



Because of You, HOPE Happens

Every animal that enters into a HOPE program carries a story. Some stay for weeks, some for months—but a few need far more time, patience, & support. This year, we're sharing two journeys that represent the **heart of your impact**:

One cat who simply needed time

And six dogs who needed safety to begin again

CASSEROLE – When Time Makes All the Difference

Five-year-old black cat | Cerebellar Hypoplasia (CH) | Two years in HOPE's care



The moment Casserole came through our doors, he stood out—not just for his severe CH, which caused him to wobble and lose his balance, but for his determination behind every shaky step.

He quickly became a legend at our Adoption Center. Staff created a safe space just for him and he'd roam the center each day, greeting volunteers and visitors in his wobbly way.

Casserole needed a rare kind of adopter—someone patient, experienced, and ready to embrace his needs. *Because of supporters like you*, he had the time to wait. In October 2025, on his **two-year** anniversary, Casserole's adoption was finalized. He is now thriving in a home where his quirks are cherished and his spirit shines.

Your generosity makes long-term care, and happy endings like his, possible.



THE GOLDEN RETRIEVERS OF MILTON - A Rescue Rewritten

55 dogs seized | 6 placed with HOPE fosters | Countless lives changed



Earlier this year, authorities seized **55 neglected dogs** from a property in Milton, NY—54 Golden Retrievers and one tiny Chihuahua. Their state was heartbreaking: matted with feces, soaked in urine, trembling, hiding, and unsure of human touch.

HOPE volunteers stepped in immediately—armed with brushes, towels, patience, and compassion.

The dogs arrived in three waves, and many took **over an hour** to groom. Our team returned day after day because these dogs deserved a chance at safety, comfort, and love.

From this case, we welcomed **six dogs** into our foster program—each with a unique path to healing.

These six lives will never return to what they came from.

Because of you, they now know safety, comfort, and love.



Your Impact This Year

Thanks to your generosity, HOPE continues to be a lifeline for both animals and the people who care about them. We recognize that pets in need **and humans** in need often go hand in hand. With your support, we work to keep animals safe, keep families together whenever possible, and provide care that goes far beyond quick fixes.

Because of you, since January 1st, 2025, we have succeeded in:



🐾 **128 Adoptions:** *with 17 cats and dogs still in our care*

✂️ **42+ Spay/Neuters**

🏥 **7 Major Medical Cases**

🕒 **Hundreds of Foster Hours, Volunteer Shifts, Transport Miles, and Grooming Sessions**

This is an *extraordinary* amount of work for a small, volunteer-driven rescue.

And yet, for every animal we've been able to help, **another has needed us—and we could not afford to say yes.**

Why Your Gift Matters

With the upcoming changes to New York State rescue regulations, we face increased responsibilities, stricter requirements, and additional costs. These regulations are vital for animal welfare—but they will make our work more challenging.



We're committed to meeting these standards.

We're committed to every animal who needs us.

But **we cannot do it alone.**

We Need Your Help

Your support ensures that HOPE can continue to say **"yes"** when our community needs us most—whether it's a cat like Casserole who needs years of care, or dogs from large-scale neglect cases who need immediate, intensive support.

How Your Gift Helps:

- **\$25 – Warm Welcome:** Vaccines, microchip, and supplies for a new intake
- **\$50 – Full Belly, Full Heart:** Quality food, enrichment and grooming
- **\$100 – Wellness Warrior:** Medications, diagnostic tests, and ongoing care
- **\$250 – Second Chance Supporter:** Surgery assistance, behavioral support, or long-term care needs
- **\$500+ – Lifesaving Guardian:** Funds complex medical cases and large-scale rescue responses, like the 55 dogs in Milton

Every dollar tells a story. Every gift changes a life.

How You Can Help Today

- **Make a donation** to our Annual Appeal
- **Become a foster parent** to a cat or dog in need
- **Donate supplies** from our wish lists
- **Share HOPE's mission** with your community



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Your gift fuels *every rescue, every recovery, and every second chance.*



Because love is stronger than neglect.
And **HOPE** is stronger because of you.

With gratitude,
The HOPE Animal Rescue Team



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