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Dear Friends,

2024 was a year of incredible highs at the Maryland SPCA. We finished and opened our warehouse, which was built to help us house our Kibble Connection pet food pantry. We revamped our canine outdoor play space, making it safer and with more activities than before. We collaborated with 18 other Maryland shelters throughout August to find homes for over 3,000 **shelter pets** across the state. We also created one of the most in-depth strategic plans the organization has ever seen.

The year also held challenges, as shelters across the state and nation faced crisis conditions. The reasons for this are complex. Intake was up and adoptions were down, causing unprecedented pet overpopulation. There was, and continues to be, a nationwide veterinary shortage that has impacted access to care. Economic conditions, housing shortages, and rental restrictions also had a large impact.

At the Maryland SPCA, one of our top priorities is to support our sister shelters and our local communities to help alleviate these burdens. We helped shelters reduce their populations by transferring some of their pets to our facility. We acted as a safety net for pet owners in our community by investing in programs that support keeping pets in their loving homes; programs like Kibble Connection and our Paw Plus Vaccine Clinics.

We were able to accomplish all of this because of your support. Thank you for caring so deeply about our pets and our community.

Sincerely

Jess Lanzillotti **Executive Director**









Kibble Connection

EXPANDING KIBBLE CONNECTION: A Milestone in the Effort to End Pet Hunger By: Meg Davis, Institutional Giving Manager

This year, the Maryland SPCA's pet food pantry, Kibble Connection, reached an exciting milestone: opening its first dedicated, oncampus warehouse. This achievement was made possible thanks to generous support of Merritt Construction, M&T Bank, Alliance Material Handling, and donors like you.

What began as a humble partnership with Meals on Wheels to deliver pet food to homebound seniors has grown into a safety net for Baltimore City and County pet families. On Saturdays, the pantry line often stretches down our driveway to Falls Road - both a reminder of how many lives we can touch and evidence of a deepening need.

With our new warehouse, we're more efficiently tracking inventory, providing consistent service, and **keeping** more pets fed and where they belong: home. In 2024, we distributed **1.2 million meals** at 64 events, along with essentials like dog beds, cat litter, collars, and leashes.





Fifteen years ago, the Maryland SPCA, BARCS, and the Baltimore Humane Society set a shared goal to increase adoptions during the busiest time of year: summer. Originally called the Baltimore 500, they waived all feline adoption fees for one month.

We were concerned about the growing dog population in our shelters ... We had to do something to help these pets find homes." **KATIE FLORY**



Director of Community Care & Advocacy

Eventually, the event expanded beyond Baltimore to include any Maryland shelter that wished to participate, and the adoption numbers grew as well. From 500, to 2000, to now 3000, Maryland shelters have soared past adoption goals every year since the event's inception.

After a break sparked by the COVID-19 pandemic, Maryland 3000 relaunched in August 2024 with a bang. This was the first year that canine fees were also waived. Thanks to large-scale adoption events and incredible promotion, we reached our goal once again, finding homes for 3,119 furry friends. The MD SPCA contributed 328 to the total, more than double our adoptions in August the year before!



A Soft Landing for Shelter Dogs

By: Alethea Rudd, Development Coordinator

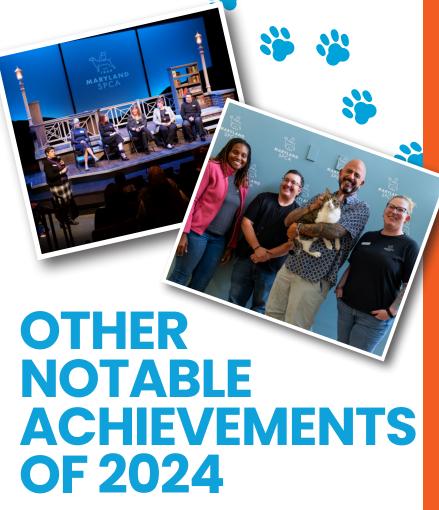


In October 2024, our Foster department piloted Couch Crashers, a program that benefits people as well as pets. Families make a short-term commitment, usually one to three days, to provide a shelter break for our larger, and sometimes overlooked, dogs. This minimal investment/maximum fun arrangement is ideal for new volunteers curious about fostering and potential adopters who want to know what it's like to have a furry best friend.

"The goal," says lead coordinator Aleksandra Ruutsaar Klingenstein, "is that the family continues fostering or adopts the dog."

Waffles was the first adopted Couch Crasher. Her parent, Hilary shared a bit about her experience:

"My husband and I lost our dog to cancer in June 2024, and we weren't sure when we would be ready to welcome another dog into our home. We didn't imagine that one of the dogs we fostered so briefly would end up being our dog, and we were not looking to foster to adopt. I would definitely recommend the Couch Crashers program to other people. I love the idea of giving dogs a break from shelter life so they can have a little adventure and decompress and so the MD SPCA can receive feedback about the dog to help them get adopted."



- Thanks to the Mainor/Freeman and the Askew families, our dog play groups can socialize in new, safer ways in our upgraded fun runs.
- MD SPCA's Katie Flory consulted with author Clare Hutton and American Girl to introduce Summer McKinney™, the 2025 American Girl of the Year.
- TV host and cat expert Jackson Galaxy visited the MD SPCA after we facilitated planning for and sent staff to his two-day, regional seminar.
- Lead Foster Coordinator Aleksandra Ruutsaar Klingenstein received 1 of 100 Petco Love scholarships to attend Penn Foster's Registered Veterinary Technician Program.
- On Oct 29th, 40 donors and friends attended our first town hall to learn more about the challenges and opportunities in animal welfare.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:

RACHEL NYANKALE

By: Ian Gilmore, Admissions Manager

During Rachel's six years with the Maryland SPCA, she has been an Adoptions Counselor, an Admissions Coordinator, and most recently, a Client Care Associate. Rachel's current role consists of answering inbound calls to the Admissions Department, providing clients with resources to help retain their pets, rehome their pets, or, as a last resort, surrender their pets to the shelter. Rachel is an invaluable and knowledgeable member of our team whose client service is second to none.

From an adoring colleague: "Rachel is consistently working at 100% capacity, was a major player in getting us caught up on our call log and makes every Monday fun for me. I enjoy working with her!"

When not brightening people's days at the MD SPCA, Rachel spends her time with her husband, son, and grey tabby, Mr. Kitters. A self-described "foodie" and wine enthusiast, her dream is to one day visit Italy.



DALLAS & CHIRAG:

A JOURNEY HOME

Dallas came to the MD SPCA in 2021, but it would be nearly three years before he found his perfect match with Chirag, a longtime volunteer and foster.

Dallas came to me as a touch-sensitive, fearful, shy foster, and I decided to take him in for a 'few weeks' to let him decompress before he returned to the shelter. Nine months later, and he's the most couch-hogging, snuggle-demanding, face-licking, puppy-eyed dog I've ever met, and he's here to stay.

Every time I had to give him back to the shelter when I had to travel, a little bit of me felt so miserable that I knew I had to keep him. He's just the perfect little boy that makes me want to come back home eagerly after a long day at work. I'm so glad I have him!"



Sometimes, the most beautiful humananimal bonds are born from some of our most difficult placements. Dallas and Chirag are equally lucky to have found each other, reminding us all to never give up hope! FROM SALTY TO SWEET:

OATMEAL'S SECOND CHANCE

On June 13, 2024, a four-year-old ginger cat named Oatmeal found her forever home.

After being surrendered twice in the same year,
Oatmeal was struggling. Considered "highstrung" and "over-sensitized", she had a hard
time adjusting to shelter life. Our adoption
counselors shared her challenges honestly,
advising her new adopters to give her extra
time, space, and patience to settle in.
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Her new family – William and Regina – took that advice to heart. Over the course of eight weeks, Oatmeal began to change. With love and consistency, the cat once seen as difficult, blossomed into an energetic, intelligent, and affectionate companion. She slowly worked her way into William and Regina's routines – and their hearts.

While Oatmeal is still a little "salty" at times, her affection and loyalty to her new parents are clear. Her adopters say they wouldn't trade her for anything.

Oatmeal's story is a reminder of what's possible when animals are given a second – or even third – chance. "Don't give up," her adopters shared. "Love and patience and a cat that really wants to be a good house cat is always possible."





MARYLAND SPCA

FINANCIAL INFO: 2024

ANNUAL INCOME	
Individual Contributions	\$2,598,049
Investment Income	\$2,507,056
Bequests and Planned Giving	\$1,333,062
Institutional Contributions	\$744,160
Spay/Neuter Fees	\$269,966
Adoptions	\$216,738
Other Operations Income	\$149,274
Events	\$140,248
MD Department of Agriculture	\$102,274
TOTAL	\$8,060,827

ANNUAL EXPENSES	
Salaries and Benefits	\$5,192,726
Facilities and Maintenance	\$996,367
Marketing and Fundraising	\$562,018
Animal Care Supplies	\$559,390
Office and General	\$246,725
Outside Fees	\$115,271
Community Care and Advocacy	\$61,024
TOTAL	\$7,733,521



MARYLAND SPCA IMPACT IN 2024









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