



Sand Creek
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**Sand Creek
Animal Hospital**

Monthly Newsletter

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What's New at Sand Creek

Exceptional veterinary care, education, and peace of mind.

[Read more on our website](#)

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."



The Weather Will Soon Warm Up

As winter winds down, it's important to remember that your pets need to stay up to date on their vaccines and on their monthly heartworm/flea/tick preventative medications to avoid parasitic infections. As the snow melts, please monitor your pets for any signs of infection. These can include fever, lethargy, loss of appetite, vomiting, diarrhea, and respiratory problems. If your pet has any of these symptoms, please give us a call!

Leptospirosis

We recommend our canine patients be vaccinated for Leptospirosis yearly - please give us a call to schedule your dog's vaccine if your records show they are due for it, especially as the weather warms up. The bacteria that causes this infection is spread by wildlife urine, and can be found in standing or slow moving water. Please refrain from allowing your dog to drink from unfamiliar water sources, and if your pet likes to go swimming in lakes/ponds/streams in the warm weather, please be sure their vaccines are up to date. All dogs, regardless of breed and age are at risk for this disease if exposed and not vaccinated. This illness is also zoonotic, which means it can be spread to humans if your dog has an active infection. It can be spread through any cuts on your skin and through mucous membranes.

March Is ...

National Pet Poison Prevention Awareness Month. There are many substances that are toxic to dogs and cats that are not toxic to humans. Most people know about chocolate being toxic to pets, but did you know that grapes, onions, garlic, macadamia nuts, raisins, xylitol (a common sweetener sometimes found in peanut butter), and raw yeast dough are all also toxic to pets? If your pet gets into any of these foods, please be sure to give us a call, or call Animal Poison Control at 888-426-4435.

Adopt a Rescued Guinea Pig Month!

March 2 is International Rescue Cat Day

March 3 is World Wildlife Day

Events

Saturday, March 1

Adoption Clinic at Pets Supplies Plus in East Greenbush

Out of the Pits

Saturday, March 8

Rabbit Adoption Clinic at Advance Auto Parts

1506 Altamont Ave

Hop on Home Rabbit Rescue

Sunday, March 16

Breakfast with Bassetts with All Bassetts Cherished Basset Rescue

A Time Four Paws

Learn more here: <https://nybasset.org/event/breakfast-with-bassetts-albany/>

Saturday, March 22

Puttin' on the Ritz Gala (21+ only)

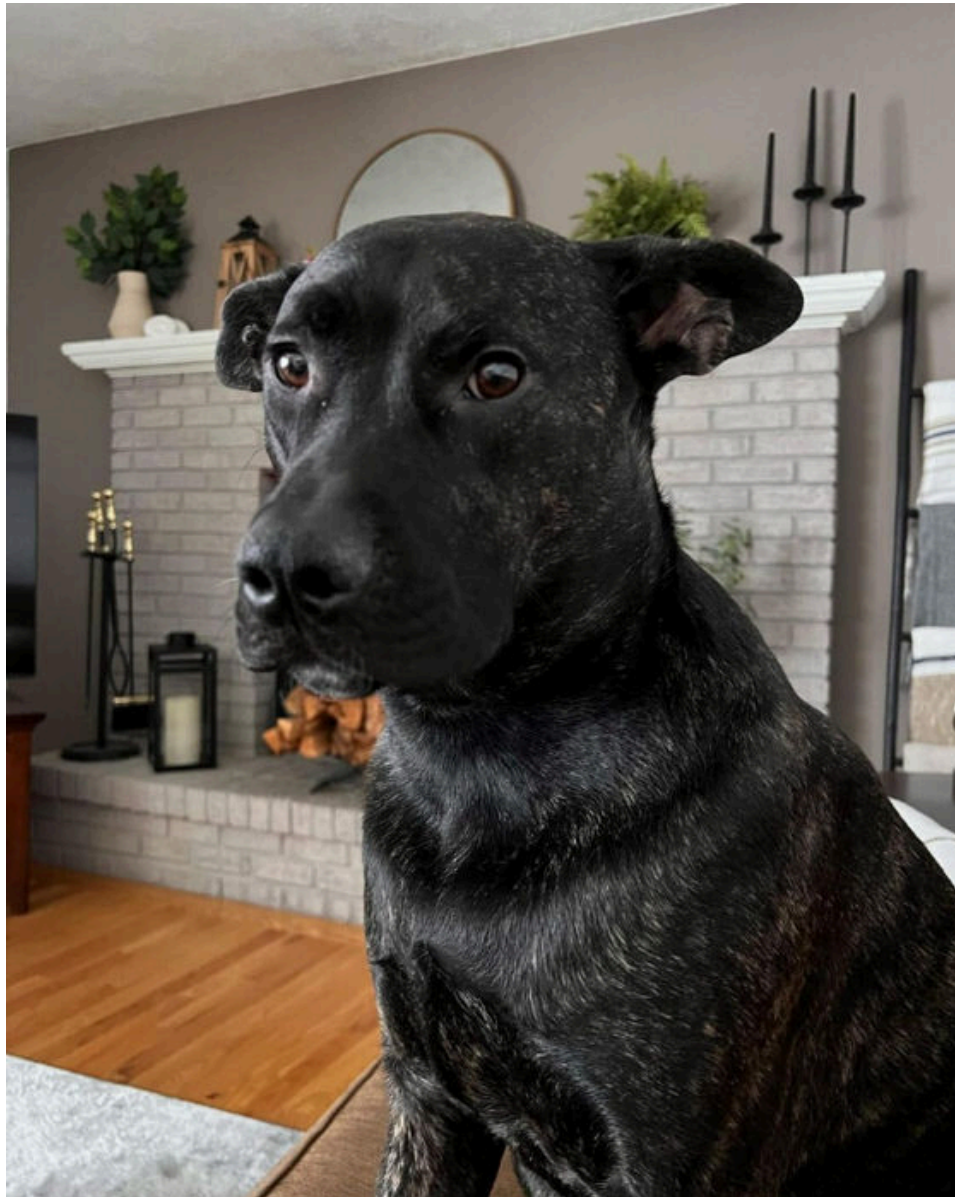
Out of the Pits

Get your tickets: <https://www.outofthepits.store/product-page/gala-ticket>

Employee Pet of the Month

This is Bosco. He is a 2 year old pit bull mix, owned by Jenna, one of our veterinary assistants! She has had him since he was a puppy, adopted from the Columbia Greene Humane Society. His favorite snack is Frosty Paws, and he loves sleeping, begging for food, chewing bones, and even more sleeping!

Bosco was an unplanned adoption - Jenna and her partner were approved for an adoption by the shelter and they happened to have a puppy available, and so the rest is history! His veterinarian is Dr. Sasha DiNitto. She said, "He is such a sweet boy! Smart and handsome! And the cutest butt wiggles" If you see Jenna this month, be sure to congratulate her and Bosco!



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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