



The MARI Report

Old Roots, New Beginnings

*Michigan Animal Rescue League
Spring/Summer 2019*



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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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 ONE OF OUR SHELTER MANAGERS



If you have been to the shelter lately you have probably seen Kathleen working with our dogs. Kathleen's role as shelter manager includes a focus on dog care, enrichment, and training. In her previous role as Dog Care Coordinator, Kathleen elevated MARL's dog socialization

program, focusing on specialized training and enrichment to suit each individual dog's needs. Not only does Kathleen spend a lot of time with our dogs, but she provides guidance to staff, volunteers, and adopters as well. Kathleen manages the overall well-being of all of the dogs in our care, which is no small task considering that the number of dogs we care for and adopt into great homes is always increasing! We think our dogs are very lucky to have Kathleen looking out for them!

WISH LIST AND NEEDS

- Wet dog food | all brands
- Wet cat food | all brands
- Dry cat food | Purina Cat Chow (green or 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



Spring is always an exciting time of year, but this particular year there's extra-special energy in the air at MARL. Adoptions continue to increase, we are caring for a record number of dogs and cats, our incredible volunteers continue to log more and more hours changing the lives of the dogs and cats in our care . . . and two huge moments lie just ahead of us.

We are beyond excited about our rapidly-approaching 10th annual Yappy Hour on June 6th! It will be MARL's biggest event ever, and with more of everything you love about Yappy Hour it is poised to also be our most successful fundraiser ever!

But what is going to make the 10th annual Yappy Hour even more special is the unveiling of the biggest initiative in MARL's history. As our faithful, long-time friends know, we have been operating in our current building for over 65 years. Due to the aging of the facility we struggle constantly with structural, operational and space challenges. So we are thrilled to announce that at the 2019 Yappy Hour we will be launching MARL's first-ever Comprehensive Campaign: **HOME. HEART. FUREVER.** This Campaign is a pivotal moment in MARL's history - one that will not only enable us to build a new home for MARL, but will allow us to elevate our level and impact of care, expand our programs, and ensure that we will be here saving lives well into the future.

The Campaign's launch at Yappy Hour is only the beginning, so stay tuned for exciting news and updates!

LET'S BUILD THIS TOGETHER!

- 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.

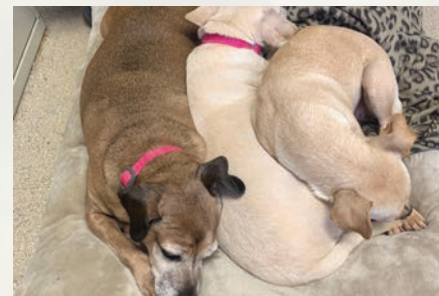
These shelter snapshots show you what a typical (or not so typical!) day in the life at MARL looks like.



Hundreds of kittens under the age of 6 months come through our doors in the spring and summer, often requiring lots of TLC from our staff and volunteers. During the peak of kitten season, you can almost always spot a staff member cuddling an armful of fluffy, adorable kittens!



Capturing portraits of our four-legged friends is no easy task! Even after using all the tricks up their sleeves, more often than not our photography staff still ends up with a handful of bloopers on their camera roll.



When dogs come to MARL frightened or nervous, we often invite them in to our office. They receive attention all day long from our office staff, helping to build their confidence and become more relaxed around people.



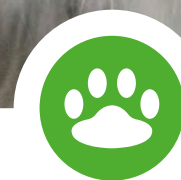
We receive updates daily from our alumni via email and social media. Nothing brightens our day more than knowing our friends are enjoying life in their new homes. Occasionally, we even get a visit from a familiar face!



Time spent with an animal is always time well spent! While our office staff and medical team are often busy focusing on other areas of animal care, they are always sure to take some time out of each day to spend quality one-on-one time with an animal in need.



Socializing with our animals is a top priority. MARL's real life room is great for showing dogs to potential adopters, but when it is not in use you will often find a dog playing with toys, snuggling with staff, or enjoying an afternoon snooze on the couch.



Oliver's Story

Oliver came to us in November, 2018. He was a very sad, shut-down kitty who wouldn't even lift up his head to look at us. Here is his story.

Oliver's owner left him with a friend to watch, saying they intended to come back for him. When it became clear that the owner wasn't returning, the friend decided to put Oliver in a small pet carrier and just keep him in there. The carrier was placed in a dark basement, and Oliver was never let out or shown affection. He didn't have a litterbox, so he just relieved himself where he was laying. Food was only occasionally thrown into the carrier.

Fortunately, a kind person became aware of Oliver's situation and intervened. Oliver was brought to us to begin his road to

healing. At first he just laid still in his cage and interacted with no one. He kept his head down, relieved himself in his bed, and seemed to have given up on life.

Here at MARL we know just what to do with animals like Oliver. Through gentle affection, patience, lots of love and great medical care, Oliver gradually began to come around. We cheered when he first looked us in the eye. We were thrilled when he began using his litter box and eating well. Soon Oliver was exploring his new surroundings, learning to play, and letting us shower him with affection. Thanks to our staff and fabulous volunteers, Oliver's true personality came shining through and he landed himself the ultimate prize - a loving, forever home!



The California Chihuahuas

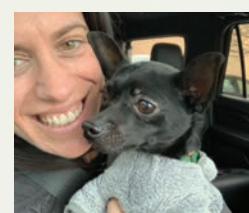
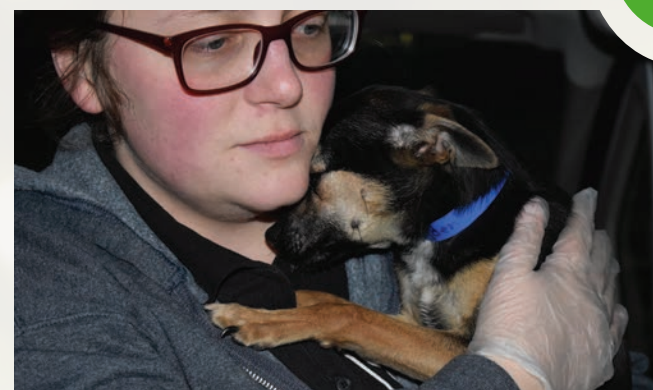


It was an extra sweet Valentine's Day for 91 small dogs who found themselves flying across the country in search of new homes. These dogs, mostly Chihuahuas and Chihuahua mixes, were flown to Michigan from an overcrowded shelter in California where they were at a high risk to be euthanized. MARL joined a team of Michigan rescue groups who agreed to take in these dogs, and quickly made space for 18 new pint-sized residents to join our family.

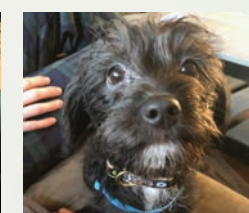
These California pups were transported by a nonprofit group called Wings of Rescue in partnership with GreaterGood.org. After a six-hour flight, they were greeted with unfamiliar snowy skies at an airport in Ypsilanti, Michigan, where four local animal welfare groups, including MARL, were eagerly awaiting their arrival.

Each dog was quickly unloaded, checked over, and cleaned up by volunteers and staff from the four rescue groups, and then placed into each group's vehicle for the drive home. Eighteen lucky new "MARL dogs" were welcomed to our shelter with hugs, warm beds, and full bowls of food. Although it had been a long and stressful journey, tails were wagging and happy barks were heard all around.

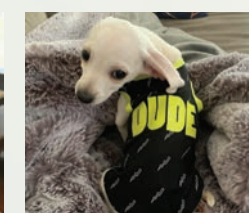
Within a few short weeks, most of the California transfers were ready for adoption, and it wasn't long before they were flying out our door. People who had heard of the harrowing story of the famous "California Chihuahuas" rushed to the shelter, ready to give them a second chance at life. MARL, in the business of second chances, was happy to provide them the opportunity to do so.



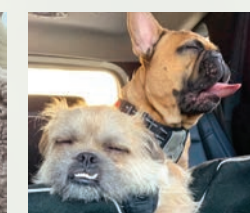
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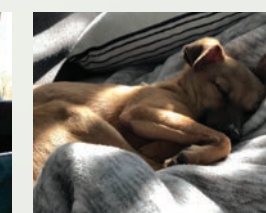
SHADOW
(Previously, Valentina)
Adopted 3.22.19



LITTLE DUDE
(Previously, Cupid)
Adopted 2.28.19



FRESNO
(Previously, Mike)
Adopted 3.2.19



TITO
(Previously, Mikey)
Adopted 2.26.19



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 September 1, 2018 – February 28, 2019.

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Frequently Asked Questions

We asked our resident cat and dog experts to weigh in on some of our most frequently asked questions. Here's what they had to say.



KIM PICHLER, CAT CARE COORDINATOR

HOW DO I INTRODUCE A NEW CAT TO MY EXISTING CAT?

It's always best to start a new cat off in a room of its own. Your cats may hiss or growl at each other through the closed door. After a day or so, try putting a blanket or bed that each cat has laid on into the other cat's area. Eventually you can let them see each other through a crack in the door, and then afterwards try letting them out together. Make sure to supervise their interactions! If there is hissing or nervousness from either cat, make sure to put the new cat back in its room when you leave the house and at night.

WHAT SHOULD I THINK ABOUT WHEN CHOOSING A NEW CAT TO ADOPT?

One thing that's very important to consider is what age cat best fits your lifestyle. A kitten needs a lot of attention, and may not be a good fit if your family isn't home for long periods during the day. A young adult cat is great for an active family. After one year of age you can start to tell the personality of a cat, and adopt one knowing pretty well if it's cuddly, playful, or a couch potato! Older cats are great for quiet, peaceful homes. They don't require much more than a sunny window, healthy food, and affection.

WHAT ARE SOME ALTERNATIVES TO DECLAWING A CAT?

My first suggestion is to trim your cat's nails. Many veterinary offices and groomers will even trim them for you! Scratching posts can also help lessen unwanted scratching. Another option is to try nail caps. These attach to your cat's claws with special glue and are sold at pet supply stores. They not only prevent scratching, but they come in lots of colors and are fashionable too! These caps need to be replaced every month or so, but are a great solution for zero-scratching households.

DO I STILL NEED TO TAKE MY CAT TO THE VET IF IT'S HEALTHY AND LIVES INDOORS?

Even indoor cats are vulnerable to problems like ear infections, tooth or mouth pain, and life-threatening diseases such as kidney or liver problems. Most of these issues can occur without any symptoms, so a yearly vet check is crucial. Vaccines are a great way to protect your cat from many potential problems, and most vets do recommend yearly shots for indoor cats. Even if you and your vet decide against vaccinating your cat, annual wellness exams are still important to ensure your cat's long-term health.

HOW DO I SOCIALIZE MY SHY CAT?

The key word for these cats is patience! They need time to observe their new people and surroundings. In a new home it's best to start off a shy cat in a small area, such as a bedroom or an office. Block off anywhere they can hide and avoid being seen, such as under a bed or behind a dresser. Spend time sitting in the room near the cat. As they start to get used to you, offer a gentle pet on the head or neck. If you can, wrap them in a blanket and cuddle them. They will often relax and let you gently pet them.



KATHLEEN CRAIG, SHELTER MANAGER (SPECIALIZING IN DOGS)

WHAT SHOULD I THINK ABOUT WHEN CHOOSING A NEW DOG TO ADOPT?

It's important to choose a dog with the temperament and social skills to match your lifestyle. For example, if you have a family that's active and outgoing, then a friendly, energetic dog might be the right fit for you. If you are retired or prefer to stay in, a shy or older dog might be preferable. It is also very important to consider your personal activity level: Are you active and on the go, or more on the laid-back side? It is important for potential adopters to consider how much time they are willing to commit to exercising their new dogs.

HOW MUCH SHOULD I CONSIDER THE BREED OF A DOG WHEN ADOPTING?

Breed standards can be helpful in understanding a dog's activity level and natural instincts. A Border Collie might make a good running buddy because they were originally bred to herd sheep. A Siberian Husky might be a great hiking buddy because they were bred to pull dog sleds and have high endurance. Considering a dog's breed (or breeds) can be helpful in pointing adopters in the right direction. However, every dog has a unique personality. Adopters should look at each animal individually and consider if its personality fits their own lifestyle and activity level.

WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO INTRODUCE A NEW DOG TO MY HOUSE?

The best way to acclimate a new dog is to give it a "tour" of its new home. Keep your new dog on a leash and allow it to explore its new surroundings. Afterwards, keep it confined to an area where you can closely monitor it, like the kitchen or living room. This way you can know right away if your new dog starts chewing on anything or has an accident. Crating your dog while you are away is always a good idea to help prevent chewing and accidents as well. Once you are comfortable with your dog's behavior, you can try giving it free range of your house both while you are home and when you are gone.

HOW DO I INTRODUCE A NEW DOG TO MY EXISTING DOG?

The first thing to do is to take both dogs outside on a leash and let them meet in a neutral area. The front yard usually works well, as most dogs consider the back yard to be part of their territory. Watch their body language, and once both dogs are showing positive body language - tails wagging, play bowing, showing interest in each other - then you can move the meeting into the house. It is important to continue supervising their interactions for a while, as the adjustment period can vary from dog to dog.

IS SOCIALIZATION STILL IMPORTANT AFTER ADOPTION?

Yes! Just like people, most dogs are very social creatures. Young dogs especially need to be taken out into the world and shown different things to help them grow into a well-rounded dog. Having friends bring their dogs over, or taking your dog out to a store or to the park are great ways to continue socializing them. This helps prevent issues like fear of strangers, excessive barking, or being too reactive on a leash. Some dogs who may not like going to the dog park or going to a store can benefit just as much from going for a walk down a quiet street.

10th ANNUAL YAPPY HOUR



The Michigan Animal Rescue League is celebrating its 10th annual Yappy Hour – the only cocktail party in Metro Detroit where your dog is welcome! This time we are taking it all the way back to when it first began—the 1950's! This year's Yappy Hour will be the best ever as we present a blast from the past while raising much needed funds for homeless dogs and cats. Guests will enjoy the opportunity to mingle with their best friend by their side as they enjoy cocktails & strolling dinner, gourmet dog treats, a silent auction, fun photo opportunities, and so much more. There's something for everyone and their four-legged friend at Yappy Hour!

In 2018, Yappy Hour welcomed more than 400 two-legged and 200 four-legged friends. 2019 marks one decade of our signature fundraiser, which continues to grow and has established itself as the event of the season. Funds raised at this event directly benefit the dogs and cats of southeast Michigan who are in desperate need of a second chance.



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- Northern Michigan cottage stay
- Cover photo of next MARL newsletter
- Golf foursome at Tam-O-Shanter Country Club
- Doggie day care packages
- Dog DNA test kit

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Outreach Program

Did you know that MARL promotes and assists animal welfare efforts throughout our community? We actively support local outreach and rescue programs working to combat animal cruelty in Pontiac, Oakland County, and beyond.

We also provide pet food and other supplies to low-income households in Pontiac who are struggling to keep their dog or cat a part of their family. In addition to our food program, the staff at MARL is committed to acting as a source of pet care information and education for our community. Some examples include providing options for low-cost spay and neuter, educating dog owners about heartworm disease, and explaining the importance of annual vet care. Hundreds of cats and dogs have been able to stay in their homes instead of entering the shelter system because of MARL's outreach programs.

"MARL has kept me and my best friend together. Sometimes life gets hard. Losing my dog would have been the worst thing that could happen to me. MARL helped me with food, advice, and even helped Seven when she was sick. I can't even think about where Seven and I would be without MARL."

- Greg, Community Outreach Client & Best Friend to Seven

If you or someone you know may benefit from MARL's community outreach program, please contact our shelter at 248-335-9290 during business hours.

Thank You



KIDS DOING GOOD IN THEIR COMMUNITY:

The Kindergarten classes of Country Oaks Elementary held their 4th annual "Tricks & Treats" for Pets. They partnered with Premier Pet Supply in Novi and collected much needed supplies for the dogs and cats

West Maple Elementary raised \$337 for MARL at the annual Talking Zoo Fundraiser

The Bekiares Family adopted their family cat from MARL last year, so Olga & Melina decided to raise money for the cats still at MARL. They raised \$58

Hunter, Brooklyn & Madalyn donated delicious dog bones & treats

Eight-years-old Lucy and Abby collected \$30 from their neighborhood to give to MARL for the holidays

In lieu of trophies, the Linden High School Cross Country Program awards donations to the winning team's choice of charity. The Lake Orion High School Girls CC team chose MARL when they placed at the Linden Classic. Congratulations lady athletes!

Academy of the Sacred Heart middle school students and their grandparents made dog toys together and donated them to MARL

Lakewood Elementary Boy Scout Pack #316 collected food and supplies for the dogs and cats

Notre Dame Marist Academy 8th graders, Jackson Krieger, Ben Valade & Payton Beckman, raised \$800 and collected supplies for MARL

Detroit Country Day Middle School Charity Fun Run/Walk raised \$3,850 for MARL

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE RAISED MONEY AND/OR COLLECTED SUPPLIES FOR MARL DURING THEIR PRIVATE PARTY OR EVENT:

- The Sullen Family (Holiday Party)
- The Clifford Family (Annual Boxing Day Party)
- Bob and Kelly Karlis (Fall Fundraiser)
- Rebecca Werk (Annual Holiday Party)
- Heidi Dover & Tim McAllister (Holiday Party)
- Doris Gold (Bottle Drive)

THESE GENEROUS KIDS COLLECTED DONATIONS IN LIEU OF BIRTHDAY GIFTS:

Audrey Ng (10th Birthday)

Anabelle Gohl (8th Birthday)

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- INCOE Hot Runners Systems (Jeans Day)
- Oakland County Treasurer's Association (Holiday Luncheon)
- Lave Design Factory (Custom Canvas sales)
- Charming Charlie LLC (% of sales)
- Pet Wants of Birmingham and ONEHOPE Wine (Wine and Wags)
- Camp Bow Wow of Commerce (Photos with Santa)
- Rochester Hills (Casual Fridays)
- Frank Rewold & Sons (Casual Day)
- Kemp Klein Umphrey
- Endelman & May Foundation (Casual Day)
- Milford Huron Valley Lion's Club (private fundraiser)
- AkzoNobel Coatings - Troy & Pontiac Locations (Wish List Drive)
- The employees of Taubman Ventures Management, Taubman Company, Azimuth Capital Management LLC, Thyssenkrupp - Business Unit Springs & Stabilizers, and Dawda, Mann, Mulcahy & Sadler, PLC (Wish List Drive)
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