

ANIMAL *lover*

News from the Montgomery County Humane Society

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Little Jack's big presence

In 2020, adopter Justin A. rescued a cat, Phillipe, who he'd found abandoned in a housing development in Frederick County. In July, he began looking for a pal to keep Phillipe company. At MCHS, he met Little Jack, a three-month-old tabby.

"Little Jack is so rambunctious," Justin says. "He has a catnip mouse that he tosses in the air, and anything long and straight, like a paper straw, must be 'killed'. He follows Phillipe everywhere, and they sometimes play or groom each other," but Little Jack also wants to play at inopportune times. "Phillipe used to love being brushed, but now, as soon as I start, Little Jack attacks him!"



Like most kittens, Little Jack enjoys making trouble: "He likes shredding paper so, when I get home, I have to make sure I get the mail before he does," Justin says. "Little Jack knows he's loved and safe, because he's always lying on his back with his stomach exposed ... he's definitely part of the family."

A gift from Bear

Bear is a two-year-old Cavapoo who loves cats, loves dogs and brings joy to everyone he meets.

What's more, his owner, Ade says "Bear can read three flash cards: "sit," "spin," and "down," adding that it doesn't matter the order of the cards. "He still understands the command." Bear is also generous. When this picky eater learned there were dogs in need, he gladly donated two bags of his own food. Thank you, Bear!

The MCHS pet food pantry accepts donations of unopened cat and dog food, and cat litter, 11 am - 5 pm, every day but holidays at our headquarters, 601 South Stonestreet Avenue, Rockville.



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Our work is 100% funded by private donations, and your gift is **guaranteed** to change the life of a homeless animal. Please give today.

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Dear friends,

Thanksgiving is right around the corner, the time of year in which we can take stock of our blessings.

My blessings

include my family, my friends, an undefeated season of Maryland football (so far), and my four-legged family members, Teddy, Reggie, Sammy and Mia. I'm also grateful for my MCHS colleagues, our many dedicated volunteers, and our loving adopters.

And, of course, I'm grateful to you for your generous financial support of our mission, and to the donors who keep us stocked with pet food and many other supplies all year long. Without you, every animal featured in this issue would still be languishing in a public shelter (or worse). Instead, they'll spend their first Thanksgiving with their new families.

I'm also grateful that thousands of pet owners have access to reduced-cost spay or neuter and vaccinations, thanks to you. And that hundreds of pet owners have been able to feed their pets during tough times, thanks to generous donors to our pet food pantry.

On behalf of all of us at MCHS, thank you for creating so many new families, and for helping so many pets stay in their homes this year.

Many good wishes for a wonderful and peaceful Thanksgiving.



Cris Bombaugh
President and CEO



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Spud's love is true

Spud is a two-year-old pit mix who came to MCHS in September, 2022. He is a very friendly, but high-energy dog, and despite our socialization, his energy level was too much for many families. So, thanks to your financial support, we hired a trainer to help Spud focus and work on manners. Spud is so smart that after one session he was a calmer dog whose personality was able to shine. In July, Spud went home!



"I love crazy, bouncy, energetic dogs," adopter Andrew B. told us. "I saw Spud on the MCHS website, and thought he was beautiful, so I rushed there to meet him before someone else did." Andrew had lost two dogs in a divorce, and although he had since adopted a cat, Gatito, he found he still missed canine companionship.

"I named him Coby, after my all-time favorite basketball player, Kobe Bryant. I'd already had a dog named Kobe, so I changed the spelling. My favorite thing about him is that he's pure love. He just wants to love all the time."

Andrew says that while Coby and Gatito got off to a rough start, after a few weeks, the two became pals who sleep together on Andrew's bed. We're so happy for you, Coby!

She found Ripley, believe it or not!

Adopter Donna D. lost her cat, Colby, in August. Although she wasn't planning to get another pet, she decided to take her grandson to visit the animals at the local public shelter. That's where she first met, and fell in love with, three-month-old Ripley.

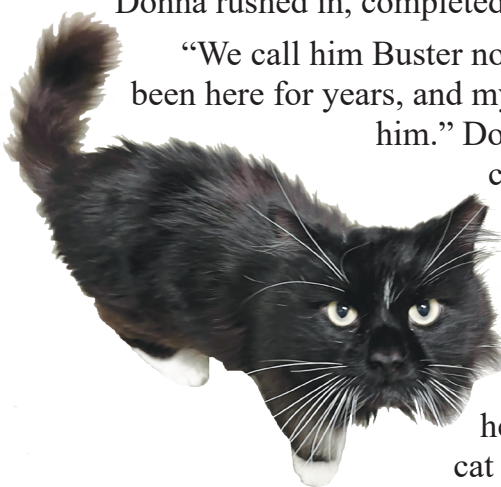
"He was so cute. He was in one of the bottom cages, and he reached his paw out to me." A few days later, however, he was gone! "I thought to myself, 'don't be sad, he's got a good home'," and she continued searching. When she visited the MCHS site, there was Ripley! MCHS had just pulled him with some other cats.

Donna rushed in, completed the adoption, and took him home.

"We call him Buster now," she says, "He acts like he's been here for years, and my grandchildren absolutely love him." Donna's other cat, Pippin, is very

curious, but still is shy. Buster politely waits for Pippin to make the first move. "They get closer to each other every day."

"Buster sleeps right by my head at night," Donna says. "I can hear him breathing. I've never had a cat as friendly as he is."



Biscuit loves to play

“He’s sitting next to me right now!” adopter John A. said when we called about Biscuit, the tabby he and his girlfriend, Jennifer adopted in July. “We came in to meet him because his coloring matched Jennifer’s childhood cat, Jewel.” Biscuit was asleep when they first arrived, but after he shook off his grogginess, “he sealed the deal when Jennifer held him.”

“He’s a little menace!” Jennifer says. “He’s very curious, and is always on the move. All he wants to do is play.” So far, Biscuit’s favorite toy is a mouse on a wand that he took home from MCHS. “It’s fun to watch him leap in the air while attempting to catch the mouse, and he’s been dragging it around everywhere.” Sadly, Biscuit’s toy broke the night before we spoke to Jennifer and John, but a new one just like it is on order.



John and Jennifer are considering adopting a playmate for Biscuit. “We have a 15-year-old cat, Aurora, who Biscuit really wants to play with. They get along, but she has no interest in playing. When she swats at him to discourage him from trying, he just thinks she’s playing, and he follows her anyway. He doesn’t understand.”

Maxine loves to make a mess

Adopter Menachem C. was looking for a way to “give back and help an animal who needed a home,” when he met Maxine, a young retriever mix, at MCHS. He was struck by how well trained she seemed to be, but he had his eye on another dog, too. When he asked the MCHS team who they thought might have a more difficult time finding a home, they suggested Maxine, because “she looked like more of a mutt.”



“We have a big back yard,” he says, “and Maxine’s favorite thing is to run around the yard, dig, explore, and generally get as muddy as possible!” Menachem also says that Maxine (“Max” for short) will spend hours gnawing on any bone he gives her, and the two of them visit the dog park nearly every day.

“Max always wants to be around me and my family, whatever we’re doing,” Menachem says. “The love that she gives, and the love that she loves to get, are my favorite things about her.”

This handsome senior needs a home

We first rescued Ace back in 2017. His adoptive family loved him, but in June he returned – one of his owners is terminally ill, and could no longer care for him. We’ve made a lifetime commitment to every MCHS animal, and thanks to your support, they can return here if something goes wrong. Today, seven-year-old Ace needs a new home.

A gentle giant, Ace knows every command in the book, walks well on a leash, leans, and loves belly rubs. He’ll do best in a home with adults or children over 16, and because of his size, he would prefer a larger home.

Our good friends at Chelsea’s Chimney are sponsoring Ace’s adoption fee! So, if he seems like a good addition to your family, please come meet him! Or, call one of our adoption counselors at 240-252-2555.



The Combined Federal Campaign is underway!

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