



The MARI Report

Making Spirits Bright

*Michigan Animal Rescue League
Fall / Winter 2017*

*Reese is a handsome Pit Bull Terrier/Hound Mix
who was adopted from MARL in July of 2017.*





ABOUT MARL

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

MARL is a private, 501(c)(3) organization and our work is supported solely by private contributions, which are tax-deductible. Federal Tax ID: 38-1557622

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!

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MEET THE SHELTER MANAGER



We are happy to introduce you to our Shelter Manager, Lena! Lena has been with MARL for over three years and has brought terrific leadership and energy to the role of shelter manager. She is responsible for the daily operations at MARL, which makes for some pretty unpredictable days. If you haven't been to the shelter lately, stop by and say hello to Lena, her pal Clive and the great team of staff and volunteers!

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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
Cat toys | all types
Nylabones
Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
High-efficiency laundry detergent
Bleach
Clay cat litter
Dog Harnesses, leashes and collars | all sizes
HP Ink | 952 Black and 952 Color



Letter From The Executive Director



AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MARL, THERE IS ONE QUESTION IN PARTICULAR THAT I AM ASKED ALMOST ON A DAILY BASIS: "HOW CAN YOU WORK THERE? ISN'T IT SAD?" HERE IS THE ANSWER:

It is extremely sad. The things that we face here at MARL are sometimes so awful that I can't speak of them in front of my kids, or even some adults. We are constantly reminded that the staggering overpopulation problem, as well as issues of abuse and neglect combined with a lack of humane education, is creating an epidemic right here in southeast Michigan. It is sad to see animals that have been treated poorly. It is sad to see someone who loves their pet have to give it up. And it is downright gut-wrenching to watch a dog try to follow its owner out the door, knowing that it will never see them again. Yes, there is plenty of sadness in this line of work.

However, the work that we do at MARL, our ability to be there for these animals at their darkest hour, is an honor far more powerful than the sadness. I am thankful every single day for donors like you who support MARL so that we can open our doors to these animals and provide them with the excellent standard of care that we do.

I am proud to share that MARL is impacting the lives of more dogs and cats than ever before. Compared to just two years ago, both intakes and adoptions have increased by 60%. Most importantly, we have successfully responded to the needs of these additional animals without sacrificing the core values that make MARL a different breed of shelter.

So while the sadness is always present, it is countered with relief that these animals are now in a safe place. It is countered with pride in the fact that we are providing the best care we can to as many animals as we can. Most of all it is countered with gratefulness to you, our supporters, because without you where would these animals go and who would help them?

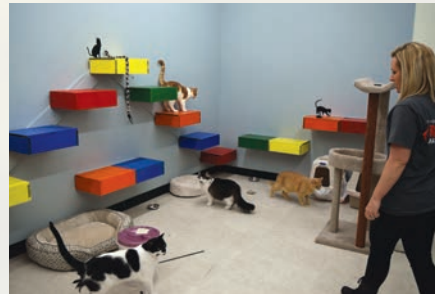
The truth is that I probably couldn't work here if it weren't for the generous support from people like you. Your support allows us to give these animals the quality of care they deserve.

MARL is a special organization, truly a different breed of shelter. If you would ever like to see some of the animals that you have helped save, please stop in and visit. I can promise that the feeling you have when you walk out the door will not be sadness.

- Magee Humes



A Year In Review



PUPPY PARTY

When a stunning 5-year-old American Eskimo Dog named Winter came to MARL, she was accompanied by a litter of ten beautiful, two-day-old puppies! Boots, Ice, Crispin, Blizzard, Frost, Mittens, Sparkle, Crystal, Flurry and Polar found forever homes as soon as they became available for adoption in February. Watching the Winter Litter grow from tiny newborn babies to fluffy, spunky puppies was a unique experience our staff will never forget!

A PERFECT MATCH

In response to the 51% increase in cats and dogs arriving at our doors, an anonymous MARL supporter committed matching summer donations up to \$10,000. We are happy to announce that with your support, this match was an incredible success! These dollars will be hard at work providing care to the homeless cats and dogs that depend on MARL for their second chance.

MUTTS & MIMOSAS

On Sunday, March 12th nearly 150 guests gathered at our shelter for Mutts & Mimosas, an open house complete with delicious brunch treats, a catered pancake bar, refreshing mimosas and of course, the wonderful company of our adoptable cats and dogs!

NAME THAT KENNEL

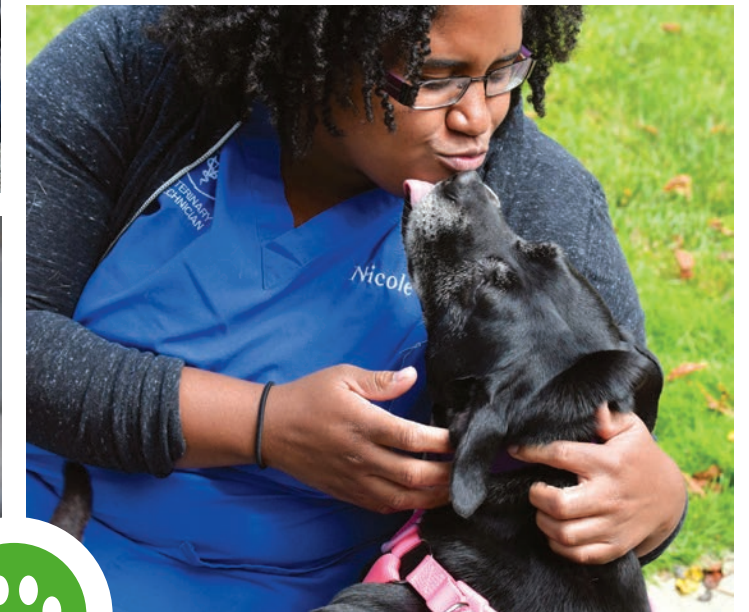
Our new Animal Care Sponsorship program launched in December 2016 and the response was immediate! Sponsorships help to provide basic care, food, and medical expenses for the dog or cat residing in the sponsored space. Visit our website to learn more about this exciting new opportunity!

FELINE FREESTYLE

In November 2016, Pet Supplies Plus in Rochester Hills constructed a cage-free cat room to house adoptable MARL cats. The adoption center can house up to 15 cats at any given time! This opportunity has allowed us to introduce our fabulous felines to a new audience of potential adopters. Since opening, over 20 deserving cats have been adopted into loving forever homes.

KITTEN-PALOOZA

In the past two years, the number of kittens aged six months or younger cared for by MARL has increased by 60%. Our adoption numbers have increased substantially, allowing us to take in this record number of homeless kittens. MARL's foster program is also stronger than ever - we couldn't have done it without our loving, dedicated kitten fosters!



Rita's Journey

Rita was surrendered to MARL on September 21, 2016. Her previous owner said that Rita was quite the escape artist and had gotten loose on several occasions. Our staff and volunteers fell in love with Rita the minute she walked through our door. She was sweet, gentle and extremely affectionate. On January 4th, nearly four months after arriving at MARL, Rita was adopted! Her new owner knew about her history of escaping and was prepared to keep a close eye on her. We were ecstatic that Rita finally found the home she had been waiting so patiently for.

Hours after her adoption, we received a devastating phone call from Rita's new owner - Rita had gone missing. As the frigid winter temperature continued to plummet, we knew we had to do everything in our power to locate Rita and bring her to safety. After countless hours of searching, a staff member finally spotted Rita. She was curled up in a ball in a wooded area a quarter mile from her new home. Luckily, she suffered no injuries - just four very frosty paws.

The following day, Rita took up residence in the MARL office. Rita gladly embraced her role as office dog. She greeted our staff each

morning with a big smile and wagging tail. Rita made lots of friends along the way; humans, cats and dogs included! We started to think that Rita's home was with us, and she would become a forever member of the MARL family.

On August 2nd, Rita's story changed. A kind, loving and dedicated family came to visit Rita and we could tell right away that it was love at first sight. Because of Rita's previous adoption we were reluctant to let her go, but as we watched her interact with the family it became clear that a perfect match was made.

MARL's mission to provide long-term sanctuary for the dogs and cats in our shelter is one we hold extremely close to our hearts. We believe that though the road might not always be easy, it is worth it. Watching Rita walk out the door for the second time was very emotional for our staff - there were lots of happy tears involved! It was our pleasure to care for Rita and she will always hold a special place in our hearts.

WAY TO GO, RITA!



From Intake To Adoption: Where Does Your Donation Go?

Did you know that each year MARL provides care to over 1,000 animals in need? Like us, each of these cats and dogs has a different story. Some animals are brought to us as strays while others are surrendered to us by the only family they have ever known. Others are clinging to life and require emergency medical care. We depend upon donations from our generous supporters to give every cat or dog the individualized care that they need.

In every edition of the MARL report, we will now feature a different animal to show you the face of a cat or dog that has been directly impacted by your support.

Camila's Story

INTAKE: Camila was born in our care on Thursday, February 16, 2016. Camila had everything she needed to live a comfortable puppyhood from day one, including cozy bedding, warm blankets, and of course, lots of toys!

MEDICAL CARE: Because puppies are so vulnerable to diseases, extra medical attention was given to Camila to make sure that she remained healthy. Puppies require sterilization surgery, extra vaccinations, deworming, and other preventative treatments to keep them growing strong.

FOOD: Nothing is more important for a growing puppy than an optimum diet! During her stay, Camila consumed high-quality wet and dry puppy food (and occasional treats!)

SOCIALIZATION: For puppies, early socialization is key. Camila received the human interaction and training every young pup needs in order to succeed in a forever home. This enrichment and TLC wouldn't be possible without our incredible team of fosters, staff and volunteers!

ADOPTION: Camila was adopted into a loving forever home approximately 12 weeks after her birth at MARL.

FROM INTAKE TO ADOPTION, WE ESTIMATE THAT CAMILA'S COST OF CARE WAS APPROXIMATELY \$275.





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 February 1, 2017 and August 31, 2017.

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Zoezy | Linda and Allan Gale
Zoey Hazen | Julie and Billy Stern

On this second anniversary of the tragic loss of our friend and colleague Pam Porteous, we honor and remember this remarkable, courageous woman.



2017 Holiday Giving Guide

What do you give the person who has it all? Instead of giving the same old gifts this holiday season, give a gift that will truly make a difference!

MAKE A DONATION TO MARL IN HONOR OF YOUR RECIPIENT

A gift to MARL is a thoughtful way to honor someone you care about while making a meaningful contribution to the homeless cats and dogs of southeast Michigan. Starting November 2017, you can make a sponsorship gift in honor of a specific cat or dog at MARL! You can choose to sponsor an animal in your own name, or as a gift to someone else. You will even have the option to print and mail a card to your recipient! For more information visit marleague.org.

DO YOU KNOW about MARL's Monthly Giving Options?

MARL offers convenient, secure monthly gift-giving options. Monthly donations provide a steady and predictable source of funding which allows MARL to plan ahead. To learn how you can help us provide care to more animals every month, visit marleague.org/monthly-giving.

ANIMAL CARE SPONSORSHIPS

Dog Kennel Sponsorship

- Sponsor's name displayed on kennel door (this can include "in memory of"/"in honor of" tributes) for a full year
- Monthly email updates about the dog(s) residing in the sponsored kennel
- Recognition on MARL's website
- Mention on Facebook adoption post when the dog from your kennel finds his/her forever home!

Cage-Free Cat Room Sponsorship

- Sponsor's name displayed on the door of our cage-free cat room (this can include "in memory of"/"in honor of" tributes) for a full year.
- Monthly email updates about the cats residing in the sponsored space
- Recognition on MARL's website

Two Months of Meals for One Animal

- Email update after two months with adoption and animal stories!

To learn more about our Animal Care Sponsorship program visit marleague.org/kennel-sponsorship.

SHOP ONLINE VIA AMAZONSMILE!

If you're doing your holiday shopping online, be sure and visit www.smile.amazon.com - it's the same Amazon you know and love! Amazon donates a percentage of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchase back to MARL. Just login with your current account and follow the instructions to link MARL to your order. It's such an easy way to make a difference!

Since February 2017, AmazonSmile donations to benefit MARL totaled \$1,100!

HOLIDAY PARTY GUIDE

It's time for a meaningful alternative to typical host and hostess gifts! As a holiday party host or hostess, request that your guests bring a donation or supplies to benefit homeless animals.

Long time supporter, Becky Werk has started her own holiday tradition to benefit MARL. This is her story - we hope it will inspire you to do the same!

The Start of Something Wonderful

"Our holiday party has been a tradition for nearly twelve years, and seven years ago we decided to mix things up. Our neighbors and other guests always want to bring something to the party. My husband and I go out of state each winter and the last thing we need are more things! In the past, our grandchildren have collected items for MARL in lieu of gifts and we thought, why not give it a try for our holiday party? It has been a hit ever since."

Spreading Holiday Cheer

"Everyone really, really enjoys this tradition. We will see people walking in the neighborhood and they'll always ask, you're doing it again this year, right? They honestly look forward to it all year long."

Making Spirits Bright

"When I see the back of my car full of food, toys and other supplies, it always makes me smile. Something as simple as a holiday party can have such a positive impact! This tradition really means a lot to me, and the fact that I can make the winter a little bit warmer for these animals makes my heart incredibly full."

For tips on hosting a holiday party to benefit MARL, contact our event coordinator at cjones@marleague.org.





YAPPY HOUR • 2017 •

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 Wizard of Oz-inspired evening welcomed hundreds of guests and their canine companions to the beautiful Rock Garden at Meadow Brook Hall.

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and guests, the 8th Annual Yappy Hour was an incredible success. Together, we were able to raise over \$150,000 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 compliments of The Urban Dog, and a lot of charming four-legged guests!

MARL would like to thank the Yappy Hour Co-Chairs, Cara Krupa and Jennifer Farber, for helping put together this phenomenal event.

SAVE THE DATE

The 9th Annual Yappy Hour will be held June 7, 2018 at Meadow Brook Hall. Plans are already underway! If you are interested in helping with the 2018 Yappy Hour, please contact Carin Jones at cjones@marleague.org.



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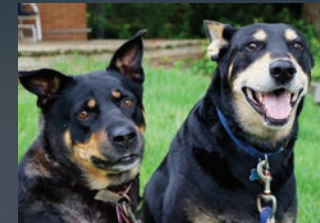
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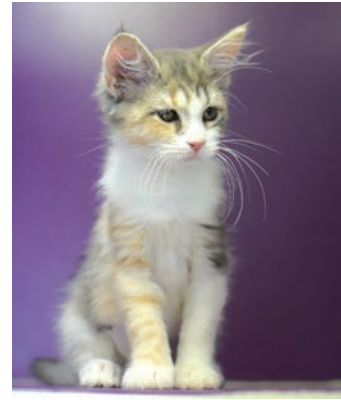
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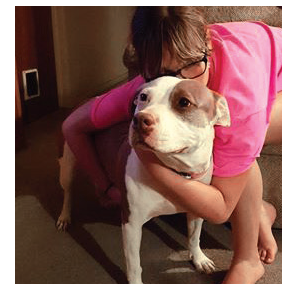
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ELSIE

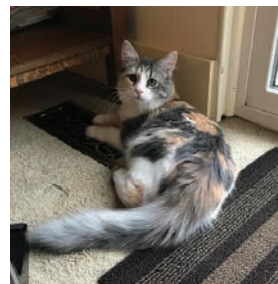
Elsie arrived at MARL on March 2, 2017. With her signature snuggles, constant smile and laid-back personality, it is no wonder she became a favorite of our staff and volunteers! During her stay at MARL, Elsie went on numerous outings, enjoyed lots of walks with volunteers, and could often be found lounging on the comfy couch in the shelter socialization room. In our eyes, Elsie was the total package! Finally, a family of MARL volunteers decided they couldn't pass this sweet girl by. She was adopted on September 9, 2017, and has been living comfortably in her new home ever since. Elsie pops in every once in a while but she makes it clear that she is only stopping in for a visit!

"We love our Elsie-poo to pieces! She is such a sweet, goofy and lovable girl. We learn something new about her every day. Our hearts are full!" -Brenda Gordon



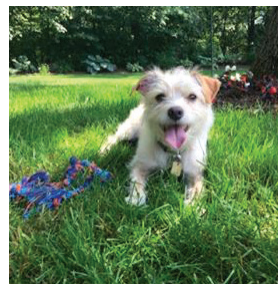
ELSIE

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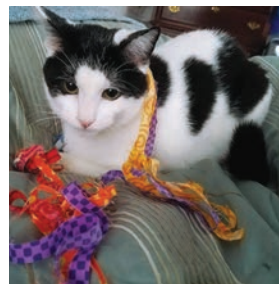
PETUNIA

Adopted August, 2017



SCRUFFY

Adopted July, 2015



KIWI

Adopted December, 2016



PENELOPE

Adopted June, 2017

PETUNIA

Little Petunia was brought to MARL on June 22, 2017 by a concerned citizen who found her lying on the side of a busy street in Pontiac. She was covered in fleas and extremely dirty. Worst of all was the condition of her right eye. It was so swollen and infected that we couldn't even see her eyeball. After consulting with a veterinarian, we were told that Petunia's right eye would likely need to be removed. A team of three MARL employees took turns fostering Petunia, administering eye medication around the clock. Gradually, we began to see signs of her little eye peeking out of the infected area. This made all of our efforts worth it! Eventually, her eye cleared up and Petunia was ready for adoption.

Petunia was a true success story for MARL. Without the diligent care provided by our medical staff and employee fosters, Petunia might not have survived the night, and most certainly would have lost her eye. Although she has some permanent scarring, Petunia is able to see again and will live a happy, normal life. Petunia was adopted on August 18, 2017.



Thank You

West Maple Elementary School in Birmingham donated \$552 from the school's Talking Zoo Fundraiser!

Lakewood Elementary in White Lake donated \$543 from the school's Penny Wars fundraiser!

Wing Lake Development Center, Room #9 baked and sold dog treats in Memory of their friend and student, Harper Combs. The students and teachers donated all the profits to MARL, \$150!

Tommy Bremer and Will Pennanen asked for donations in lieu of birthday presents this year. Together they donated \$520 and many toys and supplies!

The Buczek siblings operated a delicious Lemonade Stand and donated a generous portion of the earnings to MARL, \$16!

Abby Adams requested donations for MARL in lieu of birthday presents this year. She raised \$133!

Kelsey Spence raised and donated \$418 in MARL's honor!

Rachael Mills and her American Heritage Girls Troop 1308 donated much-needed supplies and handmade blankets for the dogs and cats!

Isabella and Matt Wenger donated money they saved in their piggy

banks, \$19.92, along with food and supplies for the animals!

Madeline Labourdette requested that guests at her 9th birthday party bring food and supplies for MARL in lieu of birthday gifts. Madeline and her younger brother, Levi, dropped off a carload of items and a check for \$40!

Ann Mell's students at Cranbrook Kingswood Girls Middle School delivered many much-needed supplies and food to our Pontiac shelter!

Pat O'Neill celebrated her 70th Birthday with a very generous gift to MARL. Thank you and Happy Birthday Pat!

Vickie Pochron and her Pet Supplies Plus of Washington Twp. Customers collected and donated a dozen boxes full of toys and all kinds of treats!

Alexis Allan celebrated her 11th Birthday by collecting toys and supplies for the dog and cats!

Evan Crue donated cat and dog food, cat litter, and money he saved for the animals!

Morgan Nimmo celebrated her 13th Birthday and requested gifts for the animals instead of for herself. She collected money and lots of gift cards to our favorite animal supply stores!

North Oaks Corvette Club donated 2,000 lbs. of dog and cat food. That is literally A TON OF FOOD!

Union Adworks donated their services, designing numerous marketing materials for MARL throughout the year, including this newsletter!

Monique Roehl, a dedicated cat room volunteer, donated her time throughout the year to take incredible photos of our cats for the MARL website!

Khalood Bojanowski donated her winnings from the Heidebreicht Chevrolet's Pet Contest to MARL!

Chad and Sam Buchanan collected supplies and donations for MARL in lieu of birthday gifts!

Chelsea Schell and Teresa Tomala donated their time to photograph MARL's 8th Annual Yappy Hour!

Cathy Coulter donated beautiful hand-made quilts to our cats through her "Mats for Cats" program!

Sandy Kondos donated her time and talents to keep our landscaping looking top notch for summer!

Premier Pet Supply donated FIVE TONS of food to MARL in celebration of their anniversary!

Whole Pet Foods in Commerce donated food and supplies!

PetPeople Enterprises raised \$3,572 in donations from the Hearts for Paws campaign, and PetPeople - Birmingham donated \$479 from their Penny for Pets campaign!

Melinda Capuano donated the proceeds from her bake sale to MARL. She raised \$357!

Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce raised \$280 during a bowling event hosted by Young Professionals Network!

Magna Electronics employees raised and donated \$1,150 to MARL!

Incoe Hot Runner Systems raised \$422 from their Jeans Day!

Seco Tools raised \$100 from their bring your child to work day fundraiser!

Vince at The Somerset Collection raised \$661 during their in-store event to benefit MARL!

Rusty Bucket Restaurant & Tavern collected \$175 during the Dine and Donate fundraiser to benefit MARL!

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



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