



The MARI Report



See What
Makes Us
A Different
Breed of Shelter

Michigan Animal Rescue League
Fall/Winter 2018

Read more about our cover dogs inside!



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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ON THE COVER

Meet our cover dogs, Sam and Ruby D! Sam is a MARL alumni and Ruby D is also a rescue. Thank you to our special donor, who won this cover feature at Yappy Hour! Want to see your pet on the cover of the MARL Report? Be sure to attend the 10th annual Yappy Hour and bid at the silent auction for your chance!

LET'S GET SOCIAL!

 Be sure to LIKE the Michigan Animal Rescue League Facebook page for the latest shelter news and updates, including adoptable animals, recent adoptions, upcoming events and more!

 Can't get enough of our adorable, adoptable cats and dogs? Follow @mar_league on Instagram!

MEET THE COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER



If you have called or visited the shelter lately, you have probably had the pleasure of connecting with Audrey, MARL's Communications Manager. Audrey joined the team just over three years ago, and in that short time her leadership skills have benefited MARL in countless ways. The shelter environment can prove to be challenging, as emotions often run high and days can be fast-paced, but Audrey's ability to connect with people and her positive energy makes her an outstanding leader as she oversees our front desk. Most of all, her dedication to the animals truly embodies the spirit of MARL, a different breed of shelter. If you haven't already, stop in and say hello. She'll probably be the smiling face at the front desk with a cat by her side!

WISH LIST AND NEEDS

Wet dog food | all brands
Wet cat food | all brands
Dry cat food | Purina Cat Chow (blue bag)
Dry dog food | Purina One SmartBlend (red bag)
Cat toys | all types
Clorox disinfecting wipes
HE laundry detergent
Bleach
Paper towels
Clay clumping cat litter
Gently used or new harnesses, leashes and collars | all sizes
Dog toys and chews | all types
Copy paper
HP Ink | 952 Black/Color and 950 Black/951 Color
MARL's wish list is now online! Visit www.amazon.com to send much-needed items directly to our shelter.



Letter From The Executive Director



IF YOU HAVE BEEN TO MARL LATELY, YOU'VE PROBABLY NOTICED THAT WE ARE BURSTING AT THE SEAMS. That is, if you could even find a parking spot! The increasing demands for our services – which include dramatically-increased animal intakes and adoptions – are really challenging our overcrowded and deteriorating 65+year-old building. We have the ability to reach more animals and save more lives but the

physical constraints and outdated systems of our current building won't allow it. The only thing standing in our way of saving more dogs and cats is our outdated facility.

SO WE ARE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THAT MARL HAS ACQUIRED A PARCEL OF LAND IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO OUR CURRENT PROPERTY! We are moving forward with building renovation and expansion plans while ramping up for a capital campaign. This is an extremely important and exciting time for MARL and the animals that we care for.

Though we are in the early planning stages, I want you to know that this will not be an ordinary shelter renovation. MARL is a Different Breed of Shelter. Every inch of space, every decision, every dollar will be laser-focused on reaching a newly-attainable level of care for our dogs and cats.

Today, MARL operates within 5,400 square feet. We plan to increase the building space to approximately 12,000 square feet. This purposeful, state-of-the-art facility will enable us to provide a more comfortable environment for our animals, thereby shortening their time to adoption. We will focus on attributes that directly benefit the animals such as proper quarantine and air exchange to reduce the spread of disease, an updated floor plan to provide a quieter environment to help reduce stress, and flexible areas where special-needs animals can receive the specialized care they need. We will pay attention to multipurpose rooms so that volunteers have a space where they can work with animals, proper meet-and-greet areas for potential adopters to comfortably meet animals, and, of course, a larger parking lot to accommodate our adopters, visitors and volunteers.

This is the time for MARL to take this giant step forward for the animals and we can't do it without you. You will be hearing much more about this exciting endeavor as we move forward. Together, we will make this happen.

- Magee Humes



Shelter Snapshots

Working in the world of animal welfare can be unpredictable, challenging, rewarding, and everything in between. It's a hard job, but our team of staff and volunteers are focused on providing the best care we can to as many animals as possible.

These shelter snapshots show you what a typical (or not so typical!) day in the life at MARL looks like.



Grooming can be a big task, especially with dogs like Zowee! At MARL, we want to help all of our animals feel and look their best. As a result, dog and cat fur is a common fashion accessory for our staff.

ZOWEE, ADOPTED MAY, 2017



At the end of each day, the staff does a quick head count in our cage-free cat room. If our count comes up short, we always remember to check the cabinets and highest perches!

VERONICA, ADOPTED SEPTEMBER, 2018



Don't you wish you had a cat or dog hanging out in your workplace? MARL's office cat, Pepper, is always bringing a smile to our faces, especially on hectic days.

PEPPER, MARL OFFICE CAT



When animals first come to MARL they are often nervous, like Rocco. Our staff helps these new friends feel comfortable, which sometimes means working with a dog on their lap all day!

ROCCO, ADOPTED AUGUST, 2018



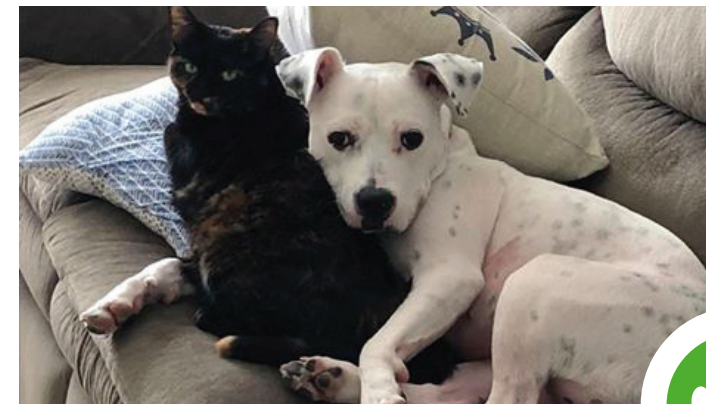
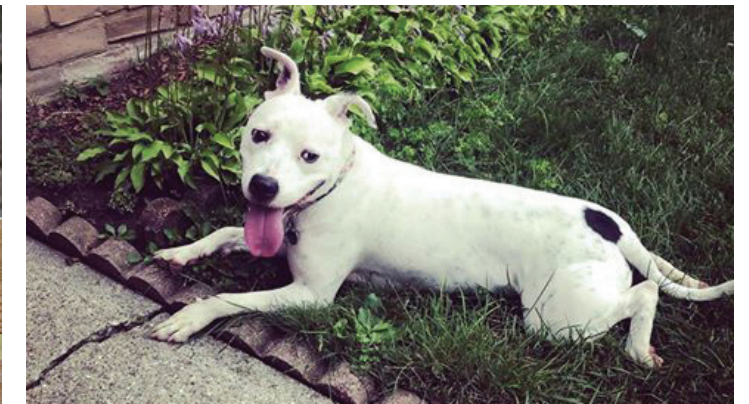
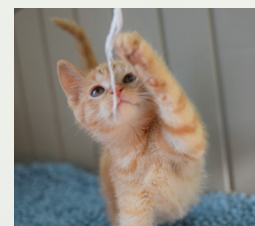
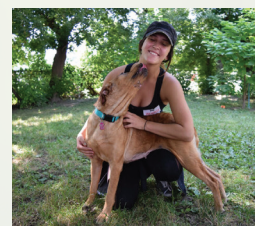
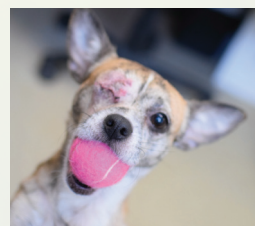
Getting our animals ready to go to their forever homes is an incredibly rewarding moment for our staff. While we miss our friends, we are always happy to see them off to bigger and better things!

LALA, ADOPTED MAY, 2018



Socializing with our animals is a top priority. While at MARL, our animals have exercise time, snuggle time and, most importantly, quality time with people who love them.

MARTIN, ADOPTED FEBRUARY, 2018



Cali's Story

Cali was brought to MARL in September of 2017. She was extremely underweight and her body was covered in sores, but what stood out most about Cali's condition was her broken spirit. It was clear that her fear of people ran deep.

Cali would not walk on a leash, she would not eat, she would not go outside, and she would sink to the floor in fear at even the smallest sound. Though the staff worked patiently with her every day, it was apparent that the busy shelter environment would not benefit her in her recovery.

Thankfully, one of MARL's dedicated volunteers stepped in and took Cali into her home as a foster. It wasn't long before we saw dramatic improvements. Instead of cowering in fear at the touch of a human, she welcomed attention and belly rubs. She enjoyed leisurely walks and learned that toys meant fun and playtime. She figured out her favorite food and quickly became a picky eater. In short, she started to be a dog again. She continued to improve in the comfort of her foster home,

patiently awaiting the day she would find a forever family of her own.

Six months passed, and one day a young couple came to the shelter interested in adopting a dog. They weren't quite sure what they were looking for, but the MARL staff listened to their needs and quickly suggested Cali. Within moments of meeting her, the couple knew she was the one. On April 20th, 2018, Cali finally had a family of her own. She left the shelter no longer in fear, but ready to take on the world and her next great adventure.

Not only is Cali now in a loving home, but she has become an Instagram sensation! You can follow this sweet dog at [@cali_the_pitbull_mi](#)



Kitten Season: What exactly does it mean?



Every spring they begin arriving at our doors. Bitty bundles of fluff, irresistibly adorable and tiny enough to fit in your palm. Sounds cute, right? The business of kitten season may be cute, but it requires immense effort, time and resources.

Oftentimes, kittens arrive at MARL without their mothers. Some are sick and full of fleas, and some are in immediate need of medical care. They may be found all alone outside, or brought to us by an owner with an unexpected litter.

The MARL staff and volunteers know that kittens can be at great risk, especially without their mother, so it is important to act quickly. In some cases, our care starts with an emergency trip to the vet. Young kittens require round-the-clock care that includes bottle or syringe feeding, bathing, close monitoring for weight gain or signs of distress, and lots of love and affection to reassure them that they're in good hands. It can also include giving medication and teaching kittens how to eat from a bowl, which can be messy business. Some of these kittens have never experienced human interaction and they require extra socialization time to help them adjust to domesticated life.

The true heroes of kitten season are the foster families who give their time and energy to provide constant care. They understand how demanding this care can be, but they are ready to do whatever it takes to keep our tiniest and most fragile residents healthy and happy.

So far in 2018 MARL has taken in 325 kittens under the age of six months, including 51 kittens born to pregnant mothers in our care. This is compared to 246 for the same period last year, resulting in an approximate 32% increase in kitten intakes thus far.

We strive to help every animal that comes to our doors, but we can't do it without you. During kitten season our resources are especially strained by the level of care that kittens require. When you support MARL, you are helping us provide the medical care and supplies necessary to get these kittens healthy and adopted.

If you are interested in becoming a kitten foster, please contact Kim Pichler at 248-335-9290 ext. 105, or kpichler@marleague.org





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 homeless cats and dogs 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 March 1, 2018- August 31, 2018.

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2018 Holiday Giving Guide

There are countless ways to make a difference during the holiday season! Check out these ideas, or come up with your own concept for a third-party event or fundraiser. The possibilities are endless!

THE PERFECT GIFT

Trying to figure out the perfect gift for that special someone? Honor them with a donation to a shelter dog or cat in their name! Starting in November, you can visit marleague.org and make a donation to a specific dog or cat at MARL. You can choose to help an animal in your own name, or as a gift to someone else. You will even have the option to print and mail a photo of the dog or cat to your recipient. Skip the chaos of shopping and visit marleague.org for everyone on your list!

YOUR HOLIDAY GATHERINGS CAN HELP ANIMALS!

When you host your friends and family this season, ask your guests to hold the hostess gifts and request that they bring a donation or supplies for MARL instead. Helping dogs and cats will make your festivities twice as special!

SHOP THE MARL WISH LIST ON AMAZON

Send a gift to the dogs and cats of MARL! Now, you can also quickly order and ship the gift of much needed supplies to the dogs and cats at MARL. Login to your Amazon account, click on Your Lists and search for Michigan Animal Rescue League under Your Friends. Select an item (or a few) to add to your cart and send it off to your furry friends at the shelter.

For more tips on holiday giving or help with hosting a party, contact Carin at cjones@marleague.org

SUPPORT MARL'S HOLIDAY WISH LIST DRIVE

Throughout the holiday season, dozens of local businesses host holiday donation displays. These convenient giving stations make it easy to spread some holiday cheer to the dogs and cats at MARL. Grab an extra toy to toss in the donation box while you're out shopping for your pup, or choose a kitten from the assorted envelopes in a tabletop display and mail your monetary gift to the shelter. It's that easy! Visit our website at marleague.org for a full list of donation locations. If you are interested in hosting a display at your office or business, contact Carin Jones at cjones@marleague.org or 231-445-1442. This is a fun way to make your office holiday party special too!





2018 YAPPY HOUR

The Michigan Animal Rescue League's Yappy Hour is the only cocktail party in Metro Detroit where your dog is welcome... and this year's celebration was bigger and better than ever! The garden party themed event welcomed hundreds of guests with their canine companions to the beautiful Rock Garden at Meadow Brook Hall, and celebrated our 65 years of growth, renewal and strong roots in the community.

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and guests, the 9th Annual Yappy Hour was an incredible success. Together, we were able to raise over \$185,000 to benefit homeless dogs and cats in our community.

The event featured delicious food, an incredible silent auction, red carpet photos by Independent Expressions, gourmet dog treats complements of The Urban Dog, and lots of charming four-legged guests!

MARL would like to thank the Yappy Hour Co-Chairs, Cara Krupa and Beth Davidson, for all their hard work in putting together this phenomenal event.

SAVE THE DATE

The 10th Annual Yappy Hour will be held June 6, 2019 at Meadow Brook Hall. Plans are already underway. If you are interested in helping with the 2019 Yappy Hour, please contact Carin Jones at cjones@marleague.org.



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For information about 2019 sponsorship opportunities, contact Carin at cjones@marleague.org or 231-445-1442.



Lucky's Story

On May 22, The Waterford Regional Fire Department responded to a call about a small kitten stuck in an air conditioning unit. The kitten had wedged itself into a tiny hole and somehow gotten her ear stuck under a piece of metal. The crew tried several tools and tactics to free the kitten, including the Jaws of Life.

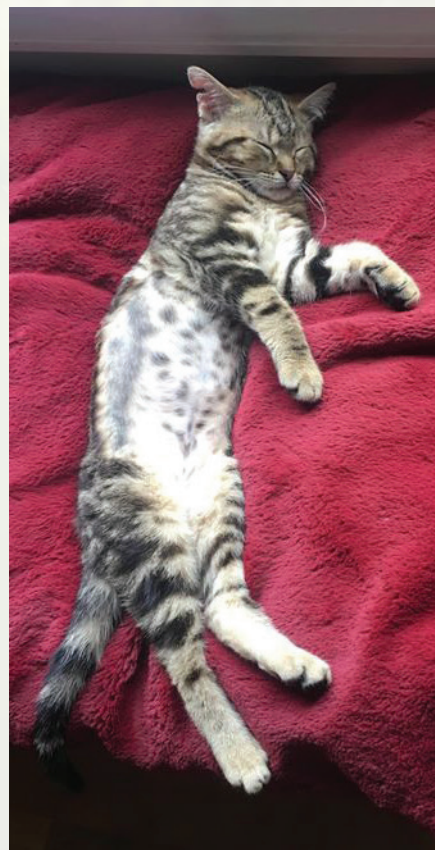
After an hour-long rescue effort, the crew pulled the kitten to safety and reached out to MARL for help. "The kitten was scared and in shock when it arrived, but thanks to our medical staff, she made a full recovery," said Kim Pichler, Cat Care Coordinator at MARL. "She was about 8 weeks old and in need of medical care, good nutrition and lots of love and affection. That's what we do best here at MARL," Pichler added.

As the firefighters handed the kitten over to the MARL medical staff they agreed that Lucky would be a great name for this tiny girl.

Lucky had several baths to remove the oil that had soaked her fur, and spent the rest of her time wrapped in warm blankets and the arms of MARL staff.

"MARL provides care to over 1,200 animals a year and we are constantly faced with situations of cruelty and neglect," said Magee Humes, MARL Executive Director. "We are extremely thankful to the Waterford Regional Fire Department for their heroic and compassionate actions. The fate of this kitten would not have looked good without their life-saving efforts," Humes added.

We are happy to report that Lucky was officially adopted in June 2018. She is loving life in her forever home and quickly became best friends with her new cat sister, MARL alum Opal!



Thank You



THESE GENEROUS KIDS COLLECTED DONATIONS IN LIEU OF BIRTHDAY GIFTS:

- Maggie Ustick (1st Birthday)
- Brooke Magill
- Ainsley Klomp (10th Birthday)
- Madigan Gramer (7th Birthday)
- Gabby Cabrera (7th Birthday)
- Mia Lipscomb (10th Birthday)

THESE GENEROUS SCHOOLS AND ORGANIZATIONS DONATED THROUGH THEIR OWN FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

- The Kindness Club of Rochester donated food & supplies from our wish list
- Andersonville Elementary raised \$261 (and dog treats) by selling homemade bookmarks
- West Bloomfield High School Student Leadership donated \$129 from an after-school Coffee House
- Aiden Mehta at Notre Dame Prep donated handmade dog toys
- Cranbrook Kingswood Girls Middle School donated food and supplies collected for their annual Dog Show
- Girls On The Run at Keith Elementary sold popsicles and donated \$320 to the MARL animals
- Women of Good Samaritan Lutheran Church donated 400 pounds of dog food, treats and much needed supplies
- Girl Scout Troop 71002 is heading off to Middle School this fall and decided their last act as a troop was to donate \$454 to the MARL animals

Kilgour Scottish Centre/St. Andrew's Society of Detroit donated an SUV loaded w/ food, treats & litter

Li'l Nell's has been in business for 20 years and celebrated by raising \$700 for MARL

Noodles and Co. and Panda Express, both in Rochester, donated \$474 and \$451, respectfully, to MARL through dine-in-for-a-cause programs

Ramco Gershenson Inc. raised \$595 through their Dress Casual for a Cause day

Seco Tools and MJR Theatre held company wide events to benefit local charities, including MARL

North Oakland County Board of Realtors donated \$1,000 to MARL from the annual golf fundraiser

Vera Bradley (12 Oaks) held an in-store event this spring, \$297 was raised for MARL

MORE GENEROUS KIDS DOING GOOD IN THEIR COMMUNITY:

- Isabella Hicks, age 8, saved her change to donate to the MARL cats
- Ethan Shargabian donated handmade blankets & toys for his Eagle Scout project
- Dean Kyriakopoulos collected food and supplies for his 6th grade project
- Riley Detter donated \$56 from her lemonade stands this summer
- Molly, Caleb, and Hailey Halstrom and Ella and Aurie Grubb saved and donated \$108 to the MARL animals
- Ari Hersh donated \$62, supplies & food for his Middle School Project
- Alice, Emma & Joey Max donated \$165 from their lemonade stand
- Maia Ostroff and Jordyn Grand donated toys, food, treats and supplies from their Bat Mitzvah projects



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With a simple call to the shelter, (248) 335-9290, Ext. 107, you or your financial advisor can obtain all the information needed to make this special gift to the dogs and cats.

MARL GREATLY APPRECIATES YOUR SUPPORT IN ALL THE WAYS YOU SHOW IT!