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Remington breaks in his first-time dog owners

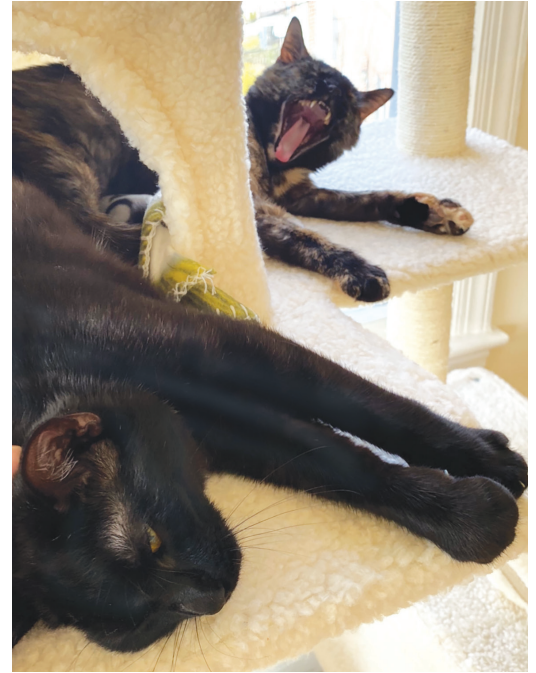
“We’d never had a dog,” adopter Paul B. says when we asked him and his wife, Susan, about their decision to adopt six-year-old shepherd mix Remington. They had been looking for a dog for almost three years, but each time they found one they liked, the dog had already been adopted. They had nearly given up when Susan found Remington on the MCHS website.

“It was love at first sight,” she says. “He’s got such a lovely, outgoing personality. I don’t even know where to begin! He’s always up for fun.” Paul agrees, adding, “even though he likes to play, he reads us well and knows when we’re ready to quit.”

Paul and Susan tell us how moved they were by reading the notes from his previous owners, who obviously loved him, and by seeing how well behaved he is. “He came with so many skills, and was already crate trained,” Susan says. “But ... he’s spending less and less time in the crate, as we’re home with him more often.”



Paul is also impressed with Remington’s intelligence; “he’s got really expressive eyes, and seems to have a good sense of humor. Sometimes when we ask him to do something, he’ll give us a look [of amused incredulity].”



Fiona & Blaze together

Fiona and Blaze formed a bond at MCHS, and their relationship inspired Maryam K. to adopt them together in March. “They were inseparable. I thought Fiona (who is hearing and sight impaired) would depend on Blaze, but it’s actually the other way around. Blaze is a big baby ... he needs people and cats more than she does,” Maryam says.

Blaze, now “Luz,” and Fiona, now “Farrasha,” have a favorite toy – a wooden bookmark with a tassel. “I call the game ‘Moth’,” Maryam tells us. “I wave the tassel around, and they try to catch it,” adding, “I love how excited they are when I come home. I’ve never had cats like these.”

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Dear friends,

Summer is here. *Finally!* I love summer, even during the worst heat of my native Washington, D.C. And this summer brings some *really* hot news – the expansion of the MCHS spay/neuter clinic with the launch of **Hanna's Clinic**.



Thanks to your generosity and that of some very special benefactors, MCHS has operated Montgomery County's only low-cost spay/neuter clinic since early 2018. We started out small – just one day a week – but we learned early on that the demand for these vital services was much greater than we knew. We've maintained a waiting list since the day we opened, and in 2021 we expanded to three days. But we dreamed of doing even more, and added a fourth day for a vaccine clinic the same year.

When long-time, generous benefactors Sharon and Bob Olsen asked if there was something extra they might do to help pets in need, I told them about our dream to relocate the clinic from the mobile unit into our building, and in doing, nearly triple our capacity. They jumped at the chance! Thanks to the Olsens' generosity, and also the Newby Family Foundation's, we were able to renovate a portion of our building and purchase equipment and supplies to fit out a new surgery suite there. The result is **Hanna's Clinic**, named after the Olsens' beloved dog, who was an alumna of MCHS.

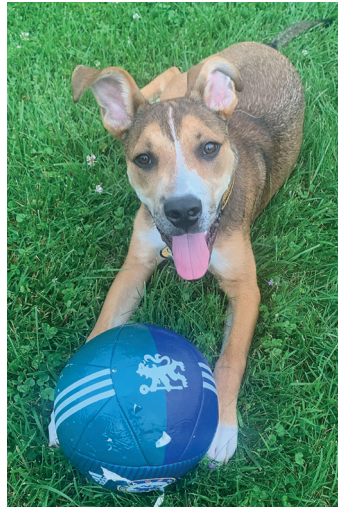
Hanna's Clinic is a beautiful testament to the Olsens', Newbys' and your love of animals and the human-animal bond. Thanks to their generosity, as well as your continuing support, we can help thousands more cats and dogs this year and beyond.

It's a perfect example of how we can be humane together. Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Cris Bombaugh".

Cris Bombaugh,
President and CEO

Crosby's now a Penguins fan



"I don't think the Caps fans who read this will like it, but [Crosby's] the biggest Pittsburgh Penguins fan ever! He's got a Penguins leash, a Penguins collar, and a Penguins puck-shaped rawhide chew toy," Wendy A. says about the five-month-old shepherd her family adopted in April. At MCHS, Crosby's name was "Chance," but she says, "We renamed him after [Penguins captain] Sidney Crosby!"

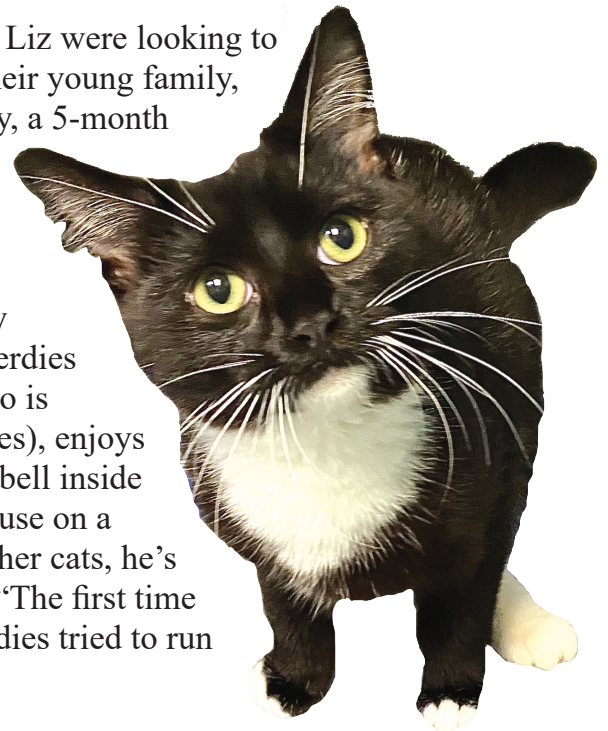
Wendy was missing her late dog, Sergeant (also an MCHS alumnus), when she saw a video of Crosby on the MCHS Facebook page. "It was the ears that got me – they're so adorable," she said. When the family met him, "There was an immediate connection. We just knew he was the one."

Crosby loves car rides, especially to pick up the kids at the bus stop. "He ... gets super excited. He's really close to my six-year-old son, and follows him around everywhere. They wrestle like puppies!"

When he's not wrestling or riding in the car, Crosby enjoys long walks and visiting the dog park. "He's really social – he loves meeting new people and playing with the dogs," she says. "He's been a wonderful addition to our family."

And kitty makes three

Newlyweds Ken and Liz were looking to add a third member to their young family, and when they met Kirby, a 5-month tuxedo kitten at MCHS, they knew he was the one. "He's perfect," Liz says. "He cuddles with me and he plays with my husband." Kirby, now Zerdies (after a TV character who is also black with green eyes), enjoys chasing a ball that has a bell inside and jumping at a toy mouse on a string. But, like many other cats, he's terrified of the vacuum. "The first time my husband used it, Zerdies tried to run up the wall!"



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Lacey's adventure

Lacey and her four Husky-mix littermates were surrendered to an MCHS partner shelter at the end of February. One month later, thanks to your generosity, we transported them from Alabama to Rockville, where we did everything else necessary to get them ready for adoption.

Kristy T. had grown up with a Husky, and was “looking for a hiking partner and for someone who would accompany [her] on her other adventures.” In mid-May, after seeing Lacey on the MCHS Facebook page, Kristy was certain Lacey was the dog she was looking for. Her hunch was correct: “I take her on hikes along the C&O Canal trail all the time.” she says, “and I do whatever I can to get her puppy energy out, so that she’ll be more ‘chill’ at home.”

Kristy also recently took Lacey (now named “Ruby”) to the beach for the first time: “Ruby loves swimming ... but she was a little afraid of the ocean. The crashing waves scared her. She loved playing in the sand, though. It was adorable.”



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Thank You, Susan

MCHS recently learned of the passing of Susan McLean, a lifelong animal lover and a great friend to the Montgomery County Humane Society. For more than two decades, Susan generously donated her time and money to help thousands of pets find new loving homes. We always looked forward to hearing stories about Susan's beloved dogs, especially stories about "the puppy."

Thank you, Susan, for being there for our animals, and for MCHS. You are missed by your MCHS family.

Do you have a plan for your pets?

Susan made arrangements to ensure that all of her dogs would be cared for by friends and loved ones upon her passing.

The ASPCA recommends that you discuss the care of your pets with your chosen caretakers (including rescue groups like MCHS) in advance, just like Susan did, to be sure they are willing and able to take responsibility for your pets' care. This and other helpful tips can be found at www.ASPCA.org/pet-care/pet-planning.



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Violet's new best friend

After adopter Lyssa B. moved from her efficiency apartment into a larger space, she began looking for a companion for her seven-year-old cat, Silence. When she met Violet, a beautiful, black kitten, at MCHS, Lyssa thought she'd be a great fit.

Lyssa was right. "Silence is a little shy, so it took a couple of weeks," she says. But Violet (now named Vesper), was "so friendly and curious" that her persistence paid off, and the two cats are now fast friends. "They play together all the time. It's really sweet to see," Lyssa says, adding, "I love how cuddly [Vesper] is. She loves to be picked up and held. She'll cuddle up next to me when I'm sleeping, and she'll cuddle up next to Silence when she's sleeping."

Vesper also loves to play, and so much so that her enthusiasm gets the best of her: "She loves chasing her 'wand' toys. Sometimes she'll jump and flop backwards ... or chase it in circles until she falls over." But Lyssa says, "Her absolute favorite is a 'fuzzy mouse' wand. She'll even grab it when it's not moving and drag it off somewhere." Vesper also enjoys climbing on shelves or napping in warm, sunny spots.

Cha-Cha can't wait to meet you!

Are you looking for friendly, fun, playful dog who will also enjoy "chilling out" with her family at the end of a long day? If so, consider meeting Cha-Cha, a two-year-old pit bull terrier mix who has been in the care of MCHS since February. Cha-Cha gets along well with other dogs, but can't go to a home with cats or other small animals.

Cha-Cha's adoption has been partially paid for by a generous benefactor who wants to help her get adopted. If she seems like a good fit for your family, please visit www.mchs/adoptable-dogs/ to apply, or call 240/252-2555 and ask to speak to one of our adoption counselors. They'll be happy to answer your questions.

