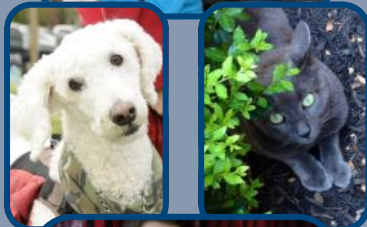


## A Note From Mary

As we begin another year at HSHC, I am reminded of all the wonderful things that have happened this past year. I am thankful for all the support that's made it possible for us to care for the thousands of animals (about 12 per day) that enter our shelter every year. As you look through this issue, you'll read about some of the great things we've done and many exciting upcoming events! We have much to celebrate and look forward to. It's our hope that you'll continue to support HSHC and enable us to continue our work on behalf of the animals that depend on us every day. Warmly,  
Mary Leavens  
Executive Director



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## Reflections on 2012 at HSHC

2012 was a busy year at the Humane Society of Harford County. We assisted thousands of animals and customers, in keeping with our slogan to unite pets and people. Below are some highlights:

- We reunited nearly 450 lost animals with their grateful families through our lost & found program.
- We sent 232 animals to local rescue groups who assume the care of these animals and free up space at HSHC for other deserving animals.
- We adopted nearly 1,500 animals into their loving, forever homes.
- Twenty Girl Scout & Cub Scout troops held donation drives and toured our facilities, learning about responsible pet ownership. Garrett Anthony and Drew Lovell earned their Eagle Scout ranks after doing service projects at the shelter. Elizabeth Lelonek was awarded her Gold Award from the Girl Scouts of Central MD for renovations to our Free Roaming Cat Room.
- Our foster families cared for 447 animals!
- The Maryland Food Bank delivered 13,750 lbs. of food to stock our pet food pantry so we can help needy pet parents keep pets in their homes and out of the shelter.
- Our volunteers gave 9,685 hours walking and training dogs, caring for the cats, cuddling the small animals, fund-

raising, staffing adoption events, and so much more.

- We expanded our Free Roaming Cat Room area.

An important part of our mission is education and community awareness. We took some of our adoptable animals and visited:

- Pugs for Pinky at 4 Paws Spa
- Aberdeen Ironbirds
- Animal Medical Center
- Anytime Fitness
- Baltimore Arts & Music Project's Summer Solstice Festival
- BARCStoberfest
- Baron's K9 Country Store
- Bel Air Town Center's Family Festival
- Boscov's at White Marsh Mall
- Canine Couture
- Chesapeake Bank
- Chesapeake Professional Women's Network's Fashion Show
- Christmas Street in Aberdeen
- Church of the Resurrection
- Darlington Apple Festival
- Divine K9's Turkey Trot
- Domani Studios for 50 States Haircutting Tour
- Havre de Grace UMC at Tydings Park
- Hickory Pet Supply
- Jacksonville Veterinary Clinic
- Long & Foster's Abingdon office
- Macy's at Harford Mall

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- Wine Festival at Rockfield Manor
- SARC's Family Fun Festival
- Sonic Drive-In
- Steel Horse Restaurant
- Sun Products Corporation
- TD Bank
- Wal-Mart in Fallston
- Weis in Bel Air

We held many fundraisers throughout 2012 to raise operational funds. We must raise at least \$450,000 every year to keep our gates open. Over \$100,000 pays for spay/neuter surgeries; supplies like gauze, needles and syringes; medications and kits to test for and prevent infectious diseases; and kennel supplies such as food and cleaning supplies. Our medical expenses continue to increase drastically and we need your continued support to keep our animals healthy. The cost for insurance, maintenance and repairs, office expenses, and utilities to ensure the animals are warm in the winter and cool in the summer amounts to over \$118,000! Your support of these fundraisers means the world to us:

- We held our annual Bowl-a-Rama on

February 25, 2012 at Forest Hill Lanes, and over 160 people came to help strike out pet homelessness. Sponsored by Animal Emergency Hospital, net proceeds were \$12,500! This year's Bowl-a-Rama is February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

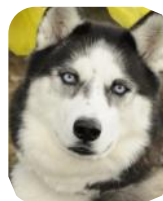
- On Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> the annual Bow Wow Boogie was held at the Richlin Ballroom and attracted over 420 guests! Sponsored by Animal Emergency Hospital, the event set an all-time record, netting \$40,000 to support the animals!!! This year's Bow Wow Boogie will be May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- We organized two yard sales inside our Pole Barn: June 1-2 and August 31-September 1. The public was asked to donate gently used household items, artwork, pet supplies and more. In total, the yard sales generated \$5,000. This year we will hold one giant yard sale on June 7 & 8!
- Max won our annual "Make Your Pet a Pin-Up" calendar contest this fall with 1,311 votes. We had 43 entries and 5,452 votes were cast...wow!
- Hundreds of pets and their people came out to the Harford County Equestrian Center to walk for homeless and neglected animals on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012. The Walk & Wag-a-Thon and Pet Fair with the Furry Friends 5K netted \$14,000. Animal Emergency Hospital was once again the top sponsor of this event.

Because of space restrictions, it's impossible to print the names of everyone who contributed their time, talents and/or resources. If you didn't see your name here, check out our list of donors online at [www.harfordshelter.org](http://www.harfordshelter.org).

Our 2012 accomplishments would not have been possible without our hard-working staff, dedicated volunteers, local veterinarians and generous donors. Thank you to all! With your continued support, we can achieve all the above and much more. We are already planning lots of exciting events and are looking forward to seeing you in 2013!

### Animal Visitation and Adoption Hours

Monday – Friday	11 AM - 6 PM
Saturday	10 AM - 5 PM
Sunday	12 PM - 4 PM



### Administrative Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9 AM – 5 PM

### Telephone Contacts

<b>Main number</b>	<b>410-836-1090</b>
Ext. 102	Foster Care & Rescue
Ext. 104	Volunteer Coordinator
Ext. 105	Lost and Found
Ext. 106	Marketing & Community Outreach
Ext. 109	General Information & Client Services
Ext. 111	Office Manager & Human Resources
Ext. 113	Shelter Manager

### Adoption Fees\*

Puppies	8 weeks – to 1 year	\$250
Dogs	1 year – 5 years	\$160
Dogs	6 years and older	\$ 95
Cats and Kittens	8 weeks – 6 years	\$ 95
Cats	7 years and older	\$ 75

Rabbits \$ 50

\*Please inquire about the adoption fees for all other animals

# Thank You!



THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF HARFORD COUNTY, INC.  
*Uniting Pets and People Since 1947*

## Have a BALL and help STRIKE OUT pet homelessness!

February 23, 2013  
3:00—6:30 p.m.  
Forest Hill Lanes  
One Maurice Drive  
Forest Hill, MD



*Proceeds will benefit the homeless and neglected animals of Harford County*



Gather donations for the animals



Win great raffle prizes



Top fundraisers win prizes



Pre-register by 2/19 for just \$18



Create a personal page & collect donations online



Raise \$1,000 & win a pizza party!\*

\*Visit [www.harfordshelter.org](http://www.harfordshelter.org) to create your own personal online fundraising page, pre-register, and view all the event details!



Brownie Troop 1281



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Brownies from St. Margarets



*Cathy's SOS*  
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Donate Now  
FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR SHELTER!

Did you know you can make an online gift to the animals any time at [www.harfordshelter.org](http://www.harfordshelter.org)? It's safe, it's totally secure and it's super fast! Commemorate a loved one's birthday, honor the memory of a good friend, or simply celebrate the fact that you are able to help a needy animal become a cherished pet. Make a difference...make a gift today!

## Go Green— Get it Delivered via Email

Do you have an email address? Would you prefer to get the *Paw Print Post* delivered straight to your Inbox? Please help us with our printing and mailing costs. Send your email address to [cathy@harfordshelter.org](mailto:cathy@harfordshelter.org). Thank you!



## Happy Tails

So many heart-warming adoption stories happen every day at the shelter. We'd LOVE to add your story! Email [kim@harfordshelter.org](mailto:kim@harfordshelter.org) to share your story and remember to include a recent photo.



**M**y boyfriend and I adopted Rocco (formerly O'Neil) on October 25, 2012, and since day one, Rocco has been a blessing to our home. I was nervous at first adopting a pit bull, but as soon as I met Rocco, all those fears went away. To be honest, Rocco adopted us. He is great around people and pets, and he is always the main attraction where ever we go. Rocco is so playful and loves to run and jump but also loves to sleep and snore – we got the best of both worlds with him!! Thank you so much for introducing Rocco to us, he has made our house a home and filled our hearts with love and joy!

-Meghan



I recently adopted a chinchilla named Trixie. We pet her all the time, and now after daily cuddling and talks, she comes right out of her cage to us and totally loves her daily raisin treats. We make her timothy hay bales for her to tear apart and houses with fluffy beds. She is a happy new addition to our family. Our children love to rub her on her favorite spots and she makes an “oooooo” face. Thank you for allowing us to adopt this happy little puffball that has brought more joy to our family!

-The Reichl Family



**W**e just adopted “Capote”, now “Skittles”, and this is her relaxing on her new blanket. She’s adjusting well! Thanks to everyone for being so patient with us throughout the process and for taking such good care of all of the kitties.

-Karen & Family



**E**arlier in the year, I brought an English Budgie home named Ringo. Ringo is a great bird, but he just seemed like he was depressed, and I came to the conclusion that I needed to get a friend for him. That's when George (known as Anthony at the shelter, left in photo) came into the picture. I came across a little blue parakeet on the Humane Society website that I had to check out. The staff at the Humane Society were more than happy to let me do a small trial run to see if Ringo and George would get along in the same cage, and well, they've been best buds ever since! George loves to chirp and chatter, and his favorite treat is a seed stick. George has been such a pleasant addition to our feathered and furry family, and I'm thankful that I am able to give him a forever home.

-Kim



**M**y family and I want to say a great big THANKS for helping us to adopt our wonderful beagle, Harley Quinn. There were some concerns about whether she was pregnant or not, but ALL of you were so helpful and supportive as the issue was resolved, and she was spayed before heading to our home. We were very impressed by the care and concern you showed, not only to Harley, but to the other animals that were housed at your facility. It was obvious that the staff cares about the animals and works hard to see that they find their “forever home”.

Harley is doing wonderfully and is the sweetest, most loving dog we've ever owned. We're so glad that we went to your website and were able to take her home. Keep up your great work!

-The Forster Family



I fostered Levar as a kitten when he was brought to the Humane Society as a stray with a badly broken leg that had already begun to heal. It had to be re-set and Levar was given a purple cast. Despite attempts at saving the limb, Levar's leg wasn't healing right, so his leg had to be amputated. I adopted Levar on July 18, 2012. From the moment I saw him and spent a little time with him, I knew he was meant to be my boy. I am so happy to have him as a part of my family. He gets better at everything every day. It's like we have been together all of his life. He has taught me a lot like patience and perseverance, and if you never give up, you can achieve your goals. I love him so much.

-Teresa



## Wish List for Our Homeless Friends

General donations are accepted at the Adoptions Office during regular business hours. If you have large or heavy items or would like to schedule a bulk donation, please contact our Shelter Manager at 443-752-9143.

### FOR THE DOGS

- 🐾 Rawhides, pig ears, biscuits & treats
- 🐾 Kongs and cans of flavored Kong Stuffing
- 🐾 Collars in all sizes (buckle, choker & Martingale)
- 🐾 4 ft. leashes made of nylon or chain
- 🐾 Durable outdoor toys such as Frisbees, tennis balls and soccer balls (no plush toys please!)
- 🐾 Hill's Science Diet dry adult dog food
- 🐾 Canned wet food (any brand)



- 🐾 Grooming equipment (brushes, cutting shears, Oster clippers & shampoo)
- 🐾 Bath towels, hand towels, wash cloths, flat sheets, blankets
- 🐾 Puppy pads
- 🐾 Poop pick-up bags ([www.bowwowwaste.com/10-roll-case-dog-waste-bags-2-000-bags](http://www.bowwowwaste.com/10-roll-case-dog-waste-bags-2-000-bags))
- 🐾 Kuranda beds (<http://kuranda.com/donate/461>)

### FOR THE CATS

- 🐾 Kitty litter
- 🐾 Toys (mice, balls with bells & wand toys)
- 🐾 Hill's Science Diet dry cat & kitten food
- 🐾 Canned kitten & cat wet food
- 🐾 New heating pads
- 🐾 Breakaway cat/kitten collars with bells
- 🐾 Plastic litter pans



- 🐾 Kuranda beds (<http://kuranda.com/donate/461>)
- 🐾 Powdered kitten milk replacer (KMR) available at PetSmart, Wal-Mart or Target
- 🐾 Nursing bottles for kittens
- 🐾 Cardboard box flats that are used for litter boxes (available at liquor stores)

### FOR OUR COMMUNITY PET FOOD PANTRY

*Donations are used to assist families in need to try and prevent animals from being surrendered to the shelter*

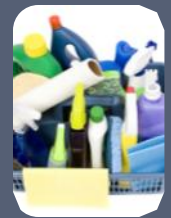
- 🐾 Unopened dry cat & kitten food (any brand)
- 🐾 Unopened dry dog food (any brand)
- 🐾 Canned adult dog, kitten & adult cat wet food
- 🐾 Cat & dog treats

### FOR THE SMALL ANIMALS

- 🐾 Care Fresh natural pet bedding
- 🐾 Rabbit/guinea pig pellets (prefer Purina)
- 🐾 Timothy and alfalfa hay
- 🐾 Heat lamps & day/night bulbs
- 🐾 Heat rocks

### CLEANING SUPPLIES

- 🐾 Trash bags (kitchen and lawn & leaf bags)
- 🐾 Paper towels
- 🐾 Laundry detergent for high-efficiency washing machines
- 🐾 Dawn dish detergent
- 🐾 Toilet paper
- 🐾 Tissues
- 🐾 Brooms & dust pans
- 🐾 Air fresheners (solid adjustable cones and sprays)
- 🐾 Dryer sheets
- 🐾 String mops
- 🐾 Bagless vacuum
- 🐾 Lysol floor cleaner
- 🐾 Anti-bacterial pump hand soap
- 🐾 Heavy duty spray bottles



### OFFICE SUPPLIES

- 🐾 White copier paper
- 🐾 Hot laminating pouches (Staples item #17467 & #52226)
- 🐾 1st-class stamps
- 🐾 3-tab manila folders
- 🐾 Colored 2-pocket folders
- 🐾 Glue sticks
- 🐾 White-Out
- 🐾 Batteries (AA, AAA & 9V)
- 🐾 Duct tape
- 🐾 Masking tape
- 🐾 Mailing labels (Staples item #05164 & #05160)
- 🐾 Manila envelopes (Staples item #19276, #14207 & #14209)

### MEDICAL SUPPLIES

- 🐾 Latex gloves sized Medium & Large and Latex-free gloves
- 🐾 Hand sanitizer
- 🐾 Rubbing alcohol
- 🐾 Neosporin
- 🐾 Gauze
- 🐾 Disposable paper gowns

### OTHER

- 🐾 Wicker baskets & gift basket shred filler
- 🐾 Cordless power drill with a back-up battery
- 🐾 Pet-friendly ice melt
- 🐾 Phillips & flat head screw drivers
- 🐾 Gift cards to Staples, Walmart, PetSmart, Target, Home Depot, Lowe's, The Mill, etc.
- 🐾 Wawa gas gift cards
- 🐾 Grass seed
- 🐾 New combination padlocks
- 🐾 Washing machines/dryers in good working condition only

## Memorial Gifts

Donations thoughtfully made in 2012 for the animals in memory of a loved one.

All other donations are listed on our website at [www.harfordshelter.org](http://www.harfordshelter.org).

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# Bow Wow Boogie

**Friday, May 3, 2013**

**7:30-11:30pm**

**Richlin Ballroom**

**1700 Van Bibber Road, Edgewood, MD**

**Featuring...**

- ◆ "Bull & oyster roast" buffet and dessert bar
- ◆ Draft beer, wine & sodas included
- ◆ Big 6 Wheel, Raffles
- ◆ Live & Silent Auctions
- ◆ DJ and Dancing

**Consider donating a gift basket for our silent auction**

**For tickets and sponsorship information:**

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**TICKETS are \$50 per person or \$450 for a table of 10**

Must be over 21 to attend

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**Stay tuned for details about this year's exciting vacation raffle!**  
*Proceeds benefit the homeless and neglected animals of Harford County*





Don't forget to pre-register for the Bowl-a-Rama on February 23rd at [www.harfordshelter.org](http://www.harfordshelter.org)!

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- Aberdeen Veterinary Clinic
- Animal Care Center
- Animal Clinic of Whiteford
- Animal Emergency Hospital
- Animal Hospital of Havre de Grace
- Animal Medical Center
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- Carney Animal Hospital
- Cat Sense Feline Hospital
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- Edgewood Veterinary Hospital
- Falls Road Animal Hospital
- Fallston Veterinary Clinic
- Festival Veterinary Clinic
- Forest Hill Veterinary Clinic
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- Swan Creek Veterinary Clinic
- White Marsh Animal Hospital



The Humane Society of Harford County is hosting a **GIANT YARD SALE & BAKE SALE!** Browse through pet supplies, holiday decorations, household items, children's games, books & movies, furniture, small appliances and much more!

Beginning March 1, we are looking for donations of gently used items to sell to benefit the animals. Donations must be received *no later than* Monday, June 3.

**Friday & Saturday  
June 7 & 8**

8am - 2pm

On the grounds of the Humane Society  
2208 Connolly Road in Fallston  
(between Route 152 & Harford Road)  
- Rain or Shine -

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