



Sand Creek
ANIMAL HOSPITAL
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What's New at Sand Creek

Exceptional veterinary care, education, and peace of mind.

We now offer a brand new platform for scheduling appointments and requesting refills online. You can now do all of these things on our [website](#). You can also now see your pet's medical records, and download a copy of their vaccines if you need them for boarding, grooming, or travel. To get started, visit our website and click the link to download the Pet Desk app! If you have any questions, please give us a call.

[Read more on our website](#)

Featured Adoptable Pets

This time our adoptable pet is a two for one! This is Clay and Cash. You can learn more about them here: <https://www.petfinder.com/dog/clay-and-cash-77516678/ny/albany/homeward-bound-dog-rescue-of-ny-ny480/>



As Fall Approaches

Some seasonal reminders for everyone:

- It can be tempting to stop giving your pet their flea/tick preventions around this time of year as it cools down, but remember, ticks and other critters can live in the leaves for longer than you think - it's important to keep your pet current on these preventions year-round.
- Be sure to monitor your dogs in your yard and give us a call if they eat any plants or mushrooms. Fall can bring several kinds of toxic plants. Be sure to also keep them away from seasonal plants that may be on your porch or in your home. If you are ever unsure if a plant your pet ate or chewed on is toxic, you can call us at the hospital, or the Animal Poison Control hotline at 888-426-4435.
- As the holiday season approaches, remember to monitor the amount of treats your pet gets. It's easy to overdo it with special holiday goodies. And remember, if you're planning on sharing Thanksgiving or Christmas foods, keep it to just skinless and unseasoned meats, and plain vegetables. Avoid things like gravy, meat with bones, fatty foods, etc.

Fall is...

October is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month (<https://www.animalprotective.org/https://mohawkhumane.org/index.php/adopt/available>)

November is National Senior Pet Awareness Month

November is Pet Cancer Awareness Month

December is National Cat Lovers' Month

Events

October Events with Out of the Pits: <https://outofthepits.org/events/month/2025-10/>

Octopurrfest 2025 with Mohawk Hudson: <https://www.mohawkhumane.org/oktopurrfest-2025>

Hounds of Halloween in Downtown Albany: <https://www.news10.com/community/hounds-of-halloween-to-return-to-downtown-albany/>

November Events with Out of the Pits: <https://outofthepits.org/events/month/2025-11/>

Howl-O-Ween Event with Peppertree at Indian Ladder Farms (11/1/25):

<https://peppertree.org/event/howl-o-ween-rescue-bash-at-indian-ladder-farms-november-1/>

December Events with Out of the Pits: <https://outofthepits.org/events/month/2025-12/>

Employee Pet of the Month

This beautiful girl is Roux! She is owned by our Head CSR, Jolene. She's 9 years old, and was adopted from Wyomissing Animal Hospital in 2016. Jolene adopted her because she was the last kitten of the litter, and kept getting passed over because she is very shy. She loves her treats, but has a sensitive belly, so she gets T/D dental bites as treats. She is a perfect princess who loves to sleep all day, and loves to chase the laser pointer. Fun fact - she drools when she is happy and dances on her front feet when she gets excited and wants pets. Her doctor is Dr. Lee, who said that Roux is a perfect patient, and a great big sister to her younger brothers. She also has many nicknames - Rutabaga, Rutherford B-Have, Teddy Roosevelt, and the list goes on!



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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