



**Sand Creek**  
ANIMAL HOSPITAL  
*Exceptional Veterinary Care*

# Sand Creek Animal Hospital Monthly Newsletter

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## What's New at Sand Creek

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

We now carry Credelio Quattro, Elanco's new all in one chewable that protects your dogs against heartworm, fleas, ticks, and intestinal parasites. If you are interested in switching to an all in one chewable, give us a call.

[Read more on our website](#)

## Featured Adorable Pet

This adorable girl is Dorothy. She is blind, and was surrendered by her previous family because they moved away. She is available for adoption at Homeward Bound Dog Rescue of NY. You can learn more about her here: <https://www.petfinder.com/dog/dorothy-76013102/ny/albany/homeward-bound-dog-rescue-of-ny-ny480/>



# The Weather Is Warming Up

Some seasonal reminders for everyone:

- Before you bring home potted plants or start your garden, be sure to check to see if they are toxic to your furry friends. The ASPCA has more information here: <https://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants>
- If you plan to start opening windows with the nicer weather, please double check your screens to make sure they are sturdy and have no tears.
- Keep your pets away from freshly fertilized grass for at least 24 hours after treating your lawn.

## Does My Pet Have Allergies?

Did you know that pets, like people, can suffer from seasonal allergies? If so, you may notice them start to become more itchy. You may also see your pet rubbing their face more on furniture or with their paws. If you notice anything like that, please give us a call to schedule an exam with one of our veterinarians to rule out other problems and get your pet some relief. Some pets need to stay on allergy medication all year round, and some pets need it just in the springtime. At Sand Creek Animal Hospital, our patients are most commonly treated for allergies with either Apoquel, an oral medication, or Cytopoint, an injection given by a veterinarian.

### May...

1st is National Purebred Dog Day

3rd is National Specially-Abled Pets Day

10th is German Shepherd Day

11th is National Dog Mom Day

20th is National Rescue Dog Day

25th is International Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Day

# Events

*Sunday, May 4th*

1 pm - 4 pm

Pints for Pit Bulls - Out of the Pits

Wolf Hollow Brewing Co

*Saturday, May 10th*

11 am - 1 pm

Adoption Clinic - Out of the Pits

Community Lounge at The Lofts at Harmony Hills

100 North Mohawk Street, Cohoes

*Saturday, May 17th*

Goldstein Adoption Day

Mohawk Hudson Humane Society

3 Oakland Ave, Menands

*Sunday, May 18th*

Capital District Reptile Expo

Albany Capital Center

*Sunday, May 18th*

Bark in the Park - a portion of the proceeds will benefit Mohawk Hudson Humane Society

"The Joe" at HVCC

80 Vandenberg Ave, Troy

*Saturday, May 31st*

Mohawk Hudson Humane Society

Gala for Animals



# Employee Pet of the Month

This handsome little fella is Morty! He is owned by Lillie, one of our veterinary assistants/CSR's. He is a 5 year old Chihuahua. Lillie got Morty when he was just ten weeks old. He doesn't have a favorite treat - they're all his favorite! He also barks at his human family members for snacks when they're eating. He also loves doing zoomies and cuddling. Morty, like a cat, makes biscuits when he's happy, especially if he is cuddling with his lambchop toy. He also loves to sleep with all four feet in the air on his back!



# 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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