

# Chesapeake Cats & Dogs, Inc.

Working to provide a life of love and dignity for all animals



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### BIG CHANGES ARE HAPPENING!

**JULY HAS BEEN** a very busy month for CCAD. We are pleased to welcome back many of the original board of directors who were instrumental in founding the organization and welcome the renewed energy to reorganize the effort. We have just begun the process of reinventing what kind of organization CCAD will become to continue its mission in the rescue world. Recently, some very dedicated volunteers spent an entire day doing a ceiling-to-floor cleaning of the cat adoption center. Up next is a new paint job, one room at a time.

As many of you know, times are hard for everyone these days, but they have been more than devastating to the world of animal rescue. Family pets have landed in shelters because of downturns and foreclosures. Donations and volunteers have dropped off to the lowest numbers in years.

NOW is your opportunity to make a difference! Become a volunteer with us; we welcome any and all efforts to help save animals. Can you write for our newsletter? Help with mailings? Make calls or answer our phones on occasion? Would you hold a yard sale, bake sale, or other fundraiser? Can you paint a room?

Can you donate? We are desperately in need of funds to feed and care for our adoptable animals. We are always in need of scoopable litter, cleaning supplies, paper towels, and canned cat food. Tell us what your ideas are to help CCAD become a stronger effort in the rescue world. Email me with your thoughts at [Kathy@chesapeakecats.com](mailto:Kathy@chesapeakecats.com)

### What a Foster Is...

By Mary Giolitti



**AS A PERSON** who has fostered more than 80 dogs/puppies over the past 5 years, I can tell you first hand, it's an amazing experience. From the time you meet your new fosters to the time you send them off to their new home, it is one the the most rewarding (and challenging) things that you can do. It is not for the impatient, not for the person who is upset over cleaning up pee/poop/barf from their rugs, but a great thing for the person who wants to make a difference for a dog with no voice and no choice. I have fostered dogs from Rat Terriers to Great Danes. I have found homes for blind and deaf dogs, adult dogs who came into foster care not knowing their name, puppies full of life and love, oblivious to their circumstances. People say "I could never do that (foster); it would be too hard to give them up. It is hard. I am not here to say there won't be tears, but I will say that the love you give and will get back will reinforce your decision to try fostering for a rescue group.

Please consider giving the gift of a temporary home for a dog or puppy. Open your home and heart. Your permanent animals, if you have any, will accept a foster (this is no excuse—there really aren't any good ones!). They instinctually know the task at hand and will treat their house guests right. If you are wor-

ried about your children, don't be. Kids will be sad when their foster leaves, but will be excited for the next lucky pup they can help. We can't save them all, but we can make a difference, if only for one or two. Trust me, until you try it, you'll never know the love.

### Volunteering

By Cindy Jenkins



**THANK YOU** for volunteering for CCAD to help homeless animals in our community. You are helping animals who have a soul but no voice—animals that, if only given a chance, would love an adoptive human unconditionally. It's heartbreaking that some animals never get that second chance. CCAD's success depends on YOU! Your love, dedication, and hard work are the heart of our mission. CCAD has many amazing volunteers. Because we all help in different ways, each volunteer helps directly or indirectly; it truly takes an entire organization to save each animal. Thank you for being an intrinsic part of our organization and for your continued support.

There are many ways to help: Foster, adopt, or sponsor a cat or dog, help at fundraisers and adoption shows, visit the center and pet the cats and/or help keep the center clean, drive a cat to/from Bev's Grooming, donate Bev's Grooming gift cards, cat litter, cat/dog food, center supplies, cash, a raffle basket, etc.

For a full list of fundraising and volunteer opportunities, email me at [Acdd4@aol.com](mailto:Acdd4@aol.com).

### Center Cats Need Love

By Phyllis Lee



**THERE ARE** many cats and kittens at the CCAD Center who want attention and love. It is very important that the cats receive this socialization so that when they go to their adoptive home, they will want people contact. Each cat has a very distinctive personality. Some are quiet and shy, others walk right up to people purring, and then there are others who quietly watch but welcome your kind words and touch. Of course, the litter boxes always need scooping and there may be a load of laundry to take home to wash. The trash may need to be taken to the dumpster or the front sidewalk swept after a heavy rain. If you have even 15 extra minutes, please stop by to play with and pet the cats. Ask our office manager if there is anything you can do for her. You will be rewarded by knowing that you have helped homeless cats. They will make better pets when they have learned to love and trust humans. Thanks from the cats and kittens!



## ADOPTION STORIES



I'M SORRY it has been a while since you have last heard or seen Boulder, now Sasha. She has adjusted very well and loves to torment the older cat, Buffy. Buffy has finally accepted that Sasha is here to stay and is no longer pouting. We have endured two great losses in our family. It has

been very sad around here, but Sasha and Buffy bring us joy and entertainment when they chase each other. God Bless you for all the care you provide to the many homeless cats and dogs. Fondly, Cindy, Gary, & Amber Dukes 🐾

WE WENT to visit Chance recently—what a warm, loving home he has with Cathy and David Higgins and, of course, his best friend Max. As we all know, Chance is totally blind, without eyeballs. Two weeks after Chance arrived at CCAD from Caroline Co., Cathy and David offered to foster him. Four days later, they wanted to adopt him. Thank you!—Debbie 🐾



CCAD volunteer Corinne Hendrickson is selling Avon products for CCAD; 100% of the profit goes to the animals! Contact Corinne at ABCD300@verizon.net to support the animals now!



GABRIELLE attends Harbour School in Annapolis and faithfully has been coming to the Center on Thursday mornings. She recently spent her last day at the Center. Gabrielle is moving up a grade and on to her next project. The Harbour School hopes

to have another student interested in spending time with our furry little ones during the upcoming school year. 🐾

# UPCOMING CCAD EVENTS

**August 3—National Night Out.** Centreville Courthouse, 6–8 PM.

**August 7—Petco Adoptathon.** Annapolis, 11–3.

**August 8—Dog Days of Summer Festival.** Dog parade, splash pools, etc. Giddings Ave. between Ridgely Ave. & Annapolis St., Annapolis 10–3.

**August 21—Annual Opt To Adopt Day.** Bake sale, raffles, adoptable pets, Kent Island Safeway, 9–11.

**September 16—Benefit/Variety Show w/ 2009 Top DJ Steve Moody.** Dancing (& lessons), games, food. Price TBD. KI Amer. Legion, 5–9 *Note this is a Thursday.*

**October 3—CCAD Fall Yard Sale.** KI Safeway, 8–until

**For information, to volunteer, donate, sponsor, etc., e-mail [Cindy@acdd4@aol.com](mailto:Cindy@acdd4@aol.com)**

## RECENT ADOPTIONS

**DOGS:** **Bonnie**, Lab mix, to Cynthia Hoyes Jenkins, Grasonville. **Cameron** (foster/pending adoption), Lab mix, Rob Bowman, Baltimore.

**CATS:** **Tippy & Ricky** (Callie's kittens), to Christine Fortner, Denton. **Chanel** (Callie's kitten), to Sheila Wentzel, Grasonville. **Jenny**, to Cindy Jenkins, Grasonville. **Billie** (tested positive for FIV), to Michelle Pometto, Chester. **Willie & Wonka** (Zoe's kittens), to Tracy Broomfield, Stevensville. **Twinkie** (Cleo's kitten), to Karen Larman, Chester.

**Jasper**, to Teresa Foster, Baltimore. **Desi & Lucy**, to Ann & Jamie Lahocki, Annapolis. **Kit Kat**, to Gene & Margaret Ransom, Grasonville. **Frankie**, to Megan Smith, Grasonville. **Jamison**, to Paul & Lynn Richards, Centreville. **Daisy & Bear**, to Jessica McCarthy & Coleman Sellers, Centreville. **Precious & Mickey**, to Linda Austin, Stevensville. **Zoe & Picasso**, to Elizabeth & Jesse Taylor, Ridgely. 🐾



SEVERN School Summer Camp children came with their counselors to the Center to meet and play with our cats and kittens. After an overview of our organization, I introduced them to the cats and kittens, which they enjoyed loving and playing with. They had such a good time that they returned! The children also brought blankets, food (canned and dry), litter, and toys.—Debbie 🐾

ON A recent, very warm evening, CCAD held a "cool fundraiser" at Rita's in Stevensville, thanks to the hard work of Kelly Cooper. We received 20% of what was made at Rita's between 5 and 8; that totaled \$380, plus \$128 we received in our donation jars. WHAT A GREAT EVENING!!! Thank you so very much Kelly for all your hard work and dedication and for your love for all of our cats and dogs. And thank you Linda Austin for giving us this opportunity to share our mission and goals with your customers. 🐾



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