

# ANIMAL *lover*

News from the Montgomery County Humane Society

Summer 2019



## County Council designates Pet Adoption Month in June

Our own Cris Bombaugh joined the Montgomery County Council on June 25 to celebrate a County Council Proclamation that designated June 2019 as “Pet Adoption Month.” Cris is shown with Councilmember Evan Glass, representatives of the animal welfare community, and two members of the Warrior Canine Connection who were on hand to help celebrate.

Cris was selected to provide remarks on behalf of the County’s many humane organizations. She recognized their tireless, 365-day-per-year commitment to helping animals in need, and thanked Councilmember Glass and the County Council for promoting the importance of pet adoption in Montgomery County. View it at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ca75fRGpvPY>

## Your gift always matters

Our work is 100% funded by private donations, and your gift is **guaranteed** to change the life of a homeless animal. Please give today.

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## Louise knows what she wants

Louise, a 16-month-old American Foxhound mix, is still waiting for her new home. “Louise is very particular,” says Brian Glover, MCHS Director of Outreach and Operations. “We’ll know when the right person comes along. They won’t pick her, she’ll pick them.”

Louise loves her stuffed toys. She’s looking for an active owner who will give her lots of playtime. She likes to play rough, so she’ll do best in a home with children older than 12. She has a lot to learn, so she’ll need someone patient who is willing to work with her and take her to training classes.

For more, visit [MCHumane.org/adoptable-pets](http://MCHumane.org/adoptable-pets).



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Dear friends,

I think a lot about caring for the community. By that I mean the larger community – both animals and people. After all, we can't help hundreds of animals every year without those loving people who adopt them.



Recently, one of our donors learned about our new, low-cost spay/neuter clinic and exclaimed, "I love this!" As a new college graduate, she had moved to a state where she didn't know anyone, and decided to get a cat for company. "I didn't have much money," she said. "I had to scrimp and save to make sure he got medical care." This loyal MCHS donor understands how vital it is to support the community with quality pet care, and sees our new clinic as an important resource.

Her response also reminded me of the government shutdown, when Federal employees and others went for weeks without a paycheck. MCHS put out the call for donations to stock a pet food pantry. Those generous donations provided pet food and cat litter to people who were running out of funds and facing heartbreaking choices. How rewarding to see such gratitude for a bag of kibble!

In our mission to end animal homelessness, we have a dual responsibility. Our compassion must extend to people, and through them to their pets, as well as to the thousands of pets who still seek homes. When we take care of both, we're so much closer to our goal. Thank you!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Cris'.

Cris Bombaugh  
President and CEO

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## Thor loves the home you gave him!

Wendy S. and her family were grieving the loss of their beloved cat, Huckleberry, but they thought the time had come to find a new feline companion. When they met Thor, a two-month-old orange tabby at MCHS, they knew they'd found the right one.

"We have three small daughters, ages four, six and eight, and a 10-year-old hound-terrier mix, Whitney. We wanted a kitten who would quickly adjust to our busy household," Wendy tells us, and Thor fit the bill. "He's fearless!" she says.

Thor, (now Wuggie Norple, named after an orange tabby in a children's book), is great with the children, who carry him around everywhere. "They've nicknamed him 'lawnmower' because of his very loud purr," Wendy says.

Wuggie enjoys all the things that a months-old kitten enjoys, including skidding on hardwood floors and enticing Whitney to play by attacking her tail. Whitney patiently tolerates these antics, but hasn't yet taken the bait. Wuggie's favorite toys are his humans' dirty socks, says Wendy. "He seeks them out and carries them around as if they were prey!" Yep, that's a kitten. Have fun, Thor!



## Xavier keeps his family laughing

Sharon S. tells us that when they adopted Xavier (now Cosmo), a 10-month-old Labrador retriever mix, they adopted a comedian.

"He keeps us laughing all the time," she says. "Once, when I was doing a load of laundry, Cosmo reached into the basket and pulled out a pair of jeans." It turns out that the jeans had once had treats in the pocket, and "Cosmo decided to help himself."

When Cosmo isn't pulling jeans out of the laundry, he loves to chase his ball in the back yard and nap on the laps of his family members. "He's absolutely awesome," says Sharon. "We love him to pieces."



## Meet the staff

### Dr. Sarah Callaway

Dr. Sarah Callaway joined the MCHS team in April as lead veterinarian for our new and fast-growing spay/neuter clinic. She brings decades of experience in shelter, traditional, and holistic medicine, and worked for 20 years in several Maryland private practices. Affordable care is near and dear to Dr. Callaway's heart. She has worked with shelters in Annapolis, Baltimore, and Columbia, and with numerous TNR (trap-neuter-return) groups.

Dr. Callaway also has a passion for veterinary education, and was associate professor and co-director of the Veterinary Technician Program at CCBC for seven years. She has five rescue dogs and five cats, and is the proud mom of four daughters.

"The MCHS Clinic is a super initiative, and provides an essential service for Montgomery County," says Dr. Callaway. She believes that MCHS is leading the way in providing affordable surgeries and ancillary services, and is thrilled to be at the forefront of this growing project. "The community response has been incredible," she says. "This is clearly a much-needed service."



Dr. Callaway with Holly

## Sammie used his charms on a first-time cat owner

Steven P. had never planned to own a cat, but when he and his girlfriend, Ena, moved into a new place together, he knew it probably was time. "Ena always had a cat, and I could tell she really missed having one," he said. So, after learning about MCHS, he suggested they visit.

That's how they met Sammie, a nine-month-old gray tabby who was rescued by MCHS in March.

"We love how friendly and energetic he is," Steven says. "Ena's parents' cats are older and don't like to play, but Sammie loves to." Sammie's favorite toys are a mouse on a string that went home with him from MCHS, and a laser pointer. As soon as Sammie hears the laser's keychain rattling, he comes running.

And if there are no 'real' toys handy, Sammie makes his own fun. "Sometimes I'll hear him shredding the toilet paper roll," Steven says, "but as soon as he sees me coming, he runs! It's almost like he knows he's being bad!" (*Almost?! – ed.*)

When he's not playing with his mouse, the laser pointer or the toilet paper, he can be found darting from room to room, or sleeping at the foot of the bed.



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**YAPPY HOUR**

**MCHS Yappy Hours are in full swing!**

**Thursday, July 11**  
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

**The Greene Turtle**  
15660 Old Columbia Pike  
Burtonsville, MD 20866

**Thursday, July 25**  
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**Tommy Joe's**  
7940 Norfolk Rd  
Bethesda, MD 20814

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# Pooh's new corner

Steve R. and his wife, Jeanmarie, had a dog-shaped hole in their home. They'd lost their beloved Springer spaniel in September, but by March they were ready to fill it. That's how they met Pooh, a six-year-old Shetland sheepdog mix rescued by MCHS.

"We weren't looking for a dog as large as he is," Steve says. "But when we arrived, he was just coming back from his walk. He was such a happy, gregarious fellow, and immediately leaned into us. We spent about 45 minutes with him outside, and fell in love."

Pooh (now Buddy), is thriving in his new home. He loves running, jumping and playing at the dog park, and rough-housing with dogs who are bigger than him.

He also enjoys playing with Steve and Jeanmarie's grandkids, especially their 18-month-old granddaughter, who he entertains by throwing his Kong toy in the air, waiting until she is watching, then throwing it again. Buddy also enjoys relaxing on his deck and watching nearby golfers.



Pooh/Buddy hams it up for the camera



## Education team expands with the addition of Ben and Jerry

Ben and Jerry joined the MCHS Humane Education team last December. They, along with their human and canine companions, have met with hundreds of children, teens and adults to teach the importance of compassion, respect for animals and more.

"They've got such unique personalities," says Patricia Wanley, the MCHS volunteer dedicated to their care. "Jerry (at left above) has always liked people and loves taking baths. Ben (at right) is a wild child with a mind of his own, but he's learning his role here. Of course, they both love parsley and vitamin C treats!" Welcome to the team, Ben and Jerry!

## Annuities help animals and provide partially tax-free income for life

You love animals and want to help them, and if you're 55 or older, a charitable gift annuity (CGA) may be just what you're looking for.

It works like this: John is 65. He sets up a \$25,000 CGA. As a result, he may be able to take an up-front tax deduction on his gift. In addition, based on his age at the time of his gift, he'll receive a percentage of his \$25,000 annuity, partially tax-free, guaranteed annually for the rest of his life. When he dies, the remaining portion of his CGA goes to MCHS.

### Example of single-life Charitable Gift Annuity rates:

Age at time of gift	Current annuity payment rates *
65	5.1% of total annuity
70	5.6% of total annuity
80	7.3% of total annuity

*\*Rates based on ACGA rates, subject to change*

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