

# ANIMAL *lover*

News for you from the Montgomery County Humane Society

Fall 2017

## You saved a sick puppy from certain death

At the beginning of August, and just after we pulled her from one of our partner shelters, Pepper, a four-month-old pointer puppy became very lethargic and developed terrible diarrhea. During our rescue and transport process, we test for various illnesses to help determine their readiness for transport, and to help the shelters (some of whom can't afford the tests) better deal with diseases. We tested Pepper, along with many other puppies and dogs, and nothing appeared – she seemed to be healthy.

When we saw how Pepper was acting just days later, we tested her again, and our worst fears were confirmed: Pepper had parvovirus, a highly contagious disease that often is fatal in puppies.

We immediately rushed Pepper to a veterinarian, and quarantined, tested, monitored and re-tested the other puppies in the kennel (all consistently tested negative). By acting quickly, and with your support, we could give Pepper the intensive care that was her only hope. She spent the next three weeks under round-the-clock veterinary care, including intense antibiotics, fluids, appetite stimulants and close monitoring. And it paid off – Pepper fully recovered from a disease that would have killed her, if you were not there to help her.

Pepper was adopted in September, and now enjoys playing with her two feline siblings, Holly and Ivy, and her human family.



Pepper, after treatment and ready to go home.

## A star is [re]born

Daisi's life was in the balance. During her spay procedure (your support allows us to spay/neuter all our animals before they go home), tumors were discovered on her uterus, and as they were being removed, she began to lose a lot of blood. Then she clinically died.



Daisi (right) and Brodie promote dog food in this Nulo poster.

But, thanks to the heroic efforts of Dr. Dan Negola (who now serves on our Board of Directors), Daisi was revived and then fully recovered! Three years later, she's still doing well, and playing with her 'brother' Brodie, a Dalmatian/Colmie mix. Your support saved Daisi's life.

Today, Daisi's a celebrity! Along with Brodie, she is featured on a recent poster promoting Nulo dog food.

"Daisi picked us" her owner, Liora R. tells us. "My son and I had gone to see the animals at MCHS, and Daisi was in the lobby. When she saw my son Joshua, she ran right up to him. They've been in love ever since."

## Your gifts save lives

Our work is 100% funded by private donations, and your gift is **guaranteed** to change the life of a homeless animal. Please give today.

Visit [mchumane.org](http://mchumane.org) or use the enclosed envelope.



## Emergencies remind us to be prepared

Dear friends,

The images of the hurricanes in Texas, Florida and the Caribbean will stay with me for a long time – especially those heartwarming photos of people carrying their pets through flood water, or sleeping outside an emergency shelter with dogs and cat carriers because their pets couldn't go inside. The bond is strong.



Catastrophe can hit at any time – from storms, fires, flooding, chemical spills, and many other types of emergencies. It's so important for us, as pet owners, to be prepared to save our pets as well as ourselves.

There are many preparations we can all make to be ready in case disaster strikes. For starters, get your pet micro-chipped, and keep your registration up to date, including naming a secondary emergency contact outside your area. Make a list of pet-friendly emergency shelters and hotels along evacuation routes, and keep a pet go-kit ready (one for each pet), along with your own, that includes a three day supply of food, water and medications (along with feeding and medicating instructions) an extra collar and leash, and a copy of your pet's current rabies certificate, in an airtight bag.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website provides excellent tools and resources, including their Emergency Preparedness Pet Kit, available at [www.ready.gov/animals](http://www.ready.gov/animals).

Sincerely,



Cris Bombaugh  
President and CEO

## They're changing the world

In 2015, Poolesville High School sophomores Joyce Kong, Ester Torres, and Sophie Zic – who love animals – wanted to make a difference in their community. They turned to MCHS, and with guidance from our humane educator Adelaide Soares, decided to start a club, *Paws for a Cause*, dedicated to promoting animal welfare locally.

“There were lots of different clubs in our school, but none were focused on helping animals” Ester says. “So we reached out to [MCHS] to give us ideas on how we could help. When we met with Addie and learned about the challenges animals face in Maryland, we became even more committed to the cause of animal welfare.”

Ester, Joyce and Sophie have represented MCHS at the Poolesville Day Festival, they've organized fundraising drives, and helped recruit volunteers for MCHS's annual *Paws in the Park Dog Walk and Festival*, which is held every April. The girls plan to recruit new club members this school year, and expect to continue their work independently after they graduate.



Joyce Kong and Ester Torres of "Paws for a Cause" represent MCHS at Poolesville Day.

The MCHS humane education team works with thousands of children, teens and adults every year, teaching compassion, respect for animals, responsible pet ownership and other important tenets of animal welfare. Groups like *Paws for a Cause* are important in spreading the message. To start a similar club in your school or community, please contact Adelaide at [ASoares@MCHumane.org](mailto:ASoares@MCHumane.org).



## Auction for the Animals

Montgomery County Humane Society

Saturday, November 4 – Monday, November 13.

Bid on great items such as gift cards to Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, Pacci's, All Set, and P.F. Chang's; brunch at Four Seasons Hotel in Georgetown; tickets to a 2018 Washington Nationals game; a brunch cruise on the Odyssey; gift cards to retailers such as Nordstrom's, and PetSmart, and so much more!

Watch for updates on Facebook and our web site.

## Meet your Board of Directors

MCHS Board Member Valerie Barrish is a lifelong animal lover and has had dogs all her life. She first became involved with MCHS in 2006, when she and her husband, David, also a confirmed animal lover, were looking for a place to volunteer together. They started by walking dogs and volunteering at MCHS community events, but Valerie soon began serving on event planning committees, and in 2012 was elected to the Board.



Valerie Barrish

Currently in her third term on the Board, Valerie looks forward to helping MCHS raise funds through future events and other initiatives that will boost MCHS's efforts to provide resources to help end animal homelessness in our community. She is currently an attorney with the FCC. Valerie and David live in North Bethesda with their Maltese-Poodle mix, Shayna.

## You created a bonded pair

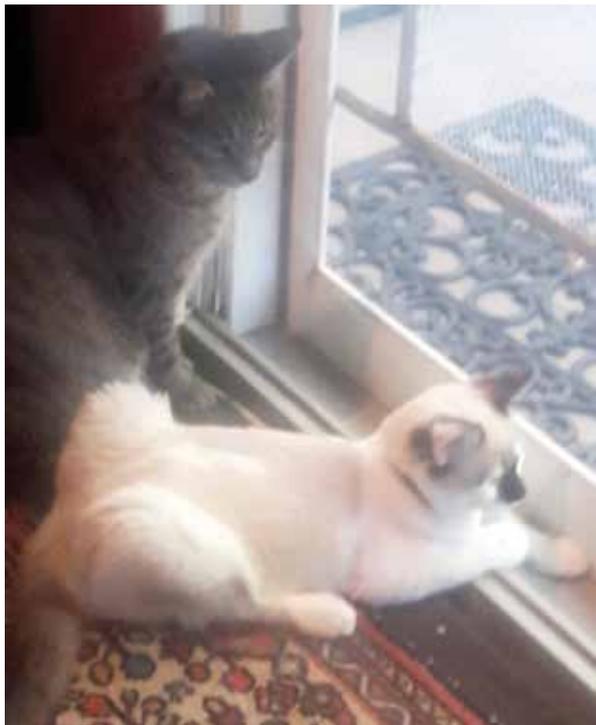
Jim T. was looking for a companion for his seven-year-old tabby, Charlie, when he visited the MCHS website at the beginning of September. As soon as he saw Isabella, a beautiful, four-month-old snowshoe Siamese, he knew she'd be a good fit.

"I called to ask about her, and the staff person told me if I wanted her, I should come in right away. So I did," Jim says. *(Good advice! With your help, MCHS rescues and adopts out an average of 60 animals per month. Many of our animals are here for less than a week, and MCHS has a first-come-first serve policy – ed.)*

The first week at home was difficult for Isabella. She was often frightened by the noises she heard in her new surroundings, and Charlie was afraid of her. But once Isabella had fully explored their home, and Charlie realized that Isabella wanted to play, the fun began.

Jim tells us, "It's really funny to see them chase each other around the house and spar. And Charlie loves to groom her."

Charlie and Isabella quickly became pals, and watch the backyard together.



## Help animals with a tax-free gift from your IRA

Did you know that if you're 70½ or older you can donate your Required Minimum Distribution (up to \$100,000) directly from your IRA to MCHS, tax-free?

It's a great way to reduce your tax burden, while at the same time making a meaningful difference in the crucial work of MCHS.

As always, talk to your financial advisor to make sure this option is best for you.

To learn more, please contact MCHS Director of Development James Nolan at [JNolan@MCHumane.org](mailto:JNolan@MCHumane.org) or 240/616-1973. He'll be happy to help.



Four-month-old Trenton plays in the MCHS cat room sponsored by Marilyn M. Young. Your support provides cats with a safe place to live and play while they await their new home.



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## Holiday shopping is here!



### Proceeds help animals!

Peruse 10,000 square feet of holiday decor, clothing, jewelry, housewares, books, records, toys, furniture and so much more!

## Wagging Tails Thrifts & Gifts

1310 E. Gude Dr., Rockville, MD  
301/279-0345

## Santa's coming!

Pet Photos with Santa is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 9, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.



# WINES

for Canines & Felines



Wine and whiskey lovers take note! On Saturday, Nov. 4, MCHS will hold its **16th Annual Wines for Canines and Felines** event. It's a great way to learn about new wines, and *there's more this year!*

A new, larger venue means an expanded selection available for tasting. There will be more than 15 tables of amazing wines, beers, spirits and local food.

New this year – a mixology table and tasting demos of single malt Scotch, Vodka and Bourbon. Don't worry about leaving hungry – there will be wonderful hors d'oeuvres and a gourmet buffet!

**Saturday, November 4, 2017**

**6:30 – 9:30 pm**

**Embassy Suites Chevy Chase**

4300 Military Rd NW, Washington DC, 20015

Tickets are \$80 per person available online at <http://www.tinyurl.com/yd4y7bnk>, or call Paul's Wines & Spirits, 202/537-1900.

**Tickets will go fast, so reserve yours today!**

## Adoption updates

### BUTTONS, the

9-year-old Maine Coon cat who returned to MCHS when her previous owner died, is loving life and has taken charge in her new home.

"She's definitely a spoiled princess" says her new owner, Kayla G. "She comes in every morning at 2:00 a.m. and meows until we pick her up and put her in bed to cuddle with us. She's a great little addition to our family."



### "PEBBLES

has settled in, and definitely rules the roost," laughs Juli A., when asked about the six-year-old tabby. "My husband Mark and I first saw her on the website in March, but because we were moving, we decided to wait. I checked the website all the time. We decide that if she was still there when we [were settled], we would adopt her. In August, we were ready. She was too."

Pebbles (now Maizy) enjoys cuddling with her new owners, and playing in the sink and with her new toys. Among her favorites are a toy football and pink mice, but she's especially fond of two mice dressed as Star Wars characters. "She carries them around and moves them from room to room. It's hilarious," Juli says.



### WATSON, the 9-year old beagle

mix who returned after his family fractured due to divorce, is now living the 'life of Reilly.'

"I'm really surprised at how playful he is!" Watson's new owner Patricia D. tells us. "He spends most of his time in our back yard, so he can smell the wildlife. He loves chasing squirrels and will actually try to climb trees after them."

When Watson's not in his back yard, he can be spotted taking long walks with his family in Rock Creek Park, or stretching out on the back of the sofa. "He looks like the Sphinx," Patricia says.

