

ANIMAL *lover*

News from the Montgomery County Humane Society

Fall 2019



Woody gives love and hugs in his new home

“As soon as I saw a picture of Woody posted on the MCHS website, I knew he was the one for me,” adopter Vincent B. says about the four-year-old chocolate lab who is now his dog. For several years, Vincent grieved the loss of his beloved yellow lab, Regis, but had decided that it was finally time to welcome a new dog in his home.

Today, they are best pals. Every day when Vincent arrives home, Woody rushes down the stairs to greet him. “He’s really affectionate,” Vincent tells us. “He gets up on his hind legs and asks to be hugged.” And Woody is “very approachable,” he says – the whole neighborhood knows him, humans and other dogs, alike. His favorite dog friend is also in the family – a poodle owned by one of Vincent’s family members. Woody also loves his squeaky toys and sprinting around his new back yard.

Kaleb’s the king of his castle

Charley and Alice M. met Kaleb (now Buddy), a two-year-old orange tabby, in August. They were won over, and took him home. “He’s quickly going to realize that he’s arrived in cat heaven!” said a friend of theirs after meeting Buddy.

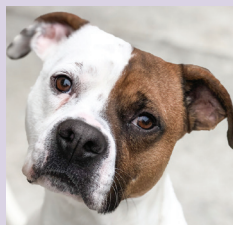
Though he has the run of the house, Buddy especially enjoys napping and dining in his private ‘suite’ upstairs. “He LOVES to eat,” says Alice, “but the food needs to sit out a while and age – like a fine wine or cheese. He also insists that I pet him, or at least watch, (during meals).” Dinner and a massage? Sounds like paradise, Buddy!



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Here at MCHS, we hit that magic number in June, and it means something even more special. It's the number of adoptions you've made possible since April 2014, when MCHS became an independent, no-kill cat and dog rescue.

So many lives saved! So many happy families made complete! If there were a hall of fame for animal lovers, you'd be in it, for making this happen!

But that's not all your gifts do. Our mission is to end animal homelessness. The low-cost spay/neuter clinic we launched in April has a waiting list for surgeries, and together with your help, we expect to spay and neuter another 400 animals in 2020 (so many litters prevented!).

Also, we've secured our first location for microchip clinics, so we can begin soon. Lost pets who have a microchip are much more likely to find their way home, and this service is an important component of our expanded efforts to keep pets in their homes and out of shelters.

On behalf of all the animals you're helping every day, Thank You.

Sincerely,

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

Cris Bombaugh
President and CEO

MCHS clinic well received

The MCHS spay/neuter clinic has been providing affordable services for cats and dogs since April, 2019. We've received feedback from many happy customers, including this from Jeffrey S., the owner of Kashew Nut, who was spayed at the clinic in July:

"Our little Kashew Nut is back to her puppy antics... she has not even noticed the surgical area. Thanks for being a part of her life and for the work you are doing for the community."



Gypsy's a blessing for her new family

Bruce and Darlene M. had a problem – a mouse in the house. So, they decided the best solution was to invite a new family member – a cat – into their home. That's how they met Gypsy at MCHS in early September.

"She's just the sweetest cat, and a great addition to our family," Bruce says about Gypsy, who enjoys spending much of her time in his lap while he watches baseball. "We're really blessed to have her. That's why we named her 'Matana,' which means 'gift' or 'blessing' in Hebrew."

Matana is particularly fond of a fishing rod toy with a feather attached. When play time is over, her toy is stored on a top shelf, but soon enough, Matana figured out how to get it down without disturbing the other items on the shelves. "We still can't figure out how she did it." Sounds like a smart kitty to us!



As for the mouse? He's pretty smart too, apparently. "We don't think she killed it," says Darlene, but as soon as Matana moved in, the mouse disappeared."



He's coming soon!
Pet Photos
with Santa

Saturday, Dec. 7

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Madonna livens up her new home

“We all love the kitten!” says adopter Castilla M. about three-month-old Madonna, adopted from MCHS in early August. Castilla’s youngest cat, Rosy Lynn, 5, tried in vain to get her older cat siblings to join in her fun, so she knew Rosy Lynn needed a younger playmate.

“I stopped by [MCHS] with some donations, and saw Madonna and her brother in the cat room. When I came by a couple of weeks later, her brother was gone, but Madonna was still there,” Castilla explained. When she first held Madonna, she began purring loudly, and Castilla, who already had a soft spot for black cats, fell in love instantly.

Madonna (now Bernadin), is thriving in her new home. She follows Rosy around everywhere and regularly take naps with the other cats. And, just as Castilla had hoped, Bernadin has livened up their home. She loves to play and wrestle with Rosy (and the other cats, too!). When she gets a little too rambunctious – chewing on the other cats’ tails, etc. – Castilla says, “they seem to know she’s just a kitten.”



Kaya’s found her Water World

“She’s such an awesome puppy with the coolest personality!” MCHS adopter Karyn D. says when asked about Tyra Barks, the five-month-old Husky puppy she adopted in June. When Karyn’s Tamaskan, Wyatt, died unexpectedly in April, she began looking for another northern breed dog who could keep up with her active lifestyle. She met Tyra (now Kaya) at MCHS, and they fell in love.

Kaya loves water, and will take any opportunity to play in it. When Karyn is watering her yard, Kaya plays in the sprinkler and interrupts the stream when she's watering flowers. When the house plants are watered, Kaya expects a drink, too. It’s no surprise, then, that she really enjoyed her recent trip to the beach.

Huskies are an active breed, and Kaya is no exception, but she’s a great inside dog too. “She’s very ‘go-with the flow’,” Karyn says. “She loves to lie on me and take naps, and she’s been very well behaved at her puppy training classes.”



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It’s always important to speak with your financial advisor about whether these options make sense for you. To learn more, contact MCHS Director of Development James Nolan at (240) 616-1973, or JNolan@MCHumane.org.



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Nov. 2 through Nov. 11

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www.mchumane.org

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