# THE MARL REPORT



CELEBRATING 70 YEARS
OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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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)
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#### **ON THE COVER**

Meet our cover dog, Stella. "Stella had an underbite that melted hearts and a furry, wrinkled baby hippopotamus physique. She filled our house with love and laughter for over fifteen beautiful years before crossing the rainbow bridge. She has been an inspiration to so many and will be missed forever, but never forgotten." Thank you to our special donor, Jen Genberg, who won this cover feature at Yappy Hour to honor her family's best friend, Stella!



# LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As the very proud Executive Director of the Michigan Animal Rescue League, I often speak about the fact that MARL has been serving the animals and the community from the corner of Featherstone and MLK in Pontiac since 1953.

Homeless and at-risk animals have been arriving at our doors in need of a second chance, every single day, for **seventy years**.

We have no doubt changed and grown in those seventy years. What was once an unassuming house on the corner with one dedicated employee and a small team of volunteers is now a one-of-a-kind, state-of-the-art facility with dynamic medical and socialization programs, a full staff, over 250 volunteers, and a high-functioning board of directors.

But the one thing that hasn't changed in those seventy years is our dedication to each and every dog and cat who arrives at MARL looking to us for a second chance. Times will change, trends in animal welfare will continue to evolve, and years will go by – but this organization is committed to being the best it can be for the animals who arrive here, now, and in the future.

We are grateful to each one of you who has supported MARL in one way or another over the years. You have helped us grow into our role as the impactful, compassionate, and effective organization that we are today – **A Different Breed of Shelter**.

We are honored to be an unwavering place of solace for the animals who need us and a resource for the community who trusts us. We have been here at 790 Featherstone for the animals who arrive unwanted, sick, injured, scared, old, tired, worn down, abused and neglected for seventy years, and with your help, we will continue to be here for those animals as long as they need us.

## Magee Humes Executive Director

We will be celebrating this milestone throughout the year on social media, at our annual Yappy Hour event in September and in our Summer MARL Report as we take a trip down memory lane.





Though MARL is a cat and dog rescue, that doesn't stop other types of animals from occasionally making their way through our doors. Rockstar stayed with us for several weeks while receiving medical care and lots of attention before finding his forever home.







Who doesn't love a puppy party? Little Ted stole our hearts the minute he came to MARL. This 8-week-old yorkie-poo's feet hardly ever touched the ground because he was always in someone's arms. We think Ted the dog and Ted the volunteer made quite the duo!





MARL office cat, Snowy, is always keeping us on our toes. One of her mischievous pastimes is eating and sometimes stealing food from our office staff. Here she is curled up in her favorite bed, napping with a stolen Cheez-It.



Our canine residents enjoyed special meals on Thanksgiving, complete with dog-friendly versions of the traditional holiday staples.

Their full bellies and smiling faces were made possible by our generous supporters and incredible team of staff and volunteers!







Playgroups are a great way for shy dogs to build confidence. During his stay at MARL, Nibbles benefited from lots of playtime with long-term resident Sprout. We are happy to report that both Nibbles and Sprout were recently adopted.





Just when it seemed like kitten season was coming to an end, we welcomed Beth and her eight kittens into our care! They will be spending time in a home with one of our dedicated fosters until they are old enough to find their forever homes.



Maxine found her way to MARL in the summer of 2021 as a transfer from another shelter. Arriving with three of her siblings, they were all frightened and unsure. Things like walking on a leash, being around other dogs, or meeting new people were all unfamiliar and scary to them. It was clear that they would need all the care and attention that we could give.

Two of her siblings, Jenny and Mickey, were adopted relatively quickly, and her brother Kernel was fostered and eventually adopted by a staff member. Maxine's luck was not so good as potential adopters continued to pass her by.

Not long after her arrival, our medical team noticed some abnormalities as Maxine continued to grow. After several vet appointments, it was determined that Maxine would require two separate surgeries to repair joint issues in her leg. Recovery for this surgery can last anywhere from 4-12 weeks. During this time she would require a restricted exercise schedule, which presented quite a challenge for an exuberant and energetic puppy like Maxine.

Curbing her enthusiasm was a difficult task. Maxine is famous around MARL for the empathic joy she displays whenever she sees her favorite people. Staff and volunteers worked hard to put her on the right path.

With a specialized enrichment plan that included doggy swim lessons, food-based entertainment, and tons of one-on-one time with her favorite humans, Maxine's recovery for each surgery was relatively smooth. Today, she is once again happy to participate in play groups with other MARL residents, go on long walks, and experience all that the world has to offer.

Through all the hardships, Maxine still greets each day with a wagging tail. Many, many members of Team MARL think of her as their own personal at-work therapy dog. Maxine's best days are still ahead of her, and we look forward to matching her up with a home that's as special as she is.



Interested in learning more about Maxine? Contact our office at 248-335-9290 or info@marl.org, or scan the QR code.













Whether a foster parent, cat room volunteer, or dog walker, we would NOT be able to provide the level of care to as many animals as we do without our incredible volunteers!

Questions about fostering or volunteering? Visit marl.org to learn more.

MARL's Cat Rooms are maintained primarily by volunteers! Our cat crew helps with morning cleaning, afternoon feeding, and socializing throughout the day. They also ensure that our cats have a clean place to live and plenty of socialization at PetSmart in Northville where a number of adoptable MARL cats are housed while they await forever homes.



Sandra Kondos and her volunteer landscaping and gardening crew maintain MARL's grounds throughout the year. Whether they're planting flowers and shrubs in the spring, or raking leaves in the fall, we can always count on this wonderful team to make sure that the grounds look gorgeous and welcoming all year-round!



Our team of dog volunteers are second to none. This incredible crew supports our staff by providing the dogs with lots of walks, playtime, training, enrichment, and quality time with people they love. Our volunteers know our dogs, and the dogs know them! Lots of wagging tails and big smiles are made possible every day by this wonderful group.





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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 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 – December 31, 2022.

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# **MARY KELLER**

MARL lost a very special member of our team recently. Mary Keller was part of our PetSmart volunteer team for over 15 years and touched the lives of so many. Her dedication to animals was truly unmatched-often visiting the cats even when it wasn't her day to volunteer. Mary was a kind, loving, and thoughtful woman. She will be incredibly missed by staff, volunteers, and the many MARL cats that benefited from her care.



# **GLOW UPS**

Some animals come to us as strays, some are left on our doorstep overnight, and others are surrendered by the only family they have ever known. No matter how they arrive, MARL will do whatever is needed to turn their lives around. These are just a few of the Glow Ups made possible by our dedicated team and supporters like you.



Chewbacca was found as a stray in Detroit. He came to us with Heartworm Disease and complications due to a severe Upper Respiratory Infection. It took nearly two months for Chewbacca to recover. Once he was on the mend, it wasn't long before Chewbacca found his foster mom and was officially adopted once his Heartworm treatment was completed. He now enjoys swimming during the summer months and vacationing with his new family.

This past December, a gentleman walked through our doors wearing a backpack. When he turned around, we saw the cutest little head poking out! Libbie was extremely nervous when she first arrived. She would cower in the corner of her kennel and was very untrusting of people. With lots of TLC (and treats!), Libbie started to let her playful, confident personality shine. She did a complete 180 while at MARL! She was adopted just after the new year and has been loving life with her forever family since.



Rudolph was brought to MARL the day before Thanksgiving after he was found outside alone in a shopping center parking lot. He was soaking wet, cold, hungry, and full of fleas. At just 8-weeksold, it was clear that Rudolph had already experienced his fair share of hardship. He received a bath, health exam, and his first round of deworming medication before heading off to foster. He was adopted several weeks later, and his new family reports that he loves to play in empty grocery bags and take naps in fresh piles of laundry.





Sunflower was brought to MARL after being left outside to fend for herself. Emaciated and infested with fleas, Sunflower required immediate attention from our medical team. Days passed and Sunflower started to gain weight and build confidence. One of MARL's dedicated volunteers fell in love with Sunflower and adopted her several weeks later. We enjoy regular updates from the duo who are now nearly inseparable.

Sugar came to MARL after she was found outside as a stray. She was wearing an old Halloween costume that was so tight it needed to be cut off with scissors. After a trip to the groomer, Sugar was looking (and feeling!) like a million bucks. This sweet senior now lives with a canine sibling and is incredibly loved and spoiled, our wish for every MARL animal.



MICHIGAN ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE'S 13TH ANNUAL

# + Jappy + Hour + +



+ SEPTEMBER 29, 2022 +

Another Yappy Hour is in the books. The 13th Annual Yappy Hour – the only cocktail party in Metro Detroit where your dog is welcome was a tremendous success! Guests enjoyed mingling with their best friend by their side while enjoying cocktails, delicious food, gourmet dog treats, fun photo opportunities, a silent auction, and more.

Yappy Hour welcomed more than 500 guests and continues to gain momentum, making it a unique and exciting event that people (and dogs) don't want to miss!

Save the date for the 14th Annual Yappy Hour on Thursday, September 21, 2023 in the Rock Garden at Meadow Brook as we celebrate "Platinum Style," marking MARL's 70th Anniversary.

Visit marl.org for updates on this year's event.





# **THANK YOU** TO OUR 2022 SPONSORS!

# GOLD GRAND CHAMPION

THE CAPLAN FAMILY OF RESCUES

#### TOP DOG

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# IT'S A WONDERFUL

# NEIGHBORHOOD!

Adapting to the shelter environment can be hard for even the most well-adjusted dogs. While MARL's staff and volunteers make every effort to make their temporary home comfortable, the shelter can be a place where animals find themselves confined in an unfamiliar environment, separated from their previous families, and exposed to much more noise than they are used to.

Our goal for every dog is to minimize stress, provide a high-quality of life, and reduce time to adoption.

One way that we accomplish this is in the thoughtful, custom design of our Dog Neighborhoods. The configuration allows each dog a natural view where they can see and hear other dogs, but they are not directly facing each other. Each kennel is spacious, receives natural light, and provides 24-hour heated access to a safe outdoor area. Add to that the calming music, aromatherapy, and the friendly faces of staff and volunteers going by and we feel confident we are setting our dogs up for success by ensuring they feel safe and secure during their wait for a forever home.





# THANK YOU THANK YOU

#### **ORGANIZATIONS & COMPANIES:**

BLACK DOG CANDLE COMPANY - Donated 10% of candle sales to benefit MARL

MAGNA ELECTRONICS - Donated \$555 to benefit MARL

OAKLAND COUNTY CREDIT UNIONS - Collected \$4,000 at their annual golf outing

VILLAGE BOUTIQUE - Donated \$100 from their charity fundraiser

REAL ESTATE FOR A CAUSE TEAM - Donated \$200 to benefit MARL

SANDY KONDOS - Collected Wish List Items and monetary donations at her Cookie Exchange Party

REAL ESTATE ONE & MAX BROOCK REALTORS & OFFICE STAFF - Collected \$818 to benefit MARL

LINDA SUE & BOB FRIES - Collected Wish List items at their Troy Business Builders BNI Referral Group event

MIKE SAVOIE CHEVROLET - Donated \$7,500 from Pickup for Paws 2022

COMMUNITY FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION - Raised \$1,200 through their "Win for Charity" Program

THE CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS - Collected \$1,000 from their "Casual Friday" donations

**2GATHER EVENT VENUE -** Collected \$252 from their Open House event

**CLUB PETS** - Collected "Wish List" items during the holiday season

ETHAN ALLEN FURNITURE DESIGN CENTER - Collected "Wish List" items during the holiday season

OAKLAND HILLS VETERINARY HOSPITAL - Collected "Wish List" items during the holiday season

MICHAEL & JULIE PUZSAR - Collected "Wish List" items and \$695 from their annual holiday party

**KENDRICK SIMS** - Regularly donates Wish List items throughout the year

SANDY KONDOS AND HER TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS - For their year-round landscaping initiatives at MARL

MARL VOLUNTEERS - For donating their time to make sure our cats and dogs receive lots of quality care while they await adoption

#### KIDS DOING GOOD IN THEIR COMMUNITY:

**PEACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL** – Donated "Wish List" items. Thanks, Greta Schlaps, for nominating MARL to be the recipient of your classroom's holiday charity drive

KYLE RUSS - Collected \$200 in coins for his senior project and donated it to MARL

CRANBROOK KINGSWOOD GIRLS MIDDLE SCHOOL - Ann Nell collected supplies at her school

MADELINE YATOOMA - Collected \$461.00 in donations at her 11th birthday party

ELLA DEAN - Is a high school student who started her own non-profit, Cozy Paws, and collected Wish List items and \$25 to benefit MARL

GIRL SCOUT TROOP #77200 - Collected \$150 to benefit MARL

**SCHOOLCRAFT ELEMENTARY –** Kim McLain raised \$42 from her school

LAKE ORION HIGH SCHOOL - The National Honor Society collected Wish List items

PINE TREE CENTER, LAKE ORION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS - Collected \$325 at their charity event to benefit MARL

HALDEN GENBERG & ADDY KITZMAN - Collected \$282 from the JNHS Charity Drive

NICK GRUNDHOFER - Selected MARL as the recipient of handmade blankets and a monetary donation from his Eagle Scout 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!

Donations can be brought to 790 Featherstone, Pontiac, MI 48342 any day of the week before 7pm. For assistance, please ring the doorbell outside of our entrance.

#### **WISH LIST:**

Wet dog food | All brands

Wet cat food | All brands

Dry kitten food | Purina One

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

Cat toys | All brands

Clorox disinfecting wipes

Paper towels

Unscented clumping cat litter

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

Treat puzzles

Fleece blankets





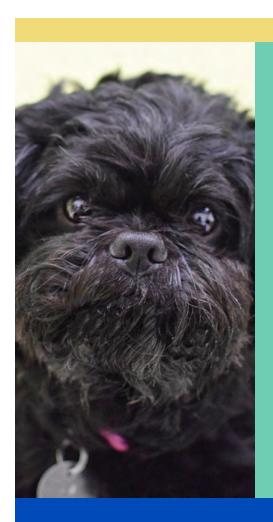
Send supplies directly to the shelter with our Amazon and Chewy wish lists! Visit marl.org or use these QR codes to learn more.

Please note that we do not accept the following: Open bags of food, pillows, newspaper, large comforters, fitted sheets, animal clothes, wire dog crates, and used grooming supplies.

Keep in mind that dropping off things that we cannot use means that our staff has less time to spend with the animals due to the sorting and re-donating of these items.



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By including MARL in your estate plans, you are leaving a legacy of kindness to animals and joining a special group, The Guardian Society.

Those who notify MARL of inclusion in their estate plans, at any level, are eligible to become a member of The Guardian Society. Members receive special benefits including invitations to special MARL events, recognition as a special friend, and the opportunity to enroll in the Pet Guardianship Program.

It is surprisingly easy to make the gift of a lifetime. Planned gifts include but are not limited to:

- Bequests included in wills
- Living trusts
- Charitable gift annuities
- Life insurance policies
- Retirement plan assets

Consult with your financial advisor, attorney or trust officer to determine the best option for you. To learn more, visit **marl.org** or contact **Magee Humes** at **248-335-9290** or **mhumes@marl.org**.