



The MARI Report

*A Season
of Change*

*Michigan Animal Rescue League
Fall/Winter 2019*

Read more about our cover dog, Coco, inside!

ABOUT MARL

The Michigan Animal Rescue League (MARL) is one of southeast Michigan's most established shelters, serving the animals and community since 1953.

MARL is a private, 501(c)(3) organization and our work is supported solely by private contributions, which are tax-deductible. Federal Tax ID: 38-1557622

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ON THE COVER



Meet our cover dog, Coco! Coco was a resident of MARL before being adopted into a loving home in early 2018. Thank you to Coco's family, who won this cover opportunity at Yappy Hour! Want to see your pet on the cover of the *MARL Report*? Don't miss the chance to bid on a photoshoot and cover feature for your dog at MARL's 11th Annual Yappy Hour!

LET'S GET SOCIAL!

 Be sure to LIKE the Michigan Animal Rescue League Facebook page for the latest shelter news and updates, including adoptable animals, recent adoptions, upcoming events and more!

 Can't get enough of our adorable, adoptable cats and dogs? Follow @mar_league on Instagram!

MEET THE OFFICE COORDINATOR



If you have called or visited the shelter lately, you may have had the pleasure of connecting with Taylor! Though Taylor has only been part of the team for one year, she has already made great strides towards improving our customer experience during animal intakes and adoptions. Taylor helps each animal coming through our doors feel welcomed and loved, and she provides reassurance to their previous owners that their beloved pets are in good hands. Taylor's role also focuses on learning the personalities of our pets and helping them find the best homes possible. Each adoption is special to Taylor, and she has already helped hundreds of animals find loving, forever homes. In addition to helping out in the front office, Taylor has also opened up her heart and home to several at-risk dogs and puppies in need of foster care prior to being placed up for adoption. Taylor's positive attitude and passion for animal welfare truly embodies the spirit of MARL. If you haven't met her yet, stop in and say hello!

WISH LIST AND NEEDS

Wet dog food | all brands
Wet cat food | all brands
Dry kitten food | Purina Kitten Chow (orange bag)
Dry dog and puppy food | Purina One SmartBlend (red bag)
Cat toys | all types
Clorox disinfecting wipes
HE laundry detergent
Bleach
Paper towels
Clay clumping cat litter
Gently used or new harnesses, leashes and collars | all sizes
Dog toys and chews | all types
Copy paper
HP Ink | 952 Black/Color and 950 Black/951 Color

MARL's wish list is now online! Visit our website for a link to our Amazon wish list where you can send much-needed items directly to our shelter.



Letter From The Executive Director



Many of you are aware that the increased demands for MARL's services, particularly in the past 5 years, have challenged our 65-year-old building. With animal intakes up 122%, we recognized that reaching more animals and attaining the level of care that we aspire to required an improved facility.

Over the past ten years, MARL has considered several options and made some very important decisions. But it wasn't until 2018 that four major things occurred, propelling us to this point.

1. MARL acquired a parcel of land immediately adjacent to our existing property.
2. We launched a methodical and systematic effort to determine our needs. Many staff, volunteers, and board members were involved formally or informally in defining and prioritizing EXACTLY what our needs were.
3. We conducted a feasibility study to determine whether we were in a position to raise the funds needed, and at the same time a donor stepped forward, committing to a game-changing lead gift.

4. MARL proudly partnered with some of the best in the business: Ply + Architecture & Design out of Ann Arbor and Frank Rewold & Sons of Rochester.

The result is a 15,000 square-foot powerhouse of an animal shelter – truly, A Different Breed of Shelter.

But this facility is just the beginning. Our campaign: HOME. HEART. FUREVER. focuses on three priority areas that will allow MARL to elevate our level and impact of care, expand our life-saving programs, and save innocent lives well into the future. This means an in-house medical program, increased socialization and training opportunities, and a more robust outreach program to assist at-risk animals in our community. And it means investing in the future generations of animals who might otherwise have nowhere else to turn.

MARL is taking a big step forward – a step that will impact countless animals' lives well into the future. We are proud, we are grateful, and we hope that you will join us as we commit to serving the animals who need us most.

- Magee Humes





Shelter Snapshots

Working in the world of animal welfare can be unpredictable, challenging, rewarding, and everything in between. It's a hard job, but our team of staff and volunteers are focused on providing the best care we can to as many animals as possible.

These shelter snapshots show you what a typical (or not so typical!) day in the life at MARL looks like.



MARL recently had the delight of caring for a mother dog who gave birth to seven happy, healthy puppies in the shelter. While they were growing, staff and volunteers were treated to cute surprises like this every day! Mom and puppies have all been adopted now by loving families into their new forever homes.



When kittens come in alone, we always do our best to pair them with a friend or two. Pipsqueak and Clara enjoyed each other's company while working together to try and catch the people walking by!



Did you know that MARL's paperwork is supervised by our adoptable cats?! Our staff keeps an extra close eye on special needs animals like Juan, our partially blind kitty, by letting them roam around in the office each day.



MARL's cage-free cat room came with the perfect sunbathing spot! You can almost always catch resident cats like Mini curled up against the window, catching some rays and posing for the public passing by.

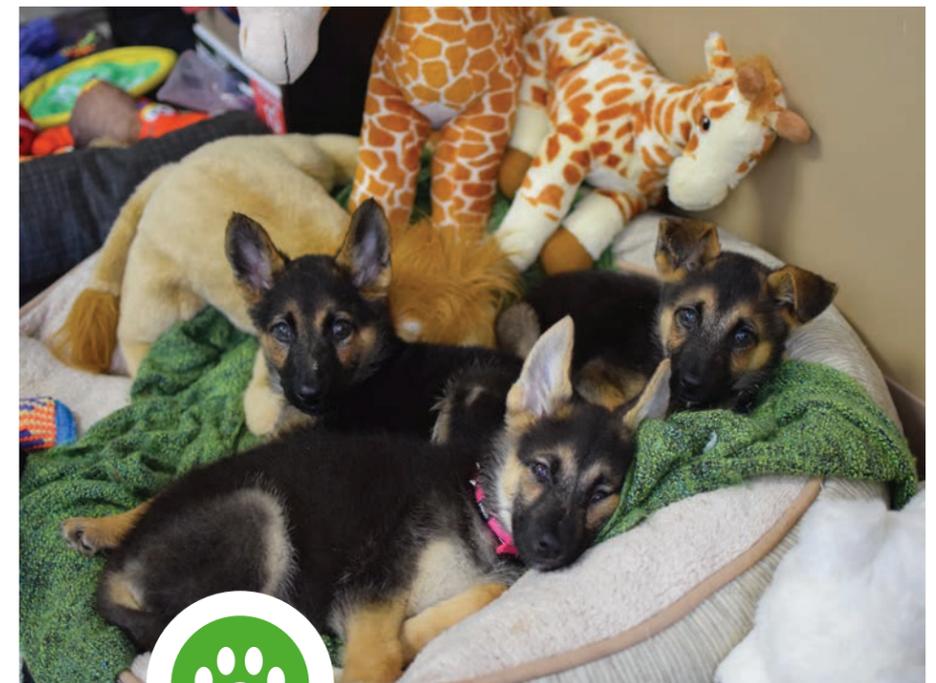
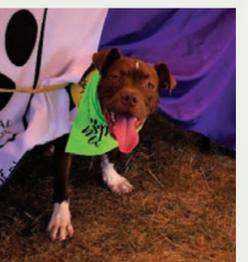
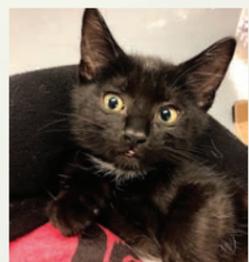


The animals at MARL are lucky to have a community of generous donors that provides them with everything they need. Sometimes, that even includes fun costumes! Titus won the hearts of staff and potential adopters as the office "busy bee".



MARL's swimming pool is a great way to keep our pups occupied during hot days! Senior resident Monte was a big fan of the dog-bone-shaped pool and loved to spend his outside time floating around in the water.

**JUAN, MINI, AND MONTE ARE ALL WAITING FOR THEIR FOREVER HOMES!
COME VISIT THEM AT MARL TODAY!**



The M Litter's Journey

The M litter found themselves at MARL at the end of August 2019. Margot, Mila, Micah, and Mojo were just 12 weeks old when they were brought here, and all were in dire need of veterinary care.

These puppies were surrendered to MARL because they were an accidental litter and their previous owner could not care for them. Not only were they scared to be here, but they were severely malnourished and underweight. We knew immediately that they would need a considerable amount of care in order to become happy and healthy puppies, and therefore they were placed in a foster home where they could be monitored around the clock.

It quickly became evident that one of the puppies, Micah, was much worse off than the others. She was taken to a veterinarian who recommended hospitalization and further diagnostic testing. Because she had not received the appropriate veterinary

care that all puppies need at birth, Micah had developed severe anemia that was secondary to a parasitic infection. After the initial hospitalization, we transferred her to an emergency vet for further treatment. Our hearts were broken when we received the news that Micah was not improving due to the advanced stage of the infection, and we were left with no other choice than to allow this sweet pup to cross the rainbow bridge.

When we learned of Micah's medical condition, her three siblings Margot, Mila, and Mojo were all immediately started on medication to treat the parasites in their systems. Luckily, they all responded well to the treatment and slowly continued to gain weight and strength. Day by day, the puppies continued to improve, and we watched them transform into what we always hoped they could be - happy, healthy, and ready for adoption! Margot, Mila, and Mojo were all quickly adopted by loving families and are enjoying their new forever homes.



Work Hard, Play Hard: MARL's New Enrichment Program



Dapper, Adopted August 2019



Jazzy, Adopted September 2019



Zeak, Adopted October 2019



Pearl, Available for Adoption



Princess Fifi, Adopted September 2019

Adjusting to the shelter environment can be hard for dogs. While MARL's staff and volunteers make every possible effort to make a dog's temporary home welcoming, the shelter is still often a place where dogs find themselves confined in an unfamiliar environment, separated from their previous families, and exposed to much more noise and barking than what they're used to.

These stressors can cause dogs to suffer from anxiety and exhibit behavioral issues. The stressors not only impact behavior but have also been associated with reduced immunity and increased susceptibility to disease. This dangerous cycle can affect even the most socialized and well-adjusted dog, increasing his or her wait time for adoption.

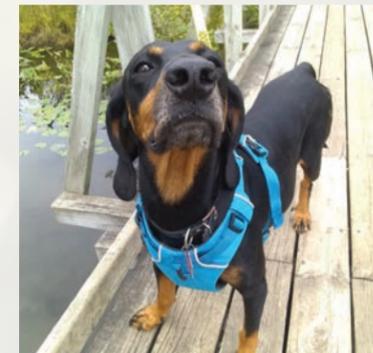
THIS IS WHERE MARL'S ENRICHMENT PROGRAM COMES IN.

Enrichment is a term that describes how shelter environments can be adjusted and enhanced to better benefit each animal. The goal of enrichment is to minimize stress levels by adding different kinds of stimulation and activities to each dog's daily routine. In a typical day, dogs should have mental, physical, environmental, and social stimulation, just as they would if they were in their forever home.



MENTAL: KEEPING A DOG'S MIND ACTIVE IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS EXERCISING ITS BODY

- Auditory stimulation: playing classical music or books on tape, reading to a dog
- Olfactory stimulation: spraying different scents in kennels, sprinkling spices on bedding, hiding treats in boxes
- Oral stimulation: filled Kongs, frozen treats, giving dogs meals in a paper bag or a puzzle feeder
- Mental stimulation: rotating different toys into dogs' kennels, engaging in daily training to work on commands and any behavioral issues



Faith, Adopted September 2019

PHYSICAL: ENERGY LEVELS PLAY A LARGE PART IN THE PERSONALITY AND BEHAVIOR OF A DOG

- Exercise in a yard with a staff member or volunteer, playing fetch or tug of war, swimming in a kiddie pool and working on commands
- Taking a dog on a walk or a run - this helps keep their minds stimulated, too!

ENVIRONMENTAL: MAKING THE ANIMAL'S LIVING SPACE MORE INTERESTING CAN DECREASE BOREDOM AND ITS SUBSEQUENT PROBLEMS

- Placing puzzle toys in dogs' kennels to create an interactive environment
- Giving dogs different types of spaces, such as a raised bed or a place to retreat to when scared
- Rotating dogs into different rooms to provide new environments for exploring
- Adding intrigue to their kennels by incorporating different scents
- Playing soothing music to alleviate stress and reduce barking



Hank, Adopted August 2019

SOCIAL: DOGS TEND TO BE SOCIAL ANIMALS, SO IT'S IMPORTANT TO FACILITATE SOCIAL CONTACT WITH OTHER DOGS AND HUMANS

- Walking two dogs together
- Reading to dogs in MARL's new Reading Room
- Taking dogs home for an overnight sleepover, or out to an event, park, store, or just a car ride
- Giving dogs time in the MARL office for the chance to be around new people
- Putting compatible dogs together in playgroups several times a week



A New Home For MARL

CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY AND WE COULDN'T BE MORE EXCITED!

The careful and purposeful design of MARL's new building will allow us to better meet the needs of the animals in our care. With improved medical and rehabilitative capabilities, space for more impactful socialization and behavioral training, and calm, comfortable housing, our dogs and cats can thrive.

Tripling our square footage, every inch of space is laser focused on the best interest of the animals we care for from the moment they arrive at MARL until they walk out the door to their new home. The flexibility of the design will allow us to tailor each animal's experience based on their varying needs.

A FEW OF OUR FAVORITE FEATURES:

- Custom-built, spacious cat housing featuring windows on two sides and significantly increased natural light. This option allows a social cat visual access to the outdoors and the lobby area during times where they aren't able to roam free.

- 24-hour indoor-outdoor, custom dog housing with heated floors, allowing dogs choice of environment and access to fresh air, even overnight. Each dog neighborhood contains only four dog housing units to reduce noise and stress.
- Multiple activity rooms and a dedicated play yard for training and enrichment, additional kennel yards for more exercise opportunities and a walking trail.
- A separate intake entrance adjacent to the medical wing allows for a lower-stress introduction to the shelter for animals who are being surrendered or arriving as strays.
- Maintaining the warmth and charm that makes MARL special, the new facility will attract adopters, volunteers and supporters, while also improving the overall experience for community visitors. A facility that is comfortable and welcoming to the public benefits the animals in countless ways.



THE ABILITY TO SAVE

2x

MORE ANIMALS



A different breed of shelter.

DOGS WILL RECEIVE A MINIMUM OF

400%

MORE OUTSIDE TIME





CATS WILL RECEIVE A MINIMUM OF

5x

AS MUCH OUT-OF-CAGE TIME

CATS WON'T SEE OR HEAR DOGS

10x

AS MANY SPACES FOR SOCIALIZATION, RELAXATION, TRAINING AND PLAYGROUPS

STATE-OF-THE-ART AIR EXCHANGE IN ALL ANIMAL AREAS

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LESS SPREAD OF DISEASE

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QUICKER TIME TO ADOPTION

IN-HOUSE MEDICAL CAPABILITIES WILL:

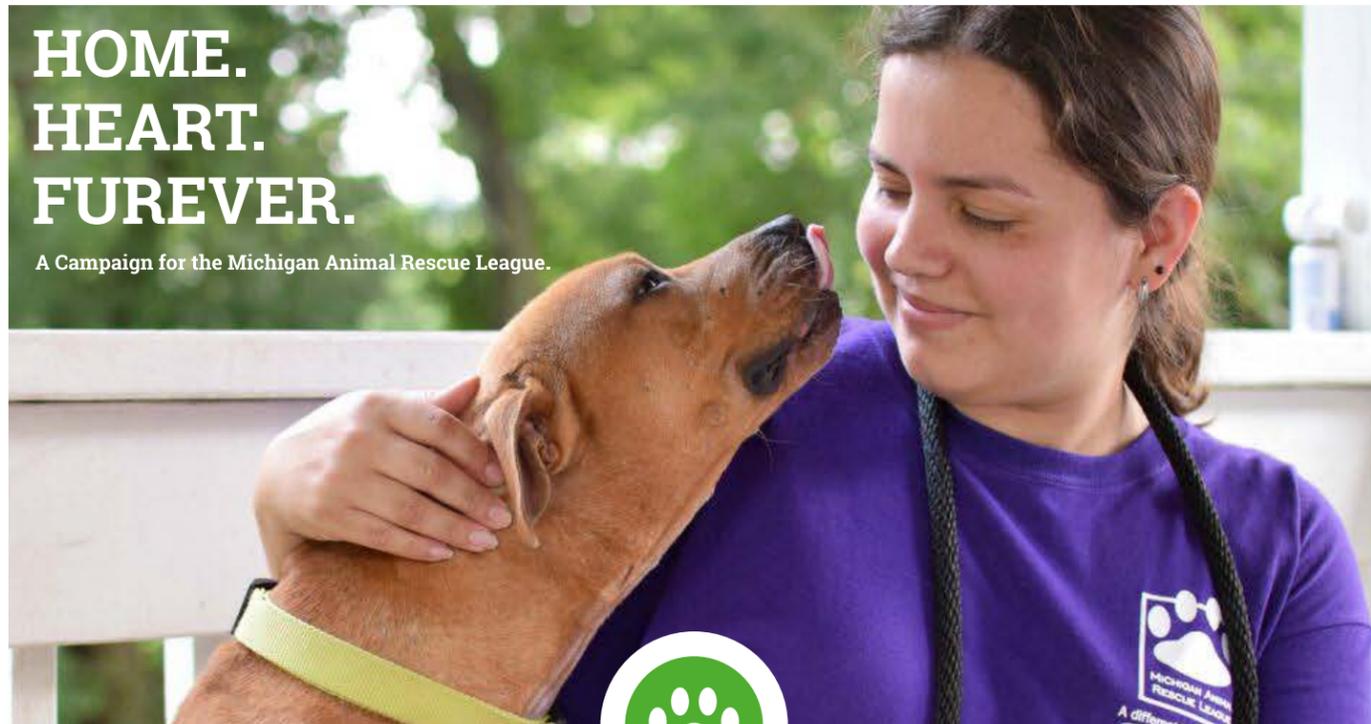
- ✓ Eliminate the need for **stressful transportation** for dogs and cats
- ✓ Save MARL **up to \$200,000** in vet fees each year
- ✓ Eliminate **1,560 staff hours** that are now used transporting animals for medical and grooming services

BUILDING COST BREAKDOWN



HOME. HEART. FUREVER.

A Campaign for the Michigan Animal Rescue League.



Join Us On The Road To MARL's New Home!

MARL's first-ever comprehensive campaign: HOME. HEART. FUREVER. launched just a few months ago. This campaign is a pivotal moment in MARL's history - one that will not only enable us to build a new home for MARL, but allow us to elevate our level and impact of care, expand our programs, and ensure that we will be here saving lives well into the future.

While we are still in the beginning stages of our multi-year campaign, we are proud to announce that we have raised \$6,229,518 (excluding planned gift pledges) towards our \$12 million overall goal. But there is still much work to be done!

WE ARE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THAT A GENEROUS DONOR HAS COMMITTED A CHALLENGE GIFT TO MARL OF \$1 MILLION.

The challenge was given with the intention of encouraging additional major donors to support MARL's meaningful campaign effort.

This dedicated donor will match, dollar for dollar, all gift commitments and multi-year pledges of \$25,000 or more to the campaign if documented by December 31st of 2019.

You can be a part of making this incredible vision a reality for the animals and right now your gift will go twice as far!

To find out how best to document your gift please contact Executive Director, Magee Humes at mhumes@marleague.org or 248-778-5351.

A number of exciting naming opportunities are currently available for all gifts and multi-year pledges of \$25,000 or more!

WHAT IS A MULTI-YEAR PLEDGE?

A multi-year pledge allows a donor to make payments towards a commitment at a comfortable pace. They can significantly impact the dogs and cats, select from a list of naming opportunities within the new building, have their gift matched dollar for dollar, AND it can be paid over a period of five years.

To learn more about the HOME. HEART. FUREVER. campaign please visit marleague.org.

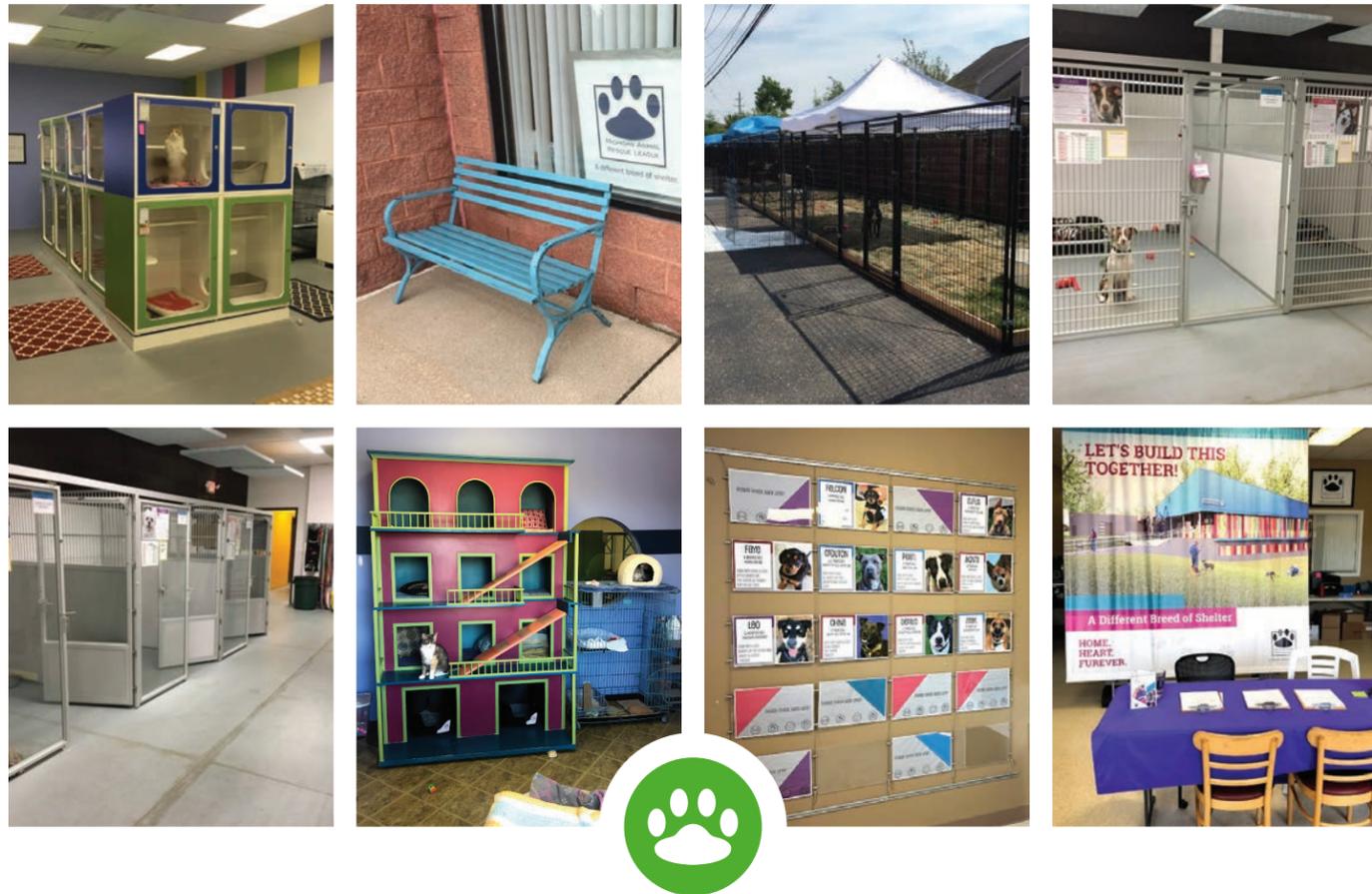


Construction Update

Construction of our new 15,000 square foot building officially started on June, 3. Frank Rewold & Sons took over our expanded site near the corner of Featherstone and Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, and started construction of our new animal welfare center. They are directing and managing over 30 subcontractors on our project. Bull dozers and other large equipment started reshaping the land to accommodate our new building, parking lot, and outside animal activity spaces while we finished remaining permit approvals with the City of Pontiac and Oakland County. With heartfelt emotion, we watched the demolition of our original 65-year-old building on July, 3 make way for our new state-of-the art facilities designed by Ply+ Architecture & Design from Ann Arbor.

The progress on our new building has been accelerating ever since! The foundations and new underground utilities are complete, and the exterior walls of our future north Medical Wing and south Administrative Area are up. It will not be long before the walls of our new Dog Neighborhoods, Adoption Center, and Adoptable Cat areas are also part of the new landscape. In the next month, the floors, roof, and siding will be in-progress so that the building can be closed in for winter, and interior construction can continue. With our Project largely on schedule, we anticipate completion and the start of operations at our new center by late summer next year!





MARL's Temporary Home

MARL's new facility is being constructed on the site of our original building. To save cost and time, as well as reduce the amount of stress on our animals, we searched for a temporary place to call home during construction.

In April, we began the process of moving our entire operation to a strip mall approximately two miles from our permanent location on Featherstone.

Transforming three vacant storefronts and an unfinished warehouse space into a full-service shelter was no small task. Our temporary location had to be complete with dog and cat housing, a cage-free cat room, medical and surgical capabilities, indoor and outdoor areas for animals to exercise, office space, and everything else that goes along with operating a clean and functional animal shelter.

Our team worked hard to build custom outdoor dog runs, put up new walls, remove carpet, seal the floors, paint, add lighting and sound absorbing materials, hook up laundry equipment, improve the HVAC capabilities... and within approximately 60 days we were approved by the State of Michigan. We transferred all our kennels and cat housing units from Featherstone to the temporary location and finally we were ready to move our dogs and cats into their new temporary home.

This accomplishment was not without its challenges, but thanks to the unwavering support from volunteers and the dedication of our staff, we did it!

We are happy to report that the temporary space is serving our animals well. While the temporary location lacks some efficiencies and amenities that we had been accustomed to, our volunteers and staff have stepped up in a big way to ensure that quality of life is not compromised for any of our animals while they await their forever home.

Remarkably, MARL's adoptions have only changed by 1% as compared to this time last year. MARL's team has uprooted our entire organization from our home of more than 65 years, moved every animal in our care, split our staff between three storefronts in a strip mall, and still has been able to find homes for over 600 animals so far this year. This successful transition and minimal impact on the number of animals we provided care for would not have been possible without the support of our generous donors and volunteers. Thanks to you, the animals at MARL are thriving in their temporary home and looking forward to big things ahead!

Thank You



GENEROUS KIDS DOING GOOD IN THEIR COMMUNITY:

- JOEY SOFFER donated \$160 and many supplies collected at his Bar Mitzvah
- WEST MAPLE ELEMENTARY in Bloomfield Hills raised \$340 for MARL at their annual Talking Zoo Fundraiser
- GIRL SCOUT TROOP 40085 donated \$200
- CHARLOTTE AND CAROLINE COX AND JULIA donated \$38 from their lemonade stand
- CRANBROOK KINGSWOOD GIRLS MIDDLE SCHOOL donated much needed dog and cat supplies
- OLYVIA MORGAN raised over \$85 for MARL at her lemonade stand
- ALEXIS MATTA collected supplies and raised over \$300

PEOPLE, COMPANIES, EMPLOYEES AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE RAISED MONEY AND/OR COLLECTED SUPPLIES FOR MARL:

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| <p>RIMI BLACKERBY
hosted a Wines for Humanity event benefiting MARL</p> <p>EMPLOYEES OF TAUBMAN VENTURES MANAGEMENT & THYSSENKRUPP- BUSINESS UNIT SPRINGS & STABILIZERS
donated shelter & office supplies and over 400 lbs of food</p> <p>12 STEP YOGA 4 UNITY
donated \$100 from June & July sessions</p> <p>ED ZALESKI AND ANIMALZ R UZ
regularly donates supplies for the dogs and cats</p> <p>BREWDOG USA AND SIDECAR SLIDER BAR
raised \$100 at their summer event</p> <p>CAMP BOW WOW OF TROY
donated over \$400 from their "Cutest Couples" contest</p> <p>LAVA DESIGN FACTORY
donated \$375 from the Custom Canvas sales. (Thank you to all the MARL supporters, followers and donors that participated in this fundraiser!)</p> <p>HARVEY KRUISE, PC
donated \$100 from their Jeans for Charity fundraiser</p> <p>LEVEL ONE BANK
collected a truck-load of wish list items & monetary donations at their local branches</p> | <p>MICHIGAN MILK PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION
hosted a fundraiser this spring, collecting a SUV full of wish list items</p> <p>MIKE'S HARD LEMONADE
kicked off their summer season hosting a wish list drive for food and toys</p> <p>AKZONOBEL OF TROY AND PONTIAC</p> <p>COMERICA BANK'S FUN COMMITTEE</p> <p>EPSILON COMMUNITY OUTREACH</p> <p>FIVE BELOW</p> <p>BUSCH'S MARKET</p> <p>J & J CUSTOM K9</p> <p>MAX FAMILY</p> <p>MIKE SAVOIE CHEVROLET</p> <p>PET SUPPLIES PLUS</p> <p>ROCKO'S PET DEPOT</p> <p>ST. DANIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH AND TROY'S WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
all donated much needed wish list items for our dogs and cats</p> |
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These are just a few of the people, companies, and organizations that have raised money and/or collected supplies for MARL.



10th ANNUAL YAPPY HOUR

The Michigan Animal Rescue League's Yappy Hour is the only cocktail party in Metro Detroit where your dog is welcome... and this year's event was a blast from the past! Our 10th Annual Yappy Hour celebrated when MARL first opened its doors in 1953. We were thrilled to welcome more than 450 two-legged guests and their canine companions to a 1950s-themed evening in the historic Rock Garden at Meadow Brook Hall.

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and guests, the 10th Annual Yappy Hour was a record-breaking success! Together, we raised nearly \$200,000 to benefit the homeless dogs and cats at the Michigan Animal Rescue League.

The event included delicious food and treats for both the human and dog guests in attendance. Guests enjoyed a 1950's photobooth, red carpet photos, a silent auction, fun vendors, and even a live performance from Elvis!

THANK YOU SAM & RUBY D. CAPLAN!



MARL would like to extend a huge thank you to our 10th Annual Gold Grand Champion Sponsors, Sam & Ruby D. Caplan. Without their generous support, Yappy Hour could not have been the successful evening we all enjoyed. Sam & Ruby have been attending Yappy Hour ever since Sam was adopted from MARL back in 2013. They love supporting Yappy Hour because it's MARL's biggest annual fundraising event, and therefore it's important they help make it a success! Sam & Ruby's favorite part of the evening is enjoying the variety of gourmet dog treats. Thank you again, Sam & Ruby, for being such incredible supporters of MARL and the work that we do!



This year also marked the first-ever VIP Reception immediately preceding Yappy Hour. The intimate gathering in Meadow Brook Hall's Pegasus Garden provided the perfect opportunity for MARL's staff and Board of Directors to say a personal thank you to our top sponsors.

MARL would like to thank the Yappy Hour Co-Chairs, Beth Davidson and Cara Krupa, for all their hard work on this fabulous event.

SAVE THE DATE

Plans are already underway for the 11th Annual Yappy Hour! Next year's event will take place on June 4, 2020 at Meadow Brook Hall. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Megan Garrison at (248) 330-6809 or mgarrison@marleague.org.

Thank you to the amazing team of TD Auto Finance Connected Communities volunteers for all your help at our 10th Annual Yappy Hour! We couldn't have done it without you!

THANK YOU JENNIFER FARBER!



MARL would like to sincerely thank our 10th Annual Gold Grand Champion Sponsor, Jennifer Farber. Jennifer's support played a vital role in making this event the most successful fundraiser in MARL's history. Jennifer has attended Yappy Hour for the past seven years and describes it as, "the most enjoyable animal welfare event in Metro Detroit." Jennifer's goal is to generate new and large donations for Yappy Hour. She has been very successful in introducing new supporters not only to this event but to the work of MARL as well. Thank you again, Jennifer, for making such a difference for the dogs and cats of MARL!



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For information about 2020 sponsorship opportunities, please contact Megan Garrison at mgarrison@marleague.org





2019 Holiday Giving Guide

THE PERFECT GIFT

Are you running out of gift ideas for this upcoming holiday season? Make a donation to MARL in honor of somebody special! Tired of hosting the same old holiday parties? Shake things up by adding a donation collection to your festivities! No matter how you do it, giving to the homeless dogs and cats at MARL is the perfect way to make your holiday season shine a little more brightly.

SUPPORT MARL'S HOLIDAY WISH LIST DRIVE

Throughout the holiday season, dozens of local businesses host holiday donation displays to benefit the Michigan Animal Rescue League. These convenient giving stations make it easy to spread some holiday cheer to dogs and cats in need. Grab an extra dog toy to toss in the donation box or choose a kitten from the assorted envelopes on display and mail in your monetary gift to the shelter. It's that easy! A full list of donation locations will be posted on our website on marleague.org. If you are interested in hosting a display at your office or business, please contact Megan Garrison at mgarrison@marleague.org or (248) 330-6809.

ASK YOUR GUESTS TO BRING GIFTS - FOR THE ANIMALS!

When your guests arrive for this season's holiday party, request that they bring a monetary donation or supplies from MARL's wish list! Adding this fun twist to your holiday event is a great opportunity for your guests to do good while making your festivities feel twice as special. You can find our wish list under "Ways to Help" on marleague.org.

THE MARL SHOP

MARL is excited to announce that our very own online shop is coming soon! The MARL Shop will be here just in time for the holiday season, and it's going to be full of fun MARL merchandise that's sure to warm every animal lover's heart. All proceeds from The MARL Shop will go straight to the Michigan Animal Rescue League to benefit our homeless dogs and cats. Whether you're looking for apparel, fun accessories, winter gear, or decorations to add a finishing touch to your home, there's something for everyone this holiday season at The MARL Shop. Find our Shop at www.marlshop.com starting November 1st.

SHOW OUR PETS SOME LOVE ON AMAZON

Did you know there are TWO ways you can support MARL's dogs and cats on Amazon? You can find our shelter wish list under "Ways to Help" at marleague.org and click on the link provided to send much-needed items straight to our shelter. At smile.amazon.com you can also do your regular holiday shopping while donating to MARL at no extra cost! Smile.amazon.com offers all the same products at the same prices as Amazon, but 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products will be donated to MARL when you select the Michigan Animal Rescue League as your charity of choice.





The Gift Of Love

A gift to MARL is a thoughtful way to honor or memorialize someone you care about and make a meaningful contribution to the lives of the homeless cats and dogs in southeast Michigan. Listed below are gifts made in honor or in memory of a loved one in the amount of \$20 or more. These gifts were received between March 1, 2019 and August 31, 2019.

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Happy Tails From MARL Alumni



"Thank you for letting me adopt Ziggy. He is such a smart, social, and loving cat. About half of the tenants in my building have come to see him and he handled the attention with love and grace.

Ziggy loves his scratching pad, his catnip and his favorite spots to look outside or just observe. He sleeps in my bed at night. He is very verbal, and I am learning his sounds for food, play, attention and love."



"Sebastian (formerly known as Frank), is such a fun addition to our family! He lets my children tote him around in baskets and doll strollers. He has laid on their beds while they read him stories and even lets my daughter swaddle him at night. We already love you so much Sebastian! Thank you for completing our family!"



"Isabella loves sitting on my desk with me when I work at home. She was on a conference call with my company the other day... So, she thinks she is running this town a bit... She doesn't like to be alone. She follows me everywhere around the house. She likes to watch the deer and birds in the backyard. The doctor told me she needs to lose about 3 pounds to be at the right weight, so we have to cut back on the treats."



"Hi, all! Bentley here just showing you some pics of me in my new home! Life is grand and I'm getting used to my new home. I only had one accident and my new mom was really cool about it and now I just go to the door and she lets me outside. I slept in my cage the first night, I was really good and didn't make a sound. Now I just sleep on some pillows next to the bed, and I've decided that's my bed now! I went to work with mom and went on a lunch date with the boss's dog and everyone, it was lots of fun!"



"Thank you for helping us find Venus (formerly known as Harper). When we got her home, we picked the name Venus Andromeda because she is a beautiful goddess and dark like the galaxy. The transition is going very well! She is an amazing dog, and together Tank and Venus are a perfect match."



"I just wanted to share a few updated pictures of Onyx that we adopted back in February. Her favorite hobbies are grabbing sticks/logs from our wood pile to chew on or have us throw, nap with us on the couch, and run up and down the fence with the neighbor's dog, barking. She has fit in well in our home and with our family."



"While the photos don't begin to do this sweet boy justice, hopefully they provide a glimpse into his wonderful personality and the great life he is having in Ohio.

We once again want to express our absolute joy in the blessing MARL bestowed upon us with Finnegan."



"Just wanted to drop a line and let you know Kaiser is doing great. His skin alopecia has gone away. His hair has started coming back. Changing his diet helped I think. He's one of the best dogs ever. Super smart. Sweet. Loyal. And....farts like it's his job!! Haha. He also put on some weight and muscle."