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The Cat's Meow

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Celebrating Dominick: Ten-Year Resident Finds His Forever Home



Dominick is the epitome of perseverance.

His early days at MHAA were a bit challenging. Every day, he made it clear that humans were not on his list of favorite things. He claimed the highest perch in the Great Room, quietly watching everything below while enjoying the company of his fellow felines, especially his best buddy, Ninja.

Winning Dominick's trust took a wealth of patience, plenty of treats, and a lot of respect for his boundaries. Little by little, he showed us his softer side. After spending an incredible ***ten*** years with us, Dominick finally found his forever home in February of this year. Seeing him spend his golden years curled up on a cozy couch, surrounded by love, fills our hearts with joy.

Dominick's story reminds us why we never give up. His story is a powerful reminder that with patience, compassion, and hope, even the most vulnerable cats can find their way to a brighter future.

For Every Cat We Save, Hope Rewrites Their Story

Abandoned. Injured. Forgotten by the world. For too many cats, MHAA is the last hope they have left. But then something changes. A door opens. A gentle hand reaches out instead of turning away. And for the first time in a long time, a timid heart discovers what it feels like to be safe. That's what you make possible.

Your generosity gives these cats more than a warm bed and a meal — it gives them *time*. Time to rest without worry and settle into the safety they always deserved. Time to learn that people can be trusted again. Time to become the affectionate, playful companions they were always meant to be. Every purr, every slow blink, every hesitant step toward a caring hand is a small victory you help make possible.

Last year, thanks to supporters like you, MHAA welcomed 119 cats through our doors and celebrated 122 happy adoptions into loving homes. Every one of those stories started with someone who cared enough to help. Will you be that someone again today? A gift of any size helps us feed, heal, and comfort the cats who have nowhere else to turn — and gives them the second chance they deserve.

Please donate now. And thank you for believing that every cat deserves a chance at a happy ending.

Don Petruncola, President
Mid Hudson Animal Aid Cat Sanctuary

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Second chances happen the moment you open your heart to a shelter pet.
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Meet the Manager

In December of 2025, we welcomed Jo Huertas as our new shelter manager. She brings with her a wealth of animal experience, including work at the Bronx Zoo! Here are her thoughts on MHAA, favorite cats, and passion for animal rescue:

Working at MHAA is an experience I am truly thankful for, and I am so happy to have found my way here. The most rewarding part of my work is helping these cats grow, heal, and find their forever homes. Whether it's a fearful cat who needs extra love and patience or a cat facing medical challenges who needs care and support, there is nothing better than watching them come out of their shells, start feeling better, and find the family they were meant to be with. Just as meaningful is the sense of community at MHAA - being part of such a caring team. My favorite cat at the shelter was my foster cat, Teddy, a scruffy senior who loved nothing more than spending his days napping. While every cat here is special in their own way, I definitely have a soft spot for the oldies. My passion for animal rescue comes from the importance of advocating for those who do not have a voice. These animals rely on us to step in, provide medical care, offer compassion, and give them the chance at the safe and loving future they deserve.

We are elated to have such a caring, professional, and forward-thinking manager!

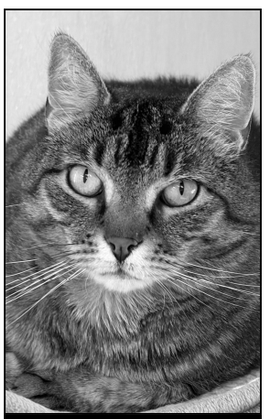




Sneakers - 5 yrs M



Odinson - 9 yrs M



Avida - 3 yrs F



Viktor - 7 yrs M / Scar - 8 yrs M - Bonded

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Kitty Kindness Checklist

- **Donate much-needed supplies**: paper towels, 33-gallon garbage bags, non-clumping clay or paper litter, dish detergent, bleach, liquid hand soap, Friskies pate cans, and dry food.
- **Adopt, foster or join our volunteer team: sheltermanager@midhudsonanimalaid.org**
- **Paw It Forward**: $150 sponsors the intake of a needy cat: **info@midhudsonanimalaid.org**.
- **Follow us on Facebook and Instagram**, and check our Amazon and Chewy Wish Lists each week for our most urgent needs.
- **Attend and support our fundraising events** throughout the year.
- **Donate unused gift cards or gift certificates** to help support our mission.

Every act of kindness helps us provide safe shelter, medical care, and loving homes for cats in need.
Thank you for being part of our lifesaving work!

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR UPCOMING EVENTS:

Catoberfest XIV: September 20th, Hudson Brewery, Beacon at 3:00 pm

Goods and Services Auction: November 8th, Marlboro Community Center at 1:00 pm

Sunday Funday: Newburgh Brewery, November 22nd at 12:00 pm

"There are few things in life more heartwarming than to be welcomed by a cat."
Interested in volunteering or fostering? sheltermanager@midhudsonanimalaid.org