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News for you from the Montgomery County Humane Society

Summer 2016

Emily and her kittens say “thank you!”



MCHS enters Kitten Season; many more need your help.

On April 12, Emily and her litter of five newborn kittens arrived at MCHS. Thanks to your generosity, this sweet, 18-month-old mother had a clean, safe place

to raise her litter. Thanks to you, her kittens received the care, love, and socialization they needed to make sure they'd be the purrfect companions for their new families (*ed. - Yes, mommy and her kittens are all as sweet and adorable as they look here!*). And of course, when Emily and her kittens were ready, your financial support provided the resources necessary to spay and neuter them before they went home.

Emily was adopted on June 12, and her kittens soon followed. They – along with more than 100 other cats and kittens you've already rescued this year – were the lucky ones. Every week between May and October, MCHS receives dozens of calls asking if we can take more cats and kittens. We rescue as many as space and financial resources will permit, but there are always more who need our help. Spay and neuter helps reduce homeless litters!

Why I'm grateful to MCHS

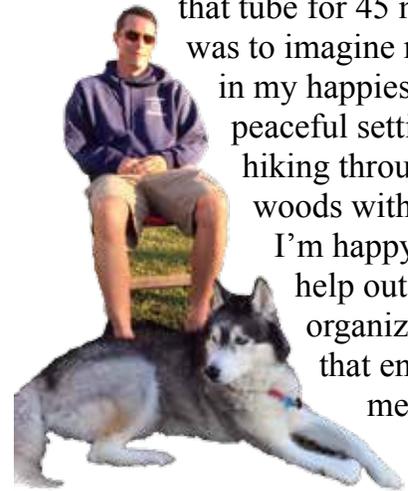
by Geoff Demitz

I donate when I can in appreciation for my husky, Kona, who was my closest friend for nearly a decade. He was adopted from MCHS by my former girlfriend to be a companion to her boxer, and he latched on to me when I started dating her. When my girlfriend and I broke up, Kona stayed with me.

We were so close that when I had an MRI (head-first) and had a huge claustrophobic reaction to it, the only way I was able to stay in

that tube for 45 minutes was to imagine myself in my happiest, most peaceful setting: hiking through the woods with Kona.

I'm happy to help out the organization that enabled me to meet Ko.



Geoff and Kona

Your gifts always matter

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 or use the enclosed envelope.



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Thank you

So far in 2016, we've rescued more than 200 cats and dogs from overcrowded public shelters and placed them in new loving homes. We're on pace to have our best year ever, and hope to have saved at least 600 by year's end. That's entirely due to your support. Thank you!



Cris and Teddy

If you haven't had a chance to visit us on South Stonestreet Avenue in Rockville (we're at the end of Baltimore Rd/next to the Rockville Metro Station), please stop by. We'll be happy to give you a tour and introduce you to the many, incredible animals you've been helping.



Cris Bombaugh
President and CEO

Yappy Hour

Yappy Hour season has begun! Join us at these restaurants for food, friends, fun and prizes – and **bring your dog!**

Wednesday, July 13, 6-9 pm

Boulevard Tavern, outside patio
311 Kentlands Blvd., Gaithersburg

Wednesday, August 3, 6-9 pm

Union Jacks
9811 Washingtonian Blvd., Gaithersburg

Thursday, August 25, 6-9 pm

Redwood Restaurant
1721 Bethesda Avenue, Bethesda

Thanks to you, Lil' Joe has a home

Anyone who meets Lil' Joe can instantly see that he is a little different from most. A lovable, one-year old lab mix, Lil' Joe's head is held at a permanent tilt, with his tongue lolling out the side.



Lil' Joe in April

“When we rescued him in April, a veterinarian told us Lil' Joe had likely been hit on the head as a puppy, and as a result he suffered some brain damage,” says Brian Glover, MCHS's Director of Rescue Programs. “Special needs animals like Lil' Joe have a harder time finding new homes. His days were probably numbered at the shelter where we found him.”

Larry and Irina were devastated when they lost Max, their 14-year-old Golden Retriever, at the beginning of March. But, while they knew they could never replace him, they were determined to find a new, furry, family member to love.

“We were looking for another dog like Max, one that had a friendly, gentle disposition. When we met Lil' Joe (now “Skyler”) at MCHS, we knew we had found the right one,” says Larry. “Skyler is extremely affectionate. He is definitely helping us get over the pain of losing Max. We're extremely grateful for everything you've done to bring Skyler into our home.”

Skyler currently enjoys playing with his new toys, cuddling with his owners, and going absolutely crazy when he sees rabbits or squirrels in his new back yard.

You don't have to have millions to make a difference for animals!

Joan Berkson recently contacted MCHS to tell us that we'd been named as a beneficiary of her will.

“I believe we have a responsibility to help those who can't help themselves – like homeless animals. I wanted to make a major gift that reflected my commitment to solving the problem, but I don't know how much I'll need in retirement. That's why, when I pass, MCHS will receive part of the remainder of my estate. It's a way for me to make a significant gift without affecting my lifestyle today,” Joan says.

If you'd like learn more about how to join Joan in making a legacy gift and name MCHS as a beneficiary in your will, or if you already have, please contact James Nolan at (240) 616-1973.



You're helping pets stay at home

Every year, thousands of pets lose their homes simply because their owners don't understand what pets really need. That's why Adelaide Soares, MCHS's Humane Educator, created *How to Have an Incredible Pet*, a program designed to help people understand their pets as the first step to having easygoing, loving, companion animals.

Addie, along with guinea pig companions Lenny and Squiggy and MCHS' roving canine ambassador, Pippy, presented the program at five Montgomery County Libraries. "Every pet can be perfect," Addie says. "Owners simply need to be patient, persistent, kind, and learn how to understand their pet's needs."



MCHS Humane Educator Adelaide Soares speaks at a recent library program.

MCHS's partnership with Montgomery County Libraries was the brainchild of Rockville librarian Jeff Corber, who adopted his dog, Gracie, from MCHS. "I wanted to promote awareness of the [Montgomery County] Humane Society and create a program that would benefit the families who use the libraries," says Corber, who says he hopes MCHS and the county's libraries will partner again in the future.

Daisy picks her person – and her new home

Daisy is an *extremely* shy, three-year-old, black-and-white cat who arrived at MCHS at the end of March. She had been languishing in a public shelter, and our rescue team was concerned she might not have the time she needed to find her new home, so we took her in. Despite the best efforts of our dedicated staff and volunteers, Daisy spent the next two months hiding from people. She reluctantly met with several would-be adopters, but no one was able to reach her.

Then, something amazing happened. At the end of May, Rick G. and his 11-year-old son Barrett visited MCHS looking for a new cat. As soon as Barrett sat down in the cat room, Daisy immediately climbed down from her perch atop a cat tree and climbed into his lap. Daisy had



Rick tells us Daisy enjoys playing with Barrett, long brushing sessions, and sunning herself in the windows of her new home.

Barrett and Daisy

Young entrepreneur raises funds for MCHS

If you visited Paws in the Park Dog Walk and Festival in April, you may have seen a young girl selling lip balm in animal shaped containers. Eleven-year-old Daisy Creel is the founder of Lipzu, an animal-cruelty-free lip balm company (www.Lipzu.com). She donated 100% of the proceeds from her Paws in the Park sales to MCHS, and donates a portion of her proceeds throughout the rest of the year – \$325 so far this year. Thank you, Daisy!

Daisy tells us, "I started Lipzu because I like starting businesses and I really like lip balm. I wanted to give back to MCHS, because that's where we got our animals. I love everything you're doing and I want to help more homeless animals find homes."

Daisy's dog, Huckleberry, participated in the tail-wagging contest at Paws in the Park. He didn't win, and Daisy's mother, Amy, jokes that "he was robbed!" Keep working on the wag, Huckleberry – there's always next year!



Daisy (right) and Alice Creel with Huckleberry at Paws in the Park. Daisy donated 100% of the proceeds from the sale of her Lipzu lip balm (www.lipzu.com) to MCHS.



Pippy's seeking the perfect home

If you're following us on Facebook, you know about Pippy, our lovable, two-year-old hound mix whose energy and vivacious love of life steal everyone's hearts. But she needs a special home where she can be herself.

Because Pippy loves all people – especially kids – she's become a wonderful MCHS ambassador, representing the organization and her fellow homeless animals at a variety of events. She's a welcome addition to our humane education team, visiting schools, scouting groups, library seminars and in-store events to spread the word about the wonderful benefits of the human-animal bond.

But despite her many valuable contributions, Pippy needs a home. She's been with us since October 2014, and she's still as full of love as she was when she arrived. She needs a home with no other pets and a patient, dog-savvy family who can give her the special attention and daily activity she needs. If Pippy sounds like a fit for your family, please call us at (240) 252-2555.



Rescued Minnie now calms her new brother, Louis

This past March, Minnie, a 17-week old Staffordshire Bull Terrier was surrendered to one of our partner shelters by her owner's girlfriend. The woman said her boyfriend had taken Minnie to a dog fight and was worried he would try to take her again.



Minnie (right) and Louis relaxing at home. Your support made this moment possible.

Dogs are often abused when they refuse to fight, and the shelter staff quickly realized that Minnie had likely been dragged behind a car. Her nails were worn down and her paws were raw. Her sides, legs and the tops of her feet were covered with asphalt-filled scrapes. Her bloodshot eyes indicated that she'd been strangled, likely by her collar as she was pulled along the road.

Despite her injuries, Minnie's sweet, playful personality shone through. As soon as she was healthy enough to travel, our rescue team brought Minnie to MCHS. Four days later, she was adopted by her 'forever family.'

Minnie, now has "lots of chances to play with other dogs," her new owner, Andrew recently told us. He says she's been particularly good for her new sibling, Louis, another pit bull who'd been forced to fight. "Minnie's been helping Louis overcome the trauma of his past life. His face is covered in scars, and he's always been terrified of other dogs. Minnie's helping him realize that all other dogs aren't out to get him."

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