Corey came to us with uncontrolled diabetes.

Thank to our incredible veterinary teams, all were able to recover and heal.

This is what medical leadership looks like in animal welfare.





Public Veterinary Services

Keeping Families Together

Our commitment to pet health extends beyond our kennels.

In 2025, we provided:

- **2,087** public veterinary services
- **463** public spay/neuter surgeries
- **3** large Albany County community clinics, with approximately **200** pets vaccinated at each event

Affordable care prevents surrender.
Accessible care prevents suffering.
Preventive care keeps pets healthy.

Creating Second Chances Through Training

Second chances require skill.

Our Behavior & Enrichment team provided nearly **11,881** direct touches with shelter animals that needed enhanced behavior support in 2025 and answered **190** helpline calls from adopters needing expert advice.

We expanded:

- Field trips
- Playgroups
- Behavioral medication support
- Structured treatment plans

Dogs once labeled “only dog” are now playing safely with friends. Adopters facing challenges are supported with in-home visits and guidance. And dogs like Fresno went from being unadoptable due to resource guarding to a pup who is thriving in his new home.

When behavior presents challenges, we invest wherever possible.



Humane Law Enforcement

Justice for the Voiceless

As the SPCA for Albany and Rensselaer Counties, MHHS leads the region in animal cruelty investigation and enforcement.

In 2025, our Humane Law Enforcement division handled complex cases including the seizure of more than **70** animals from a single case out of Westerlo, hoarding investigations, and other complex animal cruelty investigations. Because of MHHS, animals like the amazing Lavender and brave Ska went from cases of extreme neglect and abuse to loving new homes where they will never face fear or starvation again.

We also held our first-ever Peace Officer Academy, training animal welfare officers across the region.

When cruelty happens, we respond.
When prosecution is required, we pursue it.
When animals need protection, we act.

Ska

Fostering

Homes That Save Lives



In 2025, **549** cats and **207** dogs went into foster homes — along with horses, guinea pigs, even a cow.

During population surges and cases like Westerlo or when “kitten season” hits hard, fosters stepped forward without hesitation.

We expanded specialty foster recruitment for:

- Neonatal kittens
- Medical cases
- Behavior dogs

Fosters are literal lifesavers, helping us care for even more animals. We could not be more thankful.

Humane Education

Growing the Next Generation of Animal Lovers

Education builds the future of animal welfare. In 2025, our humane education programs grew significantly.

In 2025:

- **102** children attended summer camps
- **20** teens completed the Veterinary Intensive workshop
- **30** youth participated in our Humane Heroes Unleashed after-school program
- Numerous community members attended seminars and school visits focused on animal welfare

These programs teach empathy, responsibility, and leadership.

We are not just saving animals today. We are shaping advocates for tomorrow.



Loved for Life

Meeting Basic Needs with Dignity

Through our Pet Food Pantry, we distributed:

- **59,310** meals for cats
- **28,088** meals for dogs

Through our holiday Giving Tree, community members stepped up to purchase critical supplies and veterinary procedures for families in need. A total of **38** households received support, keeping beloved pets safely at home where they belong.

When families struggle, we do not judge.
We help.

Joey



Volunteers

The Heart of MHHS

In 2025, **504** active volunteers donated **20,120** hours — a **37%** increase in participation.

From dog behavior and enrichment to Empties for Animals (raising **\$155,129**), volunteers power every department.

They walk dogs.
They calm cats.
They fold laundry.
They raise funds.

Volunteers make this work possible.



Dyna & Glenn

Financials

Fundraising

Total Contributions	\$3,210,505
Legacies and Bequests	\$303,542
Total Fundraising	\$3,514,047

Revenue

Animal Care and Adoptions	\$422,003
Veterinary Services	\$148,486
Municipal Contracts	\$334,492
Non-Animal-Care Income	\$223,949
End-of-Life Services for Community	\$63,070
Miscellaneous	\$24,752
Total Revenue	\$1,216,752

Total Fundraising and Revenue: \$4,730,799

Expenses

Animal Care and Programs	\$4,498,733
Management and General	\$621,047
Fundraising	\$794,779
Total Expenses	\$5,914,559

Income in 2025 reached approximately \$4.7 million, with expenses reflecting expanded staffing and services.

We continue to invest responsibly in:

- Veterinary care
- Humane Law Enforcement
- Shelter standards compliance
- Staff development
- Infrastructure improvements

We are in our Growth Era and the need has never been greater.

Thank you for believing that animals deserve time, expertise, and love. Together, we are building a community where all animals are truly loved for life.



All data represents pre-audit numbers.

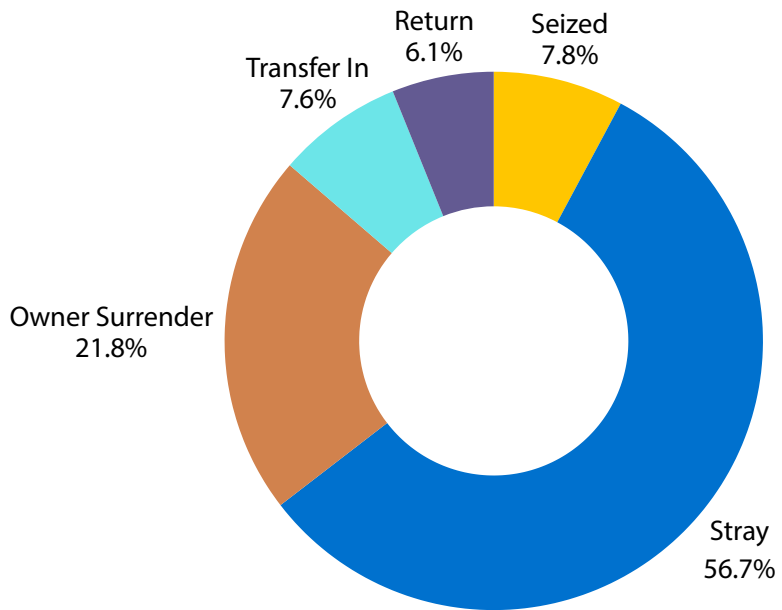
Sheltering & Outcomes

Live Intakes

Seized*	184
Stray	1,335
Owner Surrender	512
Transfer In**	178
Return	144
Total	2,353

*Seized includes animals who come to us through animal control and Humane Law Enforcement.

** Represents cats transported in when space was available.

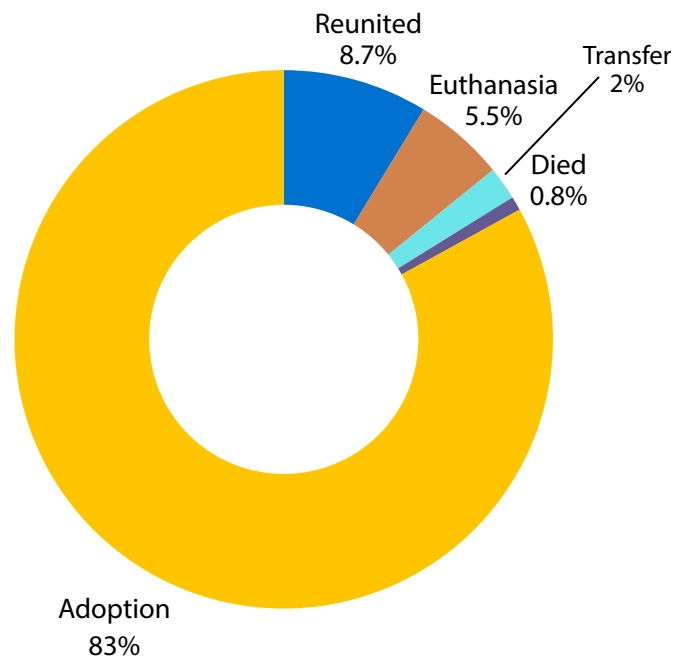


Outcomes

Adoption	2,080
Reunited	218
Euthanasia	137
Transfer out	50
Died*	21
Total	2,506

Live Release Rate of 93.7%

*The majority of animal deaths in our care were very young kittens. While we continue to improve outcomes, neonatal animals are particularly fragile and often arrive in our care already under great stress.



Reason for Euthanasia	Cat	Dog	Other	Total
Medical	36	7	3	46
Behavioral	0	91	0	91

MHHS exceeds the "no-kill" standard of saving 90% or more animals. Euthanasia is only considered when an animal is suffering, and there is not a humane medical option, and in cases of aggression where it would be unsafe to place an animal in a home.

Mission

Transforming the lives of animals and people through partnerships, protection, and hope

Vision

A community where all animals are loved for life

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