

# THE **MARL** REPORT

SPECIAL **ADOPTION ISSUE**

FALL WINTER 2024



**BRINGING BEST FRIENDS  
TOGETHER SINCE 1953**

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## ON THE COVER

The Sorrels family and their beloved dog, Autumn, snapped a stunning family photo before heading into the 15th Annual Yappy Hour to enjoy a wonderful evening of celebration. Autumn was adopted from MARL on February 22, 2024 and has been living her best life since.

**Read the full story on page 9.**





# LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Dear Friends of MARL,**

I want to take a moment to share with you the serious challenges that we, along with the entire animal welfare community, are currently facing. In my twenty years in animal welfare, this is the single most difficult challenge I have encountered. Many shelters, like us, are taking in more animals than can be adopted out. Adoption rates are at the lowest point in years—both at MARL and across the country. At the same time, the number of animals in need continues to increase, leaving us with a heartbreaking reality: we are forced to turn away more animals than ever before due to the bottleneck in our population.

This special edition of the MARL Report is dedicated to adoption, which is truly at the heart of what we do. Adopting animals not only transforms their lives, but it also allows us to save even more. And, as you will see in this issue, adopting from MARL brings plenty of benefits for the humans involved as well! In this issue, we're focusing on all things adoption—finding loving homes for the animals in our care and celebrating the many success stories of those who have already found their forever families.

While we do an exceptional job as A Different Breed of Shelter—providing comfort, care, and respite to these deserving animals—there is no substitute for the unconditional love and security of a permanent home. The greatest gift we can offer the dogs and cats in our care is the opportunity to experience the love and stability that only a true forever home can provide.

Now more than ever, we need your support—whether you choose to adopt, foster, volunteer, donate, or simply share our mission and the incredible animals we have here waiting for homes. Every act of support brings us one step closer to saving more lives.

**Magee Humes**  
**Executive Director**



# ADOPTION PROGRAM

At MARL, we like to think of our adoption process as the ultimate matchmaking service—helping adopters find not just a pet but a perfect pet. MARL's customer service-based adoption program combines our commitment to each animal's well-being with our intention of providing adopters with a match that will last a lifetime.

Through open, honest communication, our goal is to achieve the best possible adoption outcome for each animal and each adopter. If the dog you are considering has a reputation of being an “escape artist”, if the puppy you're considering needs work in the potty training department, or if the cat you're considering prefers to be an only child, we're going to tell you that. We want to help our adopters find an animal that will fit into their lifestyle, all while ensuring the animal's individual needs are being met - a win for all involved.

Throughout the process, potential adopters have the opportunity to spend plenty of one-on-one time with the dog or cat they are considering. We invite all members of the household to visit the animal here at the shelter (even current dogs if applicable!) and get to know them first-hand, all while engaging in conversation with our knowledgeable staff. These are the people who know your potential new pet best, and they will tell you all there is to know about them—from the animal's backstory to tips on training, health, and beyond.

And the support doesn't stop once you walk out the door. MARL provides complete medical records, a smooth transition guide and best practices to help you and your new furry friend settle into your new life together. Plus, we're always here as a resource to ensure a lifetime of success with your new addition.

Whether you're looking for a playful puppy to grow with your family, an easy-going companion cat, or an athletic dog to join in on your adventures, MARL's process has you covered. Visit [marl.org](https://marl.org) to view all of the wonderful dogs and cats waiting for a chance to become your new best friend.

**ALL ADOPTIONS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE KIMBERLY WHIPPLE  
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# A FIVE-STAR EXPERIENCE

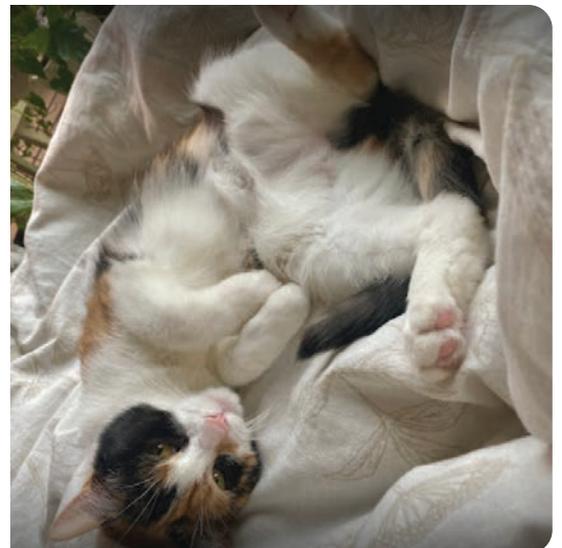
We understand that the process of adopting can feel intimidating. Rest assured that when you choose to adopt from MARL, your experience will be nothing short of wonderful. But don't take our word for it – check out what our adopters have to say about finding a new best friend at MARL.



Our adoption was handled with great care and patience. The staff let us take our time, and were very generous with their time in answering our many questions about our new pup. Great experience from the perspective of a nervous new pet parent. Also, we were very impressed with the facility. The facility is top notch, and the animals all seemed to be extremely well cared for. Highly recommend MARL.



My boyfriend and I adopted Molly (now Marigold) almost a month ago, and she's just the best kitty. MARL has a great facility and such friendly and helpful staff. This was our first time adopting an animal and we appreciate how easy and straightforward the adoption process was. Thank you MARL for all that you do, we love our new best friend!





Very positive experience. The facility and staff well represent what the rescue community should be about.... the pet. The pets are well cared for in a clean, open, environment with lots of human interaction. We are so happy with the dog we adopted... thank you for all you do!!



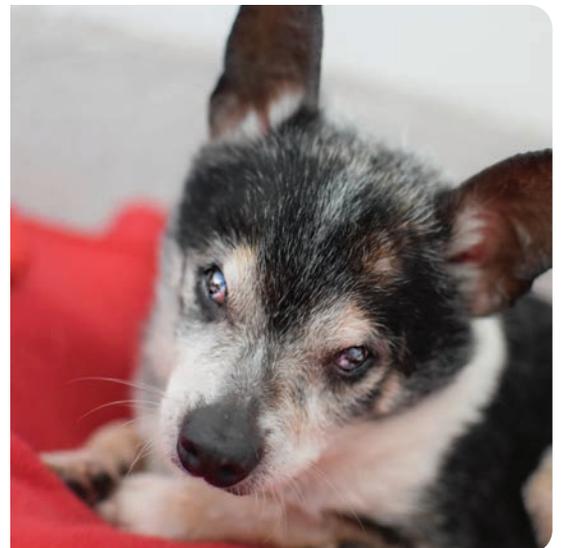
We adopted 5 dogs in the last 25 years from MARL. Great experience with all of them. Adopted Lola today. Dylan was awesome- knew each dog we met and helped the process immensely. They care about the animals they have and have an adoption process that shows that! Highly recommend!



We were so impressed with the process from beginning to end. The staff/volunteers are so engaged and knowledgeable about the health and behaviors of the dogs. I feel the staff/ volunteers really work with the dogs to teach them basics: sit, come, how to walk on a leash, etc. The facility is clean and not overwhelming to visit. Welcome to the family Fiona formally Santa's Helper.



We had a very good experience adoption from MARL. We spoke to Taylor on several occasions and she kindly answered all our questions. We found the facility to be very nice and clean and the animals definitely appeared well cared for. We adopted a senior and they were up front and honest about the temperament of the dog and any medical concerns. I would not hesitate to adopt from MARL again.





# SHELTER BESTIES

It's hard to play favorites when you work with a shelter full of amazing four-legged residents who are all perfect in their own way. But we've asked some of our staff and volunteers about their shelter BFF's who are currently available for adoption at MARL – What do you love about them? Who sticks out to you as extra special and why?

## HERE'S WHAT OUR TEAM HAD TO SAY:

### INTERESTED IN ADOPTING?

Visit [marl.org](http://marl.org) to learn how you can bring one of our besties home.



### HAZEL

**3-year-old Female, Iconic Cuddler (Labrador Retriever Mix)**

"I love Hazel so much! Her #1 goal in life is to find the quickest and most efficient way to get her belly rubbed by someone she loves. The fact that she has been overlooked this long is shocking to me. She is the kind of dog you instantly fall in love with."

**-Sam Boven, Volunteer Coordinator**

### GREG

**2-year-old Male, Wise Guy (Domestic Short Hair)**

"My office cat, Greg, brings so much joy to my day with his fun personality. He loves sharing lunch breaks and going outside for fresh air time with me. When he's not playing, he's happily stretched out in his window perch, soaking up the sun. It's hard to believe he hasn't found his forever home yet—someone is going to be so lucky to have him!"

**-Erin Lalinski, Cat Care Coordinator**





## PETEY

1-year-old Male, Baked Potato (Pit Bull Terrier Mix)

“Petey is such a big, sweet baby. He’ll snuggle right up to me when I sit with him in his kennel, and when it’s time for me to go, he turns into complete dead weight on my lap in protest. Obviously I stay, because how could I not? He’s mastered the art of puppy dog eyes and they get me every time. Whoever takes him home will be getting the best boy ever.”

-Taylor Turnbull, Office Coordinator

## RILEY

5-year-old Female, Diva Extraordinaire (Persian)

“Every night when I close, I look over to see Riley staring at me in the lobby from the cage free cat room. I see so much potential in her, I can tell she’s one of those cats that little by little, will start to flourish once she’s settled into a home. I picture her basking in a sunny window spot in her future home, while her human servants give her snacks. Also her face is quite literally perfect.”

-Audrey Blaylock, Communication Manager



## BEN AND ELKA

9-year-old Male & Female, Hall of Famers (German Shepherd Dogs)

“We’ve taken Ben and Elka on multiple outings to spend the afternoon at our house, and they’ve been nothing short of perfect. They both adore being outside! Ben is more laid back, happy to relax with his ball, while Elka is all about fetch - she will chase, retrieve, and sit while she waits for the next throw. Elka also loves water and playing in the kiddie pool while Ben watches from the sidelines. When friends visit, both are super friendly and have no issues meeting new people. Overall, they’re incredibly well-behaved, have great personalities, and are surprisingly easy to manage for two large dogs. Someone is going to be very lucky to have these two.”

-Robin Wright & Kim Hurley, Dog Team Volunteers

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## STRIPES

4-year-old Male, Iconic Wallflower (Domestic Short Hair)

“I am especially fond of Stripes, I visit him every time I volunteer with the cats. He is such a sweet boy—I love how chatty and snuggly he is! He’s a perfect mix of cuddly and playful.”

-Milan Puscas, Cat Team Volunteer





**KENDALL, BRAD AND JODY AT YAPPY HOUR**



**REID AND AUTUMN**



**BRAD AND AUTUMN**



**AUTUMN AND HER  
MARL ALUMNI SISTER BINDI**



**CURT AND AUTUMN**



# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## AUTUMN'S STORY

The Sorrels family—Brad, Jody, sons Curt and Reid, and daughter Kendall—are no strangers to adoption. Over the years, they've welcomed both cats and dogs from MARL into their home. So when they were ready to add another furry family member, they knew it would be a MARL dog. What they didn't know was just how important this particular match was going to be.

In the spring, the Sorrels family adopted Autumn. Just a few months later, they received devastating news: Curt's cancer, which he had been battling for five years, had returned more aggressively than before.

"Autumn brought a calm and a happiness to the entire house that we didn't even know we were going to need," says Curt's family. "The weeks when Curt was going through chemotherapy, it was like she knew. She wouldn't leave his side. It was amazing to witness."

Autumn's presence brought peace to the family, particularly Curt, as she stayed by his side throughout his treatments. Her loving, constant companionship was a source of comfort during the toughest moments.

"She was always there," the family shares. "We couldn't have asked for a better addition to our family, and we credit Autumn with bringing us joy when we needed it most."

Autumn has become much more than a pet to the Sorrels family. She is a source of love, strength, and joy. The family's story is a beautiful reminder of the powerful bond that can form between adopted animals and their families, and how that connection can provide light even in the darkest times.

We are so grateful to have played a part in bringing Autumn and the Sorrels family together, and we were thrilled to see her at Yappy Hour last month. Autumn looked confident, happy, and proud to be with her family, and it was heartwarming to witness their bond firsthand.

Autumn needed a loving, forever home and it turns out the Sorrel's family needed her too.

**THEIR STORY ILLUSTRATES THE PROFOUND IMPACT THAT ADOPTING A SHELTER ANIMAL CAN HAVE—NOT JUST FOR THE PET, BUT FOR THE FAMILY THAT WELCOMES THEM HOME.**



# 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 homeless dogs and cats in southeast Michigan. Listed below are gifts made in honor or in memory of a loved one in the amount of \$20 or more.

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**Megan Docks** | Sandy and Norma Lesnick  
**Meghan Talbot** | Mary Lou Talbot  
**Meryl** | Robin Nice  
**Michael** | Paula D'Ambrosio  
**Michael Belanger** | Brenda and Fred Stern  
**Michael Shinder** | Jane Eberwein  
**Michael Sies** | Kevin McMahon  
**Midnight** | Cheryl Beamgard  
**Mika, Nina, and Patches** | Kimberly and Noel Nevshehir  
**Mike Morrow** | Jeanne Byron  
**Mikey Wilson** | Ann and Goob Corder  
**Miley** | Julie and Jan Klein  
**Mischief Leary** | Allan and Linda Kahn Gale  
**Molly** | Gaby, Jenny and Patrick  
**Molly and Jude** | Heather Lengyel and Kevin Mailloux  
**Monkey Rossini** | Abel John  
**Mr. George Clayton Smith** | Tommy and Mary Mason  
**Murray Sunshine Andrus** | Jen and Ryan Bruss  
**Myron Bordman** | Rachel Tucker  
**Nala (AKA Cannoli)** | David Hall  
**Natasha** | Linda Gorbach  
**Newman** | Allen Brown  
**Nike** | Elissa Grossman  
**Nike** | Susie Jacob  
**Nike** | Mollene and Marty Levin  
**Nike** | Kenny, Lisa and Freddi  
**Nike** | Sue, Judy, Mom, Boozier, Lucky, and Billie  
**Nike Grossman** | Dennis Ross, Carole and Jerry Maltzman, Amy, Scott, Ainsley, Graham, and Harrison Liefer, Sally Jo Levine  
**Niles** | Janice Sikorski  
**Obie** | Drieka DeGraff  
**Oliver** | Brenda and Fred Stern  
**Ollie** | Mary Myers

**Oscar** | Jill Russell  
**Pablo** | Gabi Fibbs  
**Pam Mack** | Karen Mullins  
**Past pets** | Thomas Govern  
**Patty Verduin** | Janet and Mark Davison  
**Paula Smith** | Nicole Sovis  
**Pearl** | Blanche and Brian Wicke  
**Philip Weinand** | Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Mullins  
**Phobe Rubinstein** | Andrea Rose  
**Piggy D** | Beth Storm  
**Randy Longstaff** | Jill and Gary Lummus  
**Ranger** | Coleen and Terry Currin  
**Rascal** | Betsy Barnes  
**Reggie Mykolenko** | Naomi Fleischmann  
**Reheated Jarmosevich** | Pam Mulligan  
**Rhonda** | Nora Eskin  
**Richard Harris** | Carol Wyman  
**Richard Lilac** | Greg and Tracey Zarkis  
**Rio and Clio** | Janet and Ron Strote  
**Rita Muller** | Deborah Teran  
**Robert H. Falska** | Cynthia Falska and Patrick Tinney  
**Robin Hartman** | Patricia Sherman  
**Ronald D. Smith** | Michelle and Marc Powers  
**Rory West** | Nancy West  
**Rose Kuykendall** | Donna Hanson, Paul Edwards  
**Rose Stein** | Lisa Wasserman  
**Rosie** | Elizabeth Roberts  
**Rosie** | UM-Dearborn Family  
**Rosie** | Shelly Allyn-Podolsky  
**Roy Diener** | Diane Meisser  
**Rudy Bianco** | Rose Herman  
**Ruth Kesselring** | Joyce Wefel  
**Rylee** | Kim Hurley  
**Sally** | Mr. and Mrs. Phil Rundell  
**Sally** | Laurie Weinberger  
**Sammy Pullman** | The Lerman Family  
**Sandra Joan Brown** | Sam and Kim Bagoon, Ben Kaminsky, Gary Okonowski, Kirk Senko, Kathleen Rebich  
**Sarah Ann Bailey** | The Former Applegate Women, Sue, Lisa, Laurie, and Beth  
**Sarah Copeland** | PawTree Family  
**Sarah Sewell** | Sportsmen's Dog Training Club of Detroit, Inc.  
**Seny** | Alex Hiken and Marina Bilopolska  
**Sera** | Deborah and Stuart Logan  
**Shamrock** | Betsy Barnes  
**Sharlet Kish** | Gilford Guy Nutter  
**Shirley Knebel** | Marsha Bennett, Alicia Knebel  
**Simon** | Cindy and Barry Howard and Big Joe  
**Simon Kanter** | Donna Weiss  
**Small Callie the Brave** | Catherine Neill  
**Sparty and Kennedy** | The Belkin Family  
**Spunky and Fritz** | Pam and Mark Landstrom  
**Stanford and Gloria Schantz** | Kevin McMahon  
**Stella** | Nina and Jeff Lopatin  
**Stella** | Brody Ellis  
**Summer** | Fran Grossman  
**Teddy** | Susan Marrs  
**Teddy Yost** | Beth and Jeff Davidson  
**Teri Calahan** | Sharon Selewonik  
**That Good Boy Mac** | Barbara Montgomery  
**Thomas Montgomery** | Donna Ross  
**Tiger** | Sandy Sadow  
**Timothy Blanchard** | Barbara Popyk, Ken and Betty Ferguson  
**Toots** | Pamela Jones-Maven  
**Topher** | Karen Tower  
**Tug Allen** | Mickey Guisewite  
**Tylor Zamarelli** | Denise Murray  
**Wander** | Ash Thorpe  
**Wilbur Walz** | Holly Sue Davey Walz  
**William Cohron** | Carolyn and Frank Bagnasco  
**Wilson** | Charles Ham  
**Winston** | Mama Annie and Grandma Linda Kahn Gale  
**Winston Gunnigle** | Christine Renner  
**Winston Smith** | Julie Tyburski  
**Wyatt Blume** | Megan Novell  
**Yeager** | Scott Zoner  
**Yoshi Frank** | Claudia Sills  
**Zachery and Zoe** | Kristina Kidd



# SPONSOR A THANKSGIVING MEAL FOR A SHELTER PET

We're gearing up for another heartwarming holiday at MARL, and you're invited to join us in making Thanksgiving extra special for the dogs and cats in our care. For a donation of \$25, you can treat a shelter animal to a Thanksgiving meal of pet-friendly delights, complete with all the favorite holiday classics.

And to add to the fun - a front-row seat to the cutest Thanksgiving party ever! MARL's social media will be buzzing with heart-melting moments of our four-legged friends enjoying their festive meal. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok (@mi\_animalrescueleague) on Thanksgiving Day to see all of the smiling faces and wagging tails made possible by you.

"Every animal deserves to experience the warmth and joy of the holiday season, and our Thanksgiving Meal program is a fun and heartfelt way to make that happen. We can't wait to show everyone just how much this program means to us and the animals on November 28th."

**-TOMMY SANFILIPPO, CONTENT COORDINATOR**

Each donation towards a Thanksgiving meal sponsorship will combine with other contributions to aid in the rescue and care of the over 1,500 animals that will arrive at MARL's doors in need this year.

Please join us in making this holiday one to remember. Visit [marl.org](http://marl.org) to sponsor a meal and give the homeless dogs and cats at MARL a Thanksgiving they'll never forget!





# MARL WISH BOOK

With MARL's Holiday Wish Book, you have the chance to spread some holiday magic and give our animals just what they need during their stay at MARL - a snuggly bed, a soothing bubble bath, a fun-filled outing with their favorite volunteer, or even a brand-new toy to brighten their day. Every symbolic gift you choose helps keep tails wagging and hearts happy for the animals at the shelter throughout the holiday season.

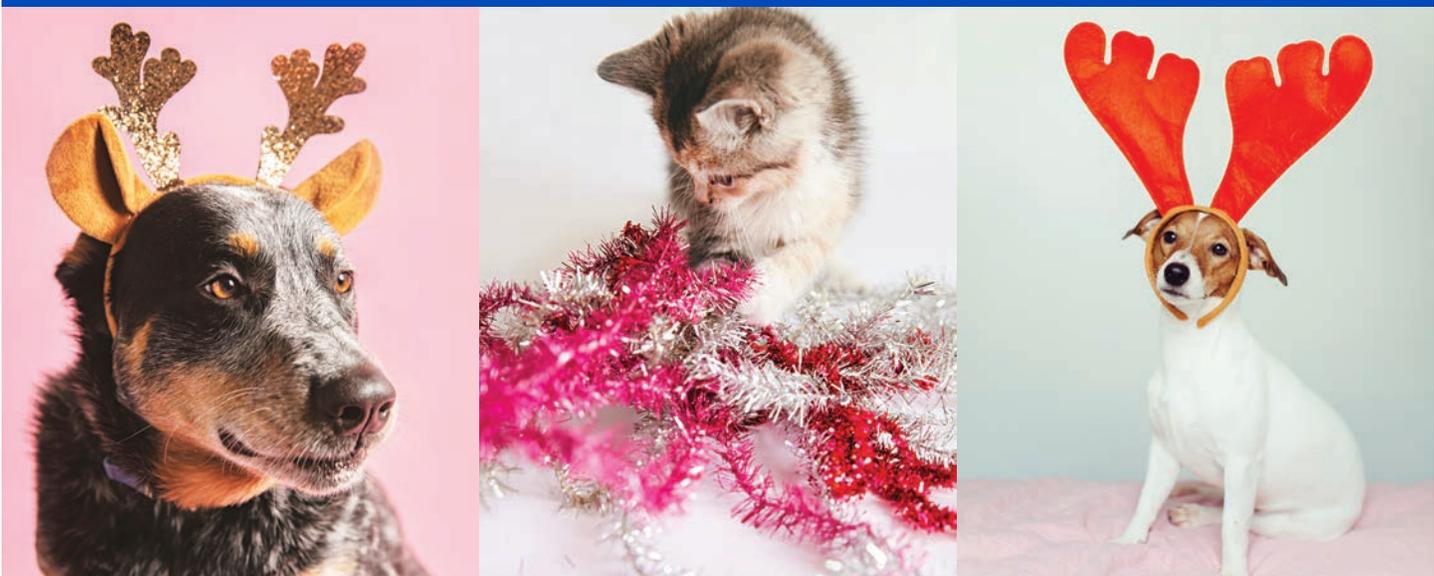
Shopping is easy! Just browse our Wish Book catalog and choose the gifts you'd like to give. You can even purchase gifts for the animals on behalf of someone special, the perfect holiday present for any animal lover in your circle.

To assist the greatest number of animals in need and to make sure your gift does the most good, your donation will be used in combination with other gifts to support the wishes of MARL animals all season long. Visit [marl.org](http://marl.org) to learn more.

**THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON A LITTLE BRIGHTER FOR THE ANIMALS WHO NEED IT MOST!**



**MAKES A GREAT GIFT!**





# YAPPY HOUR 2024

On September 12, MARL hosted its most enchanting Yappy Hour yet in the stunning gardens of Meadow Brook. Over 500 guests and hundreds of dogs gathered for a truly magical evening filled with delicious food, cocktails, and gourmet dog treats provided by The Urban Dog while the Southfield Jazz Orchestra graciously provided the perfect soundtrack for an unforgettable evening.

Adding to the magic, a fairy princess and her prince, reminding us of the important work we do to create Happily Ever After stories for the animals in our care. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, guests, and donors, we raised critical funds to provide life-saving care for the 1,500 dogs and cats that will find safety at MARL this year.

We can't thank our supporters enough for making this unforgettable event—and the daily work we do—possible. It was a true celebration of the power of community and compassion.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR NEXT YEAR'S YAPPY HOUR, SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2025, AT MEADOW BROOK!**

If you are interested in joining the host committee or becoming a sponsor for Yappy Hour 2025 please contact Magee Humes at [mhumes@marl.org](mailto:mhumes@marl.org) or 248-335-9290.





# THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS 2024 SPONSORS!

## **GOLD GRAND CHAMPION**

PATRICK & LAURA FENTON  
THE AGREE FAMILY  
THE CAPLAN FAMILY OF  
RESCUES

## **BEST IN SHOW**

SANDY & KEITH KONDOS  
THE WRIGHT-HURLEY FAMILY

## **TOP DOG**

BARBARA & STEVEN KOHLER AND  
RACHEL  
& IAN KOHLER  
MIKE SAVOIE CHEVROLET  
NEUMANN LAW GROUP

## **LOYAL FRIEND**

Barry-Bashur Foundation in Memory of  
Peggy Bashur  
Carolyn & Jim Bellinson  
Cindy & Hon. Barry Howard  
EIG14T | CRE LLC  
Lori & Jim Issner  
Jordan Katzman & Jared Hocking  
Dr. Justin F. Klamerus  
Tina & Dennis Mirku  
Kimberly & Ken Whipple  
Laurence Wolf

## **BEST BUDDY**

A. Alfred Taubman Foundation  
Animal Emergency Center  
Betsy Barnes  
Cerity Partners LLC

Beth & Jeff Davidson  
Susan & Tim Lucken  
Luxe Event Linen  
The Barkshire Resort for Paws  
MJ & Jay Wright

## **GOOD DOG**

Bank of Ann Arbor - Birmingham  
Hon. Jim Blanchard & Janet Blanchard  
Margaret Bashur in Memory of Harvey Bashur  
Charlie's Still on Main  
Community Choice Credit Union  
DePorre Veterinary Hospital  
Tracie & Steve Engel  
Financial One Accounting, Inc.  
Bob & Linda Sue Fries  
David & Frances Grossman  
Pat Helson  
INC Systems  
Magna  
Michigan Doodle Rescue Connect  
Orion Oaks Animal Hospital  
Becky & Gary Sakwa  
Serra Ford Buick GMC - Rochester Hills  
Sigma Investments Counselors  
Nicole Stassinopoulos  
Tama, Budaj & Raab, P.C.

## **PARTY ANIMAL**

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Jody & Gary Astrein  
Duravent Group  
East Street Pilates  
Ann Marie & Mark Gibson  
Nancy & Jim Grosfeld  
Liz & Brian Guz  
Harold G. Schaevitz Industries LLC  
Yvonne Fisher McCready  
Premier Pet Supply  
The Urban Dog  
Trisha Mell Real Estate  
Joe & Mary Ann Troy



# BUSINESS CATS

MARL's Business Cat Program connects independent, fully-vetted cats with non-traditional homes where they can flourish. These unique cats thrive around other animals but prefer to keep their human interactions to a minimum. Instead of living in a typical home environment, they are happiest residing in barns or outbuildings where they can roam freely and receive minimal handling from their owners.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

### MEDICALLY CLEARED

All Business Cats are spayed/neutered, up-to-date on age-appropriate vaccinations, and 'ear tipped.' Ear tipping is a painless procedure completed during their surgery to prevent them from being accidentally trapped or brought to other shelters if found outdoors.

### ADOPTION PROCESS

Due to their independent nature, meet-and-greets can be more challenging than with typical cats. After submitting an application, an adoption counselor will reach out to discuss your needs and the specific cat(s) available. If feasible, a meeting may be arranged.

### PAIRS OPTIONAL

Business Cats can succeed solo or with feline companions, though adopting in pairs isn't required!

By adopting a MARL Business Cat, you're saving the life of a healthy cat and giving them a safe, comfortable place to thrive. Whether they become part of your family or an important member of your team, these cats will make a positive impact and wonderful addition to their new environment.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO LEARN MORE!



THE CATS PICTURED ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR PLACEMENT IN MARL'S BUSINESS CAT PROGRAM.





## PAWSITIVELY SURE

Imagine getting to know your potential new best friend in the comfort of your own home without the pressure of a formal adoption. You'll see their true personality shine as they get acclimated to your home and settle into your family's routine. This is where MARL's Pawsitively Sure program comes in!

MARL's Pawsitively Sure program aims to place harder-to-adopt animals into a trial adoption with their potential adopters as a foster. With a predetermined amount of time in mind, potential adopters can move forward with an adoption at the end of the program with the confidence that it truly is a perfect match.

At the end of the foster period, if you are not Pawsitively Sure, we take the animal back into our care. Though it may not have been the perfect match, we have gained invaluable information about how the animal did in the home, allowing us to make a more suitable match in the future.

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER AN ANIMAL YOU ARE INTERESTED IN QUALIFIES FOR THE PROGRAM, PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE DURING BUSINESS HOURS AT 248-335-9290.**



**SCAN THE QR CODE  
TO LEARN MORE!**





## BECOME A MEMBER OF THE MARL GUARDIAN SOCIETY

By including MARL in your estate plans, you are leaving a legacy of kindness to animals and joining a special group, the MARL Guardian Society. Your generous legacy gift ensures that dogs and cats who have nowhere else to turn will receive life-saving care and the second chance they deserve.

### HOW TO GIVE

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

- Bequests in your will or living trust
- Charitable gift annuities
- Naming MARL as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy
- Donating stocks and securities
- Designating retirement plan assets to MARL

Including MARL in your planned giving could be as simple as incorporating the following language in your will, trust, or estate plan:

*"I bequest to Michigan Animal Rescue League, a nonprofit corporation, tax ID number 38-1557622, currently located at 790 Featherstone, Pontiac, Michigan 48342 or its successor thereto, \_\_\_\_\_ [written amount or percentage of the estate] for its unrestricted charitable use and purpose."*

### IF YOU WISH TO NAME MARL IN YOUR WILL OR ESTATE PLAN, WE SHOULD BE NAMED AS:

Michigan Animal Rescue League (MARL)  
790 Featherstone  
Pontiac, MI 48342

Tax ID Number: 38-1557622



## **BENEFITS OF JOINING THE GUARDIAN SOCIETY**

**AS A MEMBER OF THE MARL GUARDIAN SOCIETY, YOU  
WILL ENJOY SPECIAL BENEFITS INCLUDING:**

**EXCLUSIVE INVITATIONS:** Complimentary access to MARL events where you can meet like-minded individuals and see firsthand the impact of your support.

**PET GUARDIANSHIP PROGRAM:** The opportunity to enroll in our pet guardianship program, ensuring that your beloved pets will be cared for by MARL in the future.

**Please consult with your financial advisor, attorney, or trust officer to determine the best option for you. To learn more about making a planned gift to MARL, please contact us at [mhumes@marl.org](mailto:mhumes@marl.org) or call 248-335-9290.**



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## ORGANIZATIONS & COMPANIES:

**CORWELL FARMINGTON HILLS LAB** – hosted a food and supply drive to benefit the animals at MARL

**AUDI ROCHESTER HILLS** – collected and donated supplies to benefit the animals at MARL

**LANG ESTATES** – donated a generous portion of sales to MARL

**HAGOPIAN CARPET** – has generously donated carpet samples to benefit the cats at our PetSmart Adoption Center in Northville for over 15 years

**AKZONOBEL** – collected and donated supplies to benefit the animals at MARL

**MIKE SAVOIE CHEVROLET** – hosted a Pop-Up Barkery event and collected supplies throughout the summer months

**EVEREVE, INC** – donated a portion of sales to benefit the animals at MARL

**WALTONWOOD SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY** – residents made blankets and collected supplies to benefit the animals at MARL

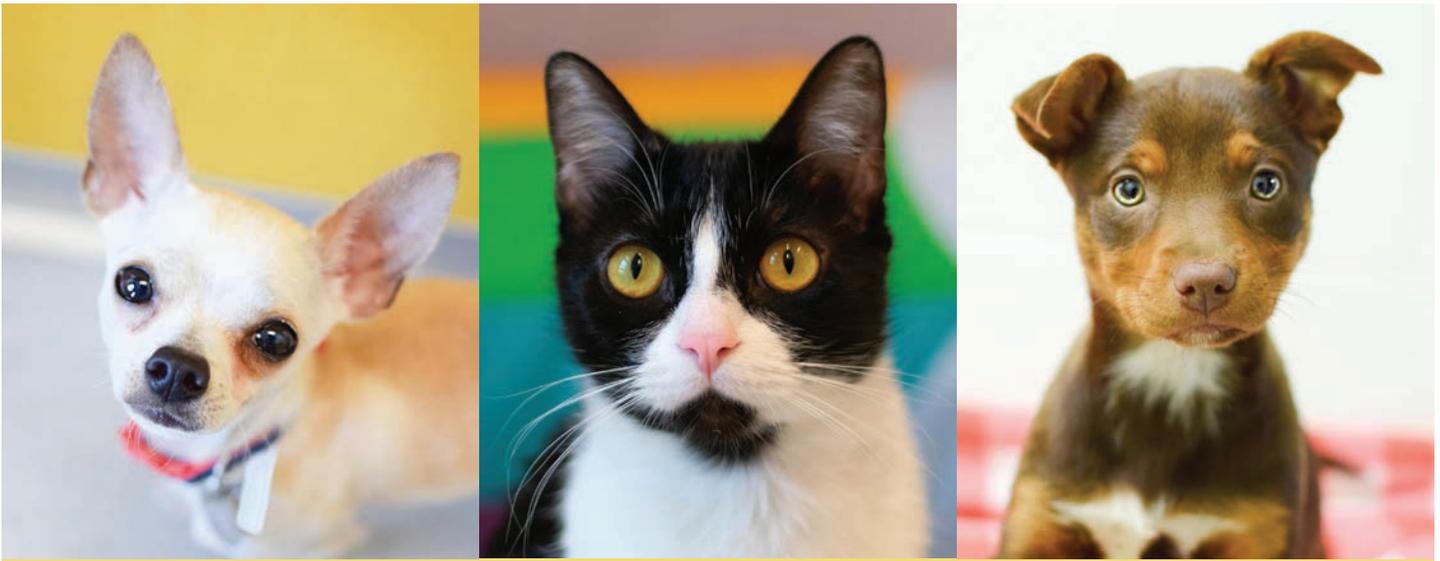
**2GATHERMORE ELEGANT EVENT VENUE** – collected donations to benefit MARL during their Annual Holiday Open House

**KENDRA SCOTT** – donated a portion of online and in-store sales to MARL

**RIVER'S EDGE BREWING COMPANY** – donated the proceeds from their Dog Days of Summer event to benefit the animals at MARL

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 Entrance C off Featherstone (790 Featherstone, Pontiac, MI 48342) any day of the week before 7pm. For assistance, please ring the doorbell outside of our entrance.

## WISH LIST:

Canned Dog Food | All brands

Canned Cat Food | All brands

Dry Kitten Food | Purina

Dry dog and puppy food | Purina One SmartBlend

Dog and cat toys | All types

Unscented clumping cat litter

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

Treat puzzles



AMAZON



CHEWY

Send supplies directly to the shelter with our Amazon and Chewy wish lists! Visit [marl.org](http://marl.org) or use the 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, expired medication, and used grooming supplies.

Keep in mind that dropping off things 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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# FIND YOUR NEW BEST FRIEND AT MARL

Do you have room in your heart and home for a new four-legged friend? Our amazing dogs and cats can't wait to meet you and join your family.



**ADOPTABLE  
DOGS**



**ADOPTABLE  
CATS**

Questions about adoption? We're here to help. Please contact us at 248-335-9290 or [adoptions@marl.org](mailto:adoptions@marl.org).