

THE **MARL** REPORT

SPRING SUMMER 2021



A DIFFERENT BREED OF CARE

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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.

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



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

ON THE COVER

6-year-old Sassy came to MARL with her sister, Cassy, in October of 2020. These precious English bulldogs quickly became the stars of the shelter! With their delightful personalities and adorable wrinkled faces, it's no surprise it only took them a few weeks to find their forever homes.

Want to see **YOUR** dog on the next cover of the MARL Report? Don't miss the chance to bid on a photoshoot and cover feature at MARL's 12th Annual Yappy Hour on September 29th, 2021!



You will find this newsletter is practically bursting with photos of dogs and cats playing, snuggling, receiving medical care, interacting with people who love them, and being adopted — receiving exactly what they need to live a healthy and happy life.

Each one of these animals arrived at MARL leaving behind whatever was familiar to them. Some in better physical and emotional condition than others. Some are found as strays and others surrendered by the only family they have ever known. While every animal's story is unique – their time at MARL starts about the same - with a leash, carrier or sometimes a cardboard box being handed over to a member of our staff.

What happens next is critical to each animal's short- and long-term success. At MARL we are acutely familiar with this moment. Sometimes the moment calls for emergency medical attention, sometimes it calls for patience, sometimes it calls for a desperately needed meal, sometimes it calls for alone time to decompress and other times it calls for the security of companionship.

I speak for every member of Team MARL when I say that it is our honor to provide these animals with the specialized care that they need to get them through that critical moment and on the path to a healthy and happy life.

I also speak for every member of our team when I say **THANK YOU**. Without your support we wouldn't be able to provide the level of care that we do to as many animals as we do.

Behind every MARL animal's success story is a donor or volunteer who supported MARL in one way or another to make it possible.

As you are looking through this newsletter please take a moment to give yourself a pat on the back. You might not get to see the effects of your support in action every single day, but I hope you can feel it in these photos and stories.

Thank you for being such a vital part of the life-saving work that we are doing every day.

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR





JAMIE'S STORY

Jamie came to MARL on December 29th, 2020 in a transfer from another shelter. This 5-year-old girl is as sweet as can be, loves being pet, and is almost completely blind. Poor Jamie had been abandoned in a carrier at a dog groomer in Warren, MI, before being brought to a local rescue and then to MARL.

When we first met Jamie, she was very unsure of her surroundings. Being blind and abandoned, she had no idea where she was! Jamie was also front declawed, which suggested she lost a home she probably was very familiar with.

Jamie quickly warmed up to her cozy cage but was terrified of the outside world. Dedicated volunteers got straight to work helping her every day by gently putting her paws on the floor outside her cage. It took about a week, but eventually she got the hang of it! We cheered when Jamie took her first steps outside her cage and were elated when she started to explore. Those first brave steps turned into roaming around the room and crawling into volunteers' laps!

Today, Jamie paws at her door asking to be let out. She loves laying in the sun and runs straight toward the sound of treats! We can't wait to help this lovely girl find a home as special as she is!



VOLUNTEERS: OUR SHELTER SUPERHEROES

Life at MARL would not be complete without our incredible volunteers! We are so lucky to have an amazing team of dedicated, hardworking, and caring volunteers who make our animals' lives better every day. These wonderful people come in on their own time and help us clean, train, and love on the cats and dogs in our care. From taking dogs on long walks to the park, to playing with frisky cats, to socializing our shyest animals, there's nothing our volunteers won't do! From all the staff and animals who benefit from your care, we'd like to say a big **THANK YOU!**

Interested in volunteering at MARL? Visit our website at marleague.org to learn how!





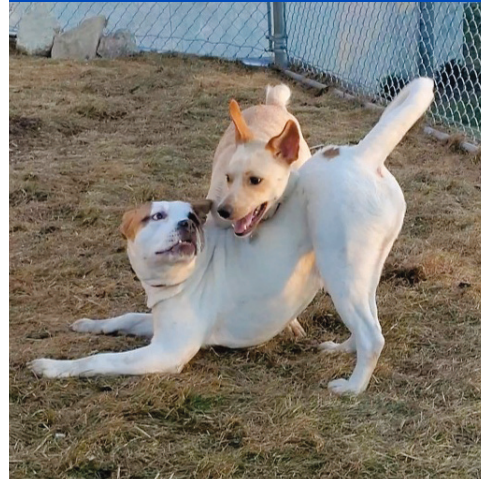
PLAY BUDDIES

Many times when dogs arrive at MARL we don't know what their history with other dogs has been like. They may have lived with another dog their whole life, had traumatic experiences with other dogs, or even rarely saw other dogs! Regardless of their past, dogs are typically social creatures who benefit from spending time with their own species. That's why we have a Play Buddies program!

Group playtime can do wonders for a dog's mental and physical well-being. Those benefits even add up to help them get adopted faster! Even for dogs who are scared or shy, Team MARL knows just what to do to take them from nervous and alone to happy, social butterflies.

PLAYING WITH ANOTHER DOG HAS THESE BENEFITS:

HELPS GET AN ACTIVE DOG'S ENERGY OUT, WHICH LEADS TO LESS BEHAVIORAL ISSUES



HELPS SHY DOGS LEARN THAT PEOPLE OR EXPERIENCES DON'T HAVE TO BE SCARY!

HELPS DOGS WHO HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ALONE LEARN HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH OTHER DOGS



HELPS DOGS WHO HAVE BEEN MISTREATED BY OTHER DOGS LEARN TO TRUST AGAIN



HELPS US BETTER PREDICT WHAT KIND OF HOME EACH DOG WOULD DO BEST IN



ENGAGES DOGS IN SEVERAL FORMS OF HIGHLY BENEFICIAL ENRICHMENT



HELPS DOGS LEARN HOW TO BE WELL-ROUNDED WITH ALL AGES AND SIZES OF OTHER DOGS



LESSENS THE CHANCE OF NEGATIVE DOG-RELATED BEHAVIOR ONCE DOGS ARE ADOPTED OUT





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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, 2020 – February 28, 2021.

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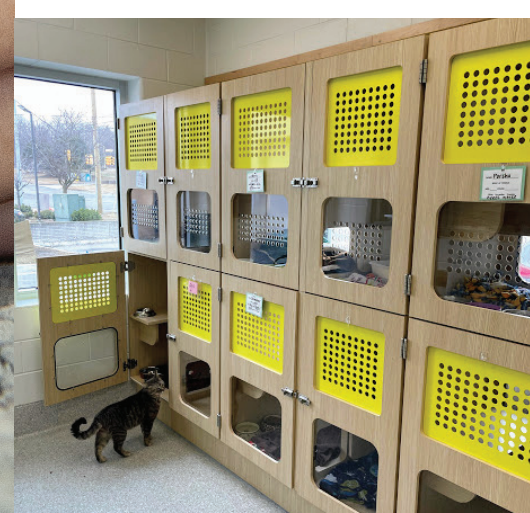
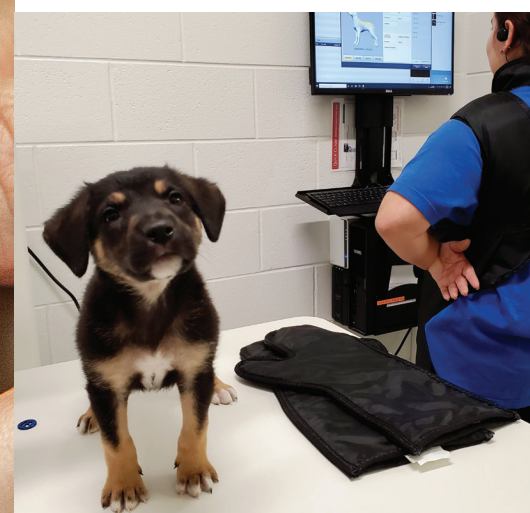
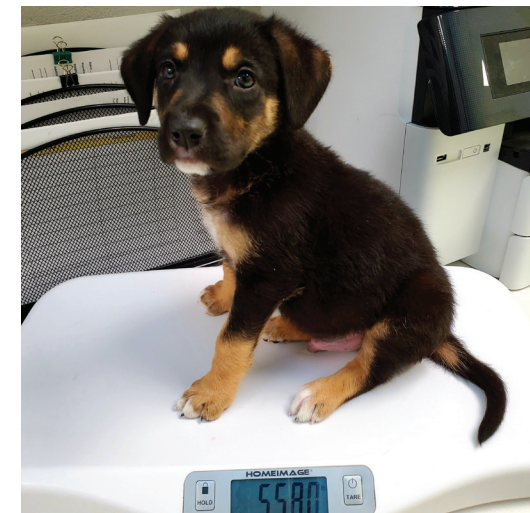
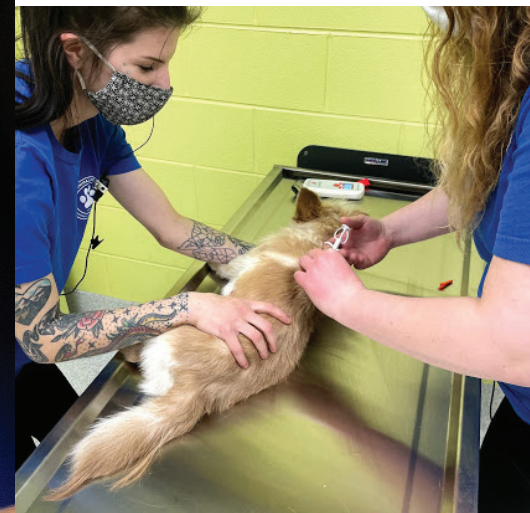
FIVE-STAR TREATMENT

One amazing highlight of MARL's new home is the medical wing. In our original building, medical space was confined to one small room in an old ranch house. Here, we are so lucky to have an entire third of our new 15,000 square foot facility dedicated to the veterinary care of our residents!

Oftentimes dogs and cats have to go out to a veterinary practice to get important medical care. The stress of being packed up and driven somewhere can be hard on them and compounds the stress they already feel from acclimating to life at the shelter. Now, when an animal needs medical care, they can just be walked back to the medical wing and taken care of right away!

Our medical staff report that they have so many more capabilities in this new facility. We can now treat more issues like heartworm, better isolate animals to reduce the spread of disease, conduct more surgeries in-house, and save thousands of dollars in vet fees and time spent transporting animals to and from the vet.

MARL's medical wing features a surgery suite, exam rooms, important diagnostic equipment, an x-ray machine, and plenty of kennels and cat cages. It's only thanks to our incredible community of donors and supporters that we can give our animals this five-star treatment!





MARL GIVING CIRCLES

For our generous supporters committed to caring for homeless animals in our care all year long, we invite you to join our newest giving program, the MARL Giving Circles!

As a member of one of MARL's Giving Circles, you help us provide vital care to the homeless animals we welcome into our shelter each year that require medical care, behavior training and support, and more. Your investment gives these deserving animals a second chance for a happy, healthy life.

Member benefits start with the Loyal Friend Circle and include a Certificate of membership in the 2021 MARL Giving Circles Club, recognition on the MARL website, in the MARL lobby, in the MARL bi-annual newsletters and in a dog neighborhood or cat room for one year. You will also receive quarterly email updates on the animals residing in your neighborhood or room.

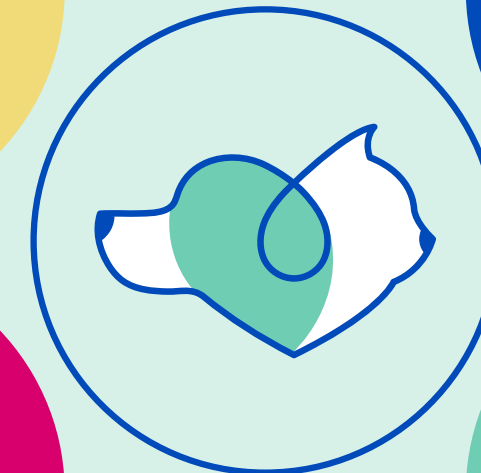
To learn more or join a Giving Circle, visit our website at www.marleague.org or contact **Magee Humes** at mhumes@marleague.org.



TOP DOG CIRCLE
 \$100,000 AND UP
 Champion benefits and the opportunity to name one adoptable dog or cat.

CHAMPION CIRCLE
 \$25,000 - \$99,999
 Hero benefits and scheduled puppy or kitten playdate for up to five people on a mutually agreed upon date.

HERO CIRCLE
 \$10,000 - \$24,999
 Advocate benefits and tour and meet & greet with MARL shelter staff and animals.



LOYAL FRIEND CIRCLE
 \$1,000-\$2,499
 See page 15 for benefits.

BEST FRIEND CIRCLE
 \$2,500-\$4,999
 Loyal Friend benefits and a personal update from a member of MARL's Board of Directors.

ADVOCATE CIRCLE
 \$5,000-\$9,999
 Best Friend benefits and lunch (or Zoom) with MARL's executive director.



SNUGGLE BUGS

If you walk around the hallways of MARL, you might start to notice something... a lot of cozy animals!

It's very important at MARL that every animal's kennel or cage feels warm, safe, and cozy. When a dog or cat arrives at our doorstep, we never know for sure what they have been through. Some arrive as strays after surviving for weeks out in the cold, and others come from situations of neglect where they may have never had a clean, warm bed before. A safe space can make all the difference in their willingness to warm up to staff and volunteers.

Being a "different breed of shelter" means we care deeply about our animals' mental health as well as their physical well-being. Our staff knows every resident's favorite toy, their perfect bed, and what kind of socialization they need to get ready for a forever home! We work hard to make sure every cat and dog feels safe, happy, and comfortable until their adoption day arrives.





The Michigan Animal Rescue League is celebrating its 12th annual Yappy Hour – the only cocktail party in Metro Detroit where your dog is welcome! This year you'll **fall in love** with the rescue dogs and cats of MARL in a gorgeous autumn atmosphere. Guests will enjoy the opportunity to mingle with their best friend by their side while enjoying cocktails and delicious food, gourmet dog treats, a silent auction, red carpet photography, and so much more! There's something for everyone and their four-legged friend at Yappy Hour!

Although 2020 was a year like no other, the needs of the animals did not go away and so neither did we. Last year's virtual "Yappy Week" was an amazing success, raising over \$140,000 for the animals! We are so grateful to our community who continued to show up for cats and dogs in need.

We are thrilled to be hosting MARL's first-ever Fall Yappy Hour! While we are optimistic for a live event, we also understand there's a chance we may not be able to gather in person. If that happens, Yappy Hour will transform into a spectacular virtual event.

Visit www.marleague.org now for tickets, sponsorship information, FAQ, and more!

Contact Megan Garrison at mgarrison@marleague.org or **248-706-6649** if you have questions or would like additional information.



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ORGANIZATIONS & COMPANIES:

ADAT SHALOM SYNAGOGUE – Donated homemade dog biscuits, tug toys, supplies, and more

CARHARTT GLOBAL PRODUCT TEAM WITH GUERRERO & LASLIE FAMILY FUND / NATIONAL CHARITABLE ENDOWMENT INC. – Together donated \$2,650 for the animals

THE BLACK DOG CANDLE COMPANY – Donates 10% of their monthly sales

CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS EMPLOYEES – Raised \$1,000 for MARL from Casual Fridays

TRIPLE H CUSTOM HEATING & COOLING – Held a golf outing to benefit MARL

UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – Held their 2nd annual PetPalooza event to benefit MARL

FLAGSTAR BANK – Donated \$2,500 from 2020 Casual Fridays

WALT'S DIGGITY DOG, LLC. – Collects donations for MARL at their hot dog stand

KENDRA SCOTT JEWELRY – Helped raise money for MARL on #GivingTuesday

VERA BRADLEY SOMERSET – Raised money for MARL at a store event

KIDS DOING GOOD IN THEIR COMMUNITY:

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 76966 – Collected and brought in supplies for MARL

HANNAH H. – Did all her chores and donated her allowance to MARL

ARLENE SIMS – Raised money through Facebook for her birthday

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 71592 – Raised money for the dogs and cats at MARL

MEGAN GARNAI – Collected donations for MARL for an NHS school project

THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE GENEROUS PEOPLE AND COMPANIES WHO SUPPORT MARL! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPS OUR DOGS AND CATS.

MARL'S WISH LIST

Help the dogs and cats at MARL by donating these much-needed items to the shelter!

To drop off donations, please ring the doorbell at 790 Featherstone, Pontiac, MI 48342 or call our front desk at 248-335-9290 between the hours of 12-5 Tuesdays through Saturdays.

WISH LIST:

Wet dog food | All brands

Wet cat food | All brands

Dry kitten food | Purina

Dry dog and puppy food | Purina One SmartBlend (red bag)

Cat toys | all types

Clorox disinfecting wipes

Paper towels

Unscented cat litter

Gently used or new harnesses, leashes, and collars | all sizes

Dog toys and chews | all types

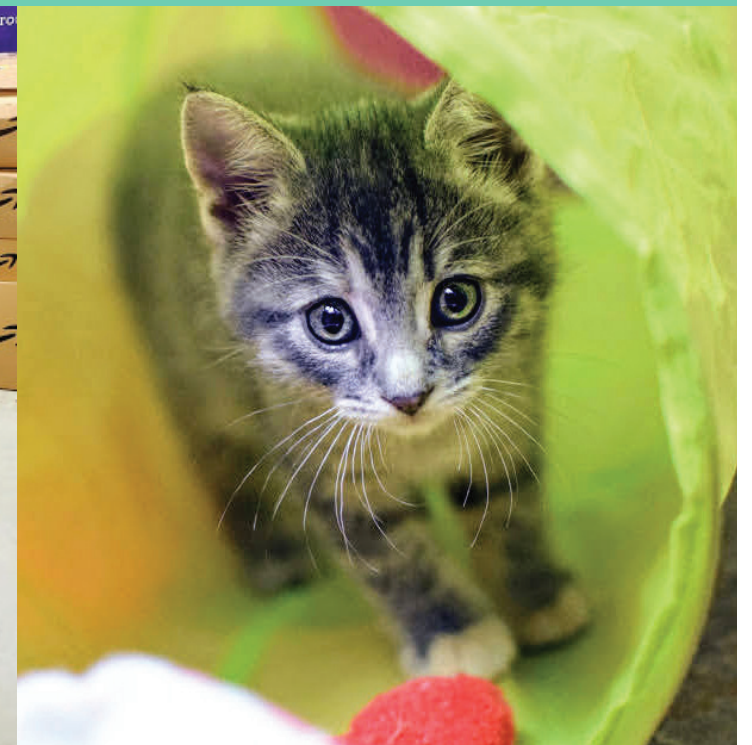
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Send supplies directly to the shelter with our Amazon and Chewy wish lists! Visit marleague.org to learn more.

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HAPPY TAILS

Nothing makes us happier than seeing MARL alumni find great homes! Enjoy these pictures of happy cats and dogs on their adoption days and enjoying the lives they always deserved.



BIG TYMER

Adopted February 2021



MALCOLM

Adopted January 2021



PANDA

Adopted January 2021



SNORKEL

Adopted December 2020



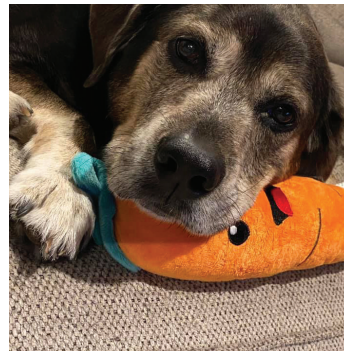
**BELLATRIX
(FORMERLY EVE)**

Adopted January 2021



FUJI & LULU

Adopted December 2020



BENJI

Adopted December 2020



JEFF & BANDIT

Adopted January and
August 2020