



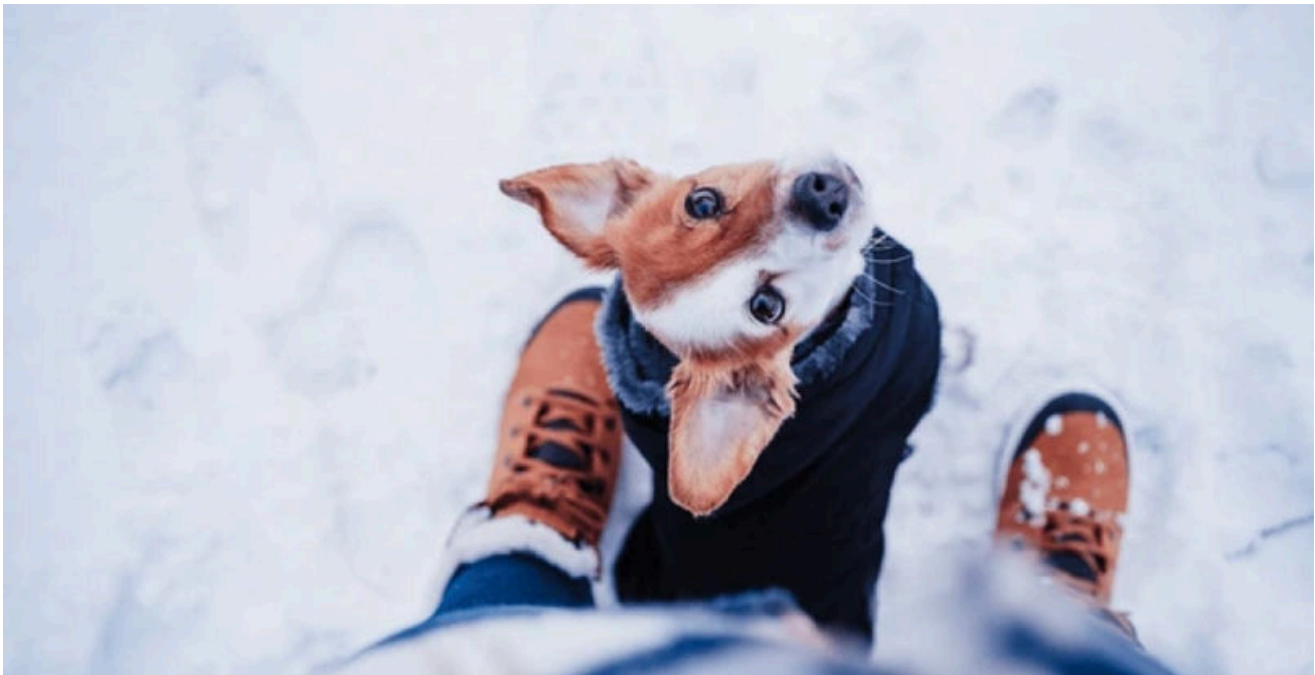
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ANIMAL HOSPITAL
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**Sand Creek
Animal Hospital**

Monthly Newsletter

February 1, 2025

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What's New at Sand Creek

Exceptional veterinary care, education, and peace of mind.

We have welcomed Dr. Ally Baner DVM to the team here at Sand Creek Animal Hospital! As some of you know, Dr. Adele Friello-Rock has left the practice to pursue teaching. Dr. Baner brings our practice back up to seven doctors.

[Read more on our website](https://www.sandcreekanimalhospital.com)

Featured Adorable Pet

Meet Lilah! She is available for adoption through Homeward Bound Dog Rescue. If you are interested in meeting Lilah, please contact HBDR at (518) 424-1738 or visit Lilah's page at <https://www.petfinder.com/dog/lilah-74194637/ny/albany/homeward-bound-dog-rescue-of-ny-ny480/>

Homeward Bound has this to say about Lilah: "Meet Lilah. She is a Shepherd mix around 10 yrs. old and 50 lbs. She is active and likes to hike or go on walks. She is crate and house trained. She does well on and off leash. She knows all common commands. She is very independent and sometimes just likes to hang out by herself, but don't be fooled, she likes to cuddle as well. She would do best in a home with no small children, teenagers and older are fine. She is good with other medium to large dogs, but no small dogs or cats."



Winding Down After the Holiday Season

February Is ...

Dental month! The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) sponsors National Pet Dental Health Month each February. If you haven't yet discussed your pet's dental care with your primary veterinarian, please give us a call or email us to discuss. Remember - dental health is very important, and poor dental health in pets can lead to other medical conditions. Keeping your cat or dog's teeth clean is an important preventative step in their overall wellbeing and care!

February 20th is national love your pet day! For most of us, that happens every day. Give your best friend an extra treat on the 20th to celebrate!

February 25th is international spay day! If you own a female dog or cat who is over six months old and not yet spayed, please give our office a call to discuss spay options. In case you didn't know, spaying your pet is a very important part of their health - unspayed female dogs and cats can develop a dangerous infection in their uterus called pyometra. Spaying your pet is the only way to prevent this infection by 100%.

Events

Homeward Bound Dog Rescue will be having monthly Adoption Clinics - the next one is February 8, from 10 am to 12 pm. These events are by invitation only. To learn more and apply for an adoption, please see:

http://www.homewardbounddogrescue.com/pre_adoption_app.php

Saturday, Feb 1, 2025, 11 am - 1 pm

Adoption Clinic at Healthy Pet Center with Out of the Pits

775 New Loudon Rd, Latham, NY

Saturday, Feb 8, 2025, 1 pm - 4 pm

Fundraiser

Valentine Themed Photos with Out of the Pits at Pet Supplies Plus

501 Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer, NY

Saturday, Feb 15, 2025, 11 am - 3 pm

Pet Connection Adoption Clinic at the Menands Farmer's Market

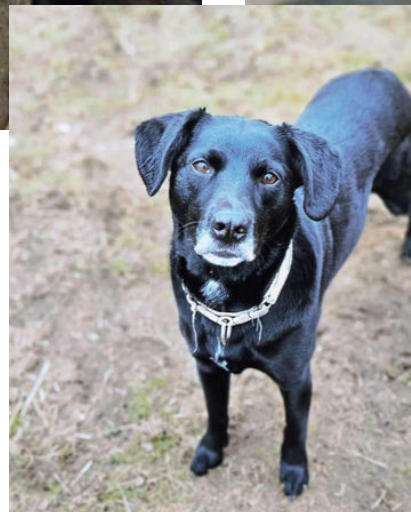
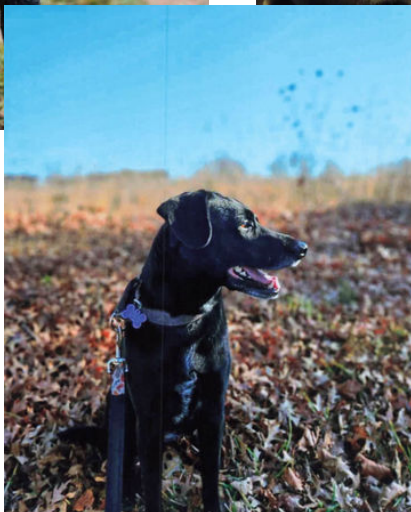
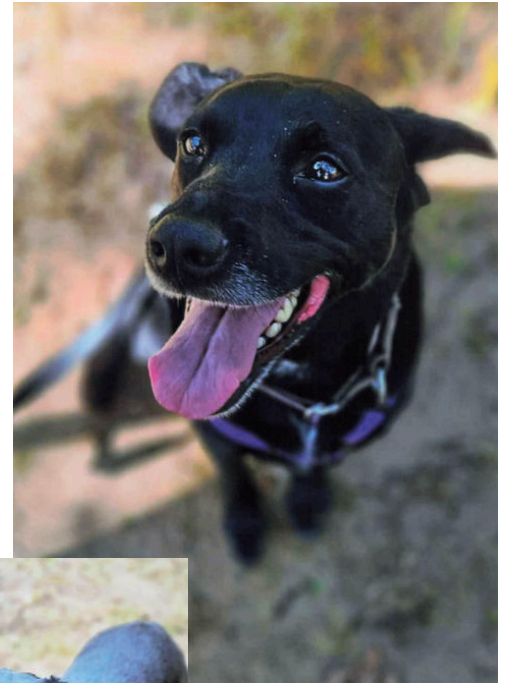
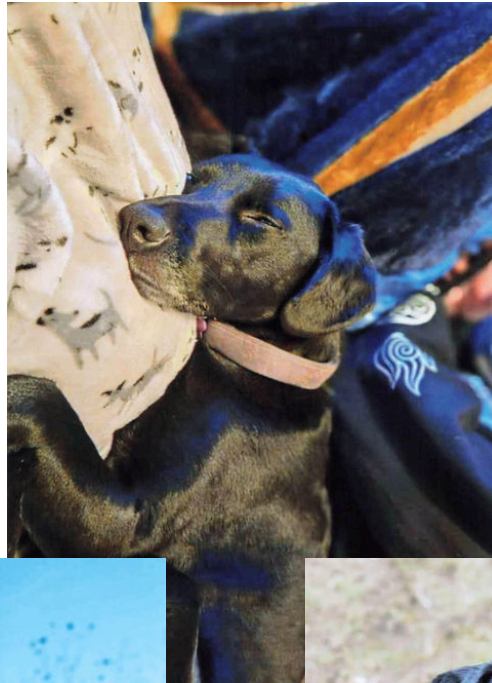
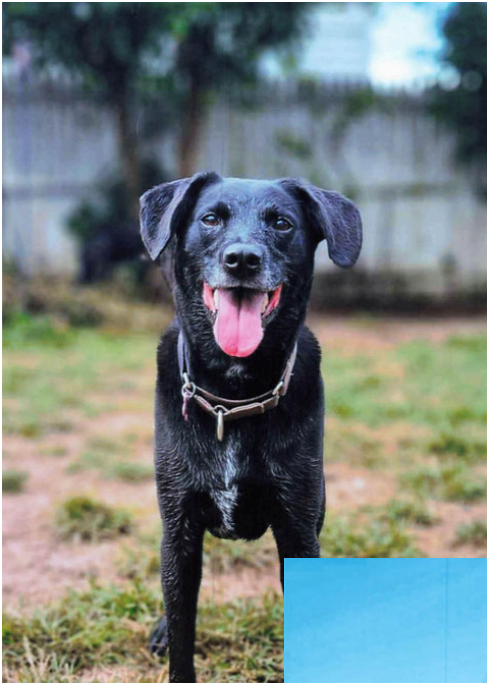
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Employee Pet of the Month

This lovely lady is Dixie! She is owned by Tabitha, one of our Client Service Representatives/Veterinary Assistants. She's a 6 year old lab and hound mix. Tabby has owned Dixie since she was a young pup of just 11 weeks old, and was adopted from Lucky Puppy Rescue.

Dixie is a lover of all things food - her favorite treat is anything she can get her paws on! When she gets excited, she throws her hips around and bumps her doggie siblings (and parents) with her butt, and she loves to jump up and give hugs.

Natasha, one of our technicians, said "In the few times I've met Dixie she's been the sweetest girl ever. Always looking for snacks and snuggles. Also a very stylish lady!" Dr. Bewick, Dixie's doctor, said this: "Dixie is a pleasure to work with and very well behaved. She's a very friendly and active young lady."



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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