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Not a cat, but Baxter won her heart

“Have you seen that face?” adopter Helen C. asked when explaining why, after planning to adopt a cat, she chose to adopt a six-year-old spaniel mix, Baxter. Even though Helen has had lots of experience with animals, particularly cats and horses, she hadn’t had a dog since she was a kid.

Shortly after she adopted him, Helen took Baxter on his first trip. She was nervous about traveling with a dog, but Baxter was not: “After two and a half hours I stopped to give him a bathroom break. He just looked at me, went back to his nap, and slept until we got [there],” which was another two hours.

Baxter’s laid back nature extends to playtime, too. “Whenever I throw a ball he just looks at me [like] ‘what an interesting gesture you just made’.” When she gave him a toy containing a treat, “He seemed interested at first, but quickly gave up once he couldn’t get the treat out.” Helen says she couldn’t be happier with her new companion. “It was a brilliant decision on my part!”

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Rosey and friends

“She’s my little shadow, she follows me around everywhere,” Kim C. says about Rosey, the five-month-old Siamese kitten she adopted in June because she reminded Kim of another Snowshoe Siamese she had for more than 20 years. “We named her Flurry because she has [white feet] and also because she runs in a flurry around the house.”

Flurry shares her new home with three other cats, and while she gets along with all of them, she and Coco, a young Maine coon, have become best friends. “Flurry and Coco play together all the time,” Kim says, adding that while they don’t cuddle, the two pals do sleep close by. Flurry also sleeps and plays with Kim’s dog, Cobba.

Flurry enjoys a favorite feathered wand toy. “She likes it so much that when I’m done playing with her, I can stick it in between the couch cushions and she’ll continue playing!”

Flurry
and
Cobba
snuggle



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Dear friends,

We're thrilled to be out in our community again and celebrating our mutual desire to help animals in need.



In September we hosted *Sing for Their Supper* at a lovely venue in Gaithersburg. Fourteen theater professionals and their musical director donated their time and talent to an evening of cabaret music to benefit the work of MCHS. The event also was made possible with donations ranging from the reception fare, wine and cocktails, to musical and production equipment, tables and chairs, silent auction items and more. We are grateful for all of that wonderful support.

But that's just the beginning! MCHS has two more exciting events scheduled before the end of the year. On November 12 (and possibly a second day, if needed), we'll host *Winter Pet Photos*. Bring your pets, kids, and your favorite holiday garb and get your professional, 2022 photo!

Then, we're partnering with the City of Gaithersburg to present *Leashes and Lights* on Monday, November 21. This will be a magical dog walk through a beautifully lit Seneca Creek State park. The event will include selfies with Santa, hot chocolate, a walk through the lights, and the chance to help homeless animals, too. Details are available at mchumane.org. I hope we'll see you there!



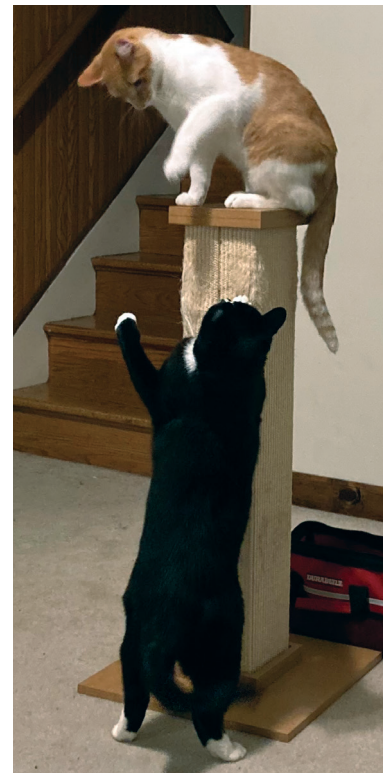
Cris Bombaugh
President and CEO

Harold stole their hearts

Allison and her husband Sam came to MCHS in August, intending to adopt a different cat, but Harold, a white and orange five-year-old, had other plans. "He was really vocal, and he kept pawing at us through the cage ... and he stole our hearts," she says.

When Harold first went home, he made an even bigger impression on his family. "We had him isolated in a room [to transition], but he figured out how to get into the ceiling. When he walked over the bathroom, the ceiling collapsed," she laughs, "so we put him in a different room."

Harold's new favorite playmate is Tucker, the family's nine-year-old cat. "We were worried at first, because Harold was really afraid of Tucker and was always hissing at him. Now they just disappear together into the basement, and Harold's favorite thing is to chase Tucker around. His second favorite thing is to cuddle on the couch with Allison and Sam, "He's so loving and chatty," she says. "It's great."



Harold (top) and Tucker



Sing for Their Supper was a tremendous success!

Thanks to the generosity of so many, including these amazing performers (from left): (Music director) Jay Crowder, Matthew Kacergis, Caelyn D. Williams, Ramon De La Cruz, Kevin McAllister, Kari Ginsberg, Greg Twomey, Karen Vincent, Valeria Morales, Solomon Parker III, Ben Clark, Lily Burka. Thank you again, everyone!

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Letty brings puppy energy

Steve H. and his family had just moved into their first house when they saw Letty, an eight-month-old Labrador retriever, on the MCHS website. “We have another Lab, Harvey, who is 13. He’s travelled all over the world with us ... but he’s slowed down a lot. I wanted my girls to have a dog they could actually play with, and we wanted to add some new puppy energy to our home.”

“Our girls love her!” Steve says, and Letty loves them, too. They play ball together in their new back yard. Letty sprints around by herself too, and when she’s ready to come in, she jumps up and down until someone lets her in. “The girls have never seen anything like that. They think it’s really funny and say she looks like a kangaroo!”

Letty’s absolute favorite game is ‘chase.’ “She’ll pick up something off the floor that she knows is ours, and then runs, hoping we’ll chase her ... she’s still learning [what she’s allowed to do] though, and will drop things when I tell her to.”



Letty has also visited dog parks, and recently took her first trip to doggy daycare. “When we dropped her off, she was really scared, but when we picked her up, she was so happy after a full day of play!”

Mars is queen of her new castle

“She’s very comfortable here, and ... incredibly happy,” adopter Chris L. says when asked about Mars, the three-year-old tabby he and his family adopted in July. “She loves having the space to walk around and do her own thing,” he says.

Chris and his wife Hannah both grew up with cats, but were waiting for their son to turn four before adopting. “They’re great together,” he says about Mars and their son. “Mars is so patient with him.”

Mars loves to play, especially with a formerly pink toy mouse (“she’s basically chewed it into a piece of grey fuzz”), and also enjoys finding new sunny spots to nap. And, like many of us, few things excite Mars as much as a good meal.

“She definitely calls the shots here!” Chris says.



Bryant discovers sleeping in

Adopter Chris D. was grieving over his back-to-back losses of Gretel, a German shepherd, and Oreo, a Husky mix, earlier this year. He began looking at the MCHS website to see if his next dog was there. “We really missed Oreo and Gretel ... but were really open to the idea of getting a new dog.” When he saw Bryant, a one-year-old German shepherd, at MCHS, he decided to apply.

“Bryan (changed from Bryant) is a happy dog who follows me around everywhere,” Chris says, adding “he’s a really good dog who has a lot of energy.” Bryan enjoys playing with one of the kids in the neighborhood who comes over to see him, and he also likes his rubber chicken so much that he brings it to bed with him each night.

When asked about some of Bryan’s other hobbies, Chris said “He loves to sleep. [I have to] wake him up to go for a walk. It’ll be 10:30 in the morning, and he’ll still be snoring away.”

The Combined Federal Campaign is underway!

If you’re a Federal Employee, please consider choosing MCHS when you make your gift this year. It’s a great way to make a meaningful difference to pets in need.

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— John C.

