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Bluey's spirit shines

When Bluey, a five-month-old terrier mix arrived with three other puppies from a partner shelter in Mississippi, he already knew how to sit, and showed other signs that he had been well trained. So it's not surprising that he was quickly adopted by a wonderful family.

"I saw his picture on the website," said Cristina B., "and thought he looked really unusual ... everyone notices his ears first. Once my husband and I met him, we knew we couldn't leave him behind!" They took him home that day. "He's a very happy dog. I love his spirit!" Christina says.

Bluey, now simply named Blue, loves his tennis ball, and "Mr. Fox" (a stuffed toy), but his absolute favorite is a turtle-shaped puzzle toy. The turtle has a pocket for treats, and Blue has to figure out how to get to them. It doesn't take long. "He's obsessed with it," she says, and "now has figured out where we hide it ... he'll drag it out and bring it to us when he wants treats!"

"Blue loves other dogs and loves all people," Cristina says. Thank you for making this wonderful new family a reality!

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Novus goes home

Novus, five years old, was at MCHS only a week before being adopted by Chelsea M. "She was really shy at first," Chelsea says, "but we soon built a connection. I brought my boyfriend and daughter back to meet her, and they fell in love with her, too. It was really important ... that we adopt a cat, because there are so many who need homes!"

"My daughter named Novus 'Stormy', because she's the color of a storm cloud," Chelsea said. They play together all the time, and sometimes sleep together. But Stormy and Chelsea also have developed a special bond. "I'm home with her all day, and she's my little shadow. She follows me everywhere."

Stormy loves chin rubs, and enjoys tossing her mouse toys in the air and catching them.

Zooming around the house at 5 a.m. is also fun.



Dear friends,

Summer is here, another of my favorite seasons (I love them all, in their own way). Outside of MCHS, summer for me means working in my garden (communing with the birds, butterflies, and bees), and an annual week with our friends at the Outer Banks. I just got back from the beach, in fact, rested, and ready to save more animals!




At MCHS, summer means outdoor events, and **Yappy Hours have begun!** These are our dog-friendly happy hours, hosted by our friends at several local restaurants and bars, and featuring games, prizes, and fun with other pet owners and MCHS supporters. A portion of the Yappy Hour food and beverage purchases go to support MCHS's work to save homeless pets.

Dogs are the guests of honor at Yappy Hours, but you don't have to bring a dog to have fun, and it's an easy way to help animals while enjoying an evening of dining, good company and fresh air. Upcoming Yappy Hours include Silver Diner at Rio on August 2 and World of Beer Rockville on Sept. 9. For the full schedule and any updates, visit www.mchumane.org/events.

Summer also means kitten season, of course, and kittens arrive regularly at MCHS. Check our website, www.mchumane.org/adoptable-pets, for our wonderful cats, kittens, dogs and puppies!

Thank you for your support, and have a wonderful summer!


Cris Bombaugh,
President and CEO

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Callie picks her name

Emely B. and her family were grieving the loss of their beloved brindle Pit Bull, Hennessey, when they saw Callie, a one-year-old, gray Pit mix on the MCHS website. "We weren't planning on getting another dog this soon," Emely says, "but something about her drew me to her."

When Emely and her family met Callie for the first time, they all fell in love. "She was super-friendly and playful. We realized how much we missed having a pet in the home."

Callie is now named Bailey. Emely says, "My brother helped me name her. He thought it should be a name that ends in an 'ee' sound. We tried a bunch of different names, and when we said 'Bailey,' she seemed to listen!"

Bailey's favorite pastime is fetch. "She gets the 'zoomies' as soon as we start playing. It's really cute," says Emely, adding that Bailey's favorite toys are a pair of stuffed dinosaurs that she took home from MCHS. "She even sleeps with them!"

Bailey is always thrilled to see her family. "When I come home, Bailey gets super excited," says Emely. "She'll lie on my feet and roll around on her back for belly rubs ... she's so cuddly!"

Ruby's a new best friend

"Going from a 16-year-old dog to a three-year-old is quite a change," Ashlei C. says. "I love the energy!" Ashlei recently lost her best friend, a Shih Tzu named Chloe, so in mid-May she found Ruby, a beagle mix, on the MCHS website. "I liked that she was a girl, and that she was the right size," Ashlei says.



Ruby and Ashlei are now a family. "I love how affectionate she is ... she's super playful." Ashlei tells us that Ruby loves all her toys, "but her two favorites are a stuffed squirrel and a stuffed giraffe. They both squeak."

Ruby also enjoys zooming around the house, especially after she has an 'accident'. "I'll tell her not to 'go' in the house, and then she gives me this look after she does. It's so innocent. Then, she starts racing around ... can't help but laugh."

Ashlei isn't the only one who loves Ruby. Her friend has a Rottweiler puppy, Spike, who is also a fan. "He gives her kisses all the time," she says. "It's really adorable!"

Miller HATES showers

Miller, a nine-month-old orange tabby, arrived at MCHS in April because his owner could no longer care for him. He was shy and a little traumatized at first, but our team gave him lots of love and coaxed him out of his shell. Three weeks later, he found his new home.

“He won’t shut up,” adopter Matt L. says, laughing. “I’ve never known a cat who ‘talks’ as much as Miller does.” Miller is especially vocal when Matt gets in the shower: “He hates the shower! He jumps up on the side of the tub when I get in, paces back and forth and meows the whole time. At first, I thought he wanted to shower with me, but when I tried that, he jumped right out ... I don’t understand it. He still gets wet!” Matt says that when he tries to keep Miller out of the bathroom, Miller will pound on the door, meowing the whole time.

When he’s not protesting Matt’s showers, Miller enjoys climbing on his cat tower, playing with his stuffed cider and avocado toys (“It’s very Millennial of him!”), and looking out the window.

“I like that I was able to give him a second chance,” Matt says. “He’s a wonderful companion who has brightened up my little apartment.”



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Shaggy's first baseball game

Shaggy has a new family, and he's living his best life! He has a large, fenced yard, and a family that is head-over-heels in love with him. In this photo, he's at his first Little League game, cheering on his new pack members. Thank you for supporting Shaggy through his surgeries and his time with MCHS!



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Sweet Georgia Brown



"Her name is Georgia now," Mr. Brown says when asked about Chattahoochee, a five-month-old, mixed-breed dog that he and his wife adopted in May. "First, we looked up where the Chattahoochee is, and since our last name is Brown, it made sense."

When the Browns met Georgia, "she had a calmness and friendliness about her," so they decided to take her home. "Sometimes, when you rescue a dog, you can't always tell how he or she will behave in a new home, but we've really been enjoying her," he says, adding "she hasn't met a dog or person she doesn't like."

Her love of people and others, along with her natural curiosity, may combine to explain why she loves taking walks with her family. But when she's inside, Mr. Brown says that she hasn't quite figured out how to jump on the couch or other furniture on the first try. "She's really clumsy," he says.

While she may not make it on the first try, she usually ends her day sleeping in Mrs. Brown's lap: "When my wife is in her recliner, Georgia will jump up, nestle [on her lap], and pretty soon she'll be snoring. We love how affectionate she is."

Their new Beau

Beau (formerly Dewey) is a six-month-old orange tabby who was found on the streets of Baltimore when he was just few weeks old. The person who saved him realized they couldn't continue to care for him, and brought him to MCHS in April. His fur was a little matted, but after our team applied a little 'spit and polish,' he was as good as new! Heather and her family adopted him nine days later.

"We picked Beau because ... he made us laugh right away. And my daughter is a red-head so he fits right in!"

Heather says. "He's like a toddler. He's got lots of energy to run and play, but when it's time to nap he is OUT!" His favorite place to nap is on top of a bunk bed, but also occasionally naps in the laps of his new humans.

"He doesn't stay there long, but a little is better than nothing!" Beau also enjoys 'chasing' birds from his screened-in porch, and playing with ping pong balls. "We absolutely adore him!" Heather says.

