

# ANIMAL *lover*

News from the Montgomery County Humane Society

Summer 2021

## Angelica Pickles helps a family heal

In early May, Ann W. and her family unexpectedly lost their beloved, three-year-old pit bull, Bailey. But by the end of the week, she, her husband, three children and their pug, Beanie welcomed a new pit bull – Angelica Pickles – into the family.

“We just see ourselves as a two dog family,” Ann says, “and we decided we needed another ‘real’ one,” joking that “our pug is like a cartoon character!”

Angelica Pickles, now “Aggie” (“We named her that even before we found out that she came from a shelter in Texas!”) loves going for car rides with her new family. “She’s good company in the car,” Ann says. “We’ve taken her to a few softball games. It’s fun to see what she watches, and how happy she is to see people.” Ann says that Aggie now associates the act of people putting on shoes with going for a ride, and once got so excited she leaped straight up in the air!

When Aggie isn’t going for rides, she enjoys going for walks with Ann’s teenage daughter, cuddling on the couch, and playing with her toy squirrel.



## Thor gets a new playmate

“He’s a great kitten ... I just love how sweet he is!”

Rebecca A. says when asked about Thor, the kitten she adopted in May. Rebecca

unexpectedly lost one of her cats in March, and the other cat, Yoshi, was lonely. “I picked Thor because he was big enough to hold his own, and not so ‘kitteny’ that he would drive Yoshi too crazy.”

Thor is now named “Sonic,” and “loves any and all toys. He likes his ball and his wand toy, but he really loves chasing Yoshi around!” Rebecca says, adding, “He *desperately* wants to be best friends with Yoshi, but he’s still a little too ‘pouncy.’” Once he settles down from his games, they get along well.”



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Dear friends,

For most of us, getting out into

the world is a new adventure after more than a year of quarantine. My husband and I are looking forward to a week at the beach in July, and, I suspect our cats are looking forward to seeing the cat sitter again!

At MCHS, we are happy to be hosting our events again. We're planning lots of exciting opportunities for bonding with pets. The first MCHS Yappy Hours began in June, and we have a summer lineup you're sure to enjoy – see the schedule at right.

You don't have to be a dog owner to get a kick out of Yappy Hours, and this year, Yappy Hours will be extra special, as we enjoy re-connecting with kindred spirits – and dogs!

Watch for more events to come in the summer and fall. We're excited about seeing you at an event soon!

Sincerely,



Cris Bombaugh  
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## Best birthday present ever!

Wasim and his wife, Saima, had always considered themselves “dog people,” so they were a little surprised when their daughter, Sara started asking for cat. Wasim told Sara that owning a pet was a big responsibility, but that once she showed she could handle it, she could have one.

After a two-year wait, the time had come. “Sara was turning seven at the end of the May, but she asked if she could have her birthday present early. We saw Layla [an 8-month-old brown tabby] on your website, and after we met her [at MCHS], we took her home.”

Layla is absolutely adored by her new family. Sara and her younger sister, Sarina, are constantly “hugging and kissing her,” and they carry her everywhere. Even better, Wasim tells us that, because the kids are playing with Layla, “They’re spending less time in front of their screens, and learning about the sacredness of all life,” and of course, about caring for a pet.

Layla likes climbing on the window ledges, and keeping an eye on the yard through the sliding glass door. She also enjoys cuddling with her family on the couch. Wasim says his daughters are “so excited” to have a new feline friend. “I tell them, ‘don’t spoil her too much!’” Sounds like a lost cause, Wasim!



Montgomery County Humane Society  
**YAPPY HOUR**

## SUMMER 2021 SCHEDULE

**Greene Turtle, Burtonsville,  
Thurs., Jul. 15, 6 - 8:30 pm**

**Bark Social, North Bethesda,  
Wed., Jul. 21, 4 - 10 pm**

**Denizens, Silver Spring,  
Thurs., Aug. 5, 6 - 8:30 pm**

Bring your pups and join us for a fun evening!  
Enjoy great happy hour specials, giveaways and prize drawings.

A percentage of event sales benefits MCHS.  
Details at [www.mchumane.org/events](http://www.mchumane.org/events)



## Thank You, Trey and friends, for a great evening!

It's not every day that Nashville comes to Montgomery County, but in May, 2020 it did, when Nashville recording artist Trey Taylor reached out to MCHS. He knew that people and pets were suffering last year, and wanted to make a difference.

Trey's ties to the Washington, D.C. area led him to MCHS with a generous offer to provide a small, socially-distanced benefit concert to support our work. After several re-schedules, the concert finally happened a year later! Twelve guests joined us for a wonderful evening of music, dinner and fun. Thanks to Trey, our guests and other contributors, we raised more than \$16,000 to help pets and pet owners here in our community!



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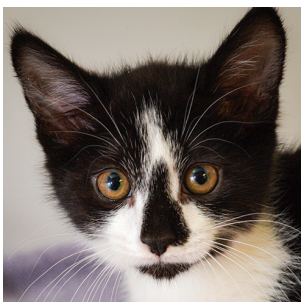
## Barky Lee captured their hearts

Adopter Harper H. and her partner, Ryan were finally settled into the condo they bought last year, and by May had decided to add a dog to their little family. When they met Barky Lee, a two-year-old mix at MCHS, they fell in love instantly. "He just captured our hearts," Harper says. "Within 20 minutes of meeting him we were signing the [adoption] papers."



The decision couldn't have been better. Barky Lee is now "Charlie," and Harper says, "He makes us laugh every day. He's fifty pounds and he thinks he's a lap dog." Charlie also has a mischievous side. "The first time I introduced him to my parents, he managed to get up on the dinner table and began helping himself to the food. We laugh about it, now."

Charlie is learning to play with toys, and carries a stuffed narwhal everywhere. Sometimes "he'll squeak it softly ... he doesn't quite know how to be a dog yet," Harper says, but thanks to his many visits to the dog park, he's learning. When Charlie first arrived in his new home he was a little scared, but now he knows he's home, says Harper. "Every day he does something to make us giggle. He's just wonderful to have around!"



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## Pierre is home once again

If you read our spring fundraising appeal, you might remember Pierre, the five-year-old brown tabby who was rescued as a kitten, but returned in March when his owner left the country. We're happy to report that, thanks to your generosity, Pierre is home again.

"You can't have him back!" adopter Dianne N. says about the cat she adopted in the middle of May adding, "I am so glad I have him!"

Dianne tells us that when she brought Pierre home, he was so traumatized from losing his last home that he'd "forgotten how to play ... and it seemed like his purr box was broken." She was determined to help him trust and find joy again. They already have a new favorite game, Dianne explains. "First, Pierre waits until he's sure we have eye contact. When we do, he'll leap straight in the air, turn around, and run like crazy into my room. When he runs, I say 'Pfft! Pfft!' Then Pierre comes back and the fun begins again.

"We're two peas in a pod!" she says.



## Whiskey's "well worth the wait"

Deepti B. and her family had tried for nearly five years to adopt a small rescue dog as a playmate for their Yorkie, Rocky. When their application for Coco, a one-year-old Maltese mix was approved at the end of April, they were ecstatic. "It took five years because we wanted to adopt, not shop – that's why we didn't go to a breeder – but every other time we applied, someone else got the dog."

Of course, Coco, now named Whiskey, was well worth the wait. "He's so affectionate, and everything about him is cute!" Deepti tells us. "He looks forward to the evenings when he, Rocky, and a neighbor's dog, Finley, run around and play in our fenced in back yard."

She also says that while Rocky loves playing fetch, "Whiskey doesn't know how to yet." But that doesn't stop him from joining in the fun – when Rocky chases the ball, Whiskey chases Rocky, and often succeeds in taking the ball from Rocky's mouth.

When asked to describe her favorite thing about the newest member of her family, Deepti responded: "I can't. There are just too many things to mention!"

## Our thrift store is moving!

But, not very far! At the end of the summer, the MCHS thrift store will change locations in our current shopping center, Gude Plaza. Over the summer, you may notice adjustments to displays and inventory in preparation for the move. Also watch Facebook ([www.facebook.com/WaggingTailsRockville](https://www.facebook.com/WaggingTailsRockville)) and our website for updates to our donation policy leading up to the move.

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