

October's Adopt-a-Dog Month Another Success



AMD celebrated National Adopt-a-Dog Month in October and received 267 applications.

If you are considering adding a dog — or a cat — to your family, visit the Animal Services Facility at 3750 Brown Station Road in Upper Marlboro to meet the many dogs available for adoption. Our expert staff will help you find the perfect pet for your family.

Local Events



The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals/Humane Society (SPCA/HS) of Prince George's County holds a rabies shot clinic on the first Sunday of every month from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 8210 D'Arcy Road in Forestville. Fees for rabies shots are \$8, distemper shots are \$12 and microchips are available for \$25. Please bring proof of a prior rabies shot (a rabies certificate, not a tag) to get a three-year rabies shot; without it, your pet will receive a one-year shot. Only cash and credit cards are accepted; checks are not accepted. All animals must be leashed or in a carrier. Visit the SPCA/HS Web page at www.pgspca.org and check the "Events" listing to confirm the date of the next clinic.



AMD Welcomes Your Donations

The Animal Services Facility is always in need of donations and animal supplies. If you can contribute any of the following items, your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

-  Blankets
-  Towels
-  Laundry Detergent
-  Hard Rubber Toys
-  Cat and Dog Treats
-  Bleach
-  Newspaper

-  Electric Heating Pads
-  Puppy/Kitten Nursing Bottles

AMD also welcomes your monetary donations. Checks and money orders should be made payable to Prince George's County, with a note at the bottom for "donation." Monetary donations can be mailed to:

Prince George's County
Department of Environmental Resources
Animal Management Division
3750 Brown Station Road
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Important Phone Numbers

Animal Management Division
General Information.....(301) 780-7200
Humane Education.....(301) 780-7220
Lost & Found.....(301) 780-7250
Pet Licensing.....(301) 780-7251
Spay Spot.....(301) 254-8151
SPCA Spay/Neuter
Information.....(301) 262-5625, ext. 6

Volunteer Information.....(301) 780-7220

Wildlife Information
Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
Wildlife Hotline.....1-877-463-6497

To Report a Bite Case
County Police.....(301) 333-4000
Health Department.....(301) 583-3750

Sheri Lunsford, Writer

Spay/Neuter Saves Lives!

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering at the Animal Services Facility, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, JoAnne Brown, at (301) 780-7220 for an application. Positions are available in the kennel walking dogs, assisting in schools and summer camps with educational presentations, working at special events, or helping to show dogs at local pet stores on the weekends.

AMD's Web Site

If you would like to stay up-to-date on animal-related information, learn more about our services, view animals available for adoption or read the most recent issue of this quarterly newsletter, you can check out our Web page at www.princegeorgespets4us.com or www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/DER/AMG.



The Prince George's County Animal Management Division proudly announces that it feeds Hill's® Science Diet® pet foods to all cats and dogs in our care.



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Fall Festival a Paws-itively Purr-fect, Messy Day!



Danielle's Yorkie, Coco



Fairy & Princess



Mai Tai



Ayanna

Diana's Newfoundland, Murphy



Sean's mixed Lab, Jackson

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Happy smiles from the Halloween costume contest prize winners, which included plenty of children and dogs but only one kitten: Sylvia Brown's Mai Tai.

The Animal Management Division (AMD) hosted a fun-filled Fall Festival on October 29, 2011, a chilly Saturday that featured both rain and snow flurries. The weather neither dampened the spirits of those attending nor kept them from bringing their pets to participate in the Halloween parade and costume contest. Prizes were awarded for the best costume in the dog and cat categories; best costume other pet category; most original costume; and the cutest couple in dog/dog,

cat/cat, human/dog and human/cat categories. The festival also featured a bake sale, craft fair, yard sale, informational booths, pumpkin painting, face painting, food, games and much more.

During the Festival, residents had the opportunity to take advantage of the half-price adoption fees, and AMD received 26 applications. The many animal interactions may also lead to future adoptions.

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Staff and volunteers work the yard sale booth, bake sale table, craft fair items and informational booth from Days End Farm Horse Rescue.

"Senior" Animals Available for Adoption at No Charge



In an effort to help our mature animals find a new forever home, AMD now offers animals seven years old or older for adoption at no charge. While these animals may be older, they still have plenty of love to give, have a better chance of being housebroken and may be trained. If you are interested in an animal with "life experience," consider adopting one of our senior animals. Regular adoption requirements still apply.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT Sylvia Lowry



Sylvia Lowry has volunteered at the Animal Services Facility for more than two years helping to keep the animals in tip-top shape. All animals are bathed before adoption or spay/neuter surgery, so they can go to their new homes clean and

"Sylvia is a wonderful help at the Facility and has become a great friend to the staff," said Chief Rodney Taylor. "On behalf of the staff and animals, I'd like to thank Sylvia for the outstanding work that she does at the Animal Services Facility."

smelling fresh. One of Sylvia's duties includes assisting the groomer every Tuesday with bathing and brushing of the animals. Unfortunately, many animals are turned in to the facility with severely matted coats. It can take hours to properly groom an animal in this condition. Sylvia enjoys the hard work because she knows it makes them look and feel better. She particularly likes volunteering at the animal shelter so she can give extra love to the animals that need it. She performed these same duties at an animal shelter in Florida and wanted to continue this selfless act when she moved to Maryland.

AMD Success Story: Nothing but Sunny Days for "Sunny" the Cat

AMD received a call from a concerned citizen regarding a stray cat found in her front yard who had injuries to his legs. An Animal Control Officer responded and brought the cream-colored male cat back to the Animal Services Facility. The sweet-natured cat could not move his rear legs, and an examination revealed a puncture wound on the cat's back that may have occurred from an attack by a large dog. The cat also had an enlarged bladder, and unable to urinate on his own, he was ultimately transported to an area veterinarian for treatment. Fancy Cats, a local rescue group that works

with AMD, agreed to take the cat and cover the cost of the medical treatment. The cat, now known as "Sunny," stayed at the animal hospital for several days recuperating from his injuries. Luckily, the swelling in Sunny's back receded, and eventually, he could urinate and slowly move around on his own. Sunny is currently in a foster home getting stronger every day while working to rebuild the muscles in his legs. As you can see from the photo, Sunny is living the good life, thanks to the help of everyone involved in getting him off the street and into a foster home until he is available for adoption.



A happy Sunny resting with a toy.

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JoAnne Brown (above) poses in costume with Rodney Taylor while Darth Vader, aka Terri Littlejohn, stands still for a photo with her sisters, Vicki Lindsay (in red) and Angie Pooler. Other staff members who worked through the day included: (top, right) Jarek with Presa Canario, Echo; (left to right) Rose, Connie (Bowie CLAW), Venia and Denita; Front Office (far right) Back Row: Kisha, Rodney and Nita; Middle Row: Joanna and Dina; Front Row: Christina, Kara and Michelle.



Pumpkin Patch photos courtesy of Connie Carter.

"500 PAWS for a Claus" Adoption Event



AMD has set a goal during the month of December to place at least 500 animals into new forever homes in time for the holidays. To help reach this

goal, AMD will offer half off the adoption fees for any animal adopted in December. The holidays can be a great time to adopt an animal if you have time off to help your new pet settle in with your family and adjust to their new routine. You should always consider your holiday schedule when thinking of adopting a pet. If your plans include having parties and lots of people at your home, you may want to postpone adopting until after the holidays so you can offer the pet a quiet and safe environment.

In all cases, the adoption process requires that all household members interact with the potential new pet, so pets cannot be adopted and given as a surprise gift. However, there is no better gift to give a homeless cat or dog than a new forever home where they can be part of a loving family. Consider adopting a cat or dog in December, and give the gift of a lifetime to a homeless animal.

AMD to Hold Holiday Open House

AMD invites you to the Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Animal Services Facility. The Open House will highlight the wonderful animals that are available for adoption and will feature craft items and stocking stuffers available for sale. AMD will also offer light refreshments. All proceeds



will benefit the animals at the Facility. Join us for a day of fun and holiday spirit!

Shelter Appreciation Week Open House



The Humane Society of the United States will celebrate its annual National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week on November 6-12, 2011. Animal shelters across the nation, including the Animal Services Facility, will be recognized for their efforts in reducing pet overpopulation. These efforts include spaying and neutering homeless animals; placing them in loving homes; helping injured, sick, abused and orphaned animals; and teaching responsible pet care and ownership.

In celebration, please join AMD on Saturday, November 12, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for an Open House at the Animal Services Facility. Visitors will be able to meet the many wonderful pets available for adoption. In support of our efforts, please consider donating items from the wish list located on the last page of this newsletter. To view a more extensive list, visit our Web site located at www.princegeorgespets4us.com.