



Chesapeake Cats & Dogs, Inc.

“Working to provide a life of love & dignity for all animals.”

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Ashes on the left and orange tabby Darby are in foster care waiting to be adopted. They have been in a loving foster home.

Adoption Stories

“Hello, I am writing to wish The Chesapeake Bay Rescue members and all the pets a wonderful holiday season. I adopted Adam, formerly named Tai, from the rescue in April. He's the cute Siamese mix with puffy cheeks who is blind in one eye. He has been a wonderful inspiration, as he is gentle, sweet and a loving companion. With your help, he has overcome the worst odds with his beautiful spirit untarnished.

This has been a special year for us because, after five years, my neutered, feral, outdoor cat, Tudie, that I have been feeding and caring for, has finally come in for good. Adam and Phoebe, my other Siamese, love her. It is amazing how gentle they are with her - no hissing, no fighting. I want to thank you again for saving Adam. He is truly a special little boy. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers this holiday season. Warm regards and with much gratitude, **Susie**”



“Debbie –

Thank you so much for the e-mail and pictures of Warble. We have renamed him "Chessie" as we thought that was a good name since he came from Chesapeake Cats & Dogs. We love him so much; he keeps us entertained and loves to lay on our laps for some extra loving. I just cannot believe how he and our black lab "Shadow" love to play. Shadow just loves "Chessie" - she is like a mother to him. Chessie will be lying on the couch and Shadow will go over and check on him, lick him and then they rub heads. It is just so neat - I just never saw that side of Shadow with our other 2 cats "Kit-Kit & Lightning". However, she has acted like the mother to our beagle "Reba" even though Reba is 16 yrs old and Shadow is only 2 yrs. old. Mary was so right about Chessie and the dogs - he actually likes Shadow much more than he does any of the other pets in the house so far. Thanks!! **Debbie**”

“Hi Mary!

Sally (a Daschund/Beagle mix) is doing just GREAT! She's been “checked out” by Dr. Tim, our vet, who thought she was off the charts cute! She has TAUGHT our beagle HOW TO PLAY! We adopted her from the Wicomico County Humane Society at 8 weeks of age, so she's never had experience with doggie play...just people play. They have a BALL together...tug of war, chasing under beds, yapping at each other...it is hysterical. Sadie has had some problems with separation anxiety...no more with the arrival of Sally! Adding Sally to the family has been WONDERFUL for our little beagle...they adore each other and have become lasting friends.

Of course, WE adore Sally too! She is an incredibly loving and affectionate dog. We purchased stairs to put next to our king sized bed, so she uses those to “snooze” regularly in luxury. She is a big night time snuggler, but (in true puppy fashion) she is busy trying to wake up the whole house at 5:45 am so she can get her breakfast! Her house training continues to go well (thanks to a GREAT start). She HATES to disappoint and dreads even the mildest scolding, so she is a quick learner. It's hard to wag your finger when she looks so regretful! She has been to the beach several times already and loves chasing the surf. She was also a big hit with all the kids at soccer practice. Thank you so much for rescuing Sally and helping her find her way to us!

I want the foster parents to know that she is VERY loved here in Berlin, MD! Thanks for everything! **Stacey**”

“I am Nelson! First of all, I want to thank you all because if you were not CCAD I would still be in that little cage at the shelter and heavens know what then. I sit on dad’s shoulder all day while he works on this computer and talks on the phone. His shoulder hurts because he has to hold it up all of the time so I don't fall off. This afternoon as I peered over his shoulder I saw that he was signing adoption papers and writing a check to CCAD for me. I couldn't believe it," wow dad ", I yelled, "does that mean I get stay here forever with you and mom?!" Gosh, first my abscesses got better, then my upper respiratory infection started to improve, and then I see Dad signing my adoption papers. What a happy lucky kitten I am! Thanks CCAD, keep up the great work for everybody like me! Love, NELSON”
(Editor’s note: This enthusiastic note is from **Sheila & Ken Wentzel**’s new kitten.)



“I wanted to give you an update on our adopted puppy Cole (formerly known as Duke). Cole has adapted well to our home as well as to our 12 year old lab Buddy. He is one of the most mild tempered well-adjusted puppies we have ever seen. I can't say enough about Chesapeake Cats & Dogs and how caring and attentive they are towards their animals. If I ever know of someone looking for a pet I won't hesitate to recommend your organization. **Kathy Pryor**”



“Update on Jake, December 11, 2008



We have been the proud owners of Jake for a year now. I thought you would enjoy seeing how handsome he is, and how he has settled in to be a full member of our family. He is quite comfortable in our home, as if he’s been there since birth. Not a day goes by that he doesn’t entertain us with new expressions and antics. I have to say, that he has been very loyal, obedient, and a treasured addition to our family! We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for letting us adopt Jake! Warm regards, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year from the **Kubiks** of Annapolis!”

“Hi Kathy, I went this morning to the center and loved your little cat haven! I am so impressed with the surroundings, the care and the cleanliness of Chesapeake Cats! I spent over an hour there with Debbie and all the kitties. I am very undecided after liking so many there! Although I really wanted this to be a Christmas surprise for my kids, I think I will bring my daughter tomorrow morning for her to see. Maybe she can help me narrow it down.

I left a completed application with Debbie, and tentatively put down Prancer, but that was just because he picked me! Thanks for your prompt reply this morning, and I am so looking forward to a new family addition (or two!). Chesapeake Cats is definitely where I want to find our new family pet, no question. Again, I was so pleased and impressed with the place, and the care the animals receive. **Lee**” (Editor’s note: She did adopt Cupid and Prancer.)

Feral Kittens Story by Kathy Hunter

“Beatrice and Wanda were the last two feral kittens caught in our latest TNR program. For six weeks I rehabilitated these wild and frightened kittens in my home. Progress was slow, but I saw great potential in this pair. Finally came the day to show them to a would-be adopter, and that's when I met Verna. She had seen Beatrice on PetFinder and fell in love with her picture. Unfortunately, when she came to see the kittens, they both hid under the bed. I managed to fish Bea out and she allowed Verna to hold her all of about a minute. Then she escaped, and went back under the bed. Wanda made an appearance for about two seconds, then also disappeared. Neither was seen again.



I wasn't hopeful, but I shared with Verna stories of how comfortable Beatrice was with me, climbing into my lap and purring like a champ. I told her Wanda was curious and playful, but stayed at a distance -- but with

time would be equally lovable. They had made great progress and just needed more time. I asked that the girls be able to stay together and be given a chance to grow and trust a new human. Without hesitation, she agreed to take both!

It is a blessing to find a home so perfect for such a difficult pair, and so these kittens became our Christmas gift to Verna and her family. I thank Verna for seeing beyond their fears. It is easy to choose kittens that are instantly lovable. I think it is far more rewarding to choose cats like Beatrice and Wanda -- and to see the amazing companions they can and will become. It takes a special person to choose the "underdog", and I couldn't be happier that my girls have gone to such a wonderful family. Kathy"

Recent Pet Adoptions

Kitten and cat adoptions include: Nelson to **Sheila & Ken Wentzel** in Grasonville; Harley and Little Bear to the **Hendrickson** foster family in Stevensville; Vixen to **Teresa Sutherland** in Annapolis; Donner and Dancer to **Angela Gilliam** of Baltimore; Warble to **Debbie & Eddie Fisher** of Chester; Bert to **Donna & Mike Field** of Centreville; Miriam to **Shannon & Kurt Wittman** of Easton; Ozzie to **Chad & Laura Schroyer** of Chester; Prancer and Cupid to **Lee Blackwood** of Annapolis; Freckle and Loafer to **Connie Hawks & Susan Haller** of Pasadena; Sneaker (renamed Eve) to **Nancy Frazee** of Chester; Jasmine to **Tom & Marilyn Figgs** of Millington; Jillian to the **Wobbe** family in Stevensville; Sunshine to **Marian Golden** of Hilliard, Ohio (our office manager's mother); Beatrice and Wanda to **Verna & Fred Downey** of Stevensville and Penny to CCAD foster family **Dan & Debbie Vogelsang** of Severn.

Dog adoptions include: Elena to **James Gibb & Bonnie Persinger** of Annapolis; Daysi to **Nancy Vasta** of Chester; Lola to **Jenifer & Jeff Macris** of Annapolis; Murdoch to **Blaze & Steve Tvardek** of Edgewater, NJ; Mo to **Stacy Marshall** of Falls Church; Ben to **Edith Veirs** of Dagsboro, DE; Darla to **Dudley & Kellay Dixon** and their daughter **Logan** of Severna Park; Elsie to **Tom & Marilyn Figgs** of Millington and Ava by her foster parents **BJ & Ann Bigalow** of Annapolis. Congratulations to all the new pet families!

Thank you to everyone who supported Chesapeake Cats & Dogs through our annual appeal. Your support of CCAD rescue efforts and finding homes for cats and dogs is appreciated!

Cat Center Hours

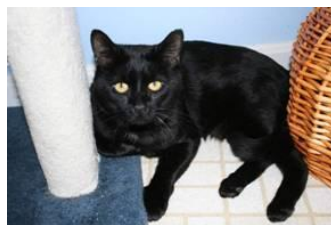


Alice – Gentle torti

The Chesapeake Cats & Dogs Center is located in Chester across from Western Auto in the Island Professional Park. The hours are: Sunday 10 – 2, Monday through Friday 11 – 3 and Saturday 10 – 4. Stop in to play with the cats. A few are pictured here. The Center is a fun, colorful place to visit. It is a warm, safe haven for some of our cats who have been abandoned.



Cherokee
Siamese mix



Hobo
Big & lovable



Lizzie
Fiesty cuddlebug



Belez & Star
Sweet and comfortable

Happy New Year Friends

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