

## AMD and Largo PetSmart Hosted Pet "Photos with Santa"



For the third year in a row, AMD partnered with the PetSmart in Largo to offer pet owners a chance to have a photo of their pets taken with Santa. The event was held the first two weekends in December. Proceeds from the photos benefited the animals at the Animal Services Facility. AMD wishes to thank PetSmart, as well as our volunteers and the pet owners who made this event a success.

## 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](http://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  
Volunteer Information.....(301) 780-7220  
SPCA Spay/Neuter  
Information.....(301) 262-5625, ext. 6

### 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

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**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](http://www.princegeorgespets4us.com) or [www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/DER/AMG](http://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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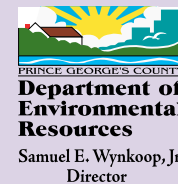
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Samuel E. Wynkoop, Jr.  
Director

## Celebrate "Prevent-a-Litter Month" in February at the Spay Spot

Communities across the country join together each February to sponsor "Prevent-a-Litter Month." The purpose is to promote spay/neuter as a primary means of addressing the companion animal overpopulation problem. An estimated three- to four-million cats and dogs are euthanized in shelters each year. That's one every eight seconds! Eight of every ten cats and six of every ten dogs that enter a shelter do not

find a new home. For every human born in America, 15 dogs and 45 cats are born. You can tell by these numbers that there just aren't enough homes for all of the animals available for adoption, which is why having your pet altered is so important.




Besides preventing the birth of unwanted animals, the spaying and neutering of cats and dogs also provides health benefits. It often resolves undesirable behaviors such as spraying, roaming and aggression. Do your part to keep your animal healthy and to lower the number of unwanted animals in Prince George's County. Schedule an appointment today to have your pet spayed or neutered at the Spay Spot.







## The Spay Spot Performs Its 1,000th Surgery!

The Spay Spot, the spay/neuter clinic at the Animal Services Facility, has been open to the public since August 23, 2011. The clinic performs spay and neuter surgeries for the animals adopted from the Animal Services Facility and performed its 1,000th surgery in November of 2011.

If you have a pet that needs to be spayed or neutered, the Prince George's County Animal Management Division encourages you to contact the Spay Spot, which offers low-cost spay/neuter surgery in addition to rabies and distemper shots and heartworm tests. Prices for services performed by the Spay Spot are very reasonable and no income requirements need to be met to benefit.

-  Standard canine spay/neuter — up to 50 lbs. . . . . \$75.00
-  Standard canine spay/neuter — 51-100 lbs. . . . . \$100.00
-  Standard feline spay. . . . . \$45.00



-  Standard feline neuter . . . . . \$40.00
-  Rabies vaccination . . . . . \$15.00
-  Distemper vaccination . . . . . \$24.00
-  Canine heartworm test . . . . . \$30.00

Larger animals are welcome, and prices are based according to weight. The Spay Spot is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Appointments can be scheduled by calling (301) 254-8151.

## Valentine's Day Adoption Event



AMD invites you to join us for our ninth annual "Have a Heart for Animals" Adoption Event at the Animal Services Facility. Adoption fees will be reduced for animals adopted during the month of February. Dog adoption fees will be reduced to \$100, and cat adoption fees will be reduced to \$45 during this event.

Adoption counselors will be on hand to assist you in finding the perfect pet for your family. If your heart fills with love around Valentine's Day, we encourage you to share that love with a new pet.



## AMD Partners with Pets2Vets for Joint Mission

AMD is proud to partner with Pets2Vets in finding loving homes for the animals at the Animal Services Facility. Pets2Vets provides adoptable animals for the 10- to 12-million veteran men and women that suffer with some form of psychological condition, such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. The animals serve as companions and play an active therapeutic role in recovery, allowing the veteran

to feel acknowledged and accepted. Pets2Vets allows the new adopters to pick the dog or cat they want from our shelter, ensure it's a good match, provide training and pay for the pet's health insurance.

AMD looks forward to a long and successful relationship with Pets2Vets by offering animals that can aid our veterans returning from active duty.



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT Animal Control Officer Kim Montgomery



Animal Control Officer Kim Montgomery has been with AMD for 9½ years. Prior to coming to AMD, she was a veterinary technician for 12 years. Officer Montgomery handles the bulk of the farm cruelty cases that are received, which includes investigating the

condition of livestock and fowl. In many instances, Officer Montgomery has to process the cases for court and testify as an advocate for the animals. Her expertise in the investigation of cruelty to livestock comes from owning horses in the past and currently having goats. She also has six dogs and several cats as part of her "family." Officer Montgomery says that the best part of her job is removing an animal from a situation of severe neglect and seeing that animal get a new home. This provides a sense of self-worth and motivation to continue investigating cases of abuse and neglect. When asked what she would like the public to know about caring for an animal, Officer Montgomery says, "consider that having a pet is a commitment for the lifetime of that pet." AMD would like to recognize Officer Montgomery for her hard work and dedication and, on behalf of the animals, say "thank you" for a job well done!

## Bowie CLAW Supports AMD with Donations



Piles of blankets were made "pet size" during Bowie CLAW's sewing party.

Volunteers with Bowie Citizens for Local Animal Welfare (CLAW) have always been huge supporters of AMD, supplying our shelter and animals with needed donations. This past fall, they stepped up again in a big way. First, they coordinated a blanket sewing party and made smaller, nicely quilted blankets from donated comforters that were too large for the animals and our washing machines. Now, the cats and dogs in our care have a new supply of comfortable blankets to lie on during their stay with us. Volunteers who participated in the event include: Teri Stumpf, Hanna Mayer, Gaye Williams, Jo Bolig, JoAnne Brown, Karen Garretson, Mary Williams, Ann Wheeler, Becky Neilson, Bobbie and Carter



"Adopt Me" scarves made and embroidered through Bowie CLAW by the Southern Comforters sewing club.

Dewhurst, Mary Caraker, Jill York, Cathy Fitzgerald, Diane Polangin, Jessa Bradley, Sarah Tipton, Laura Martin and Connie Carter.

Next, Bowie CLAW partnered with the Southern Comforters sewing club who made and embroidered



Hundreds of catnip balls were made and donated by Bowie CLAW members.

"Adopt Me" bandanas for the animals that go to adoption events outside of the Animal Services Facility. These bandanas look great on the animals and have a huge impact in advertising our animals available for adoption.

Finally, Bowie CLAW volunteers crocheted catnip balls for the cats at our facility and for AMD to sell as a fundraiser during our Fall Festival. The cats in our care have a great time playing with their new toys.

AMD thanks Bowie CLAW and the Southern Comforters for their help with these projects. A special thanks to Connie Carter with Bowie CLAW for coordinating these events and providing the photographs, and to Connie and Teri Stumpf who take photos of the animals every week for our Web site. Community support is greatly appreciated and goes a long way in keeping the animals in our care happy and comfortable while they await new homes.

## "Be Kind to Animals" Poster Contest



AMD is proud to sponsor its 19th annual "Be Kind to Animals" Poster Contest. The contest is open to all elementary school students in Prince George's County and is designed to teach children the importance of pet care and pet owner responsibility. Home-schooled students in this age

◀ Fourth grader Leslie Guerrero's Grand Prize winning entry for 2011.

group are also welcome to participate. The contest begins March 1, 2012 and ends March 31, 2012. Contest rules and entry forms will be sent to the schools by mid-February. Entries will be judged on overall theme, presentation and message. Prizes will be awarded to the Grand Prize winner and the First-, Second- and Third-Place winners in kindergarten through sixth grade.