SAVING LIVES, ONE HAIRDO AT A TIME
By Judy Stiles, Volunteer

Have you ever seen a sad dog for adoption? A dog that is smelly and dirty and you think to yourself, “now that dog must have been abandoned and uncared for.”

Then have you seen a happy dog for adoption that is beautiful and smells nice and clean? A dog that is wearing a new collar, and you think to yourself, “now that dog must have come from a nice home where someone took care of him.”

Meet the same dog on a different day. Meet Judy, the volunteer groomer.

When I come to the shelter to volunteer, I look for the dirty dog, the smelly dog, the dog with the tangles and mats, and I take him for a grooming. I brush, trim, clip, bathe and blow dry and always find a beautiful dog. I know I am particularly successful when the staff cannot recognize the returning dog, often a different color with the dirt washed out, and sometimes two sizes smaller with the mats trimmed off. I make them cute enough to be considered, and clean enough to go home.

Grooming saves lives. Consider Conowingo, a black dog that (see Hairdo, p. 9)

A HOME FOR HOLLYBERRY
By Kate Lipa, Volunteer

The world often works in mysterious ways. When I began volunteering at the Humane Society of Harford County all I wanted was to walk a few dogs, maybe make a difference for some lonely pups. Little did I know that I was embarking on a remarkably interesting journey.

I had heard a great many things about a certain dog named Hollyberry...many contradicting stories. I knew I had to meet her. I first saw her in the kennels one night shortly before closing. She was sound asleep on her cot despite the barking of her neighbors. It was then that I noted on her kennel card that she was deaf! I looked over to see her eyes open and looking up at me. I knew then that this dog was important to my life, I just didn’t know how (see Hollyberry, p. 4)
CRITTER COTTAGE OPENS

One of the buildings at the Humane Society was recently renovated to house our small animals. The facility was given a coat of fresh paint with animal wallpaper border installed, new lighting, a new climate controlled air conditioning unit, and new flooring and curtains completed the renovation.

Two separate exercise areas for the animals were built to allow the animals to be taken out of their cages daily. These areas also allow for potential adopters to take the animals out to get to know them.

During the past year, we have taken in a variety of small animals to include ferrets, hamsters, rabbits, birds, guinea pigs, chinchillas, iguanas, snakes, fish, sugar gliders, bearded dragons, rats and tortoises. Be sure to come out and visit our small animals in our new Critter Cottage – it’s a brighter place for the animals to live until their forever homes are found.

Did you know...
that HSHC must raise $550,000 each year just to keep the gates open?

BOWL-A-RAMA STRIKING OUT PET HOMELESSNESS

By Mary Leavens, Executive Director

Our annual Bowl-a-Rama fundraiser was held at Forest Hill Lanes on Saturday, March 28, 2009. More than 160 bowlers helped us to begin to STRIKE OUT pet homelessness by supporting the event.

The sold-out venue was a fun, family bowling outing for adults and kids alike. We reserved the entire facility just for our event and it turned out to be a tremendous afternoon. The key to success was bowlers getting pledges from friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, and school friends. Supporters made a straight donation for participant’s bowling efforts, not based on the number of pins knocked down.

Prizes were awarded to the top three bowlers who raised the most money for the shelter. The top earners were Steve and Missy Thorson raising $1,000; Olivia Glenn raising $627; and Barks & Blooms raising $545. A net total of $11,353 was raised in support of the animals at the Humane Society.

Thank you to our sponsors for this event: Harford Emergency and Referral Veterinary Services as the Event Sponsor; CNA, Inc. as our Big Dog Sponsor; and APG Federal Credit Union as our Cool Cat Sponsor. Sponsorships help to make our events much more profitable so support from the Harford (see Bowling, p. 5)
CARTMEN’S STORY
By Amy Gleason, Volunteer & Foster Mom

Sad. That is the word that came to mind the first time I saw Cartmen. I had my own pet, Skeeter, at the Humane Society’s dog park and saw a staff member walking the most pathetic looking dog I had ever observed. Well, walking may be overstating things as this creature could barely hobble along. Even in this condition, I was intrigued by the features of his distinctive English Bull Terrier breed. However, I never would have guessed that the sad specimen I had seen that day would soon make a permanent impact on my life.

After fostering mother cats and litters of kittens, I wanted to try my hand at dog fostering. At times when the kennels are crowded, foster parents ease the congestion by taking in dogs that may be more difficult to adopt. I scanned the latest list of dogs eligible for fostering and noticed an English Bull Terrier on it. I knew it had to be the same one I had seen weeks earlier because that breed is almost never found in shelters. Besides being unique, I figured that that dog would make an easy first foster – how much trouble could he possibly be? I spoke to a staff member and learned the horrible story that led Cartmen to such a sad state. Hearing it convinced me (and later, my husband and children) that this dog needed to know the love of a family.

Cartmen was only supposed to be with us for a short time. The court case against the “owner” that had neglected him so terribly was scheduled in a few weeks. The shelter staff had already made remarkable progress in getting him to gain weight. Having been starved and dehydrated, Cartmen was now almost twice the weight he had been when he was saved by the Animal Control officer. Still there were issues. He was nine years old and a condition that had been ignored left his eyes frequently covered in mucus. He had a large tumor on his bottom often found in unaltered male dogs and rotten teeth that made his breath almost unbearable. Chronic ear infections had lessened his hearing. Nothing much could be done about these major problems until after the court case. Unfortunately, legal snafus led to the original court date being postponed. Cartmen would clearly be staying much longer than my husband and I had planned.

Over the months that he was with us, I grew to love Cartmen – goopy eyes, skunk breath and all. I found out that he had much more spunk than anyone would have ever guessed. He and my dog would wrestle and Cartmen could definitely hold his own. His loss of hearing was very selective as he never missed the sound of kibble being poured into a metal dog dish. I gradually grew accustomed to caring for his messy eyes (though the family never did!). I learned that the reputation Bull Terriers have for stubbornness is well-earned and that, though he loved walks, Cartmen’s top speed would always be “mosey.” When the court finally cleared him for adoption, we faced new questions – would anyone really be willing (see Cartmen, p. 29).

“This dog needed to know the love of a family.”

Did you know...
HSHC educates hundreds of students each year about responsible pet ownership?

Did you know...
we placed over 300 animals in our foster care program last year? Foster care helps save the lives of animals who are not yet developmentally, socially and/or physically ready for our adoption program.
No two dogs (or cats!) are alike.

At the Animal Medical Center we feel each pet has different needs. A joint, informed decision between the owner and doctor is essential for a happy and healthy pet. At the Animal Medical Center we like to focus on preventative medicine involving nutrition, skin care, behavioral issues, and dental care.

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important.

It took several months to convince myself (and my husband) to bring Holly home. After spending almost a year at the shelter with a reputation for being dog aggressive, Hollyberry came home with us and our 4-year-old beagle, Cinderella.

Now, after only four months with us, Holly has blossomed into an amazing dog. She is kind and gentle and loving. She is so attentive. I was recently diagnosed with an autoimmune disease and Holly has been invaluable to me. She has learned to pick up items and give them to me and she also helps me up and down the stairs on my bad days. She has just completed her Canine Good Citizen course and was always at the top of her class.

I thought at first that I was doing her a favor, but now she takes care of me. The message that I would like to give is that you should never close your heart. I certainly never thought that an abandoned, deaf pit bull with dog aggression could enrich my life but she has done so much more than that. Hollyberry is a true testament to the force of will of shelter dogs. She is a perfect ambassador of her often-maligned breed and she is my best friend. Thank you HSHC for caring so greatly for Holly and having faith in her and thank you to Holly for waiting for me.
Thank you local Girl Scout troops!

Girl Scout Troop #614 donated supplies and visited the shelter.

Kate Rizzieri held a donation drive to earn her Silver Award.

Girl Scout Troops #480 & #1199 donated supplies and visited the shelter.

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County business community is much appreciated.

Won’t you join us this year for a fun afternoon of bowling while helping our furry companions at the same time? This year’s event will be held on Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 3pm until 6:30pm at Forest Hill Lanes. We are sure to sell out again – so make your reservations now. Each bowler pays a pre-registration fee of $15 by March 22nd to help pay for bowling shoes and as many games as you can bowl until 6:30pm. For more information, please contact Mary Leavens at 410-836-1090, extension 101 or mleavens@harfordshelter.org.

Have a BALL and help STRIKE OUT pet homelessness!

Saturday, March 27, 2010
3:00-6:30 pm
Forest Hill Lanes
One Maurice Drive
Forest Hill, MD 21050

Visit our website at www.harfordshelter.org/bowlarama to download your pledge sheet and to pre-register. Sponsorships are available. For more information, contact Mary Leavens at 410-836-1090 x101 or e-mail mleavens@harfordshelter.org.
BOW WOW BOOGIE—OH, WHAT A NIGHT!
By Mary Leavens, Executive Director

Our annual Bow Wow Boogie Bull and Oyster Roast was held at the Richlin Ballroom on Friday, May 8, 2009. The sold out event was attended by more than 400 patrons. In a time of drastic economic downturn and a time when many other organizations were cancelling events due to low turnout, it was wonderful to see the incredible support of our community.

Along with delicious food, the evening hosted a Big 6 Wheel, raffles, DJ and dancing, live auction, great door prizes and an extensive silent auction with nearly 70 exciting baskets and items. The evening was topped off with a delicious “make-your-own” ice cream sundae bar. Our host for the evening was radio and TV personality Steve Rouse. The 2009 Bow Wow Boogie raised a net profit of more than $20,000.

Thank you to our generous sponsors of the event: Animal Emergency Hospital – You’re My Hero Event Sponsor; Harford Emergency & Referral Veterinary Services, Freedom Federal Credit Union and Churchville, Greenbrier and Swan Creek Veterinary Clinics – Guardian Sponsors; Charles R. Wellington, PA and AccuPay – Best Friend Sponsors; Weyrich, Cronin and Sorra – Companion Sponsor and Klein’s ShopRite and Harford Mutual Insurance Company – Buddy Sponsors. Photography was provided courtesy of Terilyn Artworks.

Be sure to SAVE THE DATE for this year’s Bow Wow Boogie that will be held on Friday, May 7. Reserve your tickets now by calling 410-836-1090 x101.

We would like to make this year’s Silent and Live Auctions the best yet, so please donate items, gift cards, stays at your vacation home, bottles of wine, movie passes, theater tickets, pet items, etc. to help us achieve our goal of raising $25,000 at the event.

Harford County Executive David Craig and Claudia Holman, Business Development Director, APG Federal Credit Union

A signed Todd Heap jersey was donated by Steve Howe and auctioned off live

Host Steve Rouse kept the crowd entertained

Photos courtesy of Terilyn Artworks
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For tickets and sponsorship information call Mary Leavens at 410-836-1090, x101 or email mleavens@harfordshelter.org. TICKETS are $45 per person or $400 for table of 10

www.harfordshelter.org/bowwowboogie
**2011 CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST**

The Humane Society of Harford County will hold a dog and cat photo calendar contest starting in late August and running through September. The contest will be open to all. As the time gets closer all the information will be posted on our website, www.harfordshelter.org. You can submit your pet’s photo and then get your friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, even dog-gone purr-fect strangers to get out and vote!

The dog and cat receiving the most votes ($1 per vote) will be honored as the cover pets for the 2011 calendar. There will also be 11 dog and 11 cat second place winners, one for each featured month. All proceeds will help to support the care of our animals. Calendars will then be printed and available for pur-

**ELI’S BAR MITZVAH PROJECT: PINS FOR PETS**

Eli Jaffe is an eighth grader at Southampton Middle School. He is an avid star bowler and has a special interest in animals. For his Bar Mitzvah project, he chose to raise funds for the Phoenix Fund which is designated to help treat injured or sick animals at the Humane Society of Harford County. His project was called “Pins for Pets.” He asked friends, relatives, and family members to make donations based on his bowling statistics from the start of the fall/winter bowling league up to the week of his Bar Mitzvah in November.

Thanks to Eli’s love for animals and his perseverance in making this project a big success, he raised $2,327.70 for the shelter animals.

THANKS ELI – You are a wonderful young man and have made a tremendous difference in the lives of the sick and injured animals in our care.

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**Did you know...**

HSHC has a pet food pantry for disadvantaged Harford County citizens?
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could barely see with the mats over her face, and tight mats all over her body. She had been found as a stray and had been at the shelter for weeks as potential adopters passed by, only seeing the dirt and mats, and not the sweet dog inside. One Saturday I spent hours with the clippers, gave her a bath where the soap suds looked more like mud pies, and Conowingo turned out to be a cheerful Cockapoo with little black curls all over. The very next day she was adopted and went to her forever home!
Over and over I see how grooming sends the dogs out of the kennel and right into new loving homes, some still damp from their bath. One day I had two adopted right off the grooming table! From Yorkies to Saint Bernards, they all look better with a clean up.

Did you know...
volunteers do 30-50 loads of laundry each day?

BARN UPGRADE
We have recently upgraded the run-in area of our barn to allow us to comfortably and safely house a variety of barnyard animals such as geese, ducks, hens, roosters and goats. As an open admission shelter, we take in all animals brought to us and try to make them feel as “at home” as possible.

YOUTH LEARN PET CARE AT EDGEWOOD AREA OF APG
By Erin Long, Fundraising & Volunteer Coordinator
A little girl, not more than ten, clings to my leg, begging me not to leave with Phoenix, the shelter dog I’ve brought to visit her and the other children at the Edgewood Area Youth Center. I’m enjoying myself too and wish we could stay a little longer.
I’m wrapping up my last of four pet care and dog obedience classes held once each week for the children of military personnel stationed or working at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG). My classes are being held as part of APG Child, Youth & School Services’s Life EDGE! program, which is out-of-school opportunities for the children to gain skills needed for life-long growth as well as the exploration of future career goals.
About 15-20 kids ranging in age from 6-15 enrolled in my workshop. Over the four weeks I’ve spent with them, I’ve gotten to know these kids and have learned that they are inquisitive, smart, curious, and enthusiastic about animals and the world around them.
On the night of my first class I took my dogs with me, both of whom I adopted from the shelter. Dottie is a 12-year-old beagle and Gunther is an 8-year-old Boxer/
(see Edgewood, p. 21)

Youth in the after-school program visit with Gunther and learn about pet care
FABULOUS FELINE VOLUNTEERS OF PETSMART
By Erin Long, Fundraising & Volunteer Coordinator

HSHC is very fortunate to have a wonderful partner who is committed to pet adoptions – the PetSmart store located down in Dundalk on Merritt Boulevard. PetSmart Dundalk has worked with HSHC for many years and provides us with space to house as many as ten cats at any given time who are all available for adoption. Although Dundalk is in Baltimore County, HSHC is the closest animal shelter for the citizens of Dundalk to adopt family pets and adopt them do! Each year hundreds of cats are adopted out of this store to loving homes.

PetSmart provides us with unlimited cat food and kitty litter, donates medicine and other supplies, and in return, HSHC provides volunteers who come in each day to take care of the cats. “I have always had a heart for cats without homes as I have three adopted cats of my own,” says Jackie Wilson, a volunteer since July 2008. “I get so much enjoyment out of cuddling them, giving them kisses and playing with them, knowing that they are getting some love until they find their forever home.”

Volunteers like Wilson provide companionship and let each cat out of its cage for exercise and socialization, which includes lots of petting and cuddling. They make sure each cage is clean, scoop litter boxes, give food and fresh water, sprinkle treats, and sweep and mop the floor. Volunteers even talk to potential adopters and let them meet the cat they’re interested in.

For over seven years Suzanne Davis has been a volunteer at PetSmart. (see PetSmart, p. 11)

Did you know...
HSHC has over 1,000 volunteers who together donated over 10,000 hours last year.

HARFORD DAY SCHOOL’S ARTS FESTIVAL
By Erin Long, Fundraising & Volunteer Coordinator

Hurley, a shelter dog, and I had the pleasure of visiting the students and faculty of Harford Day School (HDS) last month to pick up a check for $600 that represented the proceeds from their 8th Annual Arts Festival. This juried exhibit and sale was held on November 6 and 7, 2009 and featured 63 artists showing handcrafted work in a variety of media including watercolor, oil painting, sculpture, jewelry, glass, ceramics, photography, iron work, wood, and fiber arts. The event also included a student art show that benefitted the Humane Society.

We would like to thank everyone at HDS that put this event together, especially the student artists who lovingly donated all the money they made to help the homeless animals.
PetSmart (continued from p. 10)

“I volunteer because I love animals,” she reveals. “I can show the cats some love and compassion however briefly, and more importantly, try to educate on how to better care for the animals in our world.”

Cheryl Burk has also been a long-time volunteer and has contributed nearly five years. “I very much enjoy working with the cats at PetSmart,” Burk says. “I love ensuring that these furry and purr-y personalities are given the best of care while waiting for their forever home.”

When a cat is adopted into its forever home, volunteers are there to disinfect the cages, litter boxes, and bowls and put down clean blankets and towels for the next new arrival. Laundry duty is shared by all volunteers who take dirty laundry home to wash and fold. It really is a labor of love.

In addition to Davis, Burk, and Wilson the following volunteers are to be commended for making 2009 another successful adoption year at PetSmart Dundalk: Nancy Cudnik, Bruce Garfinkel, Beth Kubiczek, and Sue Williams.

Davis adds, “I believe everyone should volunteer in some capacity – it’s good for the soul!”

THE LONGEST WALK
Anonymous

Today, I walked around the block by myself, which generally is not a big accomplishment for a healthy adult, but there is more to this story. When I was a child I never had pets. What kind of parent doesn’t let their kid have a dog or a cat? That, however, is a story for another day. I love you anyway Mom. I always swore that as soon as I could, I would get a dog.

Once I got married, it was only a matter of time before pets were added to the family. That day came when one of my co-workers came to work and said she couldn’t believe that someone had just dumped a mother cat and her kittens in the road in front of her farm house. My wife and I went to her house to get a kitten and came home with both the mother cat and a kitten, which I will call Everycat #1 and Everycat #2. Did I forget to mention, my wife is a cat person? This is again, a story for another day.

Shortly thereafter, we got our first dog, who I will call Everydog #1. She was a giant breed and was 40 lbs when we got her at 4 months old. We treated her like a child. She went everywhere with us. She went to the park, for walks around the block and to the Farmer’s Market every weekend. Pets are sort of like M&Ms, you can’t have just one. When Everydog #1 was almost two, we got another dog. I will call this dog, Everydog #2. Although he was the same type of dog as Everydog #1, they were completely different. She was a Princess and he was a bull in a china shop.

Everyday, twice a day, I walked both dogs to get them and me our daily exercise. When you walk around with two dogs that are each over 100 lbs it tends to draw attention. On these walks, I got to know and make friends with my neighbors, as well as meet and speak (see Longest Walk, p. 24)
PUMPKINS & PAWS—AN AUTUMN EXTRAVAGANZA
By Mary Leavens, Executive Director

This year the Humane Society partnered with Aldino Entertainment for a new event, Pumpkins and Paws, which offered fun-filled afternoons of harvest-time activities beginning September 26 and running through October 31. The setting for the six-weekend event was picturesque, nestled in the middle of a corn field at the Aldino Sod Farm.

The Saturday and Sunday event offered a tractor-pulled hayride through the fields and woods (offering a sneak peek at the evening Legends of the Fog haunted hayride), a corn maze, scarecrow making, pumpkin decorating, and the sale of decorative Indian corn. Most of all, this event provided us the opportunity to showcase our animals and increase community awareness about the Humane Society of Harford County.

Each date we brought a variety of animals to the event to include rabbits, roosters, ferrets and dogs. The community was encouraged to interact with the animals which gave them the opportunity to see if that animal was the right one for their family. A number of adoptions occurred as a result of Pumpkins and Paws.

The event was staffed by many Humane Society employees and more than 150 volunteers. Ten volunteers were needed each day to work the event. Our volunteers consistently showed up cheerful and ready to work – saying they were always willing to do anything to help our animals. Their afternoons were filled with manning the tables, working with the animals, and even shucking Indian corn.

As part of our partnership with Aldino Entertainment, we also provided many volunteers to assist with the Legends of the Fog evening attraction. Our volunteers assisted with taking tickets, working on the hayride and filling in wherever needed.

Everything was in place to be a substantial fundraiser for the Humane Society. Then the rains came and came and came. Of our 11 event dates, unfortunately four dates were completely rained out and quite a few of our other dates were misty, drizzly and cold, all of which did not make for fun-filled outdoor family time. The staff and volunteers spent many hours inside the tent while the weather continued to be dreary and bitter. Regrettably, we did not draw the number of people that we should have.

Altogether, the event was a great opportunity for the Humane Society and we generated a little more than $4,000 in revenue. Aldino Entertainment provided the area for the event, tractor and hay wagon, pumpkins, straw, Indian corn and lots and lots of advertising for us to include our banner on their award-winning 4th of July parade float. Thanks to Aldino Entertainment for this wonderful opportunity!
MEMORIAL GIFTS

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… Robert & Jane Ard and Mary Rice
… Georgia Galicki

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… Robert Taylor
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Did you know...

HSHC uses 40 pounds of cat food and 60 pounds of dog food each day?

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… Bill & Charlotte Johnson

(See Memorials, page 26)
Did you know...

HSHC has many small animals for adoption including rabbits, guinea pigs, birds, fish, hamsters, etc.??
TAKING OUR SHOW ON THE ROAD
By Erin Long, Fundraising & Volunteer Coordinator

Animal shelters are full of mutts with bad manners who are not in good health. The animals in shelters are there because they must have something wrong with them. There aren’t any purebreds in shelters.

Our staff hears comments like these all the time. So how do we debunk the myths and reach the people that hold these misconceptions about animals in shelters? According to the Humane Society of the United States, many pets at the shelter are there because they were adopted by people with unrealistic expectations of what it takes to care for the lifelong needs of their pet. HSUS also claims that purebreds account for between 25 and 30 percent of a shelter’s population.

On most weekends throughout the year we don’t wait for people to come visit us at the shelter. We put our best paw forward and take the animals out to meet the public. While our main goal is to find loving permanent homes for the animals, we also seek to build awareness and educate the public about responsible pet ownership.

We were excited to be invited by the Aberdeen Ironbirds to come out to the ballgame on the evening of August 19, 2009. We were given our own booth on the concourse and a skybox to rest the dogs from the summer heat. Before the game we were led out onto the field. Our volunteers carried the Humane Society’s banner and paraded four of our dogs around for all in attendance to see. We took six dogs with us and one was adopted the next day!

We were invited to White Marsh Mall on November 14th to showcase a few of the dogs, cats, kittens and rabbits at the shelter that needed homes. Our booth was busy from the moment we arrived to the moment we left. Snowey the cat was adopted the following afternoon!

We wish to thank the following organizations that allowed us to hold off-site adoption events in 2009: 4 Paws Spa, Atlantic Tractor, Baron’s K-9 Country Store, Chesapeake Harley Davidson, the Darlington Apple Festival Committee, Harford LIVE!, Holy Cross Church, McShane’s Gourmet Coffee, Food & Gifts, PetSmart Abingdon, PetSmart Bel Air, and Tractor Supply.

Volunteer Phyllis King with Snowey

VOLUNTEERING ENHANCES YOUR LIFE
By Kelly O’Hara, Volunteer

Initially, I was hesitant to volunteer at the Humane Society. My hesitation was due to how upset I get when I hear of an animal being abused or neglected. I knew that by volunteer-
ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES FOR SHELTER DOGS
By Linda Bullis, Volunteer Animal Handling Instructor and Dog Enrichment Team Leader

The Humane Society of Harford County is very fortunate to have a dedicated team of Dog Enrichment volunteers who take a special interest in improving the dogs’ temporary stay at the shelter. The team focuses on long-term residents to alleviate stress and boredom, active dogs that need training in basic manners, shy and fearful dogs that need socialization, and more. Imagine how rewarding it is for these volunteers to see the dogs they’ve spent months working with finally get adopted and go into a new home!

To keep everyone focused, the team has developed a list of ten goals, and we wanted to share them with you:

1. Bathe and groom each new dog when they are available for adoption. When adopted, bathe and groom the dog before they go to their new home.

2. Schedule each dog for daily: a) walks, b) socialization, c) play, and d) training in basic manners.

3. Give toys to dogs that are kenneled alone to keep them occupied. During the day and at night they get toys for quiet play and downtime. Toys could be Kongs or Nylabones, ropes, squeaky toys, balls, etc. The night time toy can be given when the blankets are put in their kennels.

4. Make follow-up phone calls with adopters to provide assistance if needed. Follow-ups are done within 3 days, 3 weeks, and 3 months of adoption. Our goal is to ensure that the dog stays in the home and problems are worked through before they escalate and the dog gets returned.

5. Market all dogs and especially the hard-to-adopt ones. Create bios for all the dogs describing their personality and energy level. Attach pictures/posters and a bio of their attributes on their kennels.

6. Provide additional training to volunteers such as teaching basic manners so we all teach the same signals and don’t confuse the dogs. We will be training using positive reinforcement techniques.

7. Work on behavior modification, such as changing a dog’s behavior to accept/tolerate other dogs using positive reinforcement.

8. Provide in-depth training for some of the dogs so they can work towards their AKC Canine Good Citizen certificate.

9. Find/suggest rescues and forward the information to the staff rescue coordinator.

10. Give adoption counseling to all new adopters.

While all of our goals are in different stages of implementation, together the shelter staff and volunteers are working toward assuring that the dogs’ quality of life at the shelter continues and that they all have the best possible chance at finding a normal life.
SORRY I’M A PIT BULL
By Monica Lannen, Volunteer

To anyone who will listen,
I am sorry that I am a pit bull.
I didn’t know that you would be scared
If I chewed on your shoe,
Jumped up and gave you kisses when you
  got home,
Or dug up the flower garden.
I am sorry that I scared you.
Please don’t hit me or lock me outside
  again.
I just wanted to love you and for you to
  love me back.
But now you decide you don’t want me and
  leave me at home alone all day.
If only you had taken the time to teach me
  right from wrong,
I wouldn’t chew up your shoes, jump up,
  give kisses,
Or dig up the flower garden.
I am sorry that I am a pit bull.
I am sorry that someone heard that one pit
  bull bit someone who had hit them.
I am sorry that because of that story you
  are scared of me.
But now you are scaring me.
You put me in the backseat of your car,
  which has never happened before,
You brought me to this scary place,
  And then you left without saying goodbye.
Every day I wait for you to be the next per-
  son to pass my kennel,
  But you are never there.
I loved you with all my heart so why didn’t
  you love me?
I am sorry that I am a pit bull.

Did you know...

HSHC uses approximately 100 lbs of
  kitty litter each day?
YARD SALES A HUGE SUCCESS
By Mary Leavens, Executive Director

As just another means of fundraising for the shelter, we had three yard sales this past summer: June 26 & 27, July 24 & 25, and September 4 & 5. We asked volunteers, foster families, adopters, friends, family and everyone in between to donate their gently used items to us.

You just can’t imagine the wonderful items we received: all kinds of household items and holiday decorations, children’s clothes and toys, furniture, appliances, electronics, pet supplies, books and videos. We asked volunteers to donate homemade desserts and goodies for a bake sale and received cupcakes, brownies, and cookies. After all the hard work to clean, sort, and price the merchandise, we were open for business and the crowds came! The total dollars generated from all three yard sales was just a little over $10,000!

Thanks so much to volunteer Lois Townsend, who spearheaded the entire project from start to finish. And thank you to the dozens of volunteers who helped prepare for and staff the events. We could not have done this without you all!

This year’s yard sales will be held on May 21 & 22, July 30 & 31, and September 3 & 4.

We are taking items now for this year’s yard sales. Items can be dropped off at the rear of the administration building in the garage. We ask that items be clean and in working order. All donated items become the property of the Humane Society of Harford County once they are dropped off.

Please contact Erin Long at 410-836-1090 x 106 or erin@harfordshelter.org for more information regarding donations to the yard sales.

Above: Volunteers Nancy Riggio, Madison Riggio and Natalie Brown. Left: Volunteer Sue Roberts talks to a customer.

Lois Townsend takes a break before selling this chair.
Yard Sale to help the animals!

The Humane Society of Harford County is having its FIRST YARD SALE OF THE SEASON—WITH BRAND NEW MERCHANDISE—and here’s your chance to purchase pet supplies, holiday decorations, household items, books & movies, electronics, and much more at deep discounts!

We will also have a bake sale with beverages.

We are looking for donations of gently used items for the Humane Society to sell to benefit the animals. Leave donations in the garage of the Administrative Building. Donations must be received no later than Monday, May 17th.

Time: 8am - 2pm

Dates: Friday & Saturday May 21st & 22nd

At the Humane Society, 2208 Connolly Road in Fallston (between Route 152 & Harford Road)

- Rain or Shine -
THE ANIMALS NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Your support literally helps us to keep our doors open. The HSHC takes in more than 5,000 animals from the Harford County community each year. Consider for a moment what would happen if we weren’t here to offer the animals a safe place to wait to find their forever homes.

Your donation will help us to house, feed, vaccinate, groom and love the homeless and abused animals of Harford County. Please take the time to contribute to the well-being of the animals.

YES—I want to contribute to the well-being of the animals.

DONOR INFORMATION (Your name will be listed on donor recognition materials as it appears below.)

Name: ___________________________________________ Company: ___________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________ Street City State Zip

Phone: ___________________________________________ E-mail: ___________________________________________

GIFT INFORMATION

Gift Amount: $50 $100 $250 $500 other $ ____________

Adopt-a-Kennel: $500 Individual Sponsorship $1,000 Corporate Sponsorship

PAYMENT INFORMATION

☐ Check enclosed payable to The Humane Society of Harford County (HSHC)

☐ Credit card (check one): ☐ Discover ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA

__________________________________________ _________________________________

Credit Card Number Expiration Date

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY MAIL OR FAX TO:

HSHC, 2208 Connolly Road, Fallston, MD 21047 Fax Number: 410-877-3788

Thank you for your support! HSHC, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Your gift is tax deductible as specified by IRS guidelines. Please ask your company if HSHC qualifies for a matching gift. For more information, please contact Mary Leavens at 410-836-1090 ext. 101 or by e-mail at mleavens@harfordshelter.org or visit us on the web at http://www.harfordshelter.org.
Edgewood (continued from p. 5)

German Shepherd mix. Naturally, the children were ecstatic to see them! Before the class I collected a variety of pet supplies and put each one in a numbered paper bag. The kids passed the bags around and had to guess what item was inside. When they had finished, we opened bag #1 and pulled out an ID tag to discuss why all pets need one. Then I pulled a bottle of pet shampoo out of bag #2 and so on until all the bags had been opened and we had discussed the need for each item.

For the second class, I brought a cat and let it roam the classroom. The children were divided into teams and each team was given a poster board, markers and given the name of animal. They were told to draw the supplies they would need and the chores they would need to do. Then each team was given the opportunity to explain their posters.

Night three was a lesson about respect. I took Gunther along to teach the children the proper way to meet and greet new animals and how to avoid dog bites. Night four was a real treat for the kids. Armed with an instructional video, lots of treats, and a shelter dog named Phoenix, we learned dog obedience techniques and how to train dogs. The kids formed a line and then used treats to coax Phoenix into a sit. Imagine their glee when Phoenix obeyed their commands!

Each day in Harford County is an opportunity to teach our youth how to handle life’s challenges responsibly and with respect, kindness and integrity. What better way to teach these lessons than with animals?

Did you know...

dozens of high school students complete their community service at the shelter every year?

In November 2006, a local Harford County resident, Bev Francis, founded "Rebel's Dog Park" on the property of the Humane Society and dedicated it in memory of her 14-year-old black lab mix that she adopted from the shelter in 1993. Rebel's Dog Park serves as a community dog park for dogs of all sizes and abilities and is open to anyone who needs a safe play environment. The Park is separated into a small dog and large dog area. Both are enclosed areas with a double-gated entry. You’ll find benches around the park perimeter and plenty of space!

In order to make Rebel’s Park a safe and fun environment for all, dogs must be:
- vaccinated and licensed with tags visible
- over 4 months old
- spayed or neutered
- off-leash while inside the park

VISIT US AND ENJOY A DAY IN THE PARK WITH YOUR FRIENDS!
WALK & WAG-A-THON AND PET FAIR ‘09 A TAIL-WAGGING SUCCESS

By Mary Leavens, Executive Director

Our annual Walk & Wag-a-Thon and Pet Fair event was held at the Harford County Equestrian Center on Saturday, November 7, 2009. The beautiful, brisk fall day set the stage for a variety of contests, exhibitions, vendors and a day filled with fun and excitement for canines and their humans alike.

Exhibitions were scheduled throughout the day to include Mutt Magic, K-9 Concepts and Mid-Atlantic Disc Dogs. This year we added a variety of contests for humans and their dogs to enter including Costume, Human/Canine Lookalike, Best Trick and Musical Tails. Everyone had a great time observing the exhibitions and participating in the contests.

The Blessing of the Animals was performed at noon by Dennis Curran, Pastor of Mountain Christian Church. The ribbon cutting was attended by David Fang, President of the Humane Society of Harford County’s Board of Directors; David Craig, Harford County Executive; Blaine Lang, HSHC Shelter Operations Manager; Dr. Gretchen Ruby, Animal Emergency Hospital, and Mary Leavens, HSHC Executive Director. Approximately 300 people and their dogs embarked on the mile walk through the scenic grounds of the Equestrian Center. (see Walk & Wag, p. 23)

Photos courtesy of Heppner Imaging

MUTT MAGIC TRAINING SERVICES

Does your dog need some help with manners and obedience?

HSHC partners with Mutt Magic Training Services to provide basic, intermediate and advanced training services. Eight week classes are held at the Humane Society. Half of the fee for these classes is donated back to the shelter. Dogs adopted from the shelter receive a discounted rate. Mutt Magic can help you through your obedience issues and help solve problems!

For more information and to enroll:
… Email adopt@harfordshelter.org, or call 410-836-1090, x107. Our client services team will be happy to help you sign up for a class.

ABOUT THE TRAINER - Aja Harris has a background in working canines and successfully competed on a national level with her own dogs. She is certified through Animal Behavior College and is a Canine Good Citizen Evaluator. Aja volunteers on the board of directors for a national working dog organization and also volunteers services to local shelters and rescues. She enjoys working with dogs of all breeds and sizes and seeing owners develop lasting relationships with their dogs!
For participants who didn’t own a dog or if their pet was unable to walk, they could borrow a deserving shelter dog for a day of fun!

Everyone that walked brought the donations they collected from sponsoring family members, friends, co-workers and neighbors. Some chose to create their own personalized online fundraising page with personal pictures and stories at FirstGiving.com/hshc where sponsors could donate safely and securely. This year we raised nearly $16,000 from this event. The proceeds support the homeless and abused animals of our shelter.

More than thirty vendors displayed their wares and described their services in the indoor pavilion. The Pet Fair is an integral part of this event as the vendors provide a myriad of information to the event participants as well as offer guidance and sometimes even provide free samples.

A big thank you goes out to Heppner Imaging for donating their services to professionally capture our event in pictures and to members of the WHFC 91.1 FM staff and volunteers for making the event announcements throughout the day. Over two dozen volunteers helped by parking cars, selling raffle tickets, registering guests, and handing out event t-shirts. Their assistance helps to make this event the success that it is consistently every year.

Thank you to our many sponsors for this event: Animal Emergency Hospital as the Top Dog Event Sponsor; Harford Veterinary Medical Association, Animal Medical Center, Churchville, Greenbrier and Swan Creek Veterinary Clinics, Festival Veterinary Clinic and Harford Emergency and Referral Veterinary Services as Leader of the Pack Sponsors; APG Federal Credit Union, Billy Boniface and Comprehensive Nursing Services as Tail Waggin’ Sponsors; and Freedom Federal Credit Union, Main Street Cigar, The Mill of Bel Air, TD Bank, Sunshine Designs and WXCY 103.7 FM as Dog’s Best Friend Sponsors.

Be sure to mark your calendar for next year’s event on November 6, 2010.
Longest Walk (continued from p. 11)

with total strangers, whose first question was almost always what kind of dogs are they?

Everydog #1 & #2 were Ambassadors of Goodwill. They gave and asked for nothing in return other than some food, well actually a lot of food, and a few pats on the head. They were always happy to see me and hang out no matter how bad of a mood I was in. My pets were pretty spoiled—no, make that very spoiled, but I knew not all animals were as lucky as mine. For this reason, I decided to get involved with my local shelter, The Humane Society of Harford County, Inc. to try and help those pets that are less fortunate than mine.

About five years ago, we had our first child and the dogs immediately became his guardians as well as his climbing toys. Now, don’t get me wrong, no pets are perfect, including ours. We have claw marks on furniture from the cats and the dogs have done their share of damage also, staining carpets, cracking open a wine bottle, stealing our son’s PBJ sandwich, eating his toy soldier, snacking on a few of our CD’s and even chewing on the wood fireplace mantel, not once, but twice. It was once even suggested that I mount a web cam on Everydog #2 to follow his adventures when we were not home.

However, over time, like all living things, pets grow older. Over the last year, Everycat #1 and Everydog #1 passed on. Both were old and their health had been failing for some time. Although it was not easy to deal with, it was expected. One of my son’s favorite bedtime stories is *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*. A few days ago I experienced that day. Everydog #2, who by all appearances seemed healthy, took an unexpected and very sudden turn for the worse. Within three days, he was no longer with us. This was not something we had contemplated happening anytime in the near future and it has been extremely difficult for the entire family. Even my Mother, the one that would not let me have a pet, was a little choked up when I told her. She had grown to love the granddogs.

Things are a lot different now, but old habits are hard to break. When I leave the house, I still look over to see if the water bowl needs to be filled or if there is any food that needs to be removed from the counters. When I come home, I still expect that loud barking and wagging tail of a hungry dog. I am still stepping over imaginary gates that used to block the dogs from entering certain rooms. Every Everycat #2 stalked around the house for a few days, seeming to expect that at any moment, Everydog #2 was going to pop out from around the corner and the race was going to be on.

As silly as it may sound, one of the first things that came to my mind after we lost Everydog #2 was who was going to take me for my walk the next morning. There were no more dogs to walk. For the first time in over ten years, I woke up and took that walk around the block by myself. It seemed like the longest walk ever. I did a lot of thinking. My pets taught me a lot of things over the years. The most important was how to give your time and efforts to make others feel better and expect nothing in return.

There are a lot of Everydogs and Everycats out there in shelters and rescues waiting for their opportunity to make a everlasting impact on someone’s life, like my pets did on mine; however, the message is bigger. There are also Everychildren out there that need help. Find something that you are passionate about and get involved, whether it is animals, children, the elderly, the homeless, the environment, etc. If you make the time in your life to volunteer, you can make a difference.

It was the longest walk, but I sure learned a lot on the journey that got me there.
PET FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING CLASSES

In our continued effort to provide Harford County with the very best pet resources, HSHC will be offering Pet First Aid & CPR classes in partnership with Paramedical Personnel of Maryland. Each class is four hours long and will be held at PPM’s offices at 343 Granary Road in Forest Hill.

For just $45 per person you will learn the immediate care given to an injured or suddenly ill pet. Properly applied first aid can save your pet’s life and reduce recovery time. In addition to basic emergency care, the program will cover some common illnesses and other problems that your pet may be exposed to.

This ASPCA approved program is instructed by certified instructors and veterinary technicians. You will receive a certification card and a first aid book the day of your class. This program is not intended to replace veterinary care; it is to instruct pet owners on how to save a pet’s life during an emergency.

Currently, two classes are scheduled:

- **Tuesday, March 16, 2010 from 6-10 PM**
- **Sunday, March 21, 2010 from 1-5 PM**

To register, please complete the form below. The minimum age to register is 10 years old. All participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a paying adult. For directions, visit [www.ppmems.com/directtous.php](http://www.ppmems.com/directtous.php). Hope to see you there!

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**Pet First Aid and CPR Registration Form**

NAME: ______________________________ DATE OF BIRTH: ____________

ADDRESS: ____________________________________________________________

CITY, ST, ZIP: _________________________________________________________

HOME PHONE: _______________________ CELL PHONE: ____________________

EMAIL: ________________________________

I am registering for the class that will be held on (select one):

- [ ] Tuesday, March 16 6 PM – 10 PM
- [ ] Sunday, March 21 1 PM – 5 PM

Method of Payment:

- [ ] $45 Check payable to HSHC
- [ ] Cash
- [ ] Credit Card (VISA, MasterCard or Discover)

Account Number: ____________________________ Expiration Date: ____________

Name on Card: ______________________________

Please return this completed form, along with payment to:

Mary Leavens, Humane Society of Harford County, 2208 Connolly Rd, Fallston, MD 21047
Memorials (continued from p. 13)

Gerald Howard
... Diane Butler

Mildred Hutsler
... Gladys Dawson
... Frederick & Nancy Rafferty
... Nancy Rafferty

Ida, beloved pet
... Rufus & Sheila Williams

Nancy Jones
... Friends at TMO

Barb Kahler
... Lieselotte Noel
... Karen A. Nordhoff

Albert Kahmer
... Karen Nordhoff

Kaiser, beloved pet
... Ronda & John Linsey

Shirley Kalista
... Wilna Homemakers Club
... Mary Silling
... Jean Smith
... Gloria Moon
... Elizabeth Moon
... Evelyn Lemcke
... Elaine Moyer
... Betty Byrne
... The Golden Girls

Susanne Kehler
... Dr. & Mrs. Gary Harne

Billie Labhart
... Lisa Carroll

Father of Amanda Lau
... Staff of the United States Attorney’s Office/Martin C. Carlson United States Attorney

Snoopie Leavens
... The Ohler Family

David Lindenmuth
... Susan Strohm

Duncan Lomax
... Erma Heath
... Curt, Anna Marie Ohler & Family
... Steve & Michele Thorson

Linda Luther
... Dulcie Carey

Michael March
... Raymond March
... April White

Andrea Markiewicz
... Mr. & Mrs. William Hamel

Donna Morgan
... Jackie & Todd Morgan

Jennifer Morrill
... Barbara, Howard & Stacey Bug
... William & Trudy Davidson
... Dean & Laura Decencio
... Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Driessler
... Beth Fidellow
... Francis Forte
... Paul & Felicia German
... Selma & Martin Gottlieb
... Brian & Nanette Heapy
... Valerie Howe
... Norman & Geraldine Lehman
... Michael Miller
... Michael & Terri Neely
... Michael & Ann Marie Pooley

Ace Nicolay
... Steve & Michelle Thorson

Betty O’Neal McComas
... Anne Rideout

Thelma M. Peddicord-Donhauser
... Wallace & Linda Bringle
... Gary & Donna Forwalt

Wolf Phipps, a 17-year-old cat
... Lois Phipps

Princess, our lovely cat
... Anna & David Robbins

Wilma Reed
... Dr. Andrea R. Bowden
... Helen Gill
... Doris & Carol Richardson
... Lynnette & Edward Schultz
... Leo & Elizabeth Szeliga
... Tim Thornton
... Susan & Jerry Tooma
... Valarie Williams

Winnifred Reisig
... William & Rita Wilcox

Rosie
... Laura Mossa

Rosie, a most joyous dog
... Merideth Fischer

Betty Schubert
... Winters Run Golf Club

Nancy Shoffner
... Ann W. Juliana

Evelyn Shumate
... J.D. & Hilda Bartley

Patricia Smallwood
... Lewis Wider

Doris Starkey
... William & Susan Decker
... Robert Starky, Jr.

Willy Lou Stearns
... Jack & Judith Dettner
... Patrick & Catherine Goles
... H. Bradley Jones
... Eleanor Osborne

Walter Strout
... Fellow worker in the Directorate of Occupational Health Sciences

John Szymanski
... Jim, Clair, Lisa & Jason Bilisk

Alishia Vaughan
... Lois, Valerie & Karen Phipps

Trudy Karen Ward
... Aunt Frida Cordova

Nathan Winslow
... Vonnie Crist

Helen Wojciechowski
... Irene Battalen & William Chadwick
... Stephen Carr & Donald MacLachgan
... Rosemarie McFadden
... Nancy Metzger
... Rising Sun High School Band Booster

Did you know...

dozens of Girl Scout troops tour our facilities, donate items and raise funds in support of the animals?
Wish List for Our Homeless Friends

FOR THE DOGS
- Rawhides/pig ears/bones
- Kongs and Nylabones
- Sweaters/coats
- Exercise pens
- Collars and leashes
- Choker collars
- Grooming equipment
- Towels, sheets, quilts, blankets, comforters
- Poop pick-up bags
- Bandanas
- Kuranda beds (www.kuranda.com)
- Pooper scoopers

FOR THE CATS
- Kitty litter
- Toys
- Treats
- Canned kitten food
- Scratching posts
- Heating pads
- Cat beds
- Cardboard cat carriers

WE ALWAYS NEED
- White copier paper
- Q-tips & cotton balls
- Latex gloves
- Pens and highlighters
- Trash bags
- Paper towels
- Laundry detergent
- Dawn dish detergent
- Toilet paper
- Brooms & dust pans
- Hand sanitizer
- Clipboards
- Colored copier paper
- Laminate pouches
- Building supplies - wood, tools, caulk, paint, hardware, etc.
- Colorful thin markers
- Shelving units
- Phone message books
- Lawn tools: rakes, weed whackers, shovels, etc.

FOR THE SMALL ANIMALS
- Rabbit/guinea pig pellets (prefer Purina)
- Timothy and alfalfa hay
- Wood stove pellets

WE COULD USE
- Standing heater
- Window A/C unit
- Washing machine/dryer
- Air purifiers
- Vacuum cleaners
- Floor fans
- Standing heater
- Window A/C unit
- Washing machine/dryer
- Air purifiers
- Vacuum cleaners
- Floor fans
- 3-ring binders
- Dryer sheets
- Lanyards
- 1st-class stamps
- #10 white envelopes
- Clorox bleach & wipes
- Gift cards to Staples, Walmart, PetCo, PetSmart, Target, etc.
- Lysol floor cleaner
- Manila folders 1/3 cut
- Colored pocket folders
- Rubbing alcohol
- Peroxide
- Neosporin
- Gauze
- Disposable gowns
- Unopened medications
- 5x7 picture frames
- First aid kits
- Stethoscopes
- Band Aids
Volunteering  (continued from p. 15)

I went back and forth on this dilemma for months. Finally, I determined that it was about the animals, not me. They deserved all the unconditional love and support I could give them. I realized that by not volunteering, I was withholding love and support to the animals who needed it the most. I would just have to toughen up and deal with any sadness that came my way. I became a volunteer and boy, am I glad I did!

I knew I had a lot to give the animals, but what I did not expect was what the animals have given me. When I come home from an off-site adoption, or just walking dogs, my husband says my face just glows with happiness. Yes there have been some sad stories, but mostly my heart and my life have been filled with happy and funny moments that fill me with joy.

Had I not volunteered, I would have missed Deja, a female Shar Pei who teased me in the agility yard, made me chase her with her potty bag in her mouth, and gave me the slip on my first day and ran right under my legs and out the gate of the agility yard! That was hilarious! I would have missed Elmo at Pumpkins & Paws—the big, beautiful, rough looking pit bull mix who is really just a lovable, gentle puppy dog at heart. He laid on his back while at least six children stood over him and rubbed his belly. Yes, he is very strong, but my husband, who is also strong, handled him with ease. I would have missed Max, my favorite walking buddy. Max is a great big Bermese Mountain dog who would hug me with his entire head in my lap. His head was as big as the entire top-half of my body! Now that was a hug!

Max and Deja have since been adopted. I miss them and think about them often. Elmo, unfortunately, has not yet been adopted and has been at the shelter for a while. I think people are afraid of his size. I wanted to take him home with me but my husband won't budge on “no more dogs”! So, if you read this and you want a lovable dog who will protect you and yours, please go visit Elmo. I am sure you will want to take him home.

I am very fortunate that these animals have allowed me to be in their life! If you love animals and want to meet great people, come volunteer today!

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Charles R. Wellington, Esquire
Cartmen (continued from p. 3)

loved Cartmen. The shelter was faced with a similar issue of having limited resources and many needs. How could they justify spending so much on one old dog? But, Cartmen was famous at the shelter because of his will to survive and his sweet nature. He had allies everywhere among the management, the staff, and the volunteers. Brainstorming sessions and emailing finally led to a hero stepping forward. A local veterinarian that provides strong support for the Humane Society offered to perform the necessary procedures at no cost! I took him in for his surgeries and waited anxiously for the results. True to his nature, Cartmen came through his ordeal like a trooper and came back to our house to recuperate.

Now that he was medically ready, it was time to make Cartmen and his story public and hope that someone special would be willing to adopt an older dog that still needed care. Someone special did come along. This someone seemed to know instinctively that Cartmen was no ordinary dog. She accepted him with love despite his problems and I could not have been happier—or sadder. It was hard to say goodbye to a dog that had been such a factor in my life for so long. I am a fortunate foster in that I still get to hear now and then how he is doing and even get to visit him if I choose. Every once in a while a photo of him scrolls by on my computer screen and I smile. Hopefully, fostering animals will be part of my life for years to come... but there will never be another Cartmen.

Thank you local Girl Scout troops!

Girl Scout Troop #1513 held a bake sale and used the money they raised to purchase supplies.

Daisy Girl Scout Troop #2360 toured the shelter and donated handmade toys and treats.
Students, parents and faculty from Edgewood Middle School held a supply drive and delivered their donations to the Pole Barn.

Students from Archbishop Curley spent four days at the shelter completing their community service requirement.

CAT ENRICHMENT: A PURR-FECT PASTTIME
By Erin Long, Volunteer Coordinator

What do you get when you mix a bunch of cat loving volunteers together in one room? A whole bunch of happy cats!

The Cat Enrichment group is a team of self-directed volunteers committed to improving the general living experience of all cats at the shelter. They provide basic care and human contact for cats that are healthy and adjusted, but prioritize efforts toward those cats that are sick, injured or behaviorally challenged.

The team focuses on developing activities that engage the cats in physical and mental stimulation to help alleviate stress and boredom. They regularly check to make sure each cat has toys to play with and occasional treats to munch on. If plastic toys are not available, they set to work making toys out of fleece.

Because they get to know each cat very well, our volunteers write biographies that describe a cat’s physical attributes as well as its own unique personality. These profiles are used on our website and on the cat’s cages to help prospective adoptive families find the right cat. Sometimes they even offer advice to help ease the cat’s transition into its new home, including litter box issues, declawing, going outside, introducing the cat to children and other pets, and health issues.

And yes, cat enrichment volunteers open their laps and hearts so they can provide lots and lots of petting and cuddling!
WE SURVIVED THE BLIZZARDS OF 2010
THANK YOU LOCAL VETERINARIANS FOR SUPPORTING THE HARFORD ANIMAL STERILIZATION PROGRAM (HASP)

Aberdeen Veterinary Clinic
Animal Care Center
Animal Clinic of Whiteford
Animal Hospital of Havre de Grace
Animal Medical Center
Bel Air Veterinary Hospital
Cambria Veterinary Center
Cat Sense Feline Hospital
Celebrie Veterinary Hospital
Chadwell Animal Hospital
Churchville Veterinary Clinic
Edgewood Veterinary Hospital
Fallston Veterinary Clinic
Festival Veterinary Clinic
Forest Hill Veterinary Clinic
Fork Veterinary Hospital
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