

# ANIMAL *lover*

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## Jan has a new brother

You'd expect a kitten named Jan (after a member of TV's *Brady Bunch* family) to go home to a sibling. In this case it was Michelle E.'s cat, CJ. Michelle adopted Jan as a playmate for CJ, and says "Her cute little face just screamed 'adopt me!'"

"CJ and Jan (now named Luna) get along like many big brother/little sister pairs do. They play together, they 'play-fight', they ... chase each other around ... and then CJ (age five) decides, 'enough!'" Michelle says.



"Luna is so sweet," she says. "She's a lap cat, a cuddly cat. She likes to be near me and my daughter. She also climbs on my daughter's shoulders and then drapes herself around her neck, as if she were a scarf. If my daughter bends over ... Luna will stand up on her back and look around, as though this were the most natural thing to do!"

Luna also enjoys eating. "The staff at MCHS told me she lives for food, and they were right! She'd eat all the time if I let her." She also enjoys playing with a toy spider that she carries around everywhere.

*Luna (in front) and her new brother, CJ, are ready to play.*



## Daisy wants to meet you!

Daisy is a whip-smart American Staffordshire terrier mix who loves learning, walks and cuddles. She was rescued by MCHS last August, and she's still waiting for her family. Could it be yours?

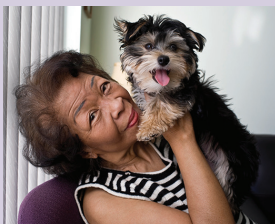
Daisy's very social with people – she'll cover her new family in kisses – but she can be a little nervous around new dogs. She'll do best in a home with adults or children 15+.

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## Happy Spring!

Dear Friends,

Spring is here, and not a moment too soon! I'm a warm weather person – one of the few who actually enjoys our area's summer heat and humidity. It's a good thing, too, because I spend a lot of time outdoors on weekends, keeping up with my pollinator garden.

My five cats love watching me from our screened porch and other windows, as well as listening to the birds and watching the squirrels and rabbits that frequent our yard (along with the occasional fox).

As much as my cats love observing the outdoors, they know their domain is inside. Cats can encounter all kinds of dangers outdoors, from animals carrying rabies, to cars, to other hazards. But even though they are inside, we keep them vaccinated against diseases such as distemper and rabies (rabies vaccinations are the law, of course).

All pets should be current on vaccinations, including indoor cats who can escape unexpectedly, and dogs who regularly spend time outside. In fact, vaccinations are so important that MCHS introduced a weekly, low-cost vaccine clinic for pet owners in our area. We offer a range of core vaccines and an easy, online registration system (visit [www.mchumane.org](http://www.mchumane.org)) to make sure that all pets have access to affordable care. Since the clinic started late last year, we've provided more than 600 vaccinations to pets in our community. It's our way of helping pets stay happy, healthy, and out of shelters.

Thank you for your support, and enjoy the spring weather!



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## Brittany loves her new dog sibling

"We have a dog named Hank, and we really thought he needed a buddy," adopter Michael H. says "[We] thought a hound dog would be a good choice." When they saw Brittany, a seven-month-old hound mix on the MCHS website, they were intrigued. After applying for her online, they met her at the end of January.

"Hank was the deciding factor for everyone" Michael says. Brittany was a little nervous when she met the family's humans, "but when she saw Hank, she immediately laid down next to him." The two of them are now best friends, and play chase in their big back yard. Brittany just loves getting muddy in the creek.

Brittany's name is now Mable. She's still coming out of her shell and can be nervous in unfamiliar situations, but the moment she knows Hank is nearby, she relaxes.



"My kids absolutely adore her. Mable's playfulness is infectious," Michael tells us. The family has a pool that Hank enjoys swimming in, and they are curious to see if Mable will enjoy swimming, too. "There's so much to look forward to with Mable," he says.

## Morticia and Gomez: BFFs

"Last June, I lost my friend, my cat for the past 18 years. I basically grew up with her," Sarah D. says. "I really missed having a cat around, and I decided to get two [so] they'd keep each other company." She saw kittens Morticia and Gomez on the MCHS website, and adopted them in December.

"Morticia and Gomez do everything together. They groom each other, chase each other around, and they lie down together and nap," she says. "They're actually sunbathing together right now!"

Sarah says Gomez loves to cuddle, but he is the shier of the two, while Morticia is more adventurous. "She needs to know what's going on everywhere, and must be involved. When I got [them], I was still working from home. Whenever I was on a Zoom call, Morticia would jump on my shoulder!"



Gomez (left) snuggles with Morticia.

When Gomez and Morticia aren't chasing each other around, they love feather toys and watching their neighborhood through the storm door. "They'll sit there for hours!"

## Cassie loves birds and laps

“We lost two cats in one year, and our home was pet-less for almost eight months, says Jo Beth H. “We knew about MCHS because we’ve been donating for a while. When we saw [Cassie’s] picture on the website, we fell in in love,” she says about her search for a new cat and discovering a beautiful, two-year-old cat at MCHS in January. They applied to adopt her online, and “When we met her, we knew she was exactly what we were looking for. She is perfect,” Jo Beth said.

Cassie’s new name is Maple, and she is obsessed with birds. “She has this really ugly bird toy that she carries around with her everywhere,” Jo Beth says. And, like many cats, Maple enjoys watching the birds in her yard from the window. One day, soon after she moved into her new home, Maple let her excitement get the better of her, leapt at a bird and – smack! – “That’s how Maple learned how windows work!” Jo Beth laughs.

When Maple isn’t watching birds, she loves playing with Jo Beth’s four-year old twins. “They chase each other all over the house all day,” and she says Maple also loves cuddling in the nearest lap. “She’s so sweet and talkative. We love her, and now she’s going to be famous!”



### Our season starts soon!

We’re planning for some furry FUN at locations across Montgomery County this year!

Our first Yappy Hour dates will be announced soon, and mark your calendar now for June-September *First Thursday* events at Caddies in Bethesda, with drink specials, dog activities, and raffle drawings for our attendees. It all benefits MCHS!

More events will be announced soon. We look forward to seeing you at Yappy Hour!

## Ellie brought Jeanette out of her shell

“She sat in the corner ... for three hours,” adopter Mary J. says about the day her family met Jeanette, a six-month-old hound mix at MCHS. “That’s why we named her Rosalita, [after the Bruce Springsteen song].”



“The staff told us we’d need to be really patient with her,” something the family’s other rescued dog, Ellie, clearly understood. “Ellie was so gentle with her. She knew Rose was scared,” Mary said.

It’s clear that the family’s patience has paid off. “For a dog that spent her first week refusing to come out of her crate, she sure needs to be around people. She loves to cuddle. She thinks she’s a cat.”

Rose and Ellie love playing tug of war, and Mary tells us that they have “about 15 ropes in the back yard, because Rose is a hoarder. She grabs the ropes and puts them [away] somewhere.”



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## Dakota is a comedienne

“She makes us laugh every day,” Ann P. says about Dakota, a one-year-old gray tabby she adopted in January. But unlike the much-beloved late actress for whom she is now named, this Betty White specializes in physical comedy. “Betty has a tunnel toy that she absolutely loves. She’ll run across the room as fast as she can and then dive into the tunnel. Since we have hardwood floors, she and the tunnel will then slide all over the place.”

Ann and her family have had many cats, but when they met Betty at MCHS, they were immediately struck by how playful and friendly she was. Ann’s neighbors agree.

“Every day, I let Betty into the hallway of our condo. She’ll walk up and down the hall, greeting our neighbors. They absolutely adore her, too! I’ll leave my door open, so that she can freely come back in, but she’ll sit out there for hours. Sometimes I’ll get my chair and sit out there with her.

She loves it. When it’s time to come in from the hall, I simply shake

the bag of treats, and Betty comes running.

“Betty’s the sweetest cat I’ve ever owned,” Ann says, adding, “She’s really smart too. All of my children are gifted!”



## The Latest Buzz

“Sure! I’m walking him right now!” adopter Tom R. said when asked if he had a few minutes to tell us about Buzz, the 11-month-old shepherd mix he adopted earlier this year. Tom “liked the look of him” and wanted to give Buzz a new home. “He’d been [at MCHS] for a while, and when we met, everything worked out.”

“Buzz is a great companion,” Tom says, explaining that since his work schedule is flexible, the two of them get to spend a lot of time together. “Everything is new to him, and it’s fun to see him discover new stuff. Last week, we went for a hike, and I think that was his first time being in the woods.” Tom then added, “Buzz is a real ham. He’s a big jumper, and the loudest licker I’ve ever met. He’s all about the kisses.”

Buzz is sometimes nervous in new situations and around new people. He has struggled a bit with separation anxiety, but his confidence has grown as he learns that Tom will never abandon him.



### Adoption Update:

*Oliver, a five-year-old lab mix adopted in February 2021. Victoria D. says Oliver is a “cuddle-bug who enjoys taking naps” but also looks forward to his trips to the dog park, where he plays with a couple of his good dog friends. He also enjoys “splashing in the creek ... and rolling around in any mud puddle he can find ... I’m so thankful to have him and his silliness in my life.”*

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