

BUILDING A KINDER FUTURE



The
Campaign for
AnimalKind

Expanding Our Impact for Cats, Community, and Compassion

For nearly 30 years, AnimalKind has served as a vital resource for animal welfare in Hudson, NY, and surrounding counties. What began as a grassroots rescue effort - led by founder Katrin Hecker - has grown into a trusted and respected organization dedicated to reducing animal suffering, preventing overpopulation, and strengthening the bond between people and pets - particularly cats.

We rarely turn down a call for help. Whether assisting a local business with an unexpected litter, relocating a feral colony, or providing emergency care for a sick or injured cat at a moment's notice, AnimalKind has always responded with compassion and urgency. From Hudson's back alleys to rural barns, AnimalKind has tirelessly filled the gaps in the region's animal welfare system, acting as a frontline responder, a safety net, and a source of hope.



Through innovation, compassion, and community partnership, AnimalKind has become one of the Hudson Valley's leading feline-focused organizations. Every year, we rescue hundreds of cats from abandonment, abuse, and neglect. We provide them with veterinary care, behavioral support, and loving placement into permanent homes. We also have a trap-neuter-return (TNR) program to humanely stabilize community cat populations.

Through our AnimalKind CARES (Community Access to Resources and Emergency Services) program, we offer critical services to low-income seniors, veterans, and others in need including free or low-cost spay/neuter, food pantry, emergency boarding, and medical care -- so families can keep their beloved pets.



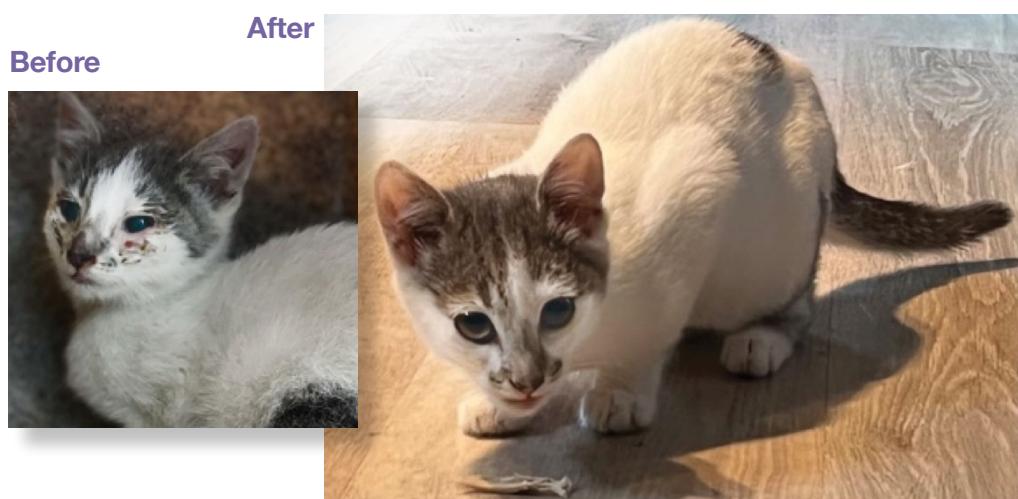
A Legacy of Kindness. A Moment for Growth

Our Communities Depend on Us... So We're Preparing Now for the Future

Our current facility - a charming but aging Victorian building - has served us well. We treasure the neighbors who stop in, the curious sidewalk visitors who peer through our big windows at cats sunbathing in the afternoon light, the volunteers who drop in to socialize with kittens, and the community members who pick up essential food pantry items to care for their pets. This building holds memories and meaning.

But it was never designed to meet the scale or complexity of our work today. Over time, we've adapted and made do - but **“making do” is no longer enough**. To continue delivering high-quality care and help more animals and people, we must invest in a purpose-built facility designed for today's best practices in veterinary care, sheltering, and public health.

That's why we're launching **Building a Kinder Future: The Campaign for AnimalKind** - a bold and necessary effort to create a space worthy of the work we do and the lives we touch.



What a New Facility Will Make Possible

This new space is not simply about bricks and mortar - it's about mission, growth, and life-saving potential. It will allow us to:

1 Expand Adoptions and Public Awareness

A more visible and welcoming facility will raise AnimalKind's profile and increase foot traffic - bringing **more potential adopters** through our doors and helping more cats find their forever homes.



2 Grow Our Low-Cost Veterinary Clinic

With a larger, modern clinical space, we'll be able to **serve significantly more cats** and expand our current limited service offerings to dogs as well. This means:

- ♥ More spay/neuter surgeries to prevent unwanted litters
- ♥ More pet wellness services for families in need
- ♥ Greater access to **low-cost vaccines for all pet owners**, improving community-wide pet health and helping pets stay in loving homes



3 Provide Safe, Modern Shelter Environments

The new facility will be designed to **American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)** standards and fully comply with the **upcoming New York State Shelter Standards Act**. It will feature upgraded HVAC systems to control disease, reduce stress, and ensure animal comfort year-round. It will also improve working conditions for our staff and volunteers - boosting morale, efficiency, and retention.



4 Strengthen Emergency Response and Safety Net Programs

A flexible, modern facility will allow us to respond quickly in times of crisis - whether it's a hoarding case, natural disaster, or community outbreak. It will also support expansion of our **AnimalKind CARES emergency boarding services for animals when their guardians are hospitalized or displaced by fire, domestic violence, eviction, or foreclosure or are otherwise in crisis**.



5 Engage More Volunteers and Partners

Improved space will mean better accommodations for volunteer training, foster support, and community partnerships - allowing AnimalKind to **deepen our roots and broaden our reach**.



6 Create Local Jobs and Economic Opportunity

The expanded facility will require us to **hire additional veterinary staff, animal care professionals, and administrative personnel**, increasing our capacity while supporting local employment and economic growth in Hudson.

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The Time Is Now

AnimalKind has spent decades building trust, saving lives, and providing care with compassion. **We've helped thousands of animals and supported thousands of people** - not just with shelter or surgery, but with **kindness, dignity, and humanity**. We are deeply proud of what we've built in our current home, but it's time to take the next step.

We are committed to ensuring that our new facility continues to reflect the values that have always guided us: service to neighbors, connection to community, and a deep respect for the human-animal bond.

Now, with your help, we will build the next chapter - one that ensures every animal has the care they deserve, and every person has access to affordable, respectful, and humane services for their pets.



Together, We Are Building a Kinder Future

Your support will help us break ground on a facility that reflects our values and extends our impact. Whether through a leadership gift, a naming opportunity, or a multi-year pledge, you can be part of something transformational.

Let's build this kinder future - together.



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