



Sand Creek
ANIMAL HOSPITAL
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Sand Creek Animal Hospital

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What's New

Are you on Pet Desk? Sand Creek Animal Hospital is! If you haven't downloaded the app yet, what are you waiting for?! There are a lot of new and exciting features to explore on the app:

- You can schedule your own appointments and request medication refills directly on the app
- You can view your pet's vaccination status, and download their vaccine certificates
- You can view your upcoming appointments
- You will receive important updates from the hospital, such as early closure announcements or updates regarding extreme weather

[Download Pet Desk](#)

Events

National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day is April 30! Check out some of these local adoption events:

Curtis Lumber PetAPalooza

Saturday, June 20, 2026 10AM - 3PM

Curtis Lumber, Ballston Spa

Paint for Pit Bulls at Paint Cohoes

April 25, 2026

144 Ramsen St, Cohoes

Out of the Pits Adoption Clinic

Saturday, April 11, 2026, 11AM - 1PM

Muttz Dog Lounge, 1814 Central Ave, Albany

Capital District Reptile Expo

May 17, 2026

Albany Capital Center

5th Annual Woofstock Music Festival & 5K

Animal Protective Foundation

Lions Pavilion in Collins Park, Scotia NY, June 7, 2026,

5K starts at 9 am; music festival starts at 11 am

Spring is Coming...

Do you need more flea/tick prevention, or heartworm prevention? At SCAH, we do recommend keeping pets on preventions all year round, but this time of year is especially important as we start seeing more and more ticks outside. If you need a refill, please send us a text or give us a call!

Spring also brings a lot of new plants coming alive again. If your furry friend likes to take bites of plants outside, or if you have houseplants they like to nibble on, it's important to keep in mind that some plants can be toxic to them.

If your pet has ingested a plant and you are not sure if it is toxic, please give us a call, or call UVS at 518-783-3198. Pet Poison Control: 888-426-4435 (charges a fee to speak to a professional/vet staff). You may also view a (non-exhaustive) [list of common plants that are toxic and non-toxic to cats, dogs, and horses.](#)

Did you know that your pet can suffer from seasonal allergies, just like humans? If you notice your pet is becoming increasingly itchy with red splotchy skin, or frequent ear infections, it could be allergies. Give us a call to schedule an exam if you think your pet could benefit from allergy medication - we offer oral medication (Apoquel, Zenralia) as well as an injectable medication (Cytopoint).

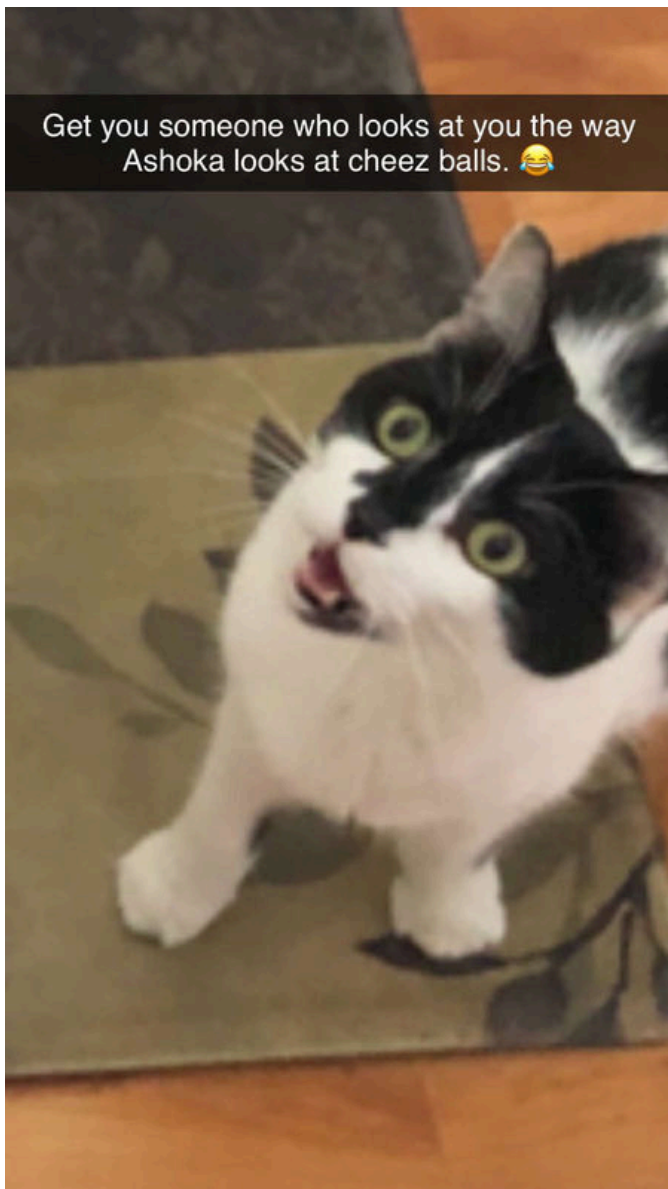
Leptospirosis

In case you didn't know, leptospirosis is a very serious illness that dogs are particularly susceptible to this time of year - this is due to the snow melting and wet soil. The illness is spread by wild animals' urine, and can be very harmful to your pet. The other important thing about lepto is that it is zoonotic, which means it can also be spread to you if your dog contracts it.

To protect you and your dog, we highly recommend updating their leptospirosis vaccine each year. Symptoms to look out for include fever, conjunctivitis, vomiting, and diarrhea.

Employee Pet of the Month

This beautiful lady is Ahsoka! She belongs to Stephen, our Lead Vet Tech. He adopted her from Hearts Herd Animal Sanctuary in 2014. She loves cheeze balls, and butter, being the center of attention, and watching birds and fish. Our Lead Veterinary Assistant, Mackenzie, is one of Ahsoka's biggest fans. She said, "Ahsoka is the best snuggle buddy. She knows how to cheer anyone up with her head rubs." Her doctor, Dr. Sonnekalb, said "Ahsoka, also known as cow-cat, is currently the best feline on the planet." Fun fact - while she is not diabetic, Ahsoka has had sugar in her urine for the past 3 years!



Adoptable Pet of the Month

This is Babe. He is a male chihuahua around 13 yrs. old and 20 lbs. He was surrendered because his elderly owner was going into a care facility.

Babe really enjoys going on his walks, but also likes to lounge around the house. He might need some patience because he can be very skittish, but he is very sweet. Someone who works from home a lot or is retired would be an ideal situation since he hates being left home alone and needs to be let outside frequently during the day though he could be left in a crate if needed. He'll typically sleep the entire night without needing a potty break. He is just looking for his person so he can be their shadow. He is fine with other dogs and cats (currently lives with 3 other pets), but he does prefer to be with his person.

We are presently not holding our regular Saturday adoption clinics due to the Covid-19 virus. We are operating on a limited basis until further notice, but we are still adopting dogs out. We require an approved application before we consider anyone for an adoption - so filling out the application is your first step. Different dogs and puppies go up for adoption EVERY WEEK so please feel free to visit the site and click on the Petfinder link for updates. Puppies and dogs up to 2 years old are \$395. Dogs over 2 years old are \$295. 100% of the adoption fees go to help us save more dogs.



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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