



The MARI Report



The Power of Pawsitivity

*Michigan Animal Rescue League
Fall / Winter 2016*

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ABOUT MARL

The Michigan Animal Rescue League (MARL) is one of southeast Michigan's most established shelters, serving the animals and community since 1953. It is MARL's mission 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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If you wish you could do more to continue our mission, YOU CAN! Include MARL in your will. Your bequest will ensure that MARL can continue to serve the community. More information can be found on our website.

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Intakes at MARL are up 52% since 2014. While this is a significant and important fact, I'd like to really define what an intake is. Our definition of an intake as it pertains to our operations and statistics is any animal that we accept into our facility. But if you look

at each intake individually you may see a dog who is being surrendered by the only family he has ever known. You will see him try to follow his family as they leave and you will see the door close in front of him as he is left behind. You might also see a box that appeared at the front door overnight with hungry and cold kittens inside. You might see a cat who was abandoned when her family moved and has been on her own until neighbors brought her to us when they found her injured. Each one has a story and each one needs help.

With your support, we are able to have a caring and skilled member of our staff at the other end of the leash when that dog is left alone. They can take the time necessary to comfort him and give him a medical exam. Your support allows us to feed the hungry kittens immediately and provide safety and warmth. Your support gives us the ability to take the abandoned cat to the vet so that she doesn't have to suffer another single day.

More animals means more food, more medication, more laundry, more vet care, more cleaning, more time to tend to injuries, remove fleas, give vaccines, give walks, give comfort... But it also means we need to see more adoptions. We rely on adoptions to free up space for new intakes. Throughout this newsletter you will see many ways to help; please consider all the ways in which you can personally make a difference. And in this era of technology and social media, please consider sharing our adoptable animals with your network of friends and family. Your support of MARL has never been more important than it is right now.

- Magee Humes

WISH LIST & NEEDS

- Wet dog food - all brands
- Wet cat food - all brands
- Dry cat food - Purina Cat Chow (blue bag)
- Dry kitten food - Purina Kitten Chow (yellow bag)
- Cat toys - all types!
- Cardboard cat scratchers
- Nylabones
- Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
- Laundry detergent
- Bleach
- Paper towels
- Copy paper, paper clips and other office supplies
- HP Ink: 950 Black and 951 Color



Bunny's Journey

A STORY CLOSE TO OUR HEARTS



Bunny arrived at MARL in 2006 with a fractured rear leg. Because the damage was so severe; the decision was made, with the advice of specialized veterinarians, to amputate her leg. It was MARL's belief this would give her the best quality of life going forward. However, we found that fixing her leg was a much easier task than fixing her spirit. She feared anything and anyone new and her distrust of people ran deep.

Bunny took up residence in the kitchen at MARL where she felt safe and could get used to new situations in her own time. We loved her and cared for her with all we had. Although nothing is better than a loving home, we had collectively and somewhat reluctantly resigned ourselves to the fact that Bunny would spend the rest of her days in the MARL kitchen.

It took the interest, dedication and expertise of two very special volunteers to change Bunny's story. Now, 10 years after she arrived at MARL with that fractured leg and broken spirit, we can say that Bunny is living happily, comfortably and peacefully in a wonderful home. Bunny stops in every once in a while but she makes it clear that she is only hopping in for a visit!

"Watching Bunny adjust to life in our home has been very rewarding. Her tail never stops wagging! She loves exploring around the house, going for car rides, chewing on her leather bone and getting belly rubs. Sometimes, she just breaks out into playful hops and runs up and down the hallway. We smile every evening when we are settled in and we hear Bunny snoring. Caring for such a special dog has brought us so much joy."

-Kim Hurley & Robin Wright

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Recently Adopted

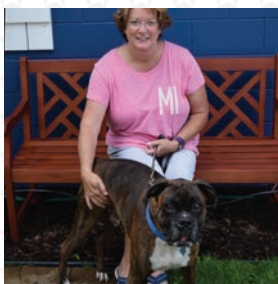


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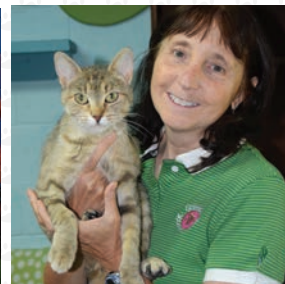
Tallulah was brought to MARL in August of 2012 as a stray. Staff and volunteers could tell right away that she wanted to be the queen! She was young and beautiful, but could be a little sassy at times. We appreciated her spunky personality but it was not translating well with potential adopters. Every time a cat carrier entered the room Tallulah would always hop right in, hoping it was her turn to go home. We kept telling her someday she would get a carrier ride of her very own. Three years later, that day finally came. In July, Tallulah's long time friend and MARL volunteer, Debra Brice, officially adopted her. Way to go, Tallulah!

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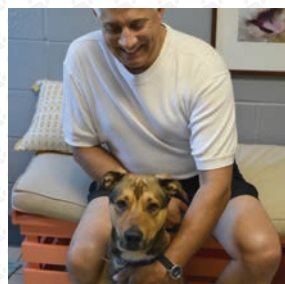
Tychus was transferred to MARL in December of 2014 from a nearby animal shelter. The months passed and Tychus saw a lot of potential adopters walk past his kennel. Our staff began to wonder why no one was showing interest in Tychus. He was such a wonderful dog! Eager to learn more about our friend, a staff member took Tychus home for the weekend. You may remember reading his story in the Spring/Summer 2016 edition of the MARL Report! Shortly after this outing our dedicated volunteer, Laura Morris, decided to stop in and visit with Tychus. It had been a while since she saw him last and, like us, wanted to get to know him better. Laura began taking Tychus for walks during her lunch breaks and soon enough she was taking him home for sleepovers. In April 2016, Laura realized she couldn't live without Tychus and took him home forever. Way to go, Tychus!



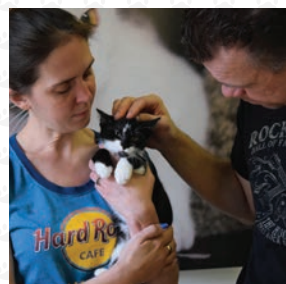
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Adopted July, 2016



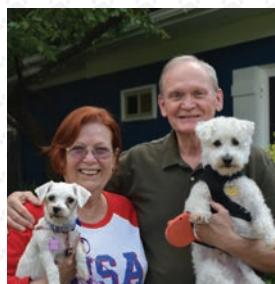
SAHARA
Adopted August, 2016



MAX
Adopted August, 2016



STAN
Adopted August, 2016



GRETA
Adopted August, 2016

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



Going The Extra Mile

When Chuck and Symphony arrived at MARL, they tested positive for Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV). Despite our efforts to provide education about FIV, potential adopters continued to pass Chuck and Symphony by. After they had been with us for nearly a year, it was looking as though they would be MARL guests for quite some time.

After receiving this great news, Chuck and Symphony promptly packed their bags and headed west! Two MARL employees traveled with them and made sure they were settled comfortably into their new accommodations. They now live in cage-free rooms with outdoor patios where they can watch the lizards and wild turkeys scurry by.



"Watching Symphony explore her new surroundings for the first time was a moment I will never forget. I could tell right away that she would make herself right at home." – Kim Pichler, Cat Care Coordinator

Our staff knew that these two delightful cats deserved a more accommodating location as they waited for their forever home, so MARL made the decision to ask for help from our animal welfare partner, Best Friends Animal Society (BFAS) in Utah. BFAS has an entire building devoted to FIV-positive cats, and after a couple of months on a waiting list, Chuck and Symphony were accepted into Best Friends' FIV-positive community.

Shortly after their arrival, www.bestfriends.org published an article entitled "Cat helps correct feline FIV stigma," featuring Symphony's photo front and center! While it was difficult to say goodbye to our friends, we are happy to see Chuck and Symphony acting as ambassadors for FIV-positive cats everywhere.

"I had a very special bond with Chuck. While sending him off to Utah was bittersweet, I can lay my head down every night knowing I helped give him a better life." – Audrey Blaylock, Marketing Coordinator.

FIV Education

In an effort to educate the community, Jessica Dugan, MARL's Medical Care Coordinator answers common questions about FIV.

What is FIV?

Feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) is a retrovirus that affects 1.5-3% of healthy cats in the United States. FIV compromises cats' immune systems, making it more difficult for them to fight off the normal viruses and bacteria in their environment. FIV-positive cats should have regular check-ups with their veterinarian and any signs of illness should be tended to right away.

How is FIV transmitted?

FIV is most commonly transmitted through deep bite wounds and is most common among unaltered outdoor cats. FIV can occasionally pass from an infected mother to her kittens during the birthing process or through nursing.

Can FIV-positive cats live as long as "normal" cats?
YES! FIV-positive cats do not require medication and can live long, healthy lives! FIV-positive cats can also live among non-FIV cats as long as they get along with each other. A minor scuffle is safe as long as no deep punctures result. Cats with FIV are one of the most likely groups to be overlooked in a shelter, often waiting for months to find forever homes. With education and proper care, FIV-positive cats can (and do) make wonderful life-long companions!

More information on FIV is available from the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine | www2.vet.cornell.edu

Photo of Symphony by Molly Wald and Kurt Budde



Pet Nation Renovation



BIG NEWS!

The Michigan Animal Rescue League is going to be featured in Animal Planet's new series, *Pet Nation Renovation* this fall! The Q&A below will fill you in on our exciting journey!

How did it all get started?

MARL: Animal Planet reached out to MARL in early February looking for an established shelter that was doing great work but whose facility could use some improvements. Operating in a 63-year-old building, we were eager to hear more about this opportunity. After a long interview process, MARL was selected in May and jumped into action quickly.

Why was MARL selected?

AP: MARL was chosen after searching the Metro Detroit area high and low for the most deserving and reputable shelter that was also in need of a renovation. MARL is, without a doubt, the shelter that best fits this description.

MARL is an incredible shelter that specializes in hands-on, individualized care for all of its animals. They take in hundreds of dogs and cats every year and do an amazing job

of matching adopters with the right pets. That said, our team of experts knew that we could increase their adoption rates while also making each animal's stay more comfortable.

Where did the animals go during the renovations?

MARL: All 150 animals had to be out of the shelter for a three-week period beginning late June. We also had to figure out a way to continue other important services during this period, like taking in animals in need, showing and adopting animals into new families, and distributing food to those in need. Though Animal Planet was presenting a huge opportunity for MARL, our first concern was the well-being of the animals in our care.

It was an incredible effort by staff and couldn't have been done without the help of our volunteers. We contacted local boarding facilities and made arrangements for each of our animals. Our volunteers and staff opened their homes for fostering. We rented temporary office space, serving as a location for the public to bring animals in and to distribute food to those in the need. Staff was assigned to each boarding facility daily and continued to socialize and visit with our animals during the transition so that they still had familiar faces and extra care while in their temporary locations.



What renovations were done to the shelter?

MARL: Animal Planet heard us loud and clear when we asked for new kennels. They installed state-of-the-art kennels in place of our old chain link system. They gave the outside of the building and our lobby a cosmetic face lift, renovated the cage-free cat room, beautified the backyard and added a "real-life room". Of course, we weren't allowed to see any of it until the big reveal so it was a complete surprise to most of the staff and volunteers.

What is Pet Nation Renovation? Is this the first season?

AP: This is the first season of *Pet Nation Renovation*. In this two-part special, a deserving shelter receives a complete transformation, which viewers will be able to see from inception to completion. Hosted by animal expert and trainer Dave Salmoni and featuring the renovation experts from *Project Pawstive*, *The Pet Nation Renovation* team will transform this deserving animal shelter so that it can better serve all of the dogs and cats that need their care. Throughout the journey, Dave will talk to the inspiring staff, showcase the personalities of the pets, and work day and night alongside the contractors until the renovation is complete.

You can see it all come together when the episode of *Pet Nation Renovation* airs on Animal Planet late fall.

This project was made possible with the help of Ace Hardware, Delta Faucet, Quicken Loans, Project Pawsitive, K. Mason Building & Remodeling and some really incredible volunteers!

MEET THE STAR

When Animal Planet asked to feature a MARL cat on *Pet Nation Renovation*, we knew that Millie would be the perfect star! Beautiful Millie is sweet, playful and just the tiniest bit sassy. She has been a favorite of staff and volunteers since she arrived at the shelter over two years ago. If you would like to meet this special girl, stop by and visit her in our cage-free cat room. She may even give you her autograph!

WAY TO GO, HONEY!

Petunia, one of the dogs to be featured on *Pet Nation Renovation*, bonded instantly to host, Dave Salmoni.

Dave's wife and son visited MARL to meet Petunia before officially adopting her on July 9th. Petunia, now "Honey", is living the good life with Dave and his family in their home in Canada. Way to go, Honey!



The newest member of the Salmoni family. #honey bear #AdoptDontShop





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 February 1, 2016, and July 31, 2016.

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The Love of Lilac

SENIORS FOR SENIORS

Last fall, MARL introduced Seniors for Seniors, a pilot program aimed at placing senior cats in need of a home with senior citizens looking to share their life with a special friend.

“My father Edmund always had a strong love for animals. Shortly before my father’s transition to assisted living, his long-time cat passed away. We then became aware of MARL’s program, Seniors for Seniors. Before long, we were introduced to Lilac. Her calm and gentle demeanor made her the perfect match.

My father had advancing Alzheimer’s disease and his memories were quickly fading. Lilac immediately took to my father and would spend many hours on his lap providing sweet companionship. His face would light up with a smile when she would jump up. This was a comfort to us as well, to see the special interactions between them.

What my father’s memory was unable to retain, I believe that his heart and spirit could, both of which were touched by the love of Lilac. Love given, and love received.

Within the final weeks that my father was in hospice, Lilac was a constant presence. She would lie next to him, nudging his hand when he could no longer reach and licking his hand to let him know she was near.

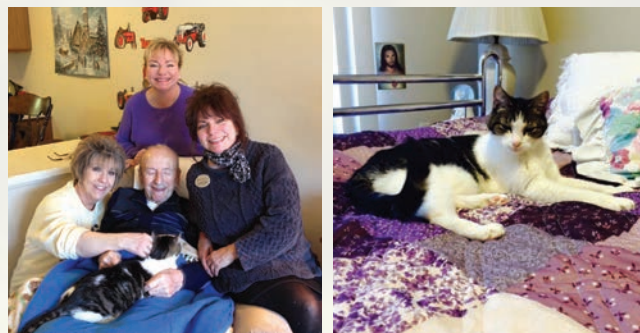
She would knowingly look at him, keeping vigil like a guardian angel. I specifically remember one night, Lilac actually draping herself somewhat awkwardly across his legs not appearing to think of her own comfort, but to provide a comforting hug to my father. That image remains so clear in my mind.

This precious kitty gave love and comfort to my father in his final days. For that, my family will always be grateful.

I continue to foster Lilac who has quietly walked her way into our lives, leaving her paw prints on our hearts forever.”

-Suzanne Zeglen

Pets can help seniors live longer, healthier and happier lives. They can also provide a sense of purpose and a reason to stay active. Our senior cats are just waiting for that sunny window and a gentle hand to provide them with a better life.



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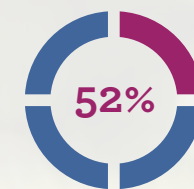
If you know someone who could benefit from this program, please contact Kim Pichler at kpichler@marleague.org



Power in Numbers

ALL OF US. MAKING A DIFFERENCE.
ONE ANIMAL AT A TIME.

The power of collective support can open the door to a better future for the animals (right here in southeast Michigan) who have nowhere else to turn. Be a part of making the difference! Here’s how:



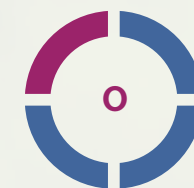
Increase in the number of animals arriving at our doors since 2014



Number of animals in need expected to arrive at our doors between now and the end of the year



Average cost of initial care for one animal who arrives in need



Number of animals that we would have to turn away if we can count on your help



	Donate \$200. SAVE A LIFE.
	Donate \$200, tell a friend who donates \$200. SAVE TWO LIVES.
	Use our simple fundraising tools to encourage the great people in your life to come together and give a second chance to the animals suffering right here in our community. Ask them to donate what they can. The power of your voice raises \$800 and SAVES FOUR LIVES.
	Do all of the above, raise \$1200 and SAVE SIX LIVES.

We will share stories and videos along the way of animals arriving at the shelter so you can see firsthand the difference you are making. Learn more and join us by visiting www.marleague.org.



2016 YAPPY HOUR

The Michigan Animal Rescue League's Yappy Hour is the only cocktail party in southeast Michigan where your dog is welcome... and this year's event was bigger and better than ever! The Americana-inspired evening welcomed over 300 two-legged guests and 120 canine companions to the beautiful Rock Garden at Meadow Brook Hall.

The event featured live music from Brenda Joy & Company, an incredible silent auction, red carpet photos by Independent Expressions, photo booth pictures with your dog, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, gourmet dog treats compliments of The Urban Dog, and too much more to list!

Petey (shown below) was one of our adoptable four-legged guests this year. His loving personality and good looks caught the eye of a very special family that evening and within days of Yappy Hour, he was adopted into a loving, forever home!

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and guests, the 2016 Yappy Hour raised over \$100,000, making it MARL's most successful fundraiser to date!

MARL would like to thank the Yappy Hour Co-Chairs, Cara Krupa and Briana Lipscomb, for helping put together a tremendous event this year. This was Cara's 7th year of involvement with Yappy Hour!

Special thanks to Michelle Street, the Detroit Marriott Troy, Kim Hurley and Robin Wright, the Yappy Hour Host Committee, and our many hard-working event volunteers. We couldn't have done it without you!

Thank you again to all!



SAVE THE DATE

The 8th Annual Yappy Hour will be held June 1, 2017 at Meadow Brook Hall. Plans are already underway! If you are interested in helping with the 2017 Yappy Hour, please contact Carin Jones at cjones@marleague.org.

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SHOUT OUTS *to* SHELTER PETS

"Shout Outs to Shelter Pets" is a new year-round program that brings the support of the community directly to the animals in need! Here's how it works:

- Find a Shout Outs to Shelter Pets station at one of our many partnering locations, including Pet Supplies Plus in White Lake & Rochester Hills, Premier Pet Supply in Rochester Hills & Beverly Hills, The Urban Dog, Dubin Cleaners and more!
- Select an envelope from the display with a picture of the dog or cat that catches your attention.
- Fill out the donation card and mail your donation along with your Shout Out to that animal and its friends at the shelter.

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Kroger Community Rewards

Link your Kroger Plus Rewards card to MARL and Kroger will

This exciting new program gives you the opportunity to contribute to the daily care of the animals at MARL while also sending words of love and encouragement. Your Shout Out will be on display at the shelter to serve as a reminder of all the people out there rooting for the dogs and cats at MARL awaiting a second chance.

Your monetary donation will help us meet the costs of medical care, socialization and basic needs for the animal.

For a list of partnering locations visit our website, www.marleague.org.

If you are interested in hosting a Shout Outs station, please contact Carin Jones at cjones@marleague.org or 248-335-9290.

make donations to our organization based on your purchases throughout the year! Just visit the Kroger Community Rewards website to create a free online account or login with your existing account. Search for and link MARL (ID: 91656) to your Community Rewards within your account profile. Easy!

If you have gently-used leashes, collars, blankets and toys that your pet is no longer using, the cats and dogs of MARL will gladly use them! All donations can be brought to our shelter located at 790 Featherstone, Pontiac, MI 48342.



Thank You!



Chelsea Schell for donating her time to photograph MARL's 7th annual Yappy Hour!

John Goldstein for collecting supplies and donations in lieu of gifts at his bar mitzvah, raising over \$750!

Dorothy Greenstrand for donating her beautiful hand-made quilts to our animals.

Brownie Troop #71622 for creating adorable fleece blankets to keep our animals warm and cozy!

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

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

Pet Supplies Plus Washington, Rochester and Northville for hosting offsite adoption events.

West Maple Elementary School for raising \$1,150 at their Talking Zoo Fundraiser.

Volunteers that helped with MARL's recent building renovation!

PetPeople of Birmingham for collecting and donating \$2,674 from the Hearts with Paws campaign.

Villas of Shelby Senior Living for donating much-needed supplies!

Kurt Mason of K Mason Building & Remodeling for being an instrumental part of our Animal Planet Renovation and for his continued support of our organization!

Chuck Kummer of Kummer Construction for his wisdom, guidance and support.



A Loving Farewell



It is with heavy hearts that we had to say goodbye to a long-time MARL friend and volunteer, Stella Moulton, who passed away on July 28, 2016. Stella came to MARL in 2011 as an adopter, but became much more involved after she retired. Stella volunteered in the cat rooms and quickly became a familiar face to the two- and four-legged members of the MARL family. She helped at off-site events and fundraisers and was a true believer in our mission and the work that we do. Many of our animals enjoyed a better life because of Stella and her work at MARL.

She will be greatly missed by staff, other volunteers and most of all, the animals.



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MILEY

Female, Born March 2008

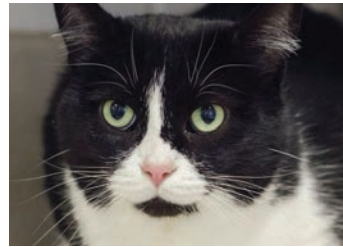
Miley is a gorgeous girl with a personality to match. Just give Miley a little attention and she will let out her mighty "purr!" She is social, affectionate and will make a wonderful companion for one lucky family!



ZEEK

Male, Born April 2009

Zeek was found alone outside. We could tell he was used to humans because he made instant friends with everyone! Zeek was diagnosed with diabetes and has recently started a daily treatment with special food. He is a friendly and loving boy.



ROXY

Female, Born March 2011

Roxy is the definition of a sweetheart! She was extremely shy at first but with a little extra TLC from staff and volunteers, her personality began to shine. Roxy is now extremely friendly and falls in love with everyone she meets!



HENLEY

Male, Born June 2013

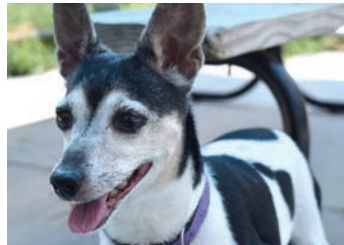
Henley is a big, handsome cat with lots of love to give! He is mellow, easy-going, soft and snuggly. Staff and volunteers have wasted no time falling in love with Henley and we know you will too!



WILLIE

**Male, Pit-Bull Terrier Mix,
Born May 2015**

Willie is a sweet, loving guy who wants to play and cuddle all day long. His tail is always wagging! Willie walks extremely well on a leash and has great manners in the car. He can even sit for a treat! What's not to love?



SHIRLEY

**Female, Jack Russell Terrier Mix,
Born August 2006**

Shirley is a smart, friendly girl who likes to be close to people. She loves spending time in the MARL office, greeting staff and volunteers with her friendly smile and wagging tail. If you're looking for a good-natured dog, consider Shirley!



BELLA

**Female, Lab/Pit-Bull Terrier Mix,
Born August 2013**

Bella is sweet, friendly and playful. This special girl enjoys playing with other dogs at the shelter and going for walks. She is the perfect combination of playful and affectionate!



DAISY

**Female, Lab/Border Collie Mix,
Born May 2007**

Daisy is quite the social butterfly! She loves to cuddle, play in the water and show off her good looks to staff and volunteers. When she's ready for some attention she will gently nudge you with her nose. It is adorable!

Interested in adopting from MARL? Visit our website, www.marleague.org for an up-to-date list of our adorable, adoptable cats and dogs!