

## A Note From Mary

Summer's finally here and so is the summer issue of *The Paw Print Post*!



This issue is packed full of happy pets and people, including one amazing rabbit and lots of proud community groups. We have so many friends that we're thankful for, and while it's impossible to include everyone in this publication, please know that we are extremely grateful for your time and the gifts you shower upon us.

Our 9th annual Bow Wow Boogie was a huge success, as more than 470 supporters gathered at the Richlin Ballroom to support the homeless animals of Harford County. We are so grateful for everyone's continued support! Please read the story that begins on this page.

We hope you'll join us for our first ever basket bingo fundraiser on August 16th in Havre de Grace. You know what they say...you have to play to win! Details about this event are on page 6.

Have a great summer and don't forget to ask a friend to foster kittens and cats for the shelter (see page 4)! Warmly,  
Mary Leavens  
Executive Director



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## Pick Your Purr-Fect Price Cat Adoptions

The Humane Society of Harford County has introduced a brand new way to adopt a fun-loving feline—the "Pick Your Purr-Fect Price" cat adoption program.

Have you ever been given or found a stray cat or kitten and decided to keep it? That first visit to the veterinarian can be very eye-opening, considering all the costs to ensure a happy, healthy companion animal. At the end of that first year



Taylor 1 was adopted on 5/24/13

together, vet bills can easily exceed \$425 (see illustration on page 2)!

At the shelter, we invest well over \$150 in immunizations, treatments, testing, food and care for each of our cats. What is it worth to be able to adopt a cat or kitten that's been fully vetted? With our "Pick Your Purr-Fect Price" cat adoption program, you get a cat or kitten **at the price you tell us!**

If your new best friend isn't already spayed or neutered, there is a \$50 deposit at the time of adoption that is refunded

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## Bow Wow Boogie: Oh, What a Night!

Oh, what a night! The 9th annual Bow Wow Boogie was held Friday evening, May 3, 2013 at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood. The Boogie is Harford County's largest party for the homeless and neglected animals of Harford County and the biggest fundraiser of the year. The night set an all-time record, as net proceeds totaled over \$52,000 to support the animals!!!

All 470 seats were sold out 6 weeks before the event! Guests enjoyed fresh raw oysters, a beef carving station, an extensive buffet, a make your own sundae dessert bar and complimentary beer, wine

and sodas. A DJ played all the latest hits while guests partied the night away with their friends and family.

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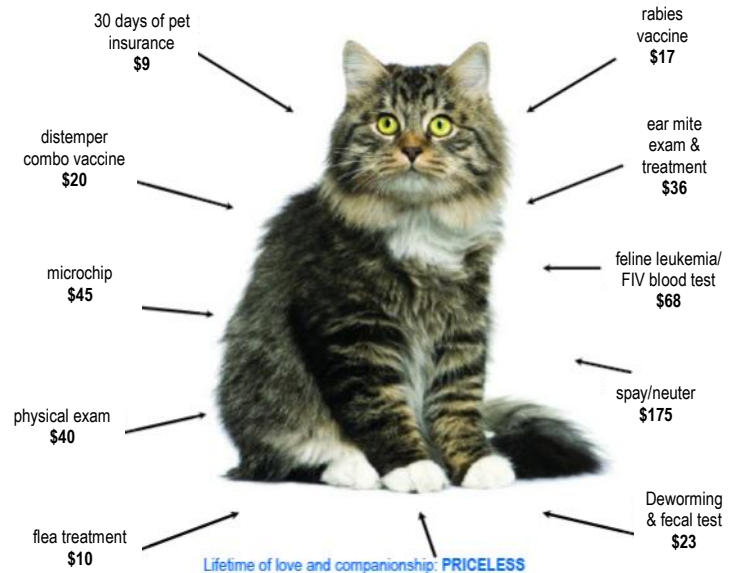


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### Pick Your Purr-Fect Price, continued from cover

to you upon completion of the procedure within 60 days (or 60 days after the kitten reaches 6 months old).

Adoption really is the best option because when you adopt, you're saving two lives: the life of the cat or kitten you adopt and the life of another cat or kitten waiting for an empty cage so it can go up for adoption.



## Recently Adopted!



### 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

**Main number 410-836-1090**  
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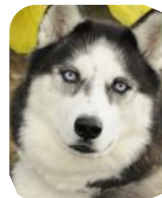
### Adoption Fees\*

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

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## Bow Wow Boogie, continued from cover

We raffled an 8-night cruise to the Bahamas aboard Royal Caribbean's Grandeur of the Seas. Tickets were \$100 each, and only 150 tickets were sold. Congratulations to the lucky winner - Cynthia S. from Forest Hill. Cynthia purchased her ticket after she and her husband had dinner at Texas Roadhouse, sponsor of the trip. Cynthia purchased the ticket as a surprise for her husband whose birthday is in November – when the trip is scheduled. Congratulations to the lucky couple and thank you for participating in the raffle which supports the animals in our care.

There were several other raffles and lots of winners throughout the evening! We raffled off an enormous wheelbarrow of cheer and tower of beer. Raffle tickets were inside over 200 balloons that guests purchased and popped together for a chance to win a grill, restaurant gift cards and more. We raffled a charming Pandora bracelet with dog and cat charms.

Thanks to our many wonderful event sponsors, and a big thanks to Animal Emergency Hospital as our "You're My Hero" event sponsor. Our sponsors are always there for us, and we appreciate all that they do:

- Animal Emergency Hospital
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- Electric Motor Repair
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- Interstate Canine Swim Center
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- Keller Williams Excellence Realty
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- WXCX 103.7 FM

We had many exciting gift baskets in our silent auction, and the list of donors is simply amazing!! Thanks to the many individuals and businesses who donated items for the auctions. Thank you to our guest auctioneer, George Wooden from BW Unlimited, who auctioned off 14 stunning live auction packages, and thank you to our volunteers, whose support and assistance made this event possible.

Thank you to the Jane M. Johnston Foundation for donating the centerpieces for each table, and a very special thank you to media partner WXCX 103.7 FM for donating on-air commercials and traffic sponsorships.

Last, but certainly not least, we wish to thank our incredible staff. Our staff works diligently to help find forever homes for our adoptable animals, and to make the stay at our facility as joyful as possible while the animals wait for the day they go home with their new family.

Oh what a night!



# Thank You!



*Camp Likeness Riders donated \$200 from a car wash*



*Emily, Jocelyn, Ava & Nathan donated \$60 from their lemonade stand*



*Girl Scout Troop 4108 completes their Silver Award project*



*The Aberdeen Lions Club donated proceeds from a pancake dinner*



*Daisy Troop 246 brought donations and took a tour*

## The aCATemy Awards

The Humane Society of Harford County (HSHC) is once again rolling out the red carpet for the third annual aCATemy Awards – a spectacular cat and kitten adoption event that will be held for two days only: June 29 from 10am – 5pm and June 30 from 12pm – 4pm. For all cats and kittens, adopters can pick their own purr-fect adoption price!

No fashion faux paws at this event! The cats will be dressed in their finest furs, just waiting to meet that special someone. When a Hollywood match is made, adopters will be ushered into our VIP lounge and given the star treatment. The paparazzi will be taking photos with the newest star of the family and adopters will be presented with a goodie bag. Photos will be displayed on the wall of fame. Refreshments will be served. Catch a glimpse of a real Hollywood star – Marilyn Meow, Will Feral, TomCat Hanks, or Cindy Clawford!

Adopters pondering that purr-fect adoption price should consider that each cat and kitten includes a rabies vaccination (if the cat is at least 4 months old), the first set of distemper shots, dewormer, flea & tick preventative, a microchip for identification purposes, and a general health exam—a value well over \$100! A \$50 deposit will be collected for a HASP (Harford Animal Sterilization Program) certificate redeemable for a spay or neuter. That fee is refunded upon completion of the procedure within 60 days (or 60 days after the animal reaches six months of age).

And the winner of the third annual aCATemy Awards is? Every shelter cat who finds a forever home and every human that finds a new best friend!

The Humane Society of Harford County invites you!



## aCATemy Awards

A spectacular cat adoption event!

June 29 10 am—5 pm  
June 30 12 pm—4 pm  
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## Help Kittens Get Off to a Healthy Start in Life

Did you know that last year, the Humane Society of Harford County received over 500 kittens that required foster care? We are expecting this litter season to be just as busy. In fact, HSHC has already received dozens of kittens this spring and expects to receive hundreds more as the summer goes on.

As a result, the shelter is looking for individuals who are willing to open their home and their heart for a temporary foster commitment. Foster parents provide love, play time, and care so kittens can grow in a nurturing environment; the Humane Soci-

ety provides supplies, support and medical care.

"No matter how sad [fostering] can be at times, the joy so outweighs the sadness," says Teresa Bagley, a long-time foster mom for HSHC. "Helping a tiny baby that might not have made it without you – the sleepless nights are so worth it. When I help match up a family with the perfect kitten, my heart just sings."

Fosters also help find loving, permanent homes for the kittens and are encouraged to bring their foster babies to adoption events. Bagley adds, "If you

have the time and the love to spare...try it, you'll feel amazing! You'll never be sorry."

Not ready for the commitment? You can still help HSHC prepare for the busy kitten season. The shelter needs supplies to prepare kitten welcome kits that will be sent home with foster parents. We always need kitten baby bottles, kitten formula, canned and dry kitten food, non-clumping kitty litter, plastic litter pans, and more to help the many kittens who arrive in need. For your convenience, you can shop at home. HSHC has created a wish list at Amazon.com. Simply go to Amazon.com, search for a wish list, and enter "Humane Society of Harford County". The link is also on the shelter's home page at [harfordshelter.org](http://harfordshelter.org).







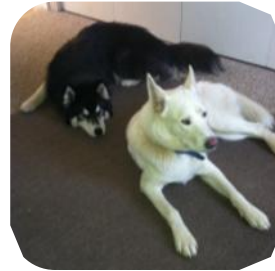
I am writing you regarding my adoption experience of a beautiful male cat named Topaz. His original name was



Rain, and I first saw him at PetSmart in Dundalk. I had just moved into a house and had every intention of visiting shelters to adopt a dog. When I saw Topaz and he came to the glass and just stared at me then pressed his head against where I placed my hand, I knew I didn't have to look anywhere else. I have had Topaz for almost 5 months now and he is the most loving, funny, crazy, and caring cat I have ever met. Thank you for taking care of him while he was waiting for a home, and thank you for allowing him into mine. Thank you again for all you do.

-Paula

About 5 weeks ago my husband and I decided to adopt Niko. He was called Arthur at the shelter. We already had a 1-year-old Siberian Husky (Jake) and 6-year-old Husky mix (Abby). Jake needed a playmate since Abby has bad hips and just can't keep up with him. It did take about 2 weeks for everyone to get adjusted but since that has happened, it has been wonderful.



Niko is such a wonderful, gentle dog. He is just so affectionate and loves to cuddle with everyone. We can't imagine not having him in our lives. Niko and Jake are like old buddies now. Thank you for bringing such a wonderful dog into our lives.

-The Ervin Family



Our newest family member, Ramona, has had a lot of homes and lived many stories we may never know. What we do know, is that this home, our home, is the last, and together we will write a happy ending to this tail. We ask ourselves every day, how could we be so lucky to have found Ramona? Who knows why her first families could not hold on to her, but we feel privileged that it means she found her way to us. She is such a laid back love bug. Thanks for all you do to bring happiness to the pooches and their human parents.

-Sarah



Do you believe in second chances? Back on January 17<sup>th</sup> we were introduced to Miley, a little gray special rabbit that was brought into the Humane Society of Harford County as a stray. As soon as we saw her, we knew something was not right. Her back legs were paralyzed, but miraculously, Miley didn't seem to be in pain or suffering. Even though something tragic had happened to her, she was a real sweetie with a larger than life personality!

One of the rescues we regularly work with is the MD/DC/Northern VA chapter of the House Rabbit Society. Laurie, their representative, came to see Miley and took her into rescue on

February 6<sup>th</sup>! Laurie took the small bunny to see a veterinarian who determined Miley's spine had been crushed. "Like the little engine that could, Miley doesn't seem to know or care that her back legs are paralyzed," Laurie wrote to us in an email. "She zooms around like a Roomba vacuum cleaner so fast that you can't catch her. She flops and binkies with her front end of course and gives kisses to reciprocate having her ears scratched."



Determined to help this bunny lead a normal life, Laurie first found Miley a forever home (no small feat considering her special needs!). Then she located a company that manufactures wheelchairs for small critters and she raised the funds needed to purchase the cart! Miley is thriving in her new home and has become best friends and play mates with her 2 canine siblings, Maggie and Koal.

"Miley is just the right combo of feisty, fun love," Laurie says. "Her exceptional attitude and fun personality make it all worth it!"

We are so thankful to our rescue partners for their amazing work and dedication! All of us in animal rescue dedicate ourselves to saving as many animals as we can every single day. Together we can continue to help animals gain a new leash on life!



## 10 Commandments

FROM A PET'S POINT OF VIEW

*Author Unknown*

- I. I may live 10-15 years. Any separation from you will be *painful* for me. Please remember this before you adopt me.
- II. Give me time to understand what you want from me. Remember that I do not speak your language.
- III. Place your trust in me. I place all my trust in you.
- IV. Do not be angry or intolerant with me. Remember that you have your friends, your work, and your family. You are my friend, my work, my family.
- V. Please take the time to talk to me. Even if I do not understand your words, I understand your voice.
- VI. If you treat me with love, respect, and kindness, I will never forget it. If you are impatient, harsh and unkind, I also will never forget it.
- VII. Please do not hit me—ever. I can't hit back and I will only learn to fear your hand.
- VIII. Before you scold me for being bad, stubborn, or lazy, ask yourself what might be bothering me. Perhaps I am not getting the right foods, or I am getting tired, old, or weak.
- IX. Protect me and take good care of me when I grow old. You too will grow old one day and will rely on the kindness of others.
- X. Go with me on difficult journeys. I want to be with you in good times and in bad. Everything is easier if you are with me. Remember that I love you.

## THE PAW PRINT POST

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**Friday, August 16, 2013**

Level Volunteer Fire Company  
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**Doors open at 6pm  
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## Let's Throw for Tyler Together Leaves a Legacy

Members of the Scarborough Hills Disc Golf Club joined Glenn and Annie Anderson in donating \$10,000 to the Humane Society of Harford County on Saturday, May 25, 2013. The donation was raised for the Humane Society in memory of Tyler Anderson from the "Let's Throw for Tyler Together Tournament", held in April at the Scarborough Hills Disc Golf Course in Street. Tragically, Tyler Anderson was taken from us in a car accident in November, just days after his 21st birthday. He loved animals and worked at Jarrettsville Veterinary Clinic. He also had a passion for disc golf, and it was his idea to chair this year's doubles tournament and donate proceeds to the Humane Society. After his death, Tyler's parents bravely decided to proceed with the tournament.

Everyone put their heart and soul into planning for it, but Tyler's parents said it was their son's history of being loved by all and touching so many lives in such a short time that made the tournament a success. The Humane Society was so honored to be a part of this amazing event and to be given a \$10,000 gift as a result of the efforts of Tyler's family and friends.



## Get Your Hair Trimmed; Help an Animal

Need a haircut? Love animals? On August 1<sup>st</sup> Patrick Lomantini, owner of Lomantini The Salon, is embarking on a 50-state tour to complete 50 haircuts per day in 50 days to bring attention to and raise money for the many wonderful animals in shelters across the country. Lomantini will stop at Bel Air's Persona Salon & Spa on August 10 for a day-long cutting extravaganza. All haircuts will be free, however a suggested donation of at least \$20 per person is recommended. That money will go to a local humane society in each state with the Maryland stop supporting The Humane Society of Harford County.

Make an appointment now and help support the programs and services of The Humane Society of Harford County. Call the salon at (410) 569-0101 to be one of

the lucky 50 people included in this life-saving event. It's expected to take 12 hours for Lomantini to complete 50 basic haircuts with appointments beginning at 9AM and the last cut at 9PM. Staff, volunteers and a few adoptable animals from the Humane Society of Harford County will be on hand to help cheer on



Lomantini and support the team at Persona Salon & Spa located in The Festival Shopping Center at 5 Bel Air South Parkway, Suite 1515, Bel Air, MD.

Lomantini set his first Guinness World Record for cutting hair for 72 straight hours in 2010. He finished 227 haircuts and raised \$1,625 which he donated to the Kansas Humane Society. In 2011 Lomantini launched the inaugural 50 States Tour and raised nearly \$50,000 for shelters across the country.

According to Lomantini, he is a big animal lover and hopes to "help bring awareness across the country for the many animals the Humane Societies save on a daily basis." You can follow Patrick on his journey on his Facebook site at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/BarkAID/175747305839953>.



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## ***Adoption Extravaganza!***

The Humane Society was invited to Hickory Veterinary Complex in Forest Hill on May 18, 2013 to hold an adopt-a-thon. By the time the event was over, 19 puppies, 2 kittens, 1 adult cat and 1 adult dog were adopted!!!

