



# Sand Creek Animal Hospital

# Monthly Newsletter

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## What's New at Sand Creek

**Exceptional veterinary care,  
education, and peace of mind.**

Welcome to the first edition of our monthly newsletter, where we will share the latest news and updates from Sand Creek Animal Hospital! As always, we thank each and every one of you for choosing us to take care of your pets. We look forward to staying in touch with all of you in this new and exciting format!

For our first exciting announcement - Two of our doctors recently got married! Dr. Brittany Farron's new name is Dr. Brittany Bewick, and Dr. Adele Friello's new name is Dr. Adele Rock. Please join us in congratulating both of them!

[Read more on our website](#)



# Featured Adorable Pet

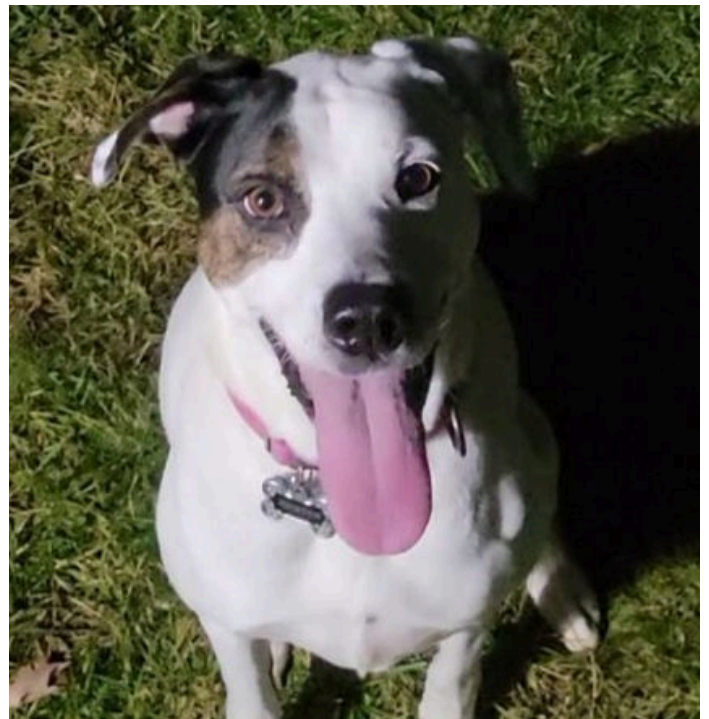
Meet Ella! She is currently in a foster home with Homeward Bound Dog Rescue

Hi, I am Ella, and I am a 2 1/2 year old super pretty Hound mix girl who weighs in at 45 lbs. I was an owner surrender and I have really figured things out in my foster home. I am calming down, fitting in and sleeping on the bed at night. I am an energetic girl so an active family is a must!

Not to toot my own horn, but I am a genius! Easy to train and I know how to sit, lay down, touch my nose to your palm, paw, to shake your hand, and stay! I am fully potty trained and can stay home all day without any accidents! I don't like the crate so much, but can be left free in the house while you are gone. I am picky about my doggie friends but socialized dogs of similar size may be my besties, but no cats, no kitties, nu-uh, no way. I do like to explore freely and be able to burn off this energy so a fenced in yard would be necessary.

Enter your application today so my foster mom can set up a meet and greet for us!

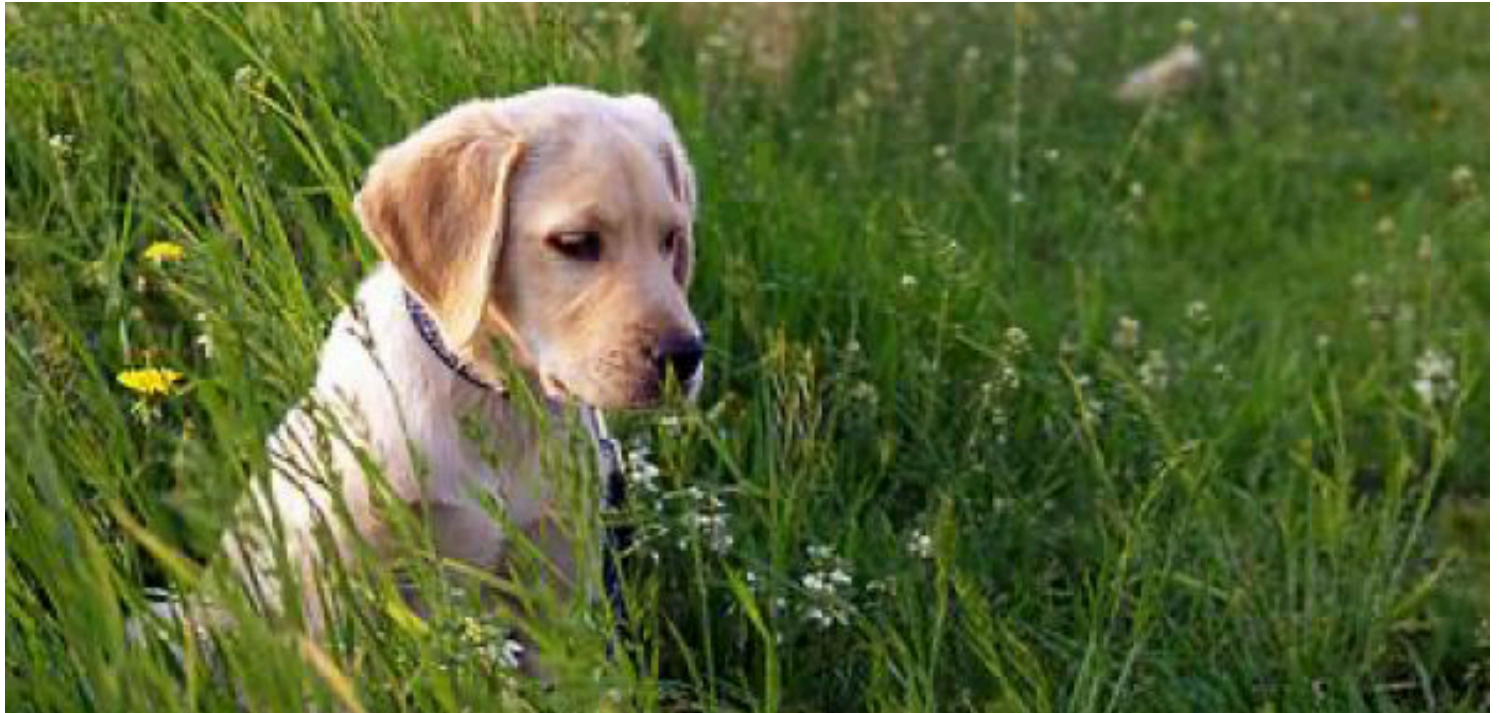
Learn more about Ella here: <https://www.petfinder.com/dog/ella-65472629/ny/albany/homeward-bound-dog-rescue-of-ny-ny480/>





# The Weather is Cooling Down

Refresh Your Monthly Preventions Today



Life can get hectic, and it's easy to forget your pet's monthly flea and tick prevention medication. But remember - these medications are extremely important in protecting your pet from parasites. Even during the colder months, we recommend that our patients be on monthly flea, tick, and heartworm preventions year-round.

For fleas and ticks, we carry a large variety of products to protect your cat or dog:

- Credelio - a popular chewable tablet given monthly for dogs
- Vectra - a topical product used monthly for dogs
- Revolution - a topical product used monthly for dogs
- Revolution Plus - a topical product used monthly for cats

To protect against heartworm and other internal parasites, we carry:

- Interceptor Plus - a chewable tablet given monthly for dogs
- Revolution - a topical product used monthly for dogs
- Revolution Plus - a topical product used monthly for cats

Protecting your pets from heartworm is very important. Heartworms are transmitted to your pet through mosquito bites and can cause serious damage if left untreated. Remember - using your monthly preventions is much, much easier than treating a heartworm infection in your dog! Protecting against fleas and ticks is just as important - fleas can be ingested and lead to a tapeworm infection in your pet, and ticks can carry various dangerous diseases, like Lyme Disease, Anaplasmosis, and more.

If you need to stock up on preventions, be sure to send us a request online or give the office a call today! In order to order these products, please understand that your pet's annual exam must be up to date, and dogs must have had a negative heartworm test from within the last twelve months. For those of you wishing to learn more about intestinal parasites, you can find lots of information on this blog:

<https://www.wormsandgermsblog.com/>

# We're Approaching the Holiday Season!

For those of you who celebrate Thanksgiving, it is quickly approaching! Please consider some of these safety tips for your pets while celebrating this year.

- Pet safe holiday treats: If you want to share some special treats with your dogs this Thanksgiving, it is safe to give a small amount of turkey meat - no gravy, and please be careful of any bones! Do not give anything that has been cooked with garlic or onion, and don't overdo it - no one wants to celebrate Black Friday by dealing with diarrhea or vomiting from a heavy meal the day before.
- If you have family or friends visiting, remember to consider your pets - having guests can be stressful, especially for dogs with anxiety issues who are used to a specific routine. If you have a large party planned and you think you'll need support from us to keep your pets safe and stress-free, please give our office a call to discuss.

## Employee Pet of the Month

This beautiful girl is Frankie! She belongs to Sara, one of the Client Service Representatives at the front desk. She is 13 years old, and will be turning 14 on Christmas Day. Sara has owned Frankie since she was just 3 months old, adopted from The Animal Protective Foundation. Her favorite treats are Greenies and dry Cheerios! She loves hanging out with her kitty and doggie siblings, bringing people stuffed animals, and chasing tennis balls. Fun fact - her puppy picture was used to advertise the opening of the Spay/Neuter Clinic at The Animal Protective Foundation, 13 years ago when they first opened up. She is very well loved, and so excited to be November's Employee Pet of the Month!

Dr. Bewick had this to say about Frankie: "Frankie is a sweet and timid old lady who loves to have chicken treats here! She was diagnosed with a mass in her chest 8 months ago and has been a really strong fighter! It's always a pleasure working with her."



# Learn More

If you've ever been interested in learning more about how to deepen your relationship with your pet, the team here at Sand Creek Animal Hospital has some suggestions for further reading.

Books:

- [Decoding Your Dog: Explaining Common Dog Behaviors and How to Prevent or Change Unwanted Ones: Amer. Coll. of Veterinary Behaviorists, Horwitz, Debra F.: 9780544334601: Amazon.com: Books](#)
- [The Other End of the Leash](#)
- [Don't Shoot the Dog](#)
- [Control Unleashed](#)
- [The Cautious Canine](#)
- [Doggie Language](#)

Trainers who work with families with children:

- [Pooch Parenting](#)
- [The Family Dog USA](#)
- [Family Paws Parent Education](#)

## Fear Free Veterinary Care

Here at Sand Creek Animal Hospital, we practice what is known as "fear free" medicine - that means we do anything and everything we can to ease our patients' anxiety when they visit us. All of the staff that interact with pets regularly are Fear Free Certified, which includes an educational course on how to handle fearful animals. Learn more here: <https://fearfreepets.com/>

## Community Support: Pet Loss

Did you know that there are many options in the capital district for pet loss support? If you or someone you know has lost a pet and are struggling, there are options out there for support. Upstate Veterinary Specialties offers an hour long group every second Tuesday of each month at 6 pm. Patrons may attend in person or virtually. Learn more here: <https://www.uvsonline.com/wellbeing-support/>

For those who do not feel comfortable attending a group, The Association for Pet Loss and Bereavement offers a private chat room for those struggling with pet loss. Their website also has many other resources for those in need. Learn more here: <https://www.aplb.org/>

If you have a specific need for support or further resources, please do not hesitate to reach out to us, by email, phone, or text. Here at Sand Creek Animal Hospital, we are all here to help and support our clients and their families. There are even options for those of us who are suffering from the loss of a pet for behavioral reasons. If this applies to you, you may benefit from the group "Losing Lulu." Learn more here: <https://www.losinglulu.com/>

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