

A Note From Mary

I fondly recall when I accepted a position here at the Humane Society of Harford County in 2008. While settling in and familiarizing myself with our day-to-day operations, I was shocked to learn that people sometimes leave their unwanted animals tied to our front gate during the overnight hours for us to find when we open in the morning. When I mentally put myself in the animal's shoes, I can only imagine what the animal must be feeling: cold, fear, shock at being abandoned, sadness, isolation and more.



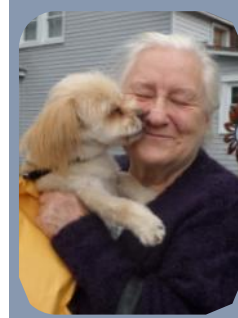
Our cover story was inspired by one such animal—a dog named Drake, who was so traumatized by what had happened to him, that our staff had to sedate him in order to bring him inside. What happens next? You'll have to read the story that begins at right, but trust me, everything turns out well for Drake.

Throughout this issue, there are many stories of animals who have triumphed and found wonderful homes, and many more stories that we didn't have room for. If you're a fan of our Facebook page, we are posting recent adoptions and updates from former Humane Society residents and their families every single day. I encourage you to become a fan and see how we're fulfilling our motto of *Uniting Pets and People Since 1947*!

Mary Leavens,
Executive Director



Cecilia and Henry are the 200th and 201st cats to be adopted from Rescue Me! at Harford Mall—together forever!



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A New Leash on Life: Drake's Tale

I'll never forget that last ride with my old family, the last thing I remember of my old life. It was late at night and my daddy looked down at me and said, "Come on, get in the car. Get in!" My tail was wagging and I was happy—a ride in the car, hurray! I loved car rides as much as I loved my daddy. This ride was different though. It was late and it was cold, and I remember thinking my dad was really angry. When the

car stopped he yelled for me to get out and he took me over to a big gate and tied me to the front of it. At first I thought it was a game, but then I watched him get back in the car. I was barking at him—maybe he didn't know I was stuck to the fence and couldn't follow him. I kept barking, but then he got in the car and he left. I don't remember a lot of that night. I try not to think about it—it hurts too much. What did I do wrong? Was he coming back? Why would he



Drake was found tied to our gate early in the morning on July 28, 2013.

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2013 Was a Doggone Good Year

There is no greater joy for our staff than adopting animals into loving forever homes. From our tech staff who give the initial health exam when each animal enters our facility; to our animal care team who feeds and cares for the animals during their stay; to our adoptions department who spends time getting to know each animal so they can match them



Our first Basket Bingo was a huge success!

with potential adopters — everyone has a hand in finding homes for the animals.

This whole process begins with you—our donors and supporters. Without your support, there would be no facility or staff to care for Harford County's homeless animals; we wouldn't have tests and vaccinations to prevent infectious disease; we wouldn't have food or blankets to keep the animals comfortable during their stay; there would be no money in our budget for spay/neuter procedures or emergency surgeries.

Throughout 2013 we held a number of

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A Message from Board President David Fang

By the time barbecue season is in full swing later on this spring, a dream numerous people, canines and felines have had for many years will be coming to reality on our site at The Humane Society of Harford County. This is finally the year that construction will begin on a new shelter for the homeless animals of our community.

Our new facility will be the culmination of almost four years of planning and designing, from a "needs assessment analysis" that we commissioned from Shelter Planners of America in 2007 and a financial feasibility analysis commissioned in 2009, to a commitment from County Executive David Craig and the Harford County Council to provide \$6 million of funding towards the new facility. The building was designed by architectural firm Edmeades and Stromdahl of Bel Air and civil engineering duties were performed by CNA, Inc., of Forest Hill who provided engineering, surveying and landscape architectural services.

The key concept behind the design was

to provide for functionality and what would be best for the animals, staff and visitors. In the animal areas, for example, the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems will provide 10 complete fresh air exchanges per hour, reducing odors and the chances of spreading any contagious airborne diseases among either the dogs or cats in their respective areas. Most animal areas will have an epoxy-based floor, allowing for easier cleanup and also designed to reduce germs and bacterial build-up. The front 2 feet of each kennel floor will be heated, and this will encourage the dogs to head up front during the cold winter months. We will also have 44 kennel runs instead of our current 21, giving us greater flexibility in determining where each dog will be kenneled. As an added bonus most dogs will have their own kennel during their stay.

Our cats will have two separate free roam rooms, each with a separate fenced outside patio. There will be an additional 24

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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

Rescue Me! at Harford Mall Hours

Monday – Saturday 11 AM – 7 PM
Sunday 11 AM – 5 PM



Telephone Contacts

Main number 410-836-1090
Rescue Me! 410-838-2300
Ext. 102 Foster Care & Rescue
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Ext. 105 Lost and Found
Ext. 106 Marketing Coordinator
Ext. 109 General Information & Client Services
Ext. 111 Office Manager & Human Resources
Ext. 113 Shelter Manager

Adoption Fees*

Puppies	8 weeks – 11 months	\$250
Dogs	1 year – 5 years	\$160
Dogs	6 years and older	\$ 95

Kittens	8 weeks – 6 months	\$125
Cats	7 months – 5 years	\$ 95
Cats	6 years and older	\$ 45

Rabbits \$ 25

*Please inquire about the adoption fees for all other animals

SHoP

Every purchase supports our homeless animals!

resqthreads.com/?rescue=HarfordCounty

ON THE COVER

Escobar was reunited with his person on October 24, 2013 after getting lost and ending up at the shelter!

Doggone Good Year, continued from cover

fantastic fundraising events and called on you to attend, support and/or donate your time or resources. It takes an enormous amount of our staff's time to plan and execute each event. Much like planning a wedding, the venue is booked, the guest list is selected and invitations go out, refreshments are planned, sponsors are secured, gift baskets are creatively assembled and inventoried, and so much more.

But nothing we plan would matter if you didn't contribute, spread the word, or attend. So without further ado, here are the major events we hosted in 2013 and the milestones we reached – together!

On February 23rd we hosted the **Bowl-a-Rama** and filled all 40 lanes at Forest Hill Lanes with folks who brought pledges and bowled in support of the animals. We awarded almost a dozen raffle prizes and gave out prizes to the top fundraisers. Sponsored by Harford Emergency & Referral Veterinary Services, our net proceeds totaled \$17,000 from this event.

The 9th annual **Bow Wow Boogie** was held Friday evening, May 3rd at the

Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood. The Boogie is Harford County's largest party for the homeless and neglected animals at the shelter and our largest fundraiser of the year. All 470 seats were sold 6 weeks prior to the event! We raffled a 7-night cruise to the Bahamas aboard Royal Caribbean's Grandeur of the Seas. Congratulations to the lucky winner - Cynthia S. from Forest Hill. Thanks to our many wonderful sponsors, and a big thanks to Animal Emergency Hospital as our "You're My Hero" event sponsor. We also raffled off an enormous wheelbarrow of cheer and tower of beer and a charming Pandora bracelet with 2 dog and 2 cat charms. We had many exciting gift baskets in our silent auction and 14 stunning live auction packages. The night set an all-time fundraising record, as our

net proceeds exceeded \$52,000!

We raised \$3,300 during our **Yard**

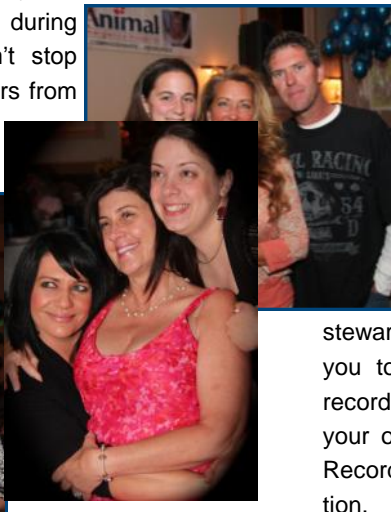
Sale and Bake Sale event on June 7th and 8th. Tables lined with everything from Christmas decorations to furniture to children's games and toys to dishes and housewares filled our pole barn. With something for everyone, the rainy weather during the weekend didn't stop community members from showing their support for HSHC.



Oh, what a night! Guests dined and danced at the 9th annual Bow Wow Boogie!



Bowl-a-Rama from l. to r.: Harford Emergency was our top sponsor; BSC America/Bel Air Auto Auction was our top team fundraiser; and we raffled off lots of fantastic prizes!



Our very first **Bas-**
ket Bingo was held

in August at the Level Volunteer Fire Company in Havre de Grace. A sell-out crowd played 20 bingo games, 2 special games, won raffle and door prizes and munched on pizza, meatballs, hot dogs and scrumptious baked goods. A \$530 prize was awarded to the winner of our 50/50 bingo game! At the end of a fun-filled evening, our net proceeds totaled \$6,400 for the animals.

On Saturday, October 12, hundreds of dogs of all shapes, sizes and breeds led their owners to their favorite canine event of the year – the **Walk & Wag-a-Thon and Pet**



Guests at our first Basket Bingo could win door prizes, raffles, 20 baskets brimming with goodies and more!

Fair, held at the Harford County Equestrian Center in Bel Air. Generously sponsored by Animal Emergency Hospital of Bel Air, net

proceeds from the event totaled nearly \$10,000. A highlight of the afternoon was setting a Guinness World Record for "Most Dogs Wearing the Same Bandana in One Place". Two hundred dogs and their people gathered in an outdoor ring and were counted and recorded by stewards and official witnesses. If you took part in this successful record attempt, you can purchase your own official Guinness World Records Certificate of Participation. Contact Nicky at 410-836-1090, x104 for details. Entertainment



and activities included a pet blessing and walk; five gourmet food trucks; nearly 40 vendors; pet contests for best costume, best trick, sloppiest kisser and fastest sitter; a micro-chipping clinic; fall pet photos; and an adoption area with dogs, kittens and several rabbits.

This past fall we

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It's Time for the Largest Party of the Year for Harford's Animals!

Come on baby, let the good times roll, roll all night long...

Grab your friends, put on your dancing shoes, let down your hair, and support the largest party of the year for Harford County's homeless and neglected animals! Sponsored by Animal Emergency Hospital, the 10th annual Bow Wow Boogie will be held on Friday, May 2, 2014 from 7:30 – 11:30 p.m. at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood, MD. The Bow Wow Boogie features an extensive bull & oyster roast buffet and dessert bar; complimentary draft beer, wine and sodas; a live & silent auction with fabulous gifts; an enormous wheelbarrow of cheer & tower of beer raffle; and a DJ & dancing. Sponsor the event, donate a product or service for the silent & live auctions, and attend the event.

There are several ways to have a blast AND support the animals:

SPONSOR THE EVENT – There are a variety of sponsorship opportunities available that provide recognition in press

releases, advertisements, on our web site, and in the program that evening. Reach over 400 animal lovers with your message! Plus, most of the sponsorship levels include a table of ten seats at the event (a \$450 value)!

DONATE TO THE SILENT & LIVE AUCTIONS – We are looking for a variety of items that can be auctioned off throughout the evening. We're looking for sports memorabilia, tickets to events of any kind, vacation rentals, museum passes, gift cards to area restaurants and stores, wine and alcohol for the basket of cheer, jewelry, artwork, pet supplies, spa packages, and so much more. Net proceeds support the 4,500 animals we take in each year. You can either arrange to drop off items at the shelter, or we will be glad to pick them up. *We need all items no later than April 23, 2014.*

ATTEND THE EVENT – Most of the sponsorship levels include a table of ten seats at the event (a \$450 value) – or you can purchase tickets at a cost of \$50 each or \$450 for a table of ten. Reward

your team with a fun night out together in support of a great cause.

BUY A CHANCE TO VACATION IN JAMAICA – One lucky winner will enjoy 8 sun-drenched days & 7 sizzling nights at the ClubHotel Riu Ocho Rios, Jamaica with all-inclusive airfare, lodging, meals, snacks and drinks for 2 (a \$3,500 value!). Tickets are \$100 each and only 125 tickets will be sold! The winning ticket will be drawn on May 2, 2014 at the Bow Wow Boogie (winner does not have to be present to win).

CIRCULATE INFORMATION – Please be kind enough to hang the flyer on the facing page where your customers, co-workers, friends and family can see it.

The animals are counting on your support!

For tickets or to sponsor the event, contact Mary Leavens at 410-836-1090, x101 or mleavens@harfordshelter.org. Proceeds benefit the homeless and neglected animals of Harford County.

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launched our 4th annual **"Make Your Pet a Pin-Up" calendar contest** where we search for a cover pet and 12 pets of the month. During the two months that the contest was open, we received 56 cute, cuddly, and downright adorable entries! The cost to enter a photo in the contest was \$10, but things really got exciting during the voting. Votes cost \$1 each, and family members and friends got in on the ac-

tion by casting their votes for their favorite pet photos. Over 4,900 votes were cast! The rankings changed almost daily, but when all was said and done at midnight on November 10th, Simon and Lilly, owned by Wayne Gangloff, were victorious and

appear on the cover of our 2014 calendar. Our net proceeds



Simon and Lilly won our 2014 "Make Your Pet a Pin-Up" calendar contest.

were \$6,600!

The men and women who work and volunteer at the shelter are already making plans for 2014's fundraisers in order to meet the ever-

growing demands of the cats, dogs, rabbits, pigs and all manner of critters that call the HSHC home. This year's Bow Wow Boogie will be on Friday, May 2nd from 7:30-11:30 at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood. Make plans now to join us!



Two hundred dogs set a Guinness World Record for "Most Dogs Wearing the Same Bandana in One Place" at the Walk & Wag-a-Thon.



THANK YOU



You're Invited!

Bow Wow Boogie

Celebrating our 10th year!

**Friday, May 2, 2014
7:30-11:30pm**

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

**Harford County's largest party for the
animals, featuring...**

- ♦ Raffle for a tropical vacation to Jamaica
- ♦ DJ Maynard Edwards from 103.7 & 100.7
- ♦ "Bull & oyster roast" buffet & dessert bar
- ♦ Draft beer, wine & sodas included
- ♦ Live & Silent Auctions
- ♦ Plenty of Dancing & Good Times!

**For tickets and sponsorship information:
CALL Mary Leavens at 410-836-1090, x101 or
EMAIL mleavens@harfordshelter.org**

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

Must be 21 or over to attend

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Proceeds benefit the homeless and neglected animals of Harford County



Event Sponsor:

Happy Tails

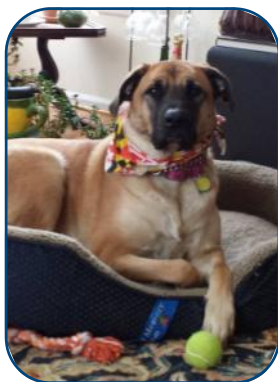
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So many heart-warming adoption stories happen every day at the shelter. If you've adopted your best pal from the Humane Society of Harford County, we'd LOVE to add your story! Email kim@harfordshelter.org to share your story and remember to include a recent photo.



It was a pleasure adopting Minka. She's getting more and more comfortable every day, She's taken to sleeping on us near our necks and she PURRR's so loud! Thanks for taking great care of her!

-Christine



Just wanted to give you an update on Penny! She has been with us now almost 5 months and has really settled in. She is so loved by everyone. She whines if you don't pay attention to her, brings all of her toys to you so you can play with her, loves to be touched and will grab your arms so you don't stop! She is simply the sweetest thing!

-The Andersen Family



We adopted Duke at the end of July 2013. He is the sweetest, most loveable and often times biggest couch potato. He made himself right at home with our family. He is like one of my daughter's best friends. She is six and he follows her everywhere she goes. He lets her lay, snuggle and climb all over him and doesn't even flinch. He is the most loveable and sweetest boy. We are so grateful he picked us and we were able to give him his furever home.

-Melissa, Kory & Emily



We just wanted to take a minute to thank you for Gibbs (formerly Cornflake).

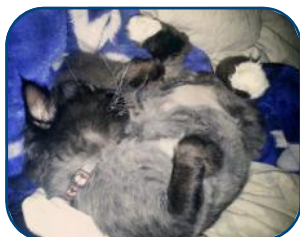
When you told me he was loveable you did not do him justice. We have fallen hopelessly in love with this little guy! What a wonderful job you did fostering him. He is the most loveable cat at this age that I have ever met and that has to be because of you. He is doing great and his older brother has adjusted, I think they will be great friends! Kudos to you and the staff at the shelter. The all-around experience was great and I am sure we will be back.



We brought Chewy home a little over a month ago and he instantly made himself at home. He is by far the most lovable and playful pet we have ever had. We

are so lucky that we found him! Here is a picture of him sleeping on his favorite blanket, in his favorite spot....in bed right between mommy and daddy! Thank you so much for our new family member!

-Joe & Amy

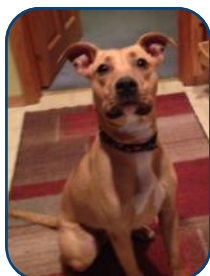


We came in to see him, in particular, after seeing him online. It was fate that he was already up front waiting for us! He is such a sweet and gentle guy and even though it has only been 3 days, it feels like he has been a part of our family for years. So far he was a total trooper at the vet, enjoyed his bath, loves walks with his new brother, Choco, and can't get enough snuggles (he thinks he is a lap dog). I wish



more people would give older animals more of a chance because they have some of the biggest hearts. Thank you for making it possible to add this wonderful guy to our family!

-The Poist Family



We adopted Coco on 9/8/13. She is such a sweetie and a goofball, but loves her forever home & we love her!!

-Lisa



Do you have room for a temporary house guest? We need your help with fostering cats, kittens, dogs and puppies.

For more information, contact Vicki at 410-836-1090 or foster@harfordshelter.org.



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adoption enclosures displayed behind glass, and this feature will help cut down on disease transmission from visitors touching one cat then going to the next without hand sanitizing first. But have no fear – guests will be able to enjoy one of the best features in the new cat wing – the four individual meet-and-greet rooms, where a potential adopter can have private, quiet time with their new, prospective forever friend, without the noise and hustle and bustle we now have to contend with.

I saved what may be the most exciting feature for last – we will now have a procedures room in our tech area where we will be able, for the first time in our 67 year history, to perform spay and neuter

procedures on the premises!!! What this means is that no dog or cat of age will leave the facility without first having had the surgery necessary to help prevent more unwanted dogs and cats from populating Harford County - other than those too young to undergo the procedure at the time of adoption, of course.

It is estimated that the total cost of the facility, including medical equipment, stainless steel cages, desks, chairs, computers, reserves, etc., will be around \$7.5 million. We will be needing your help in bridging the gap between the County's \$6 million commitment and our total need of \$7.5 million, so when you get that call or mailing for our upcoming "Gimme Shelter" capital campaign, please reach deep,

give what you can, and specify that your donation is for the capital campaign. Remember that we are NOT affiliated with The Humane Society of the United States and receive NO funding from them, nor do we receive funding from any other national or state animal welfare organization. **It will be all up to this community to make it happen**, and I hope that you are as excited about what the future holds for HSHC as we are.

SPONSOR A CAT CONDO at Rescue Me! at Harford Mall

Your logo and name will be displayed above the condo door on an attractive 2"x12" plaque. Your sponsorship helps to pay for the medical care and comfort for cats at *Rescue Me! at Harford Mall*. For details, contact Mary Leavens at 410-836-1090, x101.



Rescue Me! at Harford Mall is The Cat's Meow

Running to the mall to do some shopping? Now you can add "Adopt a Family Cat" to your list of reasons to visit the mall! *Rescue Me! at Harford Mall* is the region's first deluxe cat adoption center and boutique located in a shopping mall in Maryland. Operated by The Humane Society of Harford County (HSHC), *Rescue Me! at Harford Mall* always has a large selection of cats and kittens available for adoption.

While the cats watch from one side of the store, HSHC's retail partner, The Mill of Bel Air, offers pet supplies throughout the store, including food, treats, toys, crates, beds, grooming supplies and other accessories. The Mill at The Mall also carries wild bird seed, feeders and accessories as well as unique gifts including flags, candles, mugs and more.

Since opening to numerous curious and enthusiastic visitors on September 11, 2013, *Rescue Me! at Harford Mall* has

united just over 200 cats and kittens with their forever families.

For nine months pretty Baka waited here at the shelter for someone to notice

her. She would sit in our Free Roam Cat Room and gaze out the window, watching people come and go across the parking lot, wondering when it would be her turn to leave. Baka was transported to *Rescue Me! at Harford Mall*, when at long last, her dreams came true and she was adopted to the perfect family!

Willy arrived at the shelter before Christmas, a timid stray with only one eye. He spent some time in a foster home and then went to *Rescue Me! at Harford Mall* where he had no trouble navigating his 4-story cat condo. It wasn't long before this special boy caught the attention of a family and he was on his way to a new home.

Rescue Me! at Harford Mall was conceived due to the sheer number of cats and kittens entering the shelter each year.

In calendar year 2012, HSHC took in over 3,000 cats and kittens! The spring and summer months are especially challenging because of the increased numbers of

kittens and pregnant mothers entering the shelter.

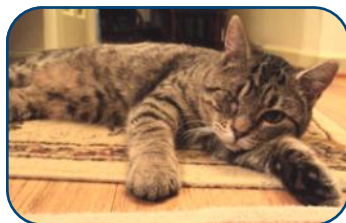


On 1/26/14, Baka was adopted!

"Some people may be reluctant to visit an animal shelter or they simply aren't aware that we have a shelter on Connolly Road in Harford County," says Mary Leavens, Executive Director. "Our primary goal with *Rescue Me! at Harford Mall* is to offer a convenient adoption location and to find forever homes for as many adoptable cats and kittens as possible."

On the third Saturday of every month from 12-3pm, adoptable dogs from the shelter will be visiting *Rescue Me! at Harford Mall* to find homes. Visit *Rescue Me! at Harford Mall* and the right companion may just be waiting for you!

HSHC's *Rescue Me! at Harford Mall* adoption center is down the hallway near Sears and next to Visionworks. Our hours are Monday through Saturday, 11 am - 7 pm and Sunday, 11 am - 5 pm. Holiday hours may vary. Harford Mall is located at 696 Bel Air Road, Bel Air, MD 21014.



Willy was adopted on 1/23/14.

Memorial Gifts

Donations thoughtfully made for the animals in 2013 in memory of a loved one.

All other donations are listed on our website at www.harfordshelter.org.

IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

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*Kimberly Dawn Fowler
*Ellen Howell

Jennifer V. Alexander

*Tiffany Arrington
*Beverly Bliss
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Thank You!



These young ladies made blankets for the cats up for adoption at Rescue Me! at Harford Mall.



Students at Joppatowne Elementary raised \$25 for the animals.



Mary Leavens, executive director of HSHC (left) accepts a check for \$1,210 from Sarah Hamdan who held a Coach & Pandora Bingo fundraiser for the animals.



Bear Scout Pack 808 took a tour and learned about responsible pet care.

A New Leash on Life, continued from cover

leave me? I loved him so much, why didn't he want me?

I was alone.

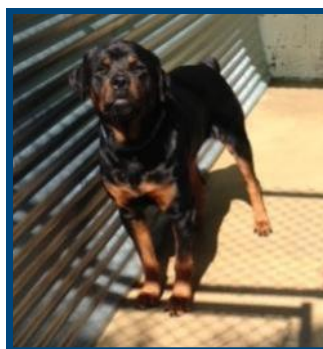
I kept barking and pulling on my leash, but I couldn't move. Hours and hours passed, when finally a car pulled up. I was hoping my dad or mom would miss me like I missed them and come back to save me. But... they didn't. It was a woman I'd never seen before. She looked surprised to see me and I remember I was so scared of her. Who was she? Was she mad at me too? I was trying to act brave. I was showing my teeth and trying to make her scared. I promised myself that night when my family left me, that I would never trust anyone ever again. I would not let her hurt me too. I was growling and showing my teeth, and she just looked at me and said, "It's okay buddy, I'm not going to hurt you." She took me inside a big room and I saw other animals like me, other animals who were homeless. I was so scared that I started to shake. I couldn't be brave anymore. I was so hungry and I was so weak.

If my daddy didn't want me anymore, then no one would want me.

I had never had a vaccination before or a bath and the day I arrived at the shelter I received both! As soon as the staff found me in the morning they took me inside to check my ears, listen to my heart, and put flea & tick preventative on my back. They even took my picture to put on their website so other families could see I was here and listed for adoption. With time I realized that these people really did care about me. They looked at me differently than my old dad and mom. They gave me treats and told me they loved me. I had my own bed, a blanket, and I got fed two times a day! I loved playing games with the staff that came to clean my kennel and made sure I was okay every day. Sometimes at night or during the day I would make a

mess, but I knew every morning and every afternoon my kennel would be spotless again. In the summer they even gave me my own baby pool to play in, my very own pool! Here in my new home I was safe, fed, and for the first time in my life I felt loved. I came to know these people as my new family, my shelter family. I told myself to forget about how life used to be, and when I started to trust my new family my life really changed. They helped me gain weight and I felt strong. I wasn't scared anymore, and when the staff told me I would never be left alone again—I believed them.

Every day volunteers in bright red shirts would take me out to stretch my legs and play. They taught me so many things! I had never played fetch before or knew how to catch a Frisbee and now I did these things every day. I also loved the days when one of the volunteers would come and take me to an offsite event. At adoption events I got to feel really special and wear an 'Adopt Me' vest, plus really nice people I had never met before would give me belly rubs all day long! One time I even went to a school. Who would have thought I would go to school? I helped teach the students about animal shelters and how important it is to adopt. I even saw some of the students visit the shelter with their families after! At one event a lady with a really big camera took a lot of photos of me. She told me I was so



cute and was sure to find a forever family when my photo was updated on the shelter website and posted on the shelter's Facebook page. I kept hearing people talk about a forever family, but I had no idea what that meant.

I made so many friends at the shelter, and met so many other dogs and cats who were just like me. I remember one time I was walking through the front office getting ready to go out for a walk with my favorite volunteer when a little dog came in. I knew it was the dog's first time at a shelter, because she looked the same way I used to

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Love is Blind: Zeke's Story

We were introduced to Zeke on January 5th when Harford County Animal Control was dispatched to pick him up as a stray. When Zeke arrived at the shelter, we quickly determined that he was completely blind and we estimated his age to be about 12 years. He was covered in densely tangled mats of fur and was cold and hungry, but his sweet and gentle nature won our hearts. Our rescue coordinator quickly put out a plea to The Blind Cat Rescue of North Carolina (BCR) and a few others. Unfortunately, BCR replied that they were full and not accepting new cats, but they shared Zeke on their Facebook page.

In a few days, we got an email from a Jenn and Pete, a couple from Long Island, NY. They had just said goodbye to their blind cat who had passed away from old age before Christmas, and when they saw Zeke on Facebook, their hearts went out to him and they wrote us, wanting to adopt him. The next hurdle was transporting Zeke to New York!

As luck would have it, Art and Linda, a husband and wife who volunteer at our

shelter, heard about Zeke's situation and immediately stepped up to transport Zeke half-way to New Jersey and meet Jenn and Pete. So on Sunday, January 19th, after lots of coordination, Zeke's journey toward a new life began. By Sunday night, Jenn sent us an email to say that "Zeke is here and settling in, what a sweet cat! My husband is already in love! He is just the cutest thing! We love him so much!"

Just recently we got another communication from Jenn: "Zeke is doing great. He's gaining weight and has completely claimed the house as his own! He snuggles all the time, and loves people. We love him so much, and he seems pretty happy, although a little lonely I think during the day. So we got to thinking, maybe he needs a friend! Well, at a shelter here on Long Island, someone dumped an 8-year-old blind cat. He's very sweet, so we're giving him a try with Zeke! So far, they're doing okay getting to know each other. Zeke really wants to be friends, although the new guy is taking a little longer to warm up! Hopefully they'll be best buds soon!"



When he arrived at the shelter, Zeke was dirty and covered in mats of tangled fur.



Zeke slept through his first Super Bowl party in his new home!



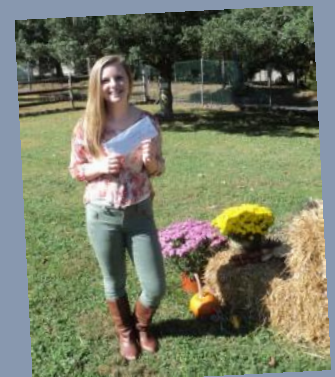
Did you know you can make an online gift to the animals any time at www.harfordshelter.org? It's safe, it's totally secure and it's super fast! Commemorate a loved one's birthday, honor the memory of a good friend, or simply celebrate the fact that you are able to help a needy animal become a cherished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



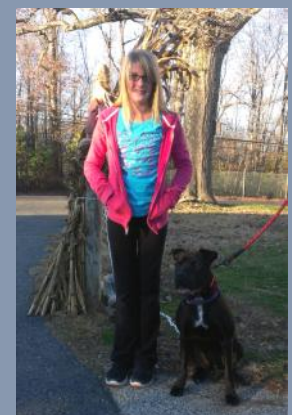
Brightview Avondell Retirement Community held a holiday bazaar and raised \$2,110! From l. to r. are Breanna Weisenbach and Donna Panzer from Brightview with Nicky Wetzelsberger from HSHC.



Students at Southampton Middle School made cozy pet beds out of old sweaters.



Shelby Moody held a pet blessing at her church, collected supplies and raised \$77 for the animals.



Kaylee raised \$97 by making and selling her own bracelets.

Adoption Day!



Yager



Tootsie 3



Charlotte



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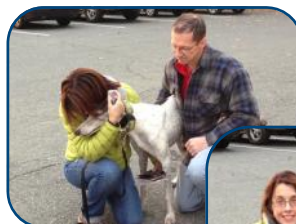
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THE PAW PRINT POST

Spencer Reunited With His Family

Almost once a day, we find ourselves in the position of reuniting a lost pet with its owner. In 2013, we reunited nearly 400 lost pets with their very grateful owners. While each and every reunion is joyful and exciting, we can't think of any that touched everyone as much as when the owners of this 9-year-old greyhound named Spencer came to claim him.

It seems that this old fellow had been missing for a week, and his owners were frantic. Before his mini-vacation he was being treated for an eye infection, and when he arrived at the shelter his gait was stiff, but that could have been because he had been out on his own for a week. His owners had done everything they could to find him, putting up scores of flyers, contacting area shelters and rescues, using social media, a tracking service...everything they could think of to find their sweet, ill member of the family.



Spencer was brought to us as a stray by a Good Samaritan who had found him in their backyard, and we were able to locate the owners thru a microchip, their call to us, and a lost report we had on file. They tried everything! Spencer was treated by our tech department, and when his "mom" saw him being walked up the hallway she fell to her knees in tears, which led many in the adoption room to start crying also. It was an incredibly powerful reunion. This couple's love and concern for their dog...how much weight he had lost in a week...and how they were going to take him straight to the animal emergency hospital to be checked out touched all of us.

Spencer, his family, and everyone who was in the room that day to witness this special reunion have a lot to be thankful for. It was truly a blessed moment.

Donate Your Vehicle

Admit it...you and your car have had a great run, but maybe you're thinking it's time to part with old Bessie. Your cherished clunker can give animals a lift. Donate your old or unused car, truck, motorcycle, RV, jet skis, boat, or other vehicle to The Humane Society of Harford County.

Contact Kim at kim@harfordshelter.org or call 410-836-1090, x111 for all the details. No matter if your car barks like a dog or purrs like a kitten, we'll take it. In no time, you'll get a receipt with the donation value for tax purposes. It's that easy.

We've partnered with BSC America – Bel Air Auto Auction to turn your vehicle into a tax-deductible donation! Your donation will help us care for almost 4,500 animals that come into our facility each year as well as support our adoption, training, socialization and outreach efforts.



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Counting Our Blessings

Who can resist a kitten? That little face with those big, inquisitive eyes melts your heart! And Blessing was no different, except that when she came in to the shelter with her mother this winter, she had an eye that was swollen and bulging due to a very serious infection. Because the infection had progressed too far, surgery to remove the eye was the only option for Blessing. Because she was not yet big enough to undergo the procedure, our staff treated her infection with antibiotics and placed her into a foster home.

It would be difficult to find a sweeter, more loving kitten than Blessing. In her foster home, Blessing enjoyed lots of play time, and became friends with her foster mom's dogs and other cats. After playing, Blessing would find a spot on her foster mom's lap to cuddle or a warm place in the sun to snooze.

Before long, Blessing was ready for her operation, and afterwards returned to the shelter, happy and healthy, as if nothing had ever happened. She ran and pounced on her toys as if she didn't realize she only had one eye! We snapped her picture and posted her to our Facebook site, and within

hours, her new mom walked into our Adoptions Office, ready to meet and adopt this sweet girl. Blessing immediately gave her a hug as if to say, "finally Mom, you found me!"

Her new mom, Natalie, wrote us a few days later to tell us that "we changed her name to Hope, and she just had her stitches removed. She is doing well now. Our entire family is so in love with her. Thank you so much for allowing us to keep this little angel." We are so happy for little Hope and her new family!

Editor's Note: In ancient Greek mythology, at the end of its long life, the colorful and vibrant phoenix perished in a fire and a brand new phoenix would rise from the ashes. In keeping with this story, we established The Phoenix Fund to give critically injured or ill animals a second chance; a chance to mend broken bodies; a chance to get adopted into a new life. Over the last year we have received several animals that were in need of critical care, including Blessing. If you would like to make a contribution to The Phoenix Fund, kindly use the enclosed envelope or donate online at www.harfordshelter.org.



Adoption Day!



Funfetti kittens



Win a Tropical Vacation to Jamaica!

The Humane Society of Harford County is raffling off a tropical vacation to Jamaica! One lucky winner will enjoy 8 sun-drenched days & 7 sizzling nights at the ClubHotel Riu Ocho Rios, Jamaica (choose the adults-only or family side of the resort) with all-inclusive airfare, lodging, meals, snacks and drinks for 2 (a \$3,500 value!). The trip can be booked any time in 2014 (certain blackout dates apply). The winning ticket will be drawn on May 2, 2014 at the Bow Wow Boogie (winner does not have to be present to win).



Tickets are \$100 each and only 125 tickets will be sold! Purchase tickets today at the Humane Society of Harford County, 2208 Connolly Road, Fallston, MD; Rescue Me! at Harford Mall, 696 Belair Road, Bel Air, MD; or call 410-836-1090, x111.





Zesty



Flash



Kit



Claire



Hudson

A New Leash on Life, continued from page 10

look. She had her tail between her legs and was scared, but the difference was her owner was standing right next to her. Her dad didn't tie her to the gate like mine did, her dad was standing next to her crying. Her dad kept saying that he didn't know what to do, he had lost his home, and had nowhere to live. He had raised the dog from a puppy, and couldn't bear the thought of life without her, but he didn't have a choice to make. He was homeless and could no longer give his dog the care she needed. I don't know what is worse, getting abandoned at a gate or having to leave your owner when they're sad and you can't be there to comfort them. The staff sat down with the man and told him about The Humane Society of Harford County and how well his dog would be looked after. They ensured him his four-legged friend would find a new home very fast. I knew they were telling him the truth too. I watched a lot of my friends get adopted every day into something they called a forever family. I kept wondering when I would get to find out what a forever family was.

Then one day, everything changed again. One of the staff members who helped take care of me brought a family to my kennel. I was used to people walking past my kennel and not stopping, but these people were different. They looked at me the same way my shelter family looked at me. They took me out to play and I remember showing them everything I learned in the past few weeks. I sat and gave paw, and even laid down like my shelter family taught me. There were two kids and they kept rubbing my belly and then the mom knelt on the ground next to me and said, "Do you want to come home with us?" Right then I knew this was different. I knew this was the forever family I heard everyone talking about. That day, I gave my shelter family sloppy kisses goodbye and with hap-

py tears in their eyes they told me they would miss me even though they were so happy for me.

My new mom walked me out to her car, opened the door and said, "Come on, get in the car..." and I paused for just a moment, the gate where this all began was in front of me. The gate where I was abandoned, the hours alone, scared—and then I jumped. I jumped in the car and left that old life behind. Now, I had my shelter family and a forever family. I knew I would never be alone again.



As we rode off I looked back at that gate and thought, I'm so thankful my dad brought me to this place. If he felt he could no longer care for me and couldn't be the family I needed, at least he decided to give me two new families instead. My family at The Hu-

mane Society of Harford County will always be dear to my heart for seeing past my growls and bearing of teeth. They saw me for what I truly was, a dog that was broken but with a little love and care could be nursed back into the dog I am today, a dog with a family...forever.

Editor's Note: This story was inspired by a dog named Drake. Drake was a Rottweiler that we found tied to our gate one morning. At first he was extremely scared. In order for him to be brought into our tech room for his initial intake exam he had to be sedated. He was showing his teeth, growling, and was extremely guarded. After a few days, Drake settled in, and with the help of our dedicated staff and volunteers, he blossomed into a fantastic dog. Drake was adopted by a wonderful family after spending two months at HSHC. Everyone cried happy tears the day he left, thinking about how far he had come since we first found him tied to our front gate compared to the confident, happy dog he was on the day he was adopted. Drake was adopted into his forever home on September 22, 2013.

Ramona's Amazing Transformation

On August 13, 2013 we were introduced to Ramona when she was brought into the Humane Society of Harford County (HSHC) by Harford County Animal Control as a stray. We were shocked at



When Ramona came to the shelter, she was shockingly thin.

the condition poor Ramona was in. She was severely emaciated and it appeared that she had recently had puppies. All of the meager bits of nutrition that Ramona did receive must have gone directly to her puppies in her fight for their survival.

Where they are now is anyone's guess.

A few days after her arrival, HSHC's Shelter Manager, Blaine Lang, took Ramona out to run an errand and before returning to the shelter, stopped at a fast food restaurant to share a hamburger with Ramona. He encountered a woman who was

curious about Ramona and was interested in fostering her. She followed Blaine back to the shelter to make the necessary arrangements and Ramona was soon in a home where her rehabilitation began.

Our shelter manager was referred to a company that manufactures a food supplement that promises to put weight and muscle mass on dogs like Ramona. Ramona started MVP Formula M.A.S.S. Weight Gainer and in just a few weeks, she put on 25 lbs! The transformation was miraculous!

On September 16, 2013 Ramona returned to the shelter for the last time. Her foster mom brought her back to formally adopt her and take her home forever! Ramona is now a happy and healthy girl who's living the good life in her forever home.



The Town Goes to the Dogs & Cats

You're invited to let your creative juices flow and enter "The Town Goes to the Dogs & Cats" art competition and show to benefit homeless animals. Put on by The Art Rooms Professional Art Supplies in Havre de Grace, there are two ways to lend your support: either purchase a wooden dog or cat figurine or purchase a canvas and paint a favorite animal!

Figurines cost just \$18 and \$2.50 of every sale (plus a matching donation of \$2.50 by The Art Rooms) is donated to the Humane Society of Harford County. Then decorate, paint and/or pose your figurine.

The entry fee to paint a favorite animal is \$10, and you'll receive a 9x12 canvas board. Create a fabulous painting (any media is accepted) of a wonderful animal. All entries MUST be framed and ready to



hang. Get your manikin or canvas from The Art Rooms at 116 N. Washington Street in Havre de Grace.

All entries must be delivered to The Art Rooms no later than Saturday, April 5th at 4:00 PM. Judging of all entries will take

place at The Art Rooms during mid-April. Entries of figurines & paintings will be judged separately in Adult, Youth and Children Categories. Judges are from Harford Community College's Art Department. Winners will receive wonderful prizes! Entries from previous years are not permitted.

Attend "The Town Goes to the Dogs & Cats" Reception at The Art Rooms Professional Art Supplies on Sunday, April 27th from 2 to 4 pm. Reception performance by "Woodwinds for a Cause," music studio students of Beth Baker.

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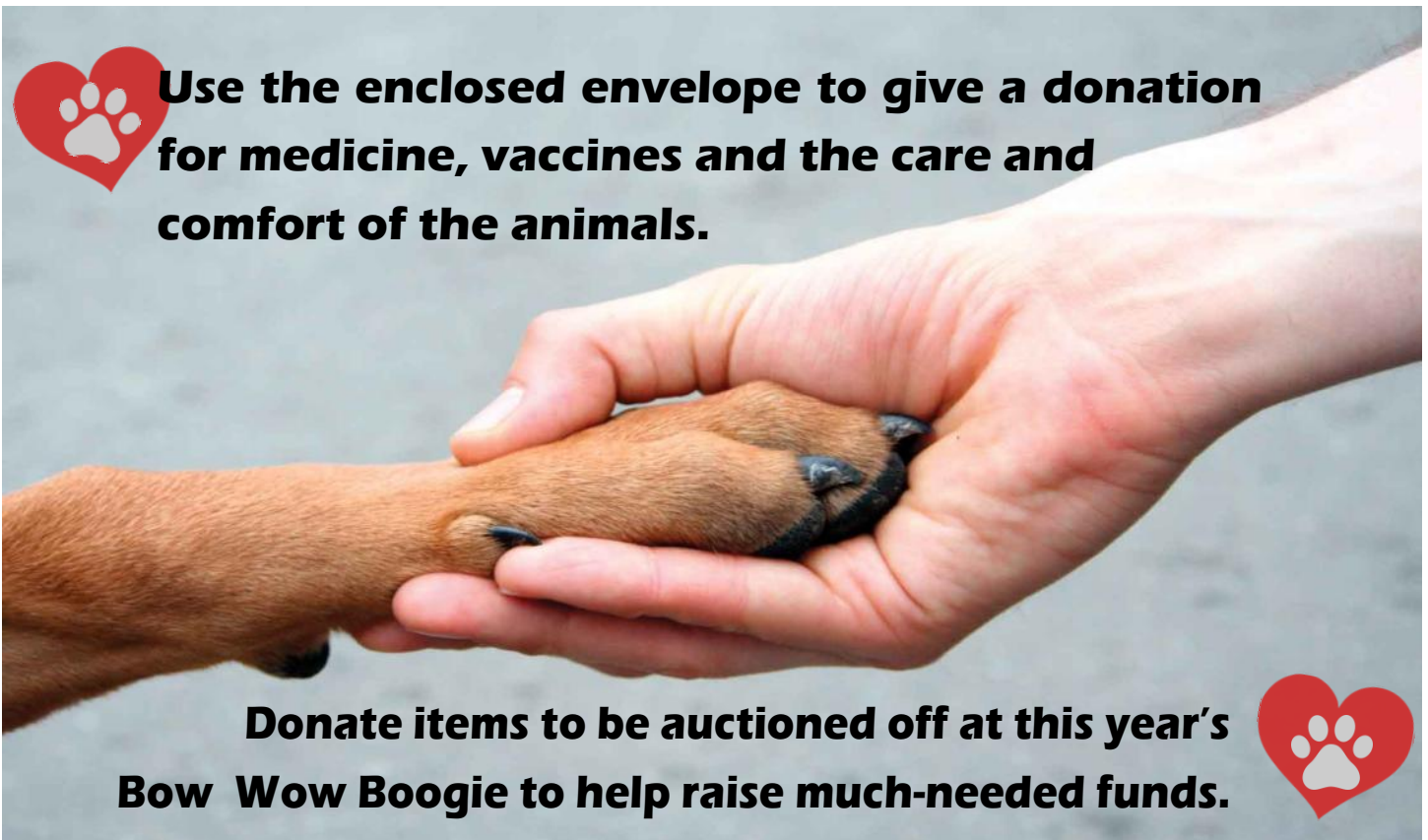
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