

Animal Talk



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Welcome to the Morton Gorn Center for Animal Adoption

BY DEBORAH LAND, PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR

This February, the Maryland SPCA officially opened the Morton Gorn Center for Animal Adoption and our renovated building. After eight months of construction, we have a bright new facility that is more comfortable and safer for animals, staff, volunteers and the public. The new facility is 3,217 square feet and was made possible primarily through donations from generous private donors.

On February 24, we hosted an opening reception for our building donors and Lifesavers Club* members. On the weekend of February 26 and 27, we offered open house tours to the public. If you have not yet had a chance to visit our new facility, we hope you will stop by soon.

Our new adoption center is named in memory of Morton Gorn, a real estate developer who cher-



Arlene Gorn, Karen Colvin & Karen's son, Nick, at the opening reception.

ished his dogs and his horses. The gift to name the center in his memory was made by his widow, Arlene Gorn,

who was introduced to the Maryland SPCA by her daughter, Karen Colvin. Mrs. Gorn's generous gift formed the cornerstone of the building campaign. Our new facility has many beneficial features. Our adoption center is now physically separate from the admissions area, with a separate, dedicated entrance for each, which will reduce stress on clients, both human and animal. In addition, we have more

private space in which to meet with clients in both the adoptions and admissions areas. Other building highlights include:



The exterior of our new facility.

•**Dog Kennel:** We have 48 dog kennels. Four of them are double-sized "suites" that can house up to three dogs at a time! All of them have new doors that reduce the level of noise in the kennel. The doors have removable lower panels so shy or scared dogs can feel more secure.

•**Cat Room:** We have 27 cat cages, all of which allow for social cats to be group housed. Five of these are large "cat condos" in which up to four cats can live together in luxury. Group housing can lower cats' stress levels and makes it easier for people to see the cats' personalities. We also have an additional cat get-acquainted room so that fewer people have to wait to meet their potential new family member.

•**Exam Rooms:** The addition of a second exam room allows cats and dogs to be examined separately, which lowers their stress levels. These new exam rooms make it easier for staff to care for the animals.

•**Behavior Room:** We have a dedicated room in which behavior trainings and classes can be held year round, indoors and away from other pets.

•**Pet Showcases:** There are two rooms for special pets in the Adoption Lobby so the public can give them extra attention.



Aileen Gabbey, Executive Director, at the opening reception.

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Maryland SPCA Mission

The Maryland SPCA improves the lives of pets and people in the community.

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Programs

Adoption: Looking to adopt a great dog or cat companion? Our adoption center has wonderful pets available for adoption. All pets have been spayed or neutered, vaccinated and have received flea and other parasite treatments. **Adoption Fees:** Puppy or Small Dog \$150, Dog \$125, Kitten \$100, Cat \$80.

Behavior Training: *Positive Pooch* is a one-session class that covers the fundamentals of good dog training. It is held on Saturdays and available to MD SPCA dog and puppy adopters free of charge and to other pet owners for a small fee. *All-Star Canine* is a six-week course designed to make life with your dog easier. Check the website (www.mdspca.org) or contact Nichole Miller (410-235-8826, ext. 150; nmiller@mdspca.org) for schedule and fee info.

Spay/Neuter Clinic: Each year the MD SPCA spays and neuters thousands of cats and dogs, including those in our adoption center. Our Spay/Neuter Clinic offers low-cost, high-quality spay/neuter surgery to qualified groups and individuals. For details, call 410-235-8826, ext. 140 or email fixem@mdspca.org.

Hampden Pet Health

At Hampden Pet Health, a qualified and caring team of veterinarians will ensure your pet's health and well-being by providing the best in wellness care, including routine exams, vaccinations and spay/neuter surgery. Clinic fees help homeless pets at the Maryland SPCA. Call 410-400-WELL for an appointment. For more info, go to www.hampdenpethealth.org.

Hours of Operation

Adoption Center: Monday & Tuesday, 2:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.
Wednesday through Friday, noon–5:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday, 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.



Animal Surrendering: If you have a cat or dog that you can no longer care for, please call 410-235-8826, ext. 100 to make an appointment to surrender your pet. Please bring all veterinary records to your appointment. There is a \$25 surrender fee to the MD SPCA to help defray some of the cost of caring for a surrendered animal.

Contact Us

Main Number 410-235-8826	March for the Animals..... ext. 138
(for adoptions, cremation, lost and found, surrendering and general inquiries)	Memorial Donation ext. 135
Main Fax 410-235-1053	Pet Calendar..... ext. 133
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Development ext. 135	Volunteers ext. 137
Hampden Pet Health.....410-400-WELL	Website www.mdspca.org
	Wine & Wag Happy Hours ext. 138

Directions

We are located at 3300 Falls Road, Baltimore, MD 21211, in the Hampden neighborhood in Baltimore City.

From North of Baltimore: Take the Beltway (I-695) to the Jones Falls Expressway (I-83) South. Take the Cold Spring Lane Exit East. Turn right at the second traffic light onto Falls Road. The Maryland SPCA is the first driveway on the right after you pass 36th Street.

From the South: Take the Jones Falls Expressway (I-83) North. Take the Falls Road Exit; this will put you north-bound on Falls Road. Find a convenient spot to turn around, and head south on Falls Road. We are the first driveway on the right after you pass 36th Street.



Letter from the Director

DEAR FRIENDS,

Several years ago, while driving toward an on-ramp for 695, a woman caught sight of something unusual—two wandering dogs also heading onto the ramp! This Good Samaritan was able to rescue the dogs safely and get them to local animal control. The two dogs couldn't have been an odder pair—a large muscular Pit Bull mix and a small, wiry Jack Russell Terrier, both vulnerable strays looking for help. The Jack Russell quickly got adopted. And, thanks to MidAtlanticBullyBuddies Rescue and the Maryland SPCA, the Pit Bull was spayed and adopted.

Tami Gosheff, the Maryland SPCA's Special Events and Outreach Coordinator, was the proud adopter of Millie the Pit Bull. Not only is Millie a great example of how people can come together to help pets, she also shows kids how to be kind to animals. Millie is our resident 'teacher' at the Maryland SPCA. As Tami explains, "When I take Millie to schools, she shows children that this breed can be kind and gentle. The kids follow her lead and are kind and gentle to her."

Recently, Millie met a group of teenagers at the Druid Hill Y. Kyle Sarah Kessenich was concerned about the attitudes toward animal abuse she was hearing the students express and asked us to help. Kyle is Site Director for the Success Academy, an alternative education program for at-risk youth in Baltimore. The Maryland SPCA arranged to come with Millie to meet the students who were on long-term suspension from Baltimore City Schools.

Tami and Millie, along with Katie Flory, our Volunteer Manager, and Will Bevins, one of our Surgery Technicians, all attended and approached the day as a conversation rather than a lecture. "We felt it was important to encourage participation and questions from the kids. They were definitely aware of the sad treatment of some animals in their neighborhoods. We urged them to get involved to help animals," shared Katie.

Added Tami, "The kids were really smart and understood that they can be leaders and role models for how to treat animals well. It was encouraging to see them realize that they can make things better."

Of course, the big hit of the visit was introducing Millie. Getting to spend time with her really made an impression on the kids. As one young man put it, "They're living creatures, too."

After counting on good people to save her from the streets,

Millie now gives back to the community, teaching our youth that pets deserve kindness, not cruelty. She is a great symbol for what is good about the pet-human relationship in Baltimore. Thank you, Millie!

Sincerely,

Aileen Gabbey
Executive Director



Students at the Druid Hill Y with Tami and Millie, a friendly Pit Bull, from the Maryland SPCA.

P.S. Millie's school visits are one strategy the Maryland SPCA uses to prevent animal abuse. Our anti-cruelty programs include: making in-school visits to teach kindness to animals; hosting activities for children at the Maryland SPCA; taking in and caring for abused animals; neutering thousands of animals to reduce strays, who are often victims of abuse; supporting reward funds; and serving on the Mayor's Anti-Animal Abuse Task Force. Thank you for your support of these efforts.

Board Presidency

Jay West, an attorney at West & West, Inc., became President of the Maryland SPCA Board of Directors in January. He succeeds Mary-Ann Pinkard, who served as President from 2008-2010. As President, Mary-Ann oversaw the opening of the Spay/Neuter Clinic in 2008, Hampden Pet Health in 2010 and construction of the Morton Gorn Center for Animal Adoption, all in a tough economic climate. She continues to serve as a Board Member. She, Jay and the Board will work to ensure that the MD SPCA continues to progress and fulfill its mission to improve the lives of pets and people.



PHOTO OF PRESIDENTS BY BEN HOFFMAN

2010 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- We spayed and neutered 8,344 animals, making the Maryland SPCA the state leader in providing spay/neuter services.
- Every healthy pet in our adoption program found a home. We adopted out, reunited with owners and sent to rescue 3,248 animals.
- We transported 1,258 animals from our alliance partner Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter (BARCS) to the Maryland SPCA.
- Our foster parent volunteers cared for 424 animals.

Our 2010 accomplishments would not have been possible without our hard-working staff, dedicated volunteers and generous donors. Thank you!!!

In the Mail

Hi Everyone,

This is Carolyn, who adopted Nathan, whom I named Buddy. I must tell you that he is the best!!!!!! Yesterday we went to the Salon at Mays Chapel. Everyone, I mean everyone, adored him. They couldn't get over how CALM he is. Can you believe it? This is the dog that no one wanted. This is the dog who barked and barked and barked.



Well, I am going on vacation next week, and I am sorry I can't take Buddy with me as I know I will miss him terribly. **He is my BEST companion.** He is spoiled rotten. He has his own bed in the living room, my bedroom and the car. He gets lots of treats and is on a great dog food without grains. His skin is much better, and he has gained six pounds. Thanks for a wonderful dog!!!!

Carolyn Steinberg



Dear MD SPCA,

I am loving my new home and my mom and dad.

There are lots of new and fun things to do, but lying on the couch is my favorite activity so far.

More to come, Mr. Mojo (formerly Zulu & adopted by Aaron Mertes)

Dear All,

Winnie was such a wonderful dog and, although we are beginning to feel a bit better, I think it will be a while before any of us can talk about her without crying. We miss her so very much. I feel particularly sorry for our other dog, Dakota, who has lost her best friend. She searches around the house constantly, sure we have hidden Winnie away somewhere and sure that she can find her if she just looks hard enough. She greets us and everyone else who comes to the door by looking beyond us, certain that Winnie will be right there behind whoever is coming in. I am sure she will adjust in time, but it's sad to see and to realize that we have no way to explain the loss to her.

Winnie was, without a doubt, the sweetest dog I have ever owned. We never met anyone who didn't like her, and she, in turn, accepted everybody and never spoke a sharp word to anybody about anything. She could be trusted with anybody, from the youngest children to the workmen in the house. (Well, probably not the mailman, but that's about it.) **She was one-of-a-kind. Cost of dog from the Maryland SPCA in 1995—\$55.00. Fifteen years of love, loyalty and affection—Priceless.**

We look forward to coming to you in the not-too-distant future to find our next companion and new friend for Dakota.

Katie Bass (former MD SPCA Board Member)

Hi Cheryl (Director of Operations),

This is a long overdue thank you for your role in helping Zoey become a member of our family. She is a wonderful little dog and as she settles in, her rough edges are smoothing out. She no longer gets nervous at night, she's been accident free for two and a half days and she is learning how to settle herself down. The best part is that she and our other dog, Zephyr, get along wonderfully. Zephyr is calmer and happier (our goal in adopting Zoey), and the two are absolutely comical together. Now, if we could only convince one of our cats that adopting Zoey was a good idea.



Thanks for your help! **Zoey really has found her forever home.**

Carla van Berkum

Dear Maryland SPCA Staff,

I know that this letter will not find you until after Christmas, but since the Christmas season is supposed to be about being thankful and counting your blessings, I wanted to say thank you for the blessings my dog Sunshine has given to my life.

My family and I adopted him in 2001, and he has been with us ever since. We still talk about how he was the Friday puppy on Channel 13 News the week we adopted him! I remember being 12 years old and screaming, "That's going to be my new buddy, Sunshine!" when he came on the television. He will be 10 years old in July and is still as healthy and playful as the day we brought him home. He and my father have become inseparable since I moved away to college. My father loves him very much.

Thank you for finding him and keeping him healthy and safe until we were able to come and take him to his forever home. Thank you so much, MD SPCA. **You and your staff have given me and my family a true blessing by matching us up with our dog, Sunshine!** Thank you all!

Sincerely, Felicia Dye

Dear Aileen (Executive Director),

I've attached a shot of Charlie sunning herself in a potted plant. I can honestly say that in 14 years, I've never seen her do a thing that doesn't further her own comfort or amusement—I want to be her in my next life! **She has been a wonderful companion—loving, affectionate and downright comical.** She's a great sport with the Sub-Q treatments. All of the vet techs say she's just the best at getting these. I think deep down she knows they keep her juiced up for another week of action.



Kerri Wecker

In the Mail

Dear Aileen (Executive Director),

We adopted Haley about nine years ago when she was six months old. She is a Corgi/Chow mix. She came with some issues, mainly not trusting men. This was hard on my husband because he loved her from the very beginning. **Love and time have healed and bonded them.**

I am so glad that you and your wonderful staff are there for these animals. We have seen first-hand the love and care they are receiving.

Earl and Deborah Coleman

Dear MD SPCA,

We adopted Coco (formerly Lily), a beautiful gray cat with green eyes, in January 2010 when she was six months old, and she has changed our lives. She is a sweet, cuddly cat who loves to play with toy mice, eat cat grass and be petted. She is very social and will follow us all over the house.

The process of adoption at the MD SPCA was easy. Visiting with Coco before adopting and allowing my husband, who was new to cat ownership, play with her in the get-acquainted room was very important in helping us make our decision. The kind staff and the atmosphere of care and attention to the animals made it really comfortable to adopt there, and we received a lot of helpful information. **Now Coco is a vital part of our family,** and my husband has transformed into a devoted cat guardian who doesn't mind cleaning the litter. Thank you for all you do!

Danielle Shapiro

Hello,

A month ago, my girlfriend, Christine, and I adopted a wonderful dog from you, a two-year-old German Shepherd mix named Guinness. When we brought him home, he was very shy, a little scared and malnourished, weighing only 57 pounds. We made sure he had enough food and water, a comfy bed and plenty of toys (most of which he ignored, preferring to get petted). He spent most of the first week sleeping or laying in a corner trying to figure everything out.



Guinness has started to come around and is more comfortable and energetic every day. As of today, he has put on 10 pounds and has another 10-15 pounds to go before he reaches his ideal weight. He is adjusting well to his new home, but we suspect that it will take a couple more months before his real personality comes out. We take him on frequent trips to local parks and dog parks, and we always get the same responses from passersby, "What a gorgeous dog!" and "He is so well behaved!" He loves people, loves to run and is always eager to make friends with other dogs when he can. **He is absolutely everything we could have asked for in a dog,** and we want to thank you for giving us the opportunity to bring Guinness into our home. We are looking forward to many years of companionship with him.

Thank you, Mischa Bowen-Kreiner and Christine Angelletti

Katie (Volunteer Manager),

We are enjoying our two new loves. We had to put down our beloved 23-year-old Himalayan cat this month. I started to call breeders about getting a new Himalayan but decided I should give shelters a try first. I walked into the MD SPCA trailer, and the first face I saw was Triton's. I knew he was mine, but a second later another face popped out and it was Terrence's. They were in the same cage. I sent a picture of Triton to my husband telling him that he has a new son and the son has a brother. His response was, "OH NO, not two!!!"



Terrence and Triton have brought so much joy into our lives already. They are never too far away from us and follow us everywhere. We feel very lucky to have found them and have been recommending the MD SPCA to all of our friends. **Thank you again for letting us share our lives with these two precious cats.**

Kathie, George, Alex, Alyssa and Erick Zarzecki

Dear Deborah Land (Public Relations Coordinator),

I adopted Miss Elizabeth Bennet, A.K.A. Lizzy (formerly Cookie), from the MD SPCA on May 28, 2010. I like ridiculous names for little dogs, and I'm a Jane Austen fan.

She is a great dog—all 17 pounds of her. I'm convinced that she is as much Jack Russell as Beagle. Whenever she is flipped on her back on the bed with her tummy exposed for rubbing and her ears invisible underneath her head, she really looks exactly like a Jack. Behaviorwise, I would describe her as a Beagle when she is outdoors (fixated on squirrels and rabbits and quite a bayer) and a Jack when she's indoors (loves playing tug and growls when she's doing it just like any Terrier I have ever known).

My girlfriend and I just love her and spoil her in every way imaginable, except in the way she probably wants the most, which is with food, food and more food. Sorry, Lizzy, but we like our dogs fit and trim. She gets one full meal every evening and plenty of healthy treats throughout the day. Thanks for helping me find her, MD SPCA!



Christopher Llewellyn Reed

Dear Maryland SPCA,

Training is going well. For the most part Stephanie doesn't go in the house; she's only had three accidents. She doesn't bark at other dogs,



and she will be around a little Yorkie this weekend. She always wants to play. We went to my son's soccer game, where she played with a Jack Russell Terrier. **She is just awesome. This is her forever home.**

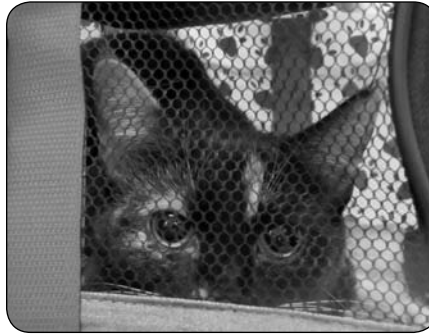
Camille P. Tyler

Let's Spay Together

At the Maryland SPCA, we celebrated Valentine's Day by holding a special spay/neuter event called Let's Spay Together. We offered free spay and neuter surgeries for up to 40 cats at the Maryland SPCA Spay/Neuter Clinic. Participating cat owners received Valentine's candy and a beautiful red rose provided by Flowers by Chris when they arrived to pick up their fixed cats. A grant from the Humane Society of the United States covered the cost of the surgeries.

Sadly, there are many more cats and dogs in this country than people who are able to care for them. Many unwanted pets end up in shelters and some become victims of abuse. Spay/neuter is a proven strategy to reduce the unwanted pet population. A spayed or neutered pet cannot reproduce.

Nico, pictured in the photo, was spayed during our Let's Spay Together event. Her owner, Mary Klipa, dropped her off early in the morning and picked her up later that afternoon. Denise Cellinese brought in Tahrir, who had appeared at her back door earlier in the month. According to Denise, Tahrir is a very gentle, affectionate young cat. He likes to settle in her lap and is friendly with her other cats but knows to stay out of their way whenever his friendship is not reciprocated. He is black with a little gray beauty mark of fur on the left side of his nose. Because she already has other cats, Denise is seeking a permanent home for him.



Nico in her cat carrier ready to be taken home after being spayed.

We also neutered Stinky, who was found as a stray. Last October, Janice Huntsberger was at work when a woman came by and said that she had seen a mother cat and six young kittens in the graveyard next door. After work, Janice went to see if she could help the feline family, but she found only one tiny black kitten who had been left behind.

He was up in a tree and barely visible. It was difficult to rescue him in the dark. He weighed only 1.5 pounds. He was also dirty and smelly, so she named him Stinky. Stinky now has a good home, and thanks to the grant from the Humane Society of the United States and the Maryland SPCA's Let's Spay Together event, he and the other cats who were spayed/neutered won't contribute to the cat overpopulation problem in our community.

In addition to holding occasional spay/neuter events, the Maryland SPCA regularly offers low-cost spay/neuter surgery in the Spay/Neuter Clinic to low-income cat and dog owners. Some age, weight and breed restrictions apply. We also offer low-cost spay/neuter surgery to Pit Bull owners (with no income restrictions), feral cat caretakers and other non-profit animal welfare groups. For more details, visit our website, email fixem@mdspca.org or call the MD SPCA's spay/neuter line at 410-235-8826, ext. 140. 🐾

Announcements

2012 PET CALENDAR CONTEST: Enter a photo of your pet. The entry fee is \$40 per photo. A maximum of 350 photos will be accepted through June 8. A free calendar is provided for each entry. Additional calendars are \$15.90 each. Proceeds benefit homeless and needy animals in our community. To enter, go to mdspca.kintera.org/cal2012contest or contact Charis at 410-235-8826, ext. 133 or charis@mdspca.org.



The 2012 Pet Calendar will be a full-color wall calendar similar to our 2011 edition, which is pictured above. It will be released in the fall of 2011. Thirteen of the best photos will be selected for the cover and Pet-of-the-Month pages. Photographs must be of animals, no people, and must be in color. Horizontal photos are preferred. Digital photos must have a resolution of 300 ppi or higher. All entered photos will appear in the calendar.



KIBBLE CONNECTION: The MD SPCA collects donated pet food and kitty litter in unopened containers for Meals on Wheels to deliver to local homebound clients with pets. Kibble Connection helps ensure that Meals on Wheels clients and their pets maintain good nutrition. Please bring donations to the MD SPCA adoption center during business hours. We especially need cat food and kitty litter. Contact Amanda at 410-235-8826, ext. 107 for more information.

MONTHLY GIVING: Become a Loyal Friend of the MD SPCA by signing up to make regular donations through our Electronic Transfer Program. You choose the amount to give each month, and the money is automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account. There is no transaction charge to you, and you can cancel at any time simply by contacting us. To enroll, call Emily at 410-235-8826, ext. 135. Be someone the animals can count on for support.

MARCH FOR THE ANIMALS

KEY DATES

Friday, April 1:

Pack Registration deadline to have team name printed on March T-shirt

Saturday, April 9:

Pre-Registration
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
MD SPCA Headquarters House

Tuesday, April 12:

Pre-Registration
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
MD SPCA Headquarters House

Sunday, April 17:

March for the Animals
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Druid Hill Park

See page 7 for more info.

On Your Mark, Get Set, Go!

March for the Animals is Sunday, April 17, 2011

BY TAMI GOSHEFF, SPECIAL EVENTS AND OUTREACH COORDINATOR

MARCH FOR THE ANIMALS, presented by Atlantic Remodeling, is April 17, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Druid Hill Park. Registration opens early at 9:00 a.m. We're calling on all animal-lovers—those with and without pets—to join us to help homeless and needy animals. Show your support by participating in this year's walk-a-thon and festival. It's a great day of fun activities, demonstrations, entertainment and contests for the whole family!

Last year, thousands of people and pets attended the March, raising \$364,000 for the animals! The money helps us to care for the thousands of animals that pass through our doors each year.

Excited about supporting the animals? You can walk as an individual or form a Pack. Packs consist of 4-25 people and must raise a minimum of \$40 per person and \$500 per Pack. Packs registered

by April 1 get their team name printed on their March for the Animals T-shirts. Packs also get their photo taken at the March. Be the Pack that raises the most money and win the use of the Governor's Box at Camden Yards for an Oriole's game! Pledges received after April 1 still qualify for the Top Pack prize.

Ask your friends, family members, co-workers and neighbors to sponsor you and your pet. Post the March on your Facebook page! Participants who bring in at least \$30 will receive a goody bag and a special MD SPCA dog bandana; those who raise \$40 or more will receive these great items plus the 2011 March for the Animals T-shirt!

We have fantastic prizes for the top fundraisers, including a trip for two to Paradise Island, Nassau; a Kindle; a gift certificate to Laboratorie salon; and more! There's even a prize for the top new fundraiser this year. Pack members are eligible for both team and individual prizes. Be sure to visit our Facebook page—facebook.com/mdspca—for special contests and promotions leading up to the March.

Cut out the pledge sheet on page 8 and start fundraising now! Or, register online at www.marchfortheanimals.kintera.org. Create your own personal fundraising page, post pictures of you and your pet, send emails to friends and family members and monitor your success.

Pre-register for the March at the Maryland SPCA Headquarters House on Saturday, April 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or Tuesday, April 12 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Stop by and pick up your March for the Animals T-shirt, bandana and goody bag! Avoid registration lines the day of the March and be the first to sport the 2011 T-shirt.




Our exciting March will leave you dog-tired.

On April 17, registration at the March will open at 9:00 a.m. Beginning at 10:00 a.m., you can walk with your dog around the lake, get training tips from our experienced MD SPCA trainer and take a run through our Canine Agility Course, presented by Oriole

Dog Training Club. Watch a demonstration by Mid-Atlantic Disc Dogs or have a private consultation with Pet Communicator Terri Diener of Pet Speak. Pet micro-chipping will be available throughout the day for only \$25. Other highlights include MD SPCA adoptable dogs, a kids' area and a great "flea-less" market of pet-friendly vendors, animal rescue groups and lots of great food.

The fun pet contests begin at 11:30 a.m., with great prizes awarded to the winners, courtesy of dogma—life, with your pet. Dress your pet to impress for the Pet Costume Contest and have your pup strut his stuff in front of our panel of Celebrity Judges. Enter your dog in our Smart Pet Tricks Contest. And back by popular demand—Musical Chairs! Don't let your dog be the last to sit when the music stops.

Come out and join us on Sunday, April 17 for the 16th Annual March for the Animals, a fabulous day for you, your dog and the whole family. We look forward to seeing you rain or shine. For more info, call 410-235-8826, ext. 138 or go to www.mdspca.org. 

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Walker's Name _____

I am walking as part of a 'Pack'. My Pack's name is: _____ (All Packs must be registered with the Maryland SPCA by April 1.)

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I am: Under 18 years of age 19-24 25-35 36-50 51-65 65+ Have you ever participated in the Maryland SPCA's March for the Animals? Yes No

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•**Nursery Get-Acquainted Room:** People are now able to meet with kittens and puppies in a private, lower-stress environment.

•**Power-Saving Features:** New windows, new insulation, motion-sensing lights in the restrooms and energy-efficient bulbs are among the power-saving details that will reduce our carbon footprint.

•**Safety Features:** Sprinklers were installed throughout the facility. The exam rooms and kennel now have medical-grade flooring to reduce the spread of disease and prevent slipping. In addition, the entire building is now on one level, reducing the stress on dogs and people who may have difficulty going up and down stairs.

•**Green Roof:** A roof that will support living plants was constructed. A green roof not only

insulates the building more efficiently than a traditional rubber roof, it also reduces water runoff, promoting wildlife and even lowering ambient air temperature. Plantings will be installed this spring.



The Adoption Reception Counter on opening weekend.

The Maryland SPCA is grateful to everyone who contributed to the new facility, from the building donors who made it possible to the staff and volunteers who continued operating during construction. We are excited to welcome the public to our building to meet our available animals. Adoption of an animal is a joyous event, and we now have a better building to facilitate adoption. 🐾

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Hewy Hi! I'm a young, rambunctious Old English Sheepdog. I am often in motion and don't always like to sit or stand still. I'm learning how to walk on a leash.



Sadie Purr. I'm a talkative kitty who enjoys lying in someone's lap and purring. I'm also very curious and independent and would do best as an only pet.



Viola Hello. Some people consider black cats to be lucky. Adopt me and see if your fortune improves. I prefer a home without any other cats.



Samantha Hello. I'm hoping that someone with a quiet home will adopt me. I'm somewhat shy and anxious in new surroundings and with new people.



Katie Sniff! Take me outside, and you'll see that I love to smell everything around me and to bark. At two years old, I'm still very energetic, but I walk well on a leash.



Gunner Hey there. I'm a five-year-old Australian Cattle Dog mix. I know some commands and love belly rubs. I need a firm owner who will help me get in better shape.

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Susie Hi. I'm a somewhat shy but friendly cat. I'm a little sensitive about being picked up because of my weight, but I love to climb in someone's lap and cuddle.

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