

Monroe
County
Animal
League

The Barker & Meow Too!

Winter / Spring
2008

WE NEED HOMES!



2007—Our year in review

- Locally adopted 38 pets through our adopt-a-stray program, and regular adoption program.
- Transported 249 dogs & puppies to no-kill shelters in Massachusetts.
- Transported adult dogs to area no-kill shelters and breed rescue groups and placed pets into loving homes via our web page.
- Prevented the deaths of over 316 animals in Monroe County through rescue & adoption.



My name is Buster. I need a home. I'm house-broken; and goofy! A home without cats or livestock; a home where I can be YOUR best friend, is the home for me!

All together now...

In the last nine years, more than **2,500** unwanted Monroe County animals have found new adoptive homes through the MCAL puppy program and the efforts of hardworking MCAL volunteers. We have placed an additional **428** pets via local and internet adoptions, and by co-operating with other rescue groups.

We have assisted in the spay or neuter of **707** Monroe County animals.

With the help of friends like you, we can continue the fight against pet over-population!

Please give generously in 2008!

Donate & Sponsor-A-Pet On-Line!

Petfinder.com

Monroe County Animal League has chosen Petfinder.com as its' primary web site. Petfinder allows you to search for pets, learn about pets by visiting their library and viewing videos, post lost/found pets, sign up to volunteer, and so much more!

Visit our site today and look for these "buttons":

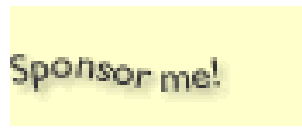


You'll see this one on our main web page:

www.mcal.petfinder.com

When you log onto our website you'll see an overview of our organization. You can view our "Happy Tails"; animals for adoption; forms; program guidelines, etc. Perhaps most importantly, you can simply click a button to make a donation. Find out how easy it is today!

You'll see this button when you click on a specific animals page. A click on this link will allow you to send a donation to support that special animal.



Please remember that Monroe County does not have an animal shelter. Each animal that we care for is taken into a foster home. MCAL provides

food, medical care, covers surgery costs, transportation to a new home or another rescue group, collars, toys, bedding, etc.

Our furry charges need your support! Please continue to send your generous donations so that we can continue to provide safety to those so in need until their new families find them.

Warmest wags!



Donations help save their lives. Make a difference today!

Donations are always gladly accepted. Every donation, large or small, benefits the homeless animals in our care.

Whether you pick up extra cans of wet food at the grocery store, or initiate a pet food drive in your workplace or school, we are eager to accept your donations!

Call our Information Line to arrange your donation drop-off or pick-up.

Items we can use:

- Postage stamps
- Portable pens

- Gift cards to
 - Wal Mart
 - Kroger
 - PetSmart
 - Office Max
- Payment on account at Mountaineer Farm Center, Union, WV (feed & bedding)
- Payment on account at either Monroe County vet clinic
- Dog houses
- Enclosed storage shed
- Animal crates



MCAL Information line (formally called "Hotline")

We are attempting to re-vamp our information, yet again.

Due to the low numbers of volunteers it is extremely difficult to respond to callers right away. When we do call, too often we are not able to provide assistance right away.

Please remember, MCAL is an all volunteer group. We foster dogs in our homes. We utilize volunteers to drive trips, etc. We do it all. "We" are just a handful.



304-772-4445

We're trying to make our "Information Line" as informative as possible by grouping bits of information together.

If you call our Information Line, please listen to the recorded message that pertains to you. If the answer you seek isn't there, please leave your name, number, and brief message, and know that we will be contacting you as quickly as possible.

Remember, you may find answers to your questions on our web site. Visit www.mcal.petfinder.com today!

If you like talking with folks over the telephone, consider volunteering to "man" our information line. We need your help!

Extend your heart—become a foster home

THEIR ONLY CRIME IS BEING HOMELESS yet every day, thousands of unwanted pets are needlessly put to death. Through our network of volunteer foster homes, we are able to save these pets and find them loving homes. The more foster homes we have, the more pets we can save - it's that simple - please VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Would you like to become a part of our team by opening your home and heart to FOSTER a homeless animal? We can only save all of the animals we do because of CARING PEOPLE LIKE YOU! Those that we do save would otherwise be killed or left to their own devices (too often ending in a sad and painful death)... so every fosterer is truly SAVING LIVES!

We provide food, toys, crates, bowls, and cover all medical expenses... all we ask is for you to provide LOTS of love and affection! It takes mere WEEKS OF YOUR TIME... to provide a litter of puppies or an adult with a chance for A LIFETIME OF LOVE!

Fostering can be a great learning opportunity for children to teach them about the responsibilities of pet ownership, and the love and affection it can bring, without having a long term commitment!



Rudy is currently in foster care.

Maybe you are able to foster a dog requiring special care after a medical procedure. Rest assured, if you choose to foster, we will do our best to find the right animal(s) for you and we will be there to support you every step of the way!

Best of all, if you are looking to adopt someday, fostering can really give you a chance to get to know a few different animals before actually deciding! To find out more about fostering or to become a foster family and save lives, please email or call us today!



Your contributions have enabled us to give a second chance to these kind souls still in our foster care...



One and a half years later

In July, 2006 MCAL was asked by the County to assist in an animal neglect case. 30 animals were pulled from one home. The conditions were deplorable. One dog was found dead at the scene. Most others were emaciated. Eight cats were in this number of 30. Some were in very poor condition. Most had been de-clawed.

MCAL volunteers stepped up to this outrage. The ones who could be saved, were taken into foster care.



One and a half years later, MCAL still has some of these animals in foster care.



These animals are on our web site. All have the words "abuse case" behind their names. Please check them out and encourage anyone you know who's considering adopting a pet, to consider one of these.

The cats are all good family pets. They are declawed, and will only be placed into an indoor-only home.

Oreo, the one dog needing to be placed, is a nice boy, although a little shy. He warms up and looks forward to a home of his very own.



Please help us to finish the "happily ever after" part of these fairy tails by spreading the word about Moxie and Atlas so that they can find their forever families



Moxie—Pit Bull Terrier mix, female, approximately 1 year old

One of four dogs left homeless as a result of her owner being beat to death (yes, right here in Monroe county). She was not a puppy, or fluffy adult; she's the "wrong breed". She's in our foster care. Her foster Mom writes: She is a lap dog - she's one of those dogs that likes to bury her head and she would give up just about anything

(food, treats, etc.) to sleep in bed with my son. She definitely likes a warm body next to her when she sleeps. She likes to be with you but also is independent. She loves stuffed animals and plays keep away with the other dogs and when she gets one to herself she can't believe her good luck.



ATLAS: Taken into our foster care as a result of neglect. Atlas was penned in on a porch with no roof, no dog house, and living in pile high feces everywhere.



Visit our adoptable pets on-line at www.mcal.petfinder.com



Over the years, donations have been sent to MCAL as special contributions. We would like to openly recognize these contributions in *The Barker* and will continue to recognize them as they are received.

This is a nice way to remember those we care about and to support the animals in our community at the same time.

In memory of: Amber Bostic-Paw Pals for 14 years, Aunt Mildred Schultz, Belle, Buttercup, Candy, Clendl Brown, Dottie Hess, El-Kee, Garnet "Shank" Shanklin, Ginger Banks' dog, Gladys Larew, Gray "Dutch" McMann, Harold Moloney, Sr., Hazel L. Sigmon, Herb Wood, Herschel Mason, Jr., Jake, Jesse, Sundance & Loma, Joyce Porterfield, Kathleen Crockett, Kurt Mason, Little Man, Louise M. Marr, Margorie Foland, Marti Banks, Nathan Scott Traino, Polly Barrett, "Ralph" the horse, Rosie Wylie, Sara, Shadow Wood, Suzi, Tara Lynn Capaldo, Tiger, Tom Toher, Top Cat, Vivian Bowie, Wayne Cowder

In honor of: Kitty & Richard Allard, Warren, Judy & Bert Ellison; Eloise Appel—88th birthday



"She makes my husband and me laugh several times a day."



Wigeon (aka "Kate") brings so much joy to our lives on a daily basis. She is very sweet, but also has this goofy, fun-loving personality. She makes my husband and me laugh several times a day. We live on Cape Cod, so Wigeon gets to run around on the beach off-leash this time of year (no tourists). She loves the sand, but has no interest in the ocean. I should be the one thanking you for all of your wonderful work fostering homeless dogs. What a noble calling. You're a saint.

...After sending you that e-mail with all the questions about the Monroe County Animal League, I went to your website and got most of my questions answered! Your website is excellent -- so informative, complete, and professional. It is so much better than many of the websites of animal organizations that have lots of funding. I didn't realize that you are an all-volunteer organization. I am truly amazed at your dedication and all that you are able to accomplish on behalf of the dogs and cats without money. I always say that people who help animals have a bit of St. Francis in them. You all are amazing. Thank you.

Again, thank you for the work you do. Please know that my husband and I will love Wigeon and will make a comfortable, safe, and happy home for her for her whole life.

Membership / Sponsorship / Donation Form
(Please include payment with your application) 3/08

Name, current mailing address & phone number:

Individual Membership \$25 Qty: ___ Amt: \$ _____

Junior Membership \$10 Qty: ___ Amt: \$ _____

Paw Pal \$ 2 Qty: ___ Amt: \$ _____

In addition to (or instead of) a membership, enclosed is my contribution / sponsorship for \$ _____

Please contact me about sponsoring a specific animal:

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

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