



Thank you so much for your interest in AnimalKind's work in Hudson, NY. We're grateful for the thoughtful questions we have received. Here's a detailed overview of what we're working on and why your support and the support of others who you may introduce to us truly matters.

1. What is the new Shelter Standards Act?

The **Shelter Standards Act** (officially the *Companion Animal Care Standards Law*) was passed in December 2022 and requires all animal shelters and rescues in New York State to meet updated, comprehensive care and operations standards by **December 2025**. These include:

- **Training:** All staff and volunteers must be trained in humane handling, zoonotic diseases, sanitation, animal behavior, and more.
- **Facility requirements:** Buildings must have appropriate heating, ventilation, lighting, and sanitation to ensure health and safety.
- **Animal care:** Requires proper housing, medical oversight, behavioral support, daily enrichment, and appropriate transport and foster care procedures.
- **Veterinary care:** Every animal must be examined within 24 hours of intake, vaccinated, and evaluated monthly if housed for longer than 30 days.
- **Recordkeeping and transparency:** Shelters must maintain detailed animal records, behavioral assessments, and protocols.

These laws are a critical step forward in animal welfare—but compliance comes with significant operational and capital costs.

2. Where are you with fundraising?

We are actively fundraising through our capital campaign:
"Building a Kinder Future: The Campaign for AnimalKind."

This campaign is focused on **constructing a new, purpose-built facility** that will:

- Fully comply with the new Shelter Standards Act
- Allow us to care for more animals in a safer, more efficient environment
- Expand our low-cost veterinary services, especially for cats and underserved pet owners
- Improve conditions for both animals and staff
- Create space for emergency boarding, adoptions, and volunteer training

While we're still in the *quiet phase* of the campaign, we are engaging early supporters and community champions to help us build momentum. Every gift, including those committed

from our dedicated supporters and Board Members, brings us closer to groundbreaking and ensures that AnimalKind continues to meet the region's growing needs.

We are actively seeking a private buyer for 721 Warren Street and expect to secure one near market value by year's end. We can also structure the purchase to include a fully tax-deductible Capital Campaign donation.

Finally, we anticipate grant and government funding to support 25% of our need.

3. **What animals do you typically serve?**

AnimalKind is the **Hudson Valley's leading feline-focused rescue organization**. Here's a look at our typical impact each year:

- **1,200+ cats and kittens rescued**, including from hoarding cases, feral colonies, and emergency surrenders
- **1,000+ adoptions** to loving homes
- **2,000+ spay/neuter surgeries**, many provided at low or no cost
- **1,000+ families** supported through our **AnimalKind CARES program**, which offers:
 - Medical care
 - Emergency boarding
 - Pet food pantry services
 - Support for seniors, veterans, and low-income pet guardians

Our focus is primarily on **cats**, but our services often extend to other companion animals in crisis situations. The heart of our work is about keeping pets and families together and reducing suffering through compassionate care and practical support.

4. **Our Before and Afters....**



We have had the honor of intaking the neglected, tragically injured, abandoned, and even emotionally distressed. The stories of each cat vary greatly. Just this week, a "kitten" was rescued from a closed garbage can on an inner-city street. Named Mabel, she was infested with fleas, 30% of her hair was intact, and her skin was covered in small open wounds. She received treatment, was spayed, and when examined, determined to be approximately 8 years old. Just 48 hours later, she was adopted into her forever home. Mabel represents every cat we rescue and treat every day, every week, every year. 72 hours in the life of Mabel makes a World of difference.

