



The MARI Report

Spring Into Action

*Michigan Animal Rescue League
Spring / Summer 2016*

*Roxie is a beautiful Pit Bull Terrier Mix who was
adopted from MARL in May of 2014.*



ABOUT MARL

The Michigan Animal Rescue League (MARL) is one of southeast Michigan's most established shelters, serving the animals and community since 1953.

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WISH LIST AND NEEDS

- Wet and dry puppy food (Pedigree)
- Wet and dry dog food (Pedigree)
 - Nylabones
 - Cat toys - all types!
- Cardboard cat scratchers
 - Cat litter
- Bleach and laundry detergent
 - Dish soap
 - Paper towels
- Pet Supplies Plus gift cards

Thank you for your support!



Remember Max?

Max, the cover model for the 2015 Fall/Winter edition of the MARL report, has been adopted! This handsome dog waited over two years to find the right family. We would say the wait was well worth it! Max left a lasting paw print on our hearts, and will always be a special part of the MARL family. Way to go, Max!



Mission In Action

Our mission is so much more than just a statement. It provides motivation, direction, and a set of attitudes through which our daily actions are guided. It reflects who we are and what we stand for.

THE MISSION OF THE MICHIGAN ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE IS TO BE THE COMMUNITY LEADER IN NON-PROFIT ANIMAL WELFARE, PROVIDING THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF LIFE TO DOGS AND CATS THROUGH RESCUE, MEDICAL CARE, SHORT- AND LONG-TERM SANCTUARY, ADOPTION, EDUCATION AND OUTREACH.



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Recently Adopted



MALLORY

"I was brought to MARL in 2011 as a stray. I was so relieved to finally be somewhere with food, water, and plenty of nice people to take care of me. I don't prefer the company of other dogs and I am old, which is not a good combination when you're looking for a forever home. Over the years, I watched a lot of people walk past my kennel, but I didn't let it discourage me. My friends at MARL assured me that I would have my moment! On November 28th of 2015, that moment finally came. I met a wonderful lady who said she had been following me online for years, and was just waiting for the right opportunity to adopt me! I am so grateful that she was willing to take me in and spoil me for the rest of my days."

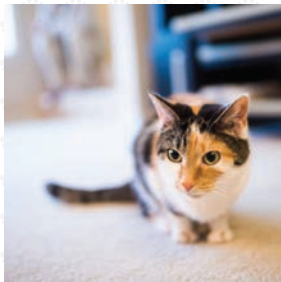
-Mallory | Adopted November, 2015



BELLA

"I was brought to MARL in March of 2015 when my owner could no longer care for me. It made me sad, but my new friends at MARL welcomed me with open arms! I was extremely overweight at first, which made it difficult for me to groom myself and stay active. I was put on a special diet, and before I knew it, I became the first official MARL office kitty! This allowed me to make lots of friends, get plenty of exercise, and lose weight. I went from 20.8 pounds down to just 16.2 pounds! On February 2nd of 2016, a very nice lady came in looking for a friendly, lovable cat. My friends at MARL thought I was a good candidate, and introduced the two of us. It was love at first sight! She didn't mind that I was still a little overweight, and promised that she would give me the best home I could ever ask for. She has kept her promise and now we are living the good life together!"

-Bella | Adopted February, 2016



DAISY

Adopted October, 2015



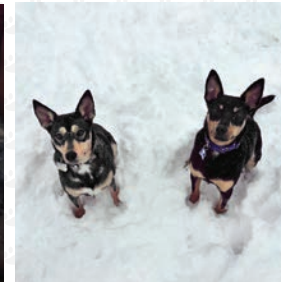
RUBY

Adopted September, 2015



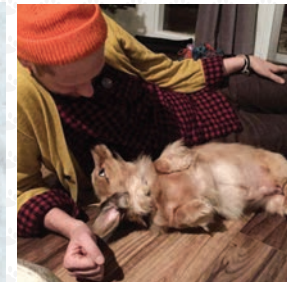
PRESLEY

Adopted December, 2015



TRIPP

Adopted February, 2016



NASH

Adopted December, 2015

We love hearing from MARL alumni! Please send photos and updates to ablaylock@marleague.org or message us on Facebook!



Heartworm Prevention And Treatment



Over the past year, we have seen a 25% increase in at-risk animals arriving at our doors. This includes a number of dogs that have been diagnosed with heartworm disease. In an effort to educate the community, Jessica Dugan, MARL's Medical Care Coordinator has answered some common questions about the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of heartworm disease.

What is Heartworm Disease?

"Heartworm disease is a serious condition caused by parasitic heartworms that live in the heart, lungs, and arteries of infected animals."

How is Heartworm Disease transmitted?

"Heartworms are transmitted via mosquitoes. When an infected mosquito bites an animal, that animal picks up a microfilaria (baby heartworms), causing a transfer of infective larvae to a new host. The larvae take around six months to develop into adult heartworms."

What are the effects of Heartworm Disease?

"The effects of heartworm disease can take months to develop and are more aggressive in active dogs, dogs with a large number of heartworms, and dogs with other preexisting health problems. Common symptoms of heartworm disease include:

- Coughing
- Labored breathing
- Fatigue after activity
- Decreased appetite

If the heartworms remain untreated more severe symptoms may result. These include heart failure, fluid build-up around the heart and abdomen, and death."

What does Heartworm treatment consist of?

"Heartworm treatment consists of months of antibiotics, steroid treatments, x-rays, blood work, hospitalization and multiple painful deep-muscle injections. During this time the activity of most heartworm positive dogs must be restricted and monitored."

Is Heartworm Disease preventable?

"YES! Treating heartworm disease in dogs can cost up to \$1,500 depending on the size of the dog and the severity of their condition. Preventing heartworm disease is only about \$95 per year! **The average consumer can afford heartworm prevention for fifteen years for the same cost as treating one heartworm positive animal.** The bottom line is that heartworm disease is 100% preventable and prevention is a much better option for your checkbook, and more importantly, for the health and well being of your pet!"



RAINA (shown above) is a beautiful 8-year-old Female, Shepherd/Lab Mix. Raina is currently being treated for heartworm disease. If you are interested in fostering or adopting Raina, please visit our website for more information! www.marleague.org

Low-cost options for pet care in our area:
 Project H.O.P.E | Pontiac
 All About Animals | Pontiac
 VIP Petcare Clinic | Visit www.vippetcare.com to find a location near you



MARL Loses A Hero



In October, 2015, the animals of Pontiac sustained a devastating loss. And MARL lost not only a friend, but a partner who was vital to the services that we provide to these animals. I would like to share with you who Pam Porteous was, and how both her life and death impacted MARL.

Pam was an employee of the Animal Care Network (ACN) a street team of mostly volunteers who provide support to animals in low-income areas in metro Detroit. In addition to her 9-5 with ACN, Pam devoted her life to aiding Pontiac's unwanted, neglected and abused animals. For more than 20 years she combed the streets of Pontiac seeking and assisting animals in need. She was on call 24/7. She was known and respected by the community, which often reached out to her. She knew and kept tabs on virtually every dog and cat within the city limits.

So when a dog arrived at MARL as a stray, we would promptly send a photo to Pam. When someone left a tortured cat on our doorstep overnight, we would call Pam. When a van pulled into our parking lot with four aggressive dogs on chains, Pam would arrive within minutes. When we received phone calls from concerned citizens notifying us that their neighbor's dog was left out in frigid temperatures we got the information to Pam. She was fearless and effective.

The key to Pam's impact was her capacity for building relationships within the community. She encouraged and

facilitated the vaccination and spay/neuter of animals, which MARL often funded. Responsible members of the community would reach out to her to take their animals if they could no longer care for them. She would be unrelenting in her efforts to remove animals from neglectful and abusive owners. And as a result, rather than setting them loose on the streets, selling them to dog fighters, abandoning them to die in a basement or chained to a tree, those owners would often call Pam when they were ready to give them up.

THE SURRENDER OF AN ANIMAL TO PAM WAS A MIRACLE. EVERY. SINGLE. TIME. IT WAS A MIRACLE.

In turn, when an animal was surrendered to her or she found a stray, she would very often bring it to MARL for shelter, medical care, socialization and an opportunity for adoption. In the year 2015 alone, 25% of the animals MARL adopted into loving homes arrived at the shelter through Pam's arms.



MARL was Pam's "home away from home", a place to warm up and use our computers. A place to take a breather from the whirlwind she experienced every day. A regular and welcome presence, she was family to us.

To those of us who are familiar with the extent of cruelty and abuse suffered by so many animals, the surrender of an animal to Pam was a miracle. Every. Single. Time. It was a miracle. And with Pam came the assurance that no matter where she took that animal next, it would be shown compassion, love and respect. It was one of "Pam's animals".

Then, on that day in October, the unthinkable happened. We received a call from the president of ACN with the shattering news that Pam had died. Just like that, she was gone. In that moment we all lost a beloved friend, a revered ally, a hero. But the loss was even more profound to the animals of Pontiac, who in that instant lost their tireless champion — their boots-on-the-ground guardian angel.

NOW WHAT?

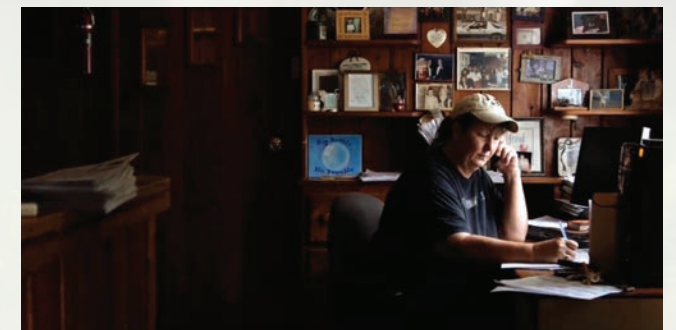
As we mourned this remarkable woman, we also resolved to do everything within our power to minimize the cruel consequences of her absence upon the animals in our community. We forged stronger relationships with ACN, Oakland County's animal control, and other animal outreach groups and volunteer teams who also provide care to the animals who are often forgotten. And we are working even more closely now with individuals in the community, striving to build relationships as Pam had done for so many years.

In the aftermath of Pam's death, more animals than ever have been arriving at our door in deplorable condition, desperately in need of the services that MARL can provide.

We want to assure you - our donors and supporters - that we are rising to the challenge of caring for the spiraling number of animals dependent upon us for their well-being. "Pam's animals", "Pontiac animals", owner-surrendered, dumped or unwanted animals - we are taking responsibility for them. Many are at extreme risk. We will not ignore their plight, nor will we turn our backs on their suffering. In our hearts we dedicate this work to Pam's memory. It cannot bring her back to us, but it keeps her close.

May you rest in peace, Pam. You are loved and missed.

-Magee Humes | Executive Director





The Gift Of Love

A gift to MARL is a thoughtful way to honor or memorialize someone you care about and make a meaningful contribution to the lives of the dogs and cats in southeast Michigan. Listed below are gifts made in honor or in memory of a loved one in the amount of \$20 or more. These gifts were received between September 16, 2015, and January 31, 2016.

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The Adventures of Tychus and Rachel

At MARL we are always striving to go above and beyond when it comes to getting to know our animals. Knowing the temperament, behavior and personality of our cats and dogs helps us place them in the best home possible. Sometimes, in order to get to know our dogs better, we take them on outings! This allows staff to experience what our dogs are like in a variety of situations and environments – information that is truly invaluable.



TYCHUS

Born September 2006 | Male | Coonhound Mix

“I have known this dog for a year and a half, and this outing has allowed me to see a side of him that I never have before. To say we had fun together would be an understatement! Tychus was polite, sweet and very well behaved during his visit. He will make a great companion!”

- Lena Winningham | Animal Care Coordinator

We have learned that Tychus:

- Is very relaxed during car rides.
- Will share his toys and play with other dogs.
- Loves to explore and go on hikes in the woods.
- Isn't as talkative in a home as he is at the shelter.
- Enjoys relaxing and sticking by your side.

Tychus is available for adoption at MARL! Visit www.marleague.org for more information.

RACHEL

Born June 2013 | Female | Cattle Dog/Pit Bull Terrier Mix

“Rachel is often overlooked by potential adopters because of her breed. I would encourage everyone to take a second look! There is so much more to Rachel than meets the eye. She is a genuinely happy girl who is full of life. Rachel has made such a big impact on me, and I hope that I have done the same for her. Her new family will be lucky to have such a great friend.”

- Carin Jones | Event Coordinator

We have learned that Rachel:

- Is slightly timid but warms up rather quickly.
- Will hop in bed for snuggles and belly rubs.
- Likes the company of other animals.
- Does well in a variety of public settings.
- Enjoys sitting on the couch watching squirrels out the window.

Shortly after this outing, Rachel was adopted into a loving home!



MARL's Foster Program Is Changing Lives

A quality foster program is extremely beneficial. The consistency that a dedicated caregiver can offer in a quiet, low-stress environment can make all the difference for some animals. Fostering provides our cats and dogs with more opportunities for socialization, exploration and individualized attention. Overall, fostering helps a rescued animal become more adoptable and more likely to find a loving, forever home!



HELLO, MY NAME IS THOR! I can tell you first hand that life at the shelter is not always easy. The noise and extremely busy days can be tough on a dog with anxiety, such as myself. This doesn't mean I am aggressive or mean...I just prefer living in a less hectic environment! Because of this, a wonderful foster family has agreed to let me crash on their couch for a while! Staff and volunteers took great care of me at the shelter, but now I can finally relax while I wait for my forever home.

Thor is a 7-year-old Male, Rhodesian Ridgeback/Mastiff Mix and is available for showing by appointment. Please contact MARL if you are interested in meeting Thor!

Becoming a foster allows you to experience first-hand how you can make an immediate and lasting impact on the life of an animal that needs your help. Interested in fostering? Fill out an application today!

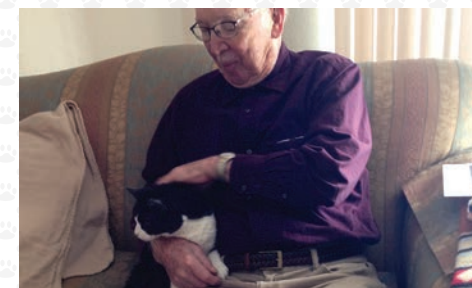
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Seniors For Seniors

This fall MARL introduced a pilot foster program aimed at placing senior cats in need of a home with senior citizens looking to share their life with a special friend. We are happy to announce that we have placed three fabulous senior cats into wonderful, loving homes!

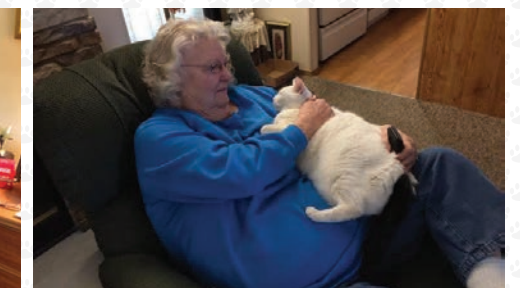
If you know someone who could benefit from this program please contact Kim Pichler at (248) 335-9290 | kpichler@marleague.org



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2016 YAPPY HOUR

• THURSDAY, JUNE 2ND •

Join us for the 7th annual Yappy Hour – the only happy hour in Metro Detroit where your dog is welcome!

You don't want to miss this year's Americana-inspired celebration! Enjoy a silent auction, cocktails & hors d'oeuvres, gourmet dog treats, red carpet photos and so much more! There's something for everyone at Yappy Hour!

The 2016 Yappy Hour to benefit the Michigan Animal Rescue League will take place on Thursday, June 2, in the stunning Rock Garden at Meadow Brook Hall.

In 2015, Yappy Hour welcomed well over 300 two-legged guests and more than 100 four-legged friends. 2016 marks the seventh year of Yappy Hour, which continues to grow and gain momentum, making it the event of the season. Guests love the opportunity to mix and mingle with their best friend by their side. Funds raised at this event directly benefit the dogs and cats of southeast Michigan who are in desperate need of a second chance.

Contact Carin Jones at (231)445-1442 or cjones@marleague.org if you have questions or would like additional information.



AN OPPORTUNITY TO TRULY MAKE A DIFFERENCE



"All animal causes are important to me, but this event holds a special place in my heart. I have been on the Yappy Hour Host Committee since its inception and have co-chaired the event for the past three years. Watching this event evolve into what it is today has been a wonderful experience. If you've never been to a Yappy Hour, I can't begin to tell you what a unique and fun party this is! It is so great seeing all the dogs by their owner's side, enjoying a nice summer evening in the gorgeous Meadow Brook Hall Rock Garden... all while raising money for MARL! I look forward to seeing you at the party!"

Cara Krupa | 2016 Yappy Hour Co-Chair (Shown left with family)



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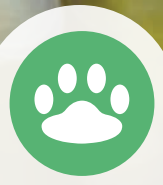
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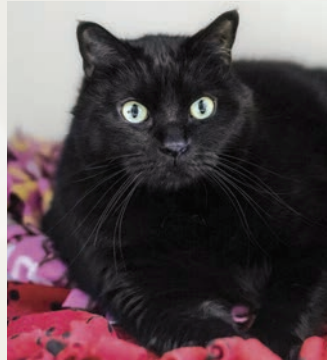
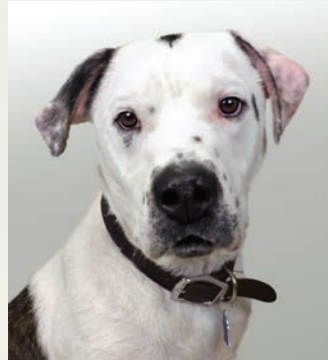


Ready For Adoption

ACE

Born January 2015, Male, Pit Bull Terrier Mix, 58 lbs.

Ace is the definition of sweetheart! Staff and volunteers can't get enough of Ace! He is extremely social, making friends with everyone he meets. Ace is gentle, playful, and knows how to sit for a treat. He is very eager to please and will make a loyal, loving companion for someone very lucky!



RAMONE

Born July 2010, Male, Domestic Short Hair - Black

Ramone spent a few weeks as an unofficial MARL office cat in an effort to help him lose a few pounds. During this time, staff and volunteers truly got to know what a character he is! Ramone is playful, adventurous and a slight bit naughty. He is an awesome cat with a great personality.

PRANCER

Born March 2015, Male, Great Dane/

Rhodesian Ridgeback Mix, 75 lbs. Prancer is a big puppy with an even bigger personality. He is spunky, friendly and loves to play! Prancer has been working with a trainer to learn some basic commands and is very intelligent. All he needs is a nice, patient family willing to work with him. He will provide a lifetime of love and entertainment in return!



GRETEL

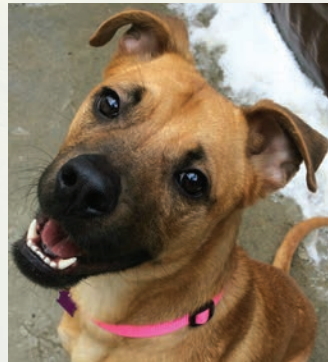
Born June 2013, Female, Domestic Short Hair - Tabby

Gretel came to MARL with her brother Hansel, who has since been adopted. She has been doing wonderfully on her own and is coming out of her shell more each day! Spend just a few minutes with Gretel and she will kindly ask you for attention. Once you start to pet her the rest is history! She will want to become your new best friend.

SAMANTHA

Born September 2014, Female Shepherd/Pit Bull Mix, 46 lbs.

Samantha is a beautiful dog with a heart of gold. Not only is she kind and affectionate, she is also full of life! She loves to run around the yard as fast as she can. Samantha will come when called and is extremely well behaved. She is beautiful inside and out! Samantha deserves a wonderful place to call home.



TALLULAH

Born February 2011, Female, Domestic Long Hair - Dilute Calico

Tallulah is a sweet girl who is a tad mischievous! She can be sweet or sassy depending on her mood... one thing is certain, she will never be boring! She is a glamorous girl who loves to be petted and admired. If you're looking for a feisty feline companion, Tallulah is your girl!

GRACIE

Born February 2012, Female Coonhound Mix, 50 pounds

Gracie is sweet, extremely friendly and loves to be the center of attention! She loves chew toys, running around the MARL yard and cuddling with staff and volunteers. Gracie is always exploring and loves to go for walks. Whether you're going on an adventure or having a lazy day on the couch, Gracie will be right by your side.



OSCAR

Born February 2010, Male, Domestic Short Hair - Black & White

Front Declawed Oscar is a big, handsome boy with lots of love to give! He is a super soft and snuggly guy who loves affection. Oscar is sweet, mellow and easy-going. Staff and volunteers have wasted no time falling in love with Oscar and we know you will too!



Thank You!



Erin Johnson for allowing us to sell her adorable "Detroit City" tote bags and keep ALL of the profit! We were able to raise \$1,100!

Alcott Elementary for raising and donating \$300 from "Dress Your Way Day!"

West Bloomfield Hills Middle School Students raised and donated \$260!

Pet Supplies Plus - Rochester for raising and donating \$234 from Photos with Santa!

PetPeople of Bloomfield and Birmingham for collecting \$161 in donations through Pennies for Pets and collecting additional donations through Hearts for Paws!

Chloe Claire Photography and PetPeople for raising and donating \$378 during the Holiday Photo sessions in December!

RC Photography and Commerce Village Vet for collecting and donating \$90 from Photos with Santa!

KEEP Collective Designer, Laura Leidlein, for donating 25% of her sales from an October MARL fundraiser, totaling \$116!

Franklin Village Boutique for hosting a Sip & Shop night and raising \$200 to benefit MARL!

Everyone that shops at Kroger, AmazonSmiles.com, Bravelets.com and Fresh Step. In 2015 your efforts helped MARL collect \$4,554, over 200# in litter vouchers and cat toys!

2015 Holiday Wish List Locations and our MARL volunteers who managed all 59 locations!



Everyone that donated to the HOUR Detroit online challenge. We were able to raise \$11,930!

Clubhouse BFD & Lagunitas Brewing Company for hosting a fabulous fundraiser to benefit MARL! We were able to raise over \$730!

Shift Digital Solutions for hosting an employee blanket-making night, and collecting food for the cats and dogs of MARL!

Mrs. Bokshan's 7th Grade Class at Mason Middle School for making tug-toys and blankets for our dogs! (Shown bottom left)

Our Lady of the Lakes, 3rd Grade Religious Education Class for making blankets to keep our animals warm this winter! (Shown middle left)

Linda Kahn Gale for being a very special volunteer. Linda funded a renovation to add a door to be used by dog walkers. This helps avoid unwanted traffic and hazards in our adoption center, thereby making dog walking a much safer experience for everyone!

Monique Roehl regularly volunteers in the cat rooms and takes incredible photos of our cats for the MARL website.

The Academy of Sacred Heart | Middle School for Girls for putting together a mother-daughter service day to benefit MARL! (Shown top left)

Union Adworks for donating their services and designing various marketing materials for MARL throughout the year, including this newsletter!



Mark Your Calendars!

Adoption Event | 2nd Saturday of each month | 12pm-3pm | Pet Supplies Plus | 64920 Van Dyke Rd, Washington, MI 48095

Adoption Event | 1st & 3rd Sunday each month | 12pm-3pm | Premier Pet Supply | 63 Auburn Rd, Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo | Friday, May 14th & Saturday May, 15th | 8450 W. 10 Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48067

Springfield Farmers Market | Sunday, August 14th | 10am-2pm | 12000 Davisburg Rd, Davisburg, MI 48350

Yappy Hour | Thursday, June 2nd | 480 S Adams Rd, Rochester, MI 48309

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