



# ANIMAL TALK

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## Helping Lost Pets Find Their Way Home

By Deborah Land, Public Relations Coordinator

Many of the animals who arrive at the Maryland SPCA are lost pets. Last year, we received 1,200 displaced animals, which includes abandoned ones. We estimate that about a third of our displaced animals were lost pets whose owners wanted them back. We help reunite lost pets with their owners, and we have witnessed some heartwarming reunions. Sadly, most of the lost pets who enter shelters are never reclaimed by their owners.

A pet getting lost is not a rare event. Even a responsible pet owner can have a pet slip through an open door or out of a collar. Below are simple precautions that we recommend to pet owners to increase the likelihood of a happy reunion, as well as some tips for searching for a lost pet.

**PRECAUTIONS FOR PET OWNERS:** Pets, even those who live indoors, should always wear a collar or harness with an ID tag attached. The ID should list your current phone number. Also, make sure you have recent photos of your pet available and can give a detailed description of him or her if lost.

Microchipping offers an additional, more permanent, way to identify your pet. A microchip containing a unique code is implanted under your pet's skin. Animal shelters, including the MD SPCA, veterinarians and others



Jeanne Yuspa and her son are happily reunited with their dog, Pal, at the MD SPCA after filing a lost dog report.

have scanners that can read the code and link it to contact info you place on file when you register the microchip. Unfortunately, all scanners don't read all microchips, which limits their effectiveness. The MD SPCA offers microchipping for \$25 on Animal Wellness Days (for an appointment call 410-235-8826, ext. 122 or e-mail wellnessclinic@mdspca.org). We also offer to microchip pets when adopted.

**TIPS FOR FINDING A LOST PET:** If your pet is lost, don't delay. First, search your home carefully, checking possible hiding places. Scared, sick and hurt animals may hide. Putting out food, treats or toys can sometimes lure pets out. Then expand your search to your neighborhood. Talk to neighbors, delivery people and maintenance workers. When possible, leave a flyer with a photo and description of your pet and your contact info. Next, call local animal shelters, animal (continued p. 11)



## Kahana Gets a Shave

Kahana, a two-year-old Seal Point Persian cat, arrived at the Maryland SPCA on August 10, 2009. We transferred him from the BARCS city shelter. He had been a stray so he weighed only eight pounds and had severely matted fur. This blue-eyed cat was certainly not looking his gorgeous best. We gave him a proper shave and dressed him in a green and white sweater to make him feel comfortable while his hair grew out. He was adopted to a good home less than two weeks after arrival at the MD SPCA. 🐾



SAVE THE DATE: March for the Animals is Sunday, April 18, 2010.

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The Maryland SPCA improves the lives of pets and people in the community by fostering healthy animal-human relationships.

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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.

**Animal Wellness Days:** Wellness veterinary care is available at the MD SPCA Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. by appointment. More information is available on our website and from [wellnessclinic@mdspca.org](mailto:wellnessclinic@mdspca.org). For appointments, call 410-235-8826, ext. 122.

**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](http://www.mdspca.org)) or contact Nichole Miller (410-235-8826, ext. 150; [nmiller@mdspca.org](mailto:nmiller@mdspca.org)) for schedule and fee info.

**Spay/Neuter Programs:** Each year the MD SPCA spays and neuters thousands of cats and dogs, including those in our adoption center. We now offer five innovative spay/neuter programs. *Feral-Fix* serves feral cat caretakers. *Fix-Able* is for low-income cat owners. *Fido-Fix* helps owners of larger breed dogs. *Fix-Em* is for rescue groups and animal control agencies. *Pit-Fix* is for pit bull owners. For details, call 410-235-8826, ext. 140 or e-mail [fixem@mdspca.org](mailto:fixem@mdspca.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, noon–3:30 p.m.



**Animal Surrendering:** If you have a pet that you can no longer care for, please call 410-235-8826, ext. 100 to make an appointment to surrender your cat or dog. 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
Animal Wellness Days .....	ext. 122	Shop-a-Paw-Looza.....ext. 138
Auto Donation .....	ext. 135	Spay/Neuter Programs.....ext. 140
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		<a href="http://www.mdspca.org">www.mdspca.org</a>
		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.

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# Letter from the Director

## DEAR FRIENDS,

I am often reminded how vulnerable animals are when I see the needy and abandoned faces who come to us for help every day. PJ was one such pet.

Often, Board President Mary-Ann Pinkard and I guide guests through the MD SPCA adoption center to show the good work we are doing for both pets and people. One particular day, as we were walking into the center, we met a gentleman in need of help for a little dog.

He shared that his neighbors had left the little dog on their back porch. His niece and nephew had been feeding her for what turned out to be weeks. They soon figured out that the neighbors had actually moved away and were not coming back. The little dog had been abandoned.

We walked over to his car, and I saw her huddled in the back seat. As you can see from the 'before' picture below, PJ (as we named her) was in pretty rough shape. To be safe, I asked the man to pick her up and bring her to me. She was clearly exhausted and her hair was completely matted. She must have been extremely uncomfortable.

We carried her into our small exam room and set her up with food, water and a soft bed. PJ looked a little confused and frightened, but she



**PJ when she first arrived.**

seemed relieved to finally have some comfort. She went to the back of her cage and curled up in her bed. She definitely needed (and deserved!) to rest.

After she had slept, eaten and gotten adjusted, we wanted to tackle her matted hair so she could be more

comfortable. She was such a trooper as exam room technician Mary Reinhardt shaved off the heavy clumps of matted fur. After just a few days of TLC, medical attention and a really good hair cut, PJ was like a new dog! Instead of hiding in her bed, she was approaching the front of her cage and wagging her tail. She obviously saw the



**PJ after treatment and TLC.**

best in the people caring for her. When I visited her (quite often!), she jumped into my arms, happy to have company!

I'm happy to report that PJ found a new home very quickly. Despite being abandoned by her family, she still trusted people and let her new friends help her. In this bad economy, we have seen some very sad cases. Pets are extremely vulnerable and need us to look out for them. PJ is now safe and sound. I think of her often and smile knowing that she is going to be okay.

Sincerely,

*Aileen*

Aileen Gabbey  
Executive Director




## Spay/Neuter Clinic Saves Lives

In 2008, the Maryland SPCA spayed/neutered more than 9,000 animals—a record number for our organization. Despite tough economic conditions, we are on track to again spay/neuter 9,000+ animals in 2009. Spay/neuter saves lives by reducing the unwanted pet population. It is essential to our mission of improving the lives of pets and people in the community.

Our spay/neuter clinic, located in the renovated pump house at the MD SPCA, houses most of our spay/neuter programs. We offer **Fix-Able** to low-income cat owners, making spay/neuter surgery for cats affordable. Fix-Able is our most popular spay/neuter program. We have altered more than 2,500 Fix-Able cats already this year. **Pit-Fix** is available for pit bulls, the dog breed most surrendered to area animal shelters. Our newest program, **Fido-Fix**, offers low-cost spay/neuter surgery for larger breed dogs. Vaccinations and other treatments are available at the time of surgery for additional fees.

We also alter feral cats through our **Feral-Fix** program and assist rescue groups and other animal shelters with **Fix-Em**. In addition, we spay/neuter all the unfixed animals in our adoption program.

We previously operated a mobile clinic, the Neuter Scooter, that ventured into low-income neighborhoods from 2000-2005. Our goal of serving over 10,000 pets with the Neuter Scooter was reached during that period. In 2006, we began performing surgeries on-site in our adoption center to expand our spay/neuter services. With the renovation of the pumphouse in 2007, we were able to extend our capacity for spay/neuter even further. Now, we are performing more than double the number of surgeries performed just a few years ago, and the Maryland SPCA is a leader in providing spay/neuter services in Maryland. 

# In the Mail



Dear Aileen (Executive Director),

In case ANY of us were wondering if our new Penny would get along with Chloe—I took this picture of them nestled together in a small dog bed. I took the photo this morning, and they're at work with me today.

Thanks! Dave Imre



Dear Ms. Gabbey,

Thank you for your nice note about our dog, Churchill. I just wanted you to know he has become a joy instead of a terror. Our veterinarian, Dr. Feinberg, helped a great deal



by prescribing an anti-anxiety drug, which he may have to take the rest of his life. The second and biggest improvement in his life

and ours is Peggy, a Beagle from a rescue league. She is simply adorable, and Church is crazy about her, as are we. So, all's well that ends well. You were sweet to be so interested in our welfare. **We are delighted we stuck it out as he is truly a wonderful dog.** Thank you again for your concern.

Sincerely, Penny Owen

Dear Aileen (Executive Director),

It has been nearly two years since I got Chance from the Maryland SPCA. I can't thank you enough for how well you handled the entire matter. I want you to know that

**Chance is in good hands and is very satisfied with his new home where he is loved very much by my daughter as well as myself.** Chance spends a lot of time on my lap whenever I sit in my Lazy Boy.

When we took him to the veterinarian for his shots, the veterinarian was very impressed with the way the MD SPCA handled the paper work. Again, I want to thank you so very much for all the happiness that you gave me.

Harry McMichael



Hi Katie (Volunteer Manager),

Just thought I'd let you know that Sasha is doing wonderfully. She is a really great dog and bonded with Lakota almost immediately. They are always together: play together, eat together, sleep together and take walks together. **I don't think I could have gotten a better match.** I haven't even heard one growl or disagreement, even over food or goodies. When they are out in the yard, the neighbors tell me that Lakota protects her by barking and won't let anyone get near her, although a lot of people would love to pet her. The veterinarian fell in love with Sasha also and said she's going to make a really good pet. He even picked her up and hugged her.

Have a great week. Carol Dennis

For Celeste (Adoption Counselor) and the great folks at the MD SPCA:

A belated follow-up on my Mochusla, whom you knew as Red. She's still a bundle of love and energy at eight months of age! She knows

six essential commands on leash and at home. She socializes with people and dogs whom we encounter on our walks! We do a lot of fetching, tugging and wrestling, too.

**Thank you for caring for and saving my best friend!!!**

Jerry Hammell

Hi Aileen (Executive Director),

At long last, here is a promised picture from the benefit piano recital by Yury Shedrin, protégé of Leon Fleisher, to help fund special veterinary care for Ophelia, an abandoned dog who arrived at the MD SPCA with damaged eyes, and other MD SPCA animals in urgent need of specialized care. (The Maryland SPCA maintains the KB Fund to pay for such medical care.)

**Ophelia is doing well.** She will not need surgery in the left eye but will have extremely limited vision out of that eye. Her right eye is returning to full vision.

All best, Kathy Jacobson Fleisher

(pictured left to right: Yury Shedrin, Aileen Gabbey, Kathy Jacobson Fleisher, Deanine Scharf with Ophelia and Leon Fleisher)





Dear MD SPCA,

They say that every cloud has a silver lining... Anyone who has had a pet go missing knows what an emotional rollercoaster it is. My cat, Murray, went out for his last prowling of the day and failed to come home on April 22, 2009. The next five days were a frantic whirl of making posters, putting them up all over the neighborhood, faxing them to all the local—and not so local—veterinarians, physically searching for him and asking everyone I met in the street if they had seen him. I even went as far as having a tracker dog try to sniff him out from wherever he was. All without success.



During these five days, we had also been checking with the local animal shelters. You, my dear MD SPCA friends, allowed me to visit the cat room, and it was there that I met Chastity, the cutest little girl tabby. I knew I would never give up hope of finding Murray, but I also knew that I had to adopt Chastity and did so on April 29. She is so precious. I renamed her Princess Aliceanna, Allie for short.

I'm sure you're thinking that the adoption is the happy ending to a sad story, but no! It gets even better. I was awoken at 4:30 a.m. on April 30 by a terrible yowling. And who was making all that racket? None other than Murray! Early morning wake-up call: "Let me in!" Apparently, yowling is thirsty work.

I don't know who was more shocked—me that the wanderer had returned or Murray that he came home to a little sister! **Both Allie and Murray are thriving. It's really fun to watch them together.** They are both micro-chipped, thanks to you. This story has certainly turned out better than I could ever have expected or dared hoped for.

*Thanks for all you do, Marilyn, Allie and Murray Mack*



Hi!

I adopted Cinder back in February of this year. She was a year old. She now goes by Kibby (Kibbs, Kibster, etc.) and has been doing great. She's a riot and a little devil (in a sweet, loving kind of way). Check her out! **Thanks, MD SPCA, for hooking us up!**

*Dan Gerlach*

**ADOPTERS:** If you've adopted from the Maryland SPCA, we want hear from you. Let us know how you and your pet are doing. Send an update and photo to Animal Talk, 3300 Falls Road, Baltimore, MD 21211. If space allows, we'll include your letter and photo in our next newsletter.

## MARCH FOR THE ANIMALS 2010 Sunday, April 18 at Druid Hill Park

Form a **PACK** to walk as a team and raise money for homeless animals.

**Pack Information Meetings** (to learn more):

- Saturday, February 20, at 11:00 a.m.
- OR- Monday, February 22, at 6:00 p.m.

**Pack Registration Deadline:** Wednesday, March 31

For details, e-mail [tgosheff@mdspca.org](mailto:tgosheff@mdspca.org).

## September Senior Citizen Pet Adoptions

Thanks to **Bravo Health**, senior citizens (age 60 & over) were eligible to adopt a pet from the Maryland SPCA for FREE throughout the month of September. More than 80 seniors took advantage of this opportunity and adopted a new pet. Thank you to everyone who participated, especially to Bravo Health.



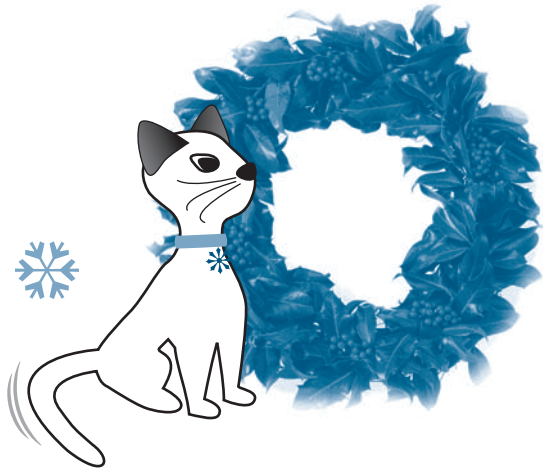
## PHONATHON FOR PETS

The week of October 5-8, volunteers for the Maryland SPCA participated in our first phonathon. We called past MD SPCA contributors and asked them to renew their support. **In these challenging economic times, the animals need additional financial support.** We thank everyone who made a gift or pledge. Your generosity will enable us to help more animals.

We are grateful to **Cricket Communications** for providing cell phones. **Pepper's Catering, Angelos, Wegmans** and **Luca's Pizza** generously donated dinner for the event. We also thank our many phonathon volunteers. The fund-raiser would not have been a success without you!



- VOLUNTEERS:** Andre Acevedo • Randle Adams • Jackie Adams • Ted Alban • Day Bank • Helen Baylin • Kelly Beavan • Jennie Beckman • Kelly Bednarik • Bill Blakefield • Sue Block • Brandy Boccia • Alec Boccia • Amanda Boehmer • Kim Boutress • Angie Brickhouse • Kay Brillenger • Justine Buckingham • Alison Bucklin • Dave Bucklin • Heather Burnside • Janet Caple • Jenny Cappe • Dierdre Carroll • Barb Clapp • Jon Clapp • Grace Colangeli • Martin Courtney • Judy DePauw • Hillary Dolan • Michael Dopkin • Anne Dugan • Caroline Esclapez • Sarah Evans • Carol Fanshaw • Maggie Feiler • Jason Feiler • Jim Fensterwald • Korissa Furlong • Russell Gardner • Katie Gilland • Jeanne Giorgilli • Linda Glorioso • Matt Graff • Heather Green • Susan Hamilton • Emily Hanssen • Dottie Holben • Becca Horowitz • Dawn Hussnatter • Stacey Jefcoats • Terry Jefferies • Devin Johnson • Christine Kavanaugh • Julia Keller • Lenka Kennedy • Faye Kilstein • Kira Kilstein • Jenn Kovacs • Jennifer Lahner • Pat Landis • Jennifer Lanner • Laura Loher • Christina Lundquist • Carol Mason • Megan McDonald • Timea Molner • Sarah Moothart • Mary Morgan • Louisa Murphy • Ginna Naylor • Neal Osenburg • April Force Pardoe • Tim Patterson • Tonya Persinger • Denise Peterson • Hao Phung • Mary-Ann Pinkard • Kristen Ray • Rebecca Ripley • Kathleen Risk • Charlotte Robinson • Laurie Russell • Anna Shader • Angelic Simpkins • Luke Smith • Cheryl Smith • Pat Speeden • Angelic Squire • Jeanne St. Ville • Judy Stanburg • Amy Stika • Rachel Stroehr • Mariah Vaughn • Estelle Ward • Les Weinberg • Karen Wells • Anne West • Jay West • Sandra Wighton



# Happy

## Home 4 the Holidays

The Maryland SPCA participates in Home 4 the Holidays to give homeless animals a better chance to find a forever home during the holiday season. Home 4 the Holidays is a program that provides animal shelters with support and materials to increase adoptions and public awareness of the plight of homeless animals and to decrease euthanasia and the number of pets returned to shelters. It is one of the most successful pet adoption drives in history.

Home 4 the Holidays informs people that the goal of pet stores and some breeders is to make a profit while the goal of animal shelters is to save lives. According to the Humane Society of the United States, the holiday season is the most popular time for families to bring a new pet into their homes. Instead of buying a pet, the Maryland SPCA and the Home 4 the Holidays program encourage people to adopt. **Don't Shop. Adopt!** Pets adopted during the promotion go home with their "holiday meal" and information on how to care for them, courtesy of Iams, while supplies last.



## Maryland SPCA Calendar



Our 2010 pet calendar can be purchased for \$15.90 (\$15 plus MD tax) at the MD SPCA and through our website ([www.mdspca.org](http://www.mdspca.org)) with an additional charge for shipping and handling. It is also being sold at these stores: dogma, Graul's, Greetings and Readings, Howl, In Watermelon Sugar, Mille Fleurs, Mt. Washington Wine Co., Pretentious Pooch, Scrub-a-Dub Dog, Sporting Life and The Ivy. **Your purchase helps support the animals at the MD SPCA.**

The 9" x 12" wall calendar is a wonderful showcase of adorable pets. We received more than 350 fantastic pet photos in our 2010 Pet Calendar Contest. All are included in the calendar, and some of the best high-resolution photos are featured prominently. We thank the many animal lovers who submitted pictures and our contributing sponsors: 1st Mariner Arena; Atlantic Remodeling; Bill Magruder and Azam Khan, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage; Bravo Health; Chamberlain Contractors; Jennifer A. Carle; and Siquis.

## Maryland SPCA Wreaths

This holiday season, decorate your home with a wreath made from the renowned boxwoods on the Maryland SPCA's property, **Evergreen on the Falls**. The Maryland SPCA has partnered with American Wreath to bring you these attractive holiday decorations. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the wreaths will benefit local dogs and cats. Visit [www.americanwreath.com](http://www.americanwreath.com) to order your wreath while supplies last.



# Holidays



## Presents for Pets

The Maryland SPCA is collecting toys for the cats and dogs in the adoption center throughout the month of December. The goal is to collect enough toys in December to entertain the homeless animals in our shelter during the coming year. We hope to fill an entire dog run in our adoption center with toys and treats by the end of the drive.

You and other members of the public are encouraged to bring new cat and dog toys and treats to the MD SPCA and place them in the designated dog run during the month-long drive. Some of the toys the pets like best are Kongs, Buster Cubes, toy mice without catnip, new paint rollers, plush squeaky toys and ping pong balls. Images of the dog run with the presents will be posted on the MD SPCA website ([www.mdspca.org](http://www.mdspca.org)) so you can monitor the drive's progress.

Providing toys for the animals is more than a nice touch. Having toys and treats in the shelter environment helps socialize pets, reduces stress and improves health. The toys will make the holidays brighter for the animals in our adoption center and entertain homeless pets throughout 2010.



## Gift Certificates

Purchase an adoption gift certificate from the Maryland SPCA. A gift certificate gives your gift recipient the chance to select the dog, cat, puppy or kitten that is right for him or her. We accept cash, credit cards and debit cards. Gift certificates are valid for six months from the date of issue.



## Wish List

We make a big effort at the holidays to collect donations for our animals. We maintain a wish list that can be found on our website ([www.mdspca.org](http://www.mdspca.org)) under How to Help. **Wish List items can be delivered to our adoption center** throughout the year, not only at the holidays, during business hours. If you have any questions about the Wish List, please call 410-235-8826, ext. 135.



## MD SPCA Gear

Outfit yourself and your friends and family in MD SPCA clothing as well as other items. A portion of your purchase benefits the animals at the MD SPCA. Visit our website and click on Shop our Store or go directly to [www.cafepress.com/mdspca](http://www.cafepress.com/mdspca).



# ➤ Tribute Gifts ➤

The following Tribute Gifts in honor or memory of people or pets were made between August 1 and October 31, 2009.  
Names in bold are honorees. If you would like to make a gift in honor or memory of a person or pet,  
please use the enclosed envelope or go to [www.mdspca.org](http://www.mdspca.org).

## IN HONOR OF PEOPLE

### Ted Alban

Rebecca Hanst  
Beth Hanst

### Dena Appleby

Gail E. Lipsitz

### Donna & Joe Baros

Elizabeth T. Blair  
Pauline Harris  
Anita M. Impallaria  
Steven Redding

### Ryan Basseti

Mr. and Mrs. Chris McNally

### Tzvi Hersh & Mendel Berman

Susan D. Block

### Brenda Brandon

Janice Bowen

### Elie Brewer

Sylvan Bluestein

### Eva Brill

Allan J. Malester  
Ronald and Sydney Wilner

### Marley Bunce

Matthew McGhie

### Bernice Burkett

Michael Stein

### Barb Clapp

David and Claudia Meyers

### Sherry Cohen

Ted and Sandy Shooman  
Rena L. Shooman

### Saro Dedeyan

Melanie Wilder

### Ed Dieffenbach

Tom Crusse

### Nancy Dorman

Chris and Jim Wright

### Anne Dugan

Martha K. Johnston and Raymond  
Suarez

### Barry & Kathleen Feinstein

Cathy L. Shipley

### James Fenton

Michael and Geraldine Tabasso

### Betty Finley

Harriet Rubin

### Mickey Barron & Rhonda Fishel

Sandra Kavalukas

### Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fisher

James W. Woods

### Betty K. Foard

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### Daniel Framm

Rochelle Owrutsky

### Alisa Fried

Claire Hruban

### Ethan Gehr-Edwards

Vicki Gemmill and Peter Edwards  
Frederick Edwards and Kathryn Gehr

### Eliza Graney

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew L. Seward

### Gwynne & Will

Sharon Bowen

### Rain Hall

Nancy Ulanowicz

### Rachel Hirsch

Kelly Barton

### Kenneth Irvin

Bruce Tucker

### Kristen Janeczek

Taylor Young

### Martha Johnston

Anne I. Dugan

### Jordan

Mary Call

### Karen Cumming & her cat, Angus

John Weiffenbach and Jill Burgholzer

### Daniel Krugman

Polly Douglass

### Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Lynn

Babette G. Bernhardt

### Bill Scheidle & Claude Marbaix

Suzanne Hill

Nicholas Moore

Judi Ricci

Barbara L. Ruland

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### Sarah Neidert

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### Rory Patoka

Michael Shochet

### Ginger Perkins

Anne I. Dugan

### Marion Phillips

Eleanor and Michael Converso

### Owen Reynolds

Dr. and Mrs. David Andrews

### Emmet Reynolds

Dr. and Mrs. David Andrews

### Wilson Rich

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Basoco

### Bill Scheidle

Linda Scheidle

June Scheidle

### Siewers Wedding

Hannah Siewers

### Carolyn Sheets & Mr. Splash

Stephen F. Barker

### Davis Stack

Cameron Huey  
Audra, Anna, and Ella Lucas

### Cheryl Kaplowitz & Irwin Weiss

Philip S. Kanter and Brenda Shoening

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## October Online Auction Raises Thousands for Homeless Animals

By Tami Gosheff, Special Events and Outreach Coordinator

**S**HOP-a-PAW-LOOZA, the Maryland SPCA's fifth annual online auction, was a great success! In just 25 days, 520 bidders placed 3,781 bids on 453 donated items. Through sponsorships and bids, we were able to raise \$55,453 for the homeless dogs and cats of Baltimore!

This year's most popular items were breakfast with the dolphins at the National Aquarium, donated by M&T Bank, which received 33 bids and raised \$750; two clubhouse tickets to the Ravens vs. Lions game, donated by MEC<sup>2</sup>, which had 30 bids and brought in \$490; two tickets to a Bruce Springsteen concert, donated by 1st Mariner Arena, which received 28 bids and garnered \$2,657; two suite tickets to the Ravens vs. Lions game, donated by DLA Piper, which had 28 bids and raised \$750; and a one-week stay in a duplex penthouse in Rio de Janeiro, donated by Mark Wilson and Bradley Grant, which drew 26 bids and raised \$800. Thank you, bidders!

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Look for Shop-a-Paw-Looza 2010 in October of next year. We're sure to have hundreds of new and exciting items for you to bid on to support the animals! Donations of items are already being accepted. Contact Tami at [tgosheff@mdspca.org](mailto:tgosheff@mdspca.org) or 410-235-8826, ext. 138 for more information.

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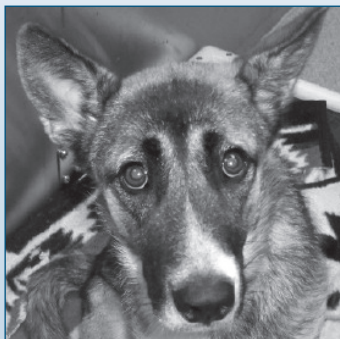
Below are just a few of our recent success stories, made possible through donations from our generous supporters. While every animal in our adoption program isn't adopted as quickly as those below, **once an animal enters our adoption program, he or she stays in the program until adopted** or placed with a rescue group. The Maryland SPCA is an independent nonprofit organization. We are not funded by the ASPCA. We depend on donations to make a difference in the lives of animals.

**SAVED 10/10/09**



**Winston** was turned in to the MD SPCA on 9/8/09. This brown tabby went into foster care because of his young age. He became available for adoption on 10/8/09 and was adopted two days later.

**SAVED 10/5/09**



We transported **Lady** to the MD SPCA from another facility. She is a one-year-old tri-color German Shepherd. She became available for adoption on 10/4/09 and met her new owner the next day.

**SAVED 10/3/09**



**Morris** was turned in to the MD SPCA by his former owner. This five-year-old orange tabby entered our adoption program on 9/29/09 and found his new home in less than a week.

**SAVED 10/5/09**



A good Samaritan found **Zoe** and brought her to the MD SPCA. She is about four years old and a Lhasa Apso/Shih Tzu mix. Zoe went up for adoption on 10/4/09 and found her forever home the next day.

## Helping Lost Pets Find their Way Home *(continued from p. 1)*

control and veterinarians to see if they have your pet and to leave info about your lost companion. A list of agencies to call is provided on our website ([www.mdspca.org](http://www.mdspca.org)) under Adoption Center > Lost & Found.

The MD SPCA holds animals who appear lost for three days before spaying/neutering them if needed and making them available for adoption. Lost, as well as found, pet reports can be completed and submitted to the MD SPCA online or in person. We review all reports and see if they match any found animals who come into our facility. Reports remain on file for up to two months.

Leave a flyer about your lost pet in local stores, gas stations, laundromats, etc. Consider advertising online at sites such as [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com) and [www.pets911.com](http://www.pets911.com). Also post a message to local animal forums and message boards. You could enlist [www.findtoto.com](http://www.findtoto.com) to send a robocall to your neighbors notifying them about your lost pet. Be wary of pet-recovery scams, though, especially if you offer a reward.

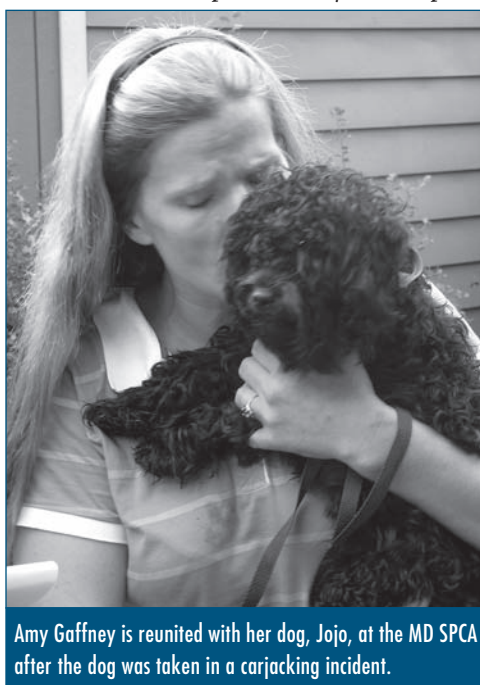
Another option is to hire a pet recovery group such as Dogs Finding Dogs, a local outfit that uses trained dogs and handlers to find lost pets. Carol Dennis, an MD SPCA volunteer, observed a Dogs Finding Dogs demonstration at the MD SPCA and hired the group to track her Cocker Spaniel who had disappeared from her backyard. Carol adopted Sasha from the MD SPCA

and desperately wanted to find her. Dogs Finding Dogs tracked Sasha to a neighbor's house, where Carol was thrilled to retrieve her!


**MORE REUNIONS:** The more time passes, the less likely you are to recover your pet. Yet, reunions can occur after months or even years. Recently, we helped reunite a Dalmation named Chance with his

owner in North Carolina, who told us that Chance had been stolen four years prior. We scanned Chance's microchip, but the contact information the microchipping company had on file was out of date. Natalie Kaszak (Adoption Counselor) did some detective work and located the owner, who was elated to find her dog.

Another dramatic reunion took place at the MD SPCA in August. Amy Gaffney lost her dog, Jojo, an 11-pound, one-year-old Lhasa Apso/Poodle mix, in a carjacking incident in Baltimore. The next day, she called us and filed a lost dog report. Meanwhile, Melissa Garland found Jojo soaking wet, running in the street. He had an ID tag listing his name but no phone number. She let him sleep in her garage that night and took him to the MD SPCA the next day. Ian Gilmore (Front Office Supervisor) and Celeste Nader



Amy Gaffney is reunited with her dog, Jojo, at the MD SPCA after the dog was taken in a carjacking incident.

(Adoption Counselor) matched the lost and found reports and contacted Amy who eagerly came to get Jojo. They had a tearful reunion, complete with happy tail wagging. 

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# Adoption Showcase

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**Samuel** Hello. I'm an adorable two-month-old Pit Bull mix puppy, taking a little rest. I was found in a box at a gas station with my mother and siblings.



**Juno** Hi! I LOVE to play! I'm a very curious kitty who will keep you entertained. I like affection and can't wait to find a new owner to love and take care of me.



**Mike** Howdy. My owner could no longer keep me so I'm looking for a new place where I can settle down and make myself at home. I'm a handsome, good-natured guy.



**Slim** Hi. I came in with my brother, Fat Cat. Don't let my name fool you—I weigh 16 pounds! We're two big, loveable boys, and we'd love to find a new home together.



**Max** Meow. I'm a shy cat who needs a quiet place to live and a calm, loving owner. Children make me nervous. I'm affectionate and have an inquisitive, playful streak.



**Sunshine** Hello. Let me brighten your day. I'm an easy-going, friendly older dog who qualifies for a free adoption. I have a bad leg, but I don't let it get me down.



**Country Ruff!** I'm a friendly Labrador Retriever mix who sits on command. I have a dry skin condition that is improving. My adoption fee is covered by the Kaycee Fund.

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