

# Chesapeake Cats & Dogs, Inc.

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



October/November 2012

## The End Is Near\*...and so Is the **FUN!!**

\*Not much time left to buy those **raffle tickets** for the big game!

The drawing is November 30, at our **annual bash!**

And who would miss our upcoming **Craft Fair and Bingo** events!

**WIN two tickets AND parking**  
for the **REDSKINS-COWBOYS** game

December 30, 1 PM

Fed-Ex Field, Washington, DC.

Only 200 tickets were printed!

\$20/Raffle Ticket.

All proceeds benefit CCAD.



## HOLIDAY CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR

November 17, 9

AM-2 PM



Kent Island Elks #2576  
2525 Romancoke Rd., Stevensville, MD

Get a jump on your Christmas shopping with more than 20 crafters and vendors, bake sale, raffles, food, door prizes every 30 minutes, and adoptable animals!

Don't forget the cats and dogs! You'll receive an additional door prize ticket if you bring something to help stock our cat center (suggestions: clumping cat litter, canned kitten and cat food, cat treats, grocery gift cards, dog food, dog treats).

WINTER HOLIDAY VARIETY SHOW  
and SPAGHETTI DINNER  
and SILENT AUCTION and BAKES SALE  
and 50/50 RAFFLE and DJ STEVE MOODY  
and EMCEE PETER LEE!

CCAD's great annual event is  
Friday, November 30, 6 PM,  
at Christ Episcopal Church on  
Route 8 South in Stevensville.  
The winner of the Redskins-  
Cowboys tickets will be drawn.  
Tickets \$15/\$30 family.

## CCAD FALL LONGBERGER BASKET & VERA BRADLEY BINGO

Sunday, November 25

Doors open at noon

Bingo begins at 2 PM

American Legion #278

Stevensville, MD

Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door  
Includes 20 Regular Games and 3 Special  
Games (9 card bingo sheets)

All baskets and bags are filled with prizes and goodies. Also 20 door prizes, raffles, Chinese Auction, and 50/50 cash drawing.

Donate any size SCOOPABLE cat litter and receive TWO extra door-prize tickets.

Food and sweets available for purchase.



Carley came from Caroline Co. Humane with her kittens. The kittens all have been adopted; she is hoping to have that opportunity herself soon.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**“It is better to be without LOGIC than without FEELING”**—Charlotte Bronte

This quote sums up what I often see in rescue work. Logically, we know we cannot “help them all,” and that is the worst part of rescue for people with feeling.

Daily, we get in excess of 40 requests for animals needing assistance. It is so hard to look at the faces of the old dogs and cats dumped at shelters, the kittens and puppies that won't make it out of shelters to have a life, and, of course the many, many adults that end up there after years of loyalty to owners. And it has been especially difficult for all the volunteers in the front lines this year.

*We could really use help and support.*

Like most no-kill rescues, CCAD operates with guidelines, rules, and financial constraints. We can always use donations of anything on our wish list and financial contributions. We are desperate as ever for foster homes and volunteers to help keep the center open. We need help with so many things, we can find something for everyone.

Support is also something we feel when it is given. Recently, we were treated to some local awards, so gratifying for the group to see. Too often we hear the criticisms and negativity of people who don't always know facts.

Thanks to those of you who take the time to let us know that you support our efforts on behalf of animals in need.—Kathy Thomas

## Editorial

|| *The Ins and Outs of Animal Placement* ||

**W**e all know that there are hundreds of thousands of animals needing homes, so it is always perplexing to hear that people cannot find one that fits their needs or that someone has been unable to adopt.

I have heard the criticisms directed at breed rescues and some others that are deemed “too hard to adopt from” and, in fact, know some really wonderful pet owners who were turned down, including two veterinarians and the founder of several rescues.

I don't understand rigidity in placement of animals—e.g., “you cannot adopt because we cannot do a home visit.” In one cases, the person offered to fly someone out of the country to do the home visit in their estate home on top of a mountain. Wish it had been me who got that offer!

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**Volunteer needed to help with our printing requirements, including newsletters, brochures, etc. This involves contacting vendor(s) for quotes, then arranging for and picking up printed pieces. Thanks!**



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## POINTS AND POLITICS OF ANIMAL RESCUE DONATION

**D** ID YOU KNOW THAT:

- There are several types of animal organizations that may share similar missions, including shelters, breed-specific rescues, animal-specific rescues, and all-breed rescues?
- Many shelters are government run and assisted financially.
- Not all groups are 501c3 qualified, so not all donations are tax deductible according to the IRS.
- Not all groups are “no kill” in their philosophy.
- All groups operate by their own set of rules and regulations and according to their own guidelines, and not by a uniform code.

CCAD is a no-kill all-breed rescue for cats and dogs. We have assisted in placing a parrot and tarantula over the years but, generally, just cats and dogs.

All shelters and rescues have suffered from a huge demand for intake this year, and we share that problem.

Unlike some groups, we have a shelter only for cats, and must rely on the kindness of fosters to house our dogs.

CCAD is a 501c3-designated charity, and more than 90% of the funds we raise go directly to the animals for vet care and food. We receive no government funds.

It is hard to realize that organizations you see on TV and hear about all the time, also with 501c3 designation like the Humane Society of the US (HSUS), operate with budgets in the hundreds of millions of dollars. A recent study from Humane Watch cited that the HSUS gave less than 1% of its total revenue to shelters and the direct care of companion animals, despite what you see in the commercials. Their main programs are not focused on cats and dogs.

We appreciate those who have helped us achieve our goal to help animals and those who continue to support our local effort.

Know that your donations go directly to the care of cats and dogs in need!

### We're looking for a home!



*Dozer is a blue point Siamese about 1 year old that came with his companion, Pinky. The owner was allowed only one cat, so she gave them both up so they could stay together. However, Pinky has been adopted.*



*Pluto, a 14-year-old Maine Coon/Brown Tabby mix, was given up by his family when they could no longer care for him.*



*Mary and Carrie came together; Mary was recently adopted.*



*In May 2010, Snowball went to her new home. She was recently returned because her owner tripped over Snowball and injured herself. The family decision was that she was too “dangerous” to keep.*

### HAPPY ENDINGS



*Charlie's adoption was finalized. He is doing very well in his new home, as you have read in some of the “Charlie updates.” We hope to continue to keep you posted on progress in his loving home.*



*Zoey is going to her new home in Greensboro. Zoey was given up to us when the dog didn't like her and chased her around the house. Mrs. Spencer saw Zoey on Facebook and fell instantly in love. Zoey will have another Himalayan that she will be able to “bond with.”*



*Ajax came recently from Montgomery Co. Humane. She is a 5-year-old Maine Coon that had been given up when her family had a baby and the apartment was too small, so it “led Ajax to become stressed.” She is now going to be adopted by a family in Easton, who are very excited.*



*Oreo was one of Kelly's kittens, born last spring. In his new home, he will have a sister, Bunny, to play and run around with.*

### Petsmart

9/29—A special appearance was made by Jackson, the yellow lab that Kathy Thomas had saved the previous day from being euthanized at a local kill facility. Jackson has already had a couple of inquiries and we are hopeful he'll be adopted very soon. He is the perfect example of why we are all volunteering in animal rescue. Taking a dog that was due to be put down within hours and rescuing him—and now the likelihood of placing him very quickly in a loving home.



Editorial, cont.

And who would turn down a veterinarian? What better care I would think. So it is easy to conclude that some groups are just too hard to adopt from.

Over the years, I've worked with several groups and adopted many animals, and, yes, I've thought some groups. Fourteen-page applications serve no purpose in most cases, and home visits need to be a fluid line. If someone has adopted before, has references, has a vet who gives a reference saying they hope to be reborn as a pet of this family—do you really need to see their home?

That said, I can say that I've needed to turn down people and made them very unhappy. Sometimes, it is because we have multiple applications. Other times, it is because I know, with 20+ years in rescue, that *this* animal is not a fit for *this* adopter.

In the end, it is the animal we are most trying to serve. We do not like to have animals returned because they do not work out. It happens, but we try to avoid it up front. Many in our care already had one, two, three bad starts—we try to avoid another.

Dogs are harder. We look at their needs and match those needs to the best application for that particular dog. For example, older, more settled dogs might not need crating or training, but they do need exercise. Puppies need stimulation, play, exercise, and training. They may need crating also, but they will not do well being crated for 2/3 of the day. Consider, e.g., if you went to work and were not allowed to use the facilities for 8–10 hours, and the bathroom was closed at night.

Puppies are not for everyone, and the energy level you have now may not be what it used to, so we have to consider your plans for the dog as well.

Purebred dogs wind up in shelters or give-up situations in the same vast quantities as mixed breeds because you can "buy" the dog and no one has screened if that dog is right for you.

We've learned that some dogs will not do well with children. No matter how knowledgeable your child is, *this* dog may just not be the right one. Herding dogs can be great with children but are known to nip at them just as they do at sheep to get them moving. Small children will feel only the bite.

Some dogs need other dogs for company; some could not care less.

In most cases, I think cats will always win the battle of "I rule," but there are definitely dogs that will make your life miserable trying to capture and eliminate the cats in a home.

Some breeds will not do well with electric fence situations. Some won't do well with 4-foot fence situations either, which is why we do not unilaterally require a fence to adopt a dog.

# UPCOMING CCAD EVENTS

**November 17**—Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair, KI Elks, Stevensville, 9–2.

**November 25**—Bingo, American Legion, Stevensville, Noon–5.

**November 30**—Variety Show, Spaghetti Dinner, Bake Sale, Christ Church, Stevensville, 6 PM–9 PM. Call for ticket info.

For information or to volunteer, donate, sponsor, etc., please contact CCAD.

And we look at the health issues. We test our dogs for heartworm and make sure they are up to date on rabies and other shots. When we do a vet check, we are asking if other animals in the home have had the same care over time that we give ours.

We test all our cats for feline leukemia, which spreads often among indoor/outdoor cats by fighting and bites. We require our cats to be indoor cats when adopted because we know they are clear, but if there is another cat in the home that goes in and out, we require it be tested because the virus is terminal and we want to keep our cat as safe as we can.

All of our animals are spayed and neutered; overpopulation is a huge problem in this country. As I write this, there are 192,000 dogs and 171,000 cats on Petfinder for adoption; 26,000 of these are labs and 20K pit bulls; sadly, many more are being euthanized because of the new laws.

Cats are a little easier to place but, trust me, they can be a "no match" too. This week, I took a cat and two kittens into the home of a previous adopter. The adult came out of the carrier and promptly tried to beat up the resident cat. One of the kittens, always quite friendly at shows and in the center, hid. But the third started purring immediately, roamed to see the other cat (ignored the resident hissing at him), investigated toys, trees, and people, and promptly stretched out on the couch as if he lived there. He was the match there.

And those are the moments we value in rescue, when the match works. Thank you for adopting and considering adoption.



For the holidays and any time: the CCAD cookbook with more than 200 pages of recipes from volunteers and friends. Available at CCAD events or call the Center. \$20.

## RECENT ADOPTIONS

**DOGS:** Pearl, Lori Oross, Abingdon, MD. Gracie, Rachel Bentley, Hollywood, MD. Snickers, Frank & Amy Thomas, Stevensville. Bear, Beth Bell, Cordova, MD. Rascal (Lab mix), Ai Mei, Bethesda. Rascal (Schnauzer mix), Jane Daugherty, Annapolis. Princess (Black Lab), Sherry Ekelburg, Riverside, NJ. Boots (Poodle), Mr. & Mrs. P. Fagan, Huntingtown, MD. Girlie (now Phoebe) (Shihtzu/Terrier mix), Amanda McWilliams, Cambridge, MD.

**CATS:** Tracey, William Via, Baltimore. Mary & Gracie, Rodney & Marnie Hoon, Millersville, MD. Eggie, Tim & Gail Schaffer, Grasonville. Pasadena. Dusty (now Klaus) Jason Carzon, Bowie, MD. Troy, Mr. & Mrs. Leiby and Mason, Stevensville. Sarah Ann & Jackson, Mr. & Mrs. O'Donnell and Megan, Grasonville. Charlie, Janet Garcia and Tamara, Preston, MD. Pinkie (now Oliver), Erica Parker, Fort Washington, MD. Petie, Eva Sherman, Annapolis. Pebbles, Mr. & Mrs. Jamie McIntosh, Chester, MD. Dusty (now Klaus). B.K., Mr. & Mrs. Lull, Annapolis.

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