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FROM MHS BOARD PRESIDENT, JOANNE RICE

Winter seems endless today as I watch it rain, again. However, I am grateful that, at least, I don't have to shovel the rain, as I think of our American neighbors up North and out West, who have to shovel snow every winter! The barren trees and brown lawns will soon be blooming, and by the time this newsletter reaches your mailbox, it will be springtime in the South. Spring is a season that for many people is rejuvenating, a time of new beginnings: spring fling, spring break, spring cleaning!

Let's try to imagine how our dogs and cats at the MHS might feel about approaching springtime. Do shelter dogs perk up when the sun is shining, and they can run freely around the yard, or have a longer walk through the back acreage with one of our great volunteers? Will the MHS's feline residents be content to bask in the sun's rays, diffused through the windows of the cat room? How many of our animal residents are spending their first spring with us at the shelter? How many are facing a second spring, still seeking refuge at the MHS and still waiting to be adopted?

As you know, the MHS is an open admission shelter. Among other things, this means we strive to save all the animals that we have the resources to save. It means that we do not reject those animals that might be unhealthy, elderly or otherwise less adoptable. Our mission is to save lives and complete families, and that is what we try to do for every animal that comes through our doors.

And to all of you: our faithful readers of *PetPause*, who support our mission with your time, talent, and resources: we thank you. You come to our fundraisers, you walk our dogs, you socialize our cats, you bring us newspapers and shredded paper, you send us monetary donations, and . . . I even suspect you pray for us. Your support allows us to diminish the winter doldrums for as many animals as we can. Your support allows us to bring a little springtime hope to the homeless dogs and cats waiting to be adopted. Your support allows us to sustain our mission in all seasons, all the year through. Thank you, all, for your efforts in supporting the MHS, and Happy Spring!

18 WHEELS AND A BIG DONATION: FOUR STAR FREIGHTLINER PUTS THE PEDAL TO THE METAL FOR THE MHS

Jerry Kocan owns Four Star Freightliner, an authorized Freightliner and Western Star truck dealership that sells, services, and customizes big rig trucks, and boasts locations in Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. A successful and respected businessman, Jerry also has a compassionate heart for animals. He and his wife, Nancy, have

three miniature greyhounds and another dog that they rescued from the streets. This past December, the couple dropped by the MHS's December Gift Wrap fundraiser to get some presents wrapped.

Lea Turbert, our MHS Marketing and Development Manager, spearheads this annual

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fundraiser each December, and as Jerry and his wife chatted with Lea while dropping off their gifts, the Kocans asked her about the most pressing needs facing the shelter. Lea replied that the two greatest needs the MHS presently faces are:

1.) *Getting medium-large sized adult dogs adopted into good homes*

2.) *Keeping the coffers of the MHS Pet Treatment Fund fully financed.*

Medium-sized and larger-sized adult dogs enter the MHS and other shelters nationwide at a high volume. Sadly, these deserving animals, through no fault of their own, are routinely overlooked for adoption, as the majority of folks choose puppies, kittens, or small breed dogs. This translates into the MHS almost always having numerous, larger adult dogs awaiting adoption for weeks, months, and sometimes, close to a year.

In addition to doing all we can to secure good homes for these larger adult dogs, the MHS also toils to reserve a steady source of funding for the many injured and sick animals that enter the shelter doors. The MHS's Pet Treatment Fund is

set aside for all injured and ill shelter animals, and it's an unremitting challenge keeping this fund full of cash, week after week. As an open admissions shelter, the MHS takes in *all* animals, including the sick, the injured, the maimed, and the frail. Right now, the MHS is dealing with an alarming influx of heartworm positive and parvovirus positive dogs coming into the shelter, as Executive Director Steven Tears explains in his letter on page 4 of this newsletter.

And so, back in December, at the MHS's Gift Wrap fundraiser, as the Kocans waited for their packages to be expertly wrapped in colorful paper and festive bows, they listened. They listened to Lea's words about adult dogs in need of good homes and a Pet Treatment Fund in need of good money. And then Mr. Kocan looked right at Lea and asked: "Would one lump sum of \$10,000 assist you in helping these animals?" Needless to say, Lea's answer was a resounding affirmative! Or, if we want to give a playful nod to Mr. Kocan's trucking business, we can roll that out in classic trucker lingo with a: "that's a big 10-4, good buddy!"

Mr. Kocan told Lea to consider the deal done. And done it was. Lea and MHS Executive Director Steven Tears were invited out to Four Star Freightliner's Montgomery headquarters on January 5 to receive the promised \$10,000. Once they arrived that January morning, Steven and Lea were in for an even greater surprise. Jerry Kocan had decided to up the ante, presenting them not with \$10,000, but with a grand total of \$14,000! He said the large donation was in honor of his wife's birthday and something he and Nancy both wanted to do for the animals of the MHS.

Lea and Steven had also



From left to right: MHS Marketing and Development Manager Lea Turbert, Four Star Freightliner President and Dealer Principal Jerry Kocan, and MHS Executive Director Steven Tears share a photo op with MHS shelter dog, King.

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Mr. Jerry Kocan welcomes MHS shelter dog, King, to Four Star Freightliner's headquarters.

prepared a surprise of their own for Jerry Kocan that morning, bringing along with them a special canine guest. When MHS shelter, King, had first entered the doors of the MHS, he was suffering from significant heartworm disease and needed a series of costly treatments that the MHS would have been hard-pressed to provide were it not for the finances set aside in the Pet Treatment Fund. Lea and Steven wanted Jerry to see firsthand the sweet animals that his generous donation would assist, and needless to say, King won over Mr. Kocan in no time flat!

Bowled over by Mr. Kocan's windfall, Lea and Steven were unanimous in agreeing that a \$14,000 check is a fine way to welcome in the new year of 2024! Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Kocan and Four Star Freightliner, for supporting the MHS so generously. Your January donation has greatly assisted the MHS in keeping our wheels rolling for all the homeless animals in our care. And in turn, the MHS promises to keep on trucking till every animal is welcomed into a good home of their own.



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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, STEVEN TEARS

Back to Basics: Vaccines Remain Imperative

The Montgomery Humane Society is wrapping up the second quarter of this fiscal year. We continue to make strides in strengthening the many programs we run and our ongoing community outreach efforts. However, the alarming number of animals coming through our doors that are battling infectious diseases indicate that we may need to take a few steps back and get back to basics. In recent months, the MHS has seen an increased number of heartworm positive adult dogs and puppies battling parvovirus entering the shelter. In addition, there have been recent news reports indicating that some pet animals in our community are testing positive for rabies. These developments concern me.

Vaccinations are essential. I cannot emphasize that enough. Not only do vaccines protect our animals' health, they also protect human health. Routine vaccinations for diseases like rabies, distemper, and parvovirus must be at the forefront of responsible pet ownership. This protection is especially vital to young animals with developing immune systems. Some diseases, like rabies, pose a critical risk since rabies is a fatal disease. Vaccinations protect our pets and people from this serious disease, but for vaccines to work, pet owners must vaccinate their animals.

The disease that is currently having the greatest impact in our shelter at this time is parvovirus, a highly contagious disease. Parvovirus causes severe gastrointestinal symptoms, including vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy and dehydration. The progression of the virus can be rapid, and parvovirus is very dangerous to puppies. Their tiny immune systems are still developing, which means they are unable to defeat the virus on their own. Without prompt and intensive treatment, parvovirus can kill puppies within a matter of days.

In recent months, an alarming number of puppies picked up by our MHS animal services department (and puppies surrendered to our shelter by the public) have tested positive for parvovirus within hours of their intake into the MHS. Because parvovirus is so contagious, it can spread rapidly to other animals in our shelter. The

MHS, like many other animal rescues, lacks extra space for isolating and quarantining numerous animals with confirmed cases of contagious disease. This makes it all the more demanding to prevent infected animals from coming into contact with healthy ones. Attempting to treat positive animals is not only challenging from a space perspective, it is also challenging financially. Our shelter has limited monetary resources for funding costly veterinary treatments.

Furthermore, community outbreaks of diseases like parvovirus can negatively impact the public's trust in our shelter. Concerns about disease transmission may deter potential adopters from visiting the MHS and adopting our animals. This can lead to more overcrowding and an increased tax on the shelter's already limited resources.

Since we are an open admissions shelter, we continue to take in the animals in our community that need us—healthy or unhealthy. It's our mission. Given this, the early detection of contagious canine diseases like parvovirus becomes paramount. Disease outbreaks of any kind impact how the MHS operates. Though we always function on high alert, there are some measures we are now strictly implementing to manage this current crisis. Our first measure is early detection. We are currently testing all puppies immediately upon intake. Infected animals that qualify for treatment receive prompt medical evaluation and care, and we immediately isolate them from healthy animals to prevent transmission of the virus. In order to better safeguard the health of our current animal residents, the MHS staff has recently received additional training on recognizing the signs of parvovirus and heartworm, and on enhanced animal hygiene and sanitation protocols. We are continuing to track positive cases, the progression of each case, and the effectiveness of our control measures, so we can adjust strategies as needed.

As we continue in these efforts, we could definitely use your help. Encouraging friends, family, neighbors, and acquaintances to vaccinate their animals is a great start. Diseases like parvovirus and rabies can be easily prevented with regular, routine vaccinations and good

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veterinary care. Herd immunity can move us in the right direction. If you feel inclined and are able to donate to the MHS, you can earmark your donation for our Pet Treatment Fund. This ensures that your donation goes straight towards supplying the sick animals residing at our shelter with the medical treatments they need. Such donations assist us greatly.

Finally, it is my hope that the MHS will soon have the resources to address what lies at the core

of this current uptick in unvaccinated, sick animals. We must assist underprivileged residents in the Montgomery area in their access to affordable, preventative, veterinary care for their pets, and we must educate on how vital it is to vaccinate one's pets. We have reached many goals throughout my time as Executive Director of the MHS, and I feel confident that with your support, we can successfully rectify these recent animal health challenges as well.

HAPPY TAILS TO YOU: CELEBRATING SHELTER ANIMAL ADOPTIONS

As your *PetPause* writer and editor, there are few pieces that are more rewarding for me to review and edit than the "Happy Tails" interviews that I compile for each issue of our newsletter.

First, there is the story of Jackie and Johnny: two elderly, adorably scruffy-faced, terrier mix dogs, who share an extraordinarily close bond with one another. Although both dogs are 10 years old, their sweet little faces make them seem much younger. Our MHS Humane deputies rescued Jackie and Johnny together from a neglect case so severe that Jackie had to have his front left leg amputated. Despite enduring horrific circumstances before our MHS deputies brought them into the safety of the shelter, both dogs have the most affectionate dispositions. Their bond with another is all the more moving considering what they went through before being rescued. And this much is for sure: Jackie and Johnny hit the proverbial canine jackpot ten times over when Sharon Reynolds and her husband adopted them. This couple truly cherishes each one of their pets, caring for their animals with compassion and conscientious diligence.

And then there is the tale of Mycah— an underfed, very thin stray dog who had been wandering alone, trying to fend for herself as best she could, before she was rescued off the streets by our MHS deputies. Mycah arrived at the MHS a little frightened and so thin that her ribcage was visible. But a lot of good food, fresh water, and loving care worked wonders for this girl. After being nurtured back to health under the

watchful attention of our MHS staff, Mycah was soon healthy enough to be put up for adoption. A kindhearted family (who had adopted another dog from the MHS about a year ago) had been faithfully following Mycah's progress via the MHS Facebook page. This family decided to adopt Mycah, and needless to say, she has been showered with plenty of affection and care ever since.

And finally, there is the story of Missy, called Chloe when she resided at the shelter. Like Jackie and Johnny, Missy is a dog in her golden years. Completely deaf, she is nearing fifteen years of age. At the MHS and at shelters nationwide, to be an elderly animal is to be at a disadvantage, as older animals are routinely overlooked for adoption. A little, deaf, fifteen-year-old dog, like Missy, could have easily been ignored in favor of spryer dogs or frolicsome puppies. But Missy was granted the great blessing of being noticed, appreciated, and adopted into a wonderfully loving home. That this unassuming dog found her forever home in her very senior years is a good reminder to us all that it is never too late to have one's life utterly transformed for the better.

As you read my interviews below with the good folks who adopted Jackie and Johnny, Mycah, and Missy, I hope you enjoy reading these "Happy Tails" as much as I enjoyed editing them. And as always—if you wish to welcome a canine or feline friend into your home—please opt to adopt from the Montgomery Humane Society.

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JACKIE AND JOHNNY

ADOPTED BY SHARON REYNOLDS AND DAVID WALTERS

1. When did you adopt Jackie and Johnny (month/year)? How old was each dog when you adopted them?

My husband and I got them a week before Christmas of 2023. Johnny was 10 years and 2 months old, and Jackie was 10 years and 8 months old.

2. Thank you so much for welcoming these two deserving dogs into your home. Why did you decide to open your home to Jackie and Johnny and adopt these two dogs in particular?

I had been following their story on Facebook, and they just weighed on my heart. I thought for sure someone would adopt them quickly. People were making appointments to meet them, but then didn't even bother to show up. These two dogs, so sweet and in their senior years, had already been through so much. They looked like such sweet souls who had not been given the life we thought they deserved.

I kept talking to my husband about Jackie and Johnny. When they had not been adopted for two

months, we took that as our sign that they needed to be with our pack. And we decided to go get them! What better Christmas gift to them and to us than to know that now they get to spend the rest of their lives loved and cared for, befitting the angels that they are!

3. What were your first few days like with Jackie and Johnny after you brought them home? How has each of their adjustments been to your home?

They both just wanted to sleep for the first few days. Bless them; I guess after being in the shelter for two months, they just needed some peace and quiet. They were perfectly happy on the couch with pillows and blankets.

4. Do you have any other companion animals or just Jackie and Johnny? If you have other animals, what are their name(s), how have they reacted to Jackie and Johnny, and how have Jackie and Johnny reacted to them?

We have 7 other dogs; we love our animals! Everyone else's names are: Bella Grace (a diabetic husky), Nubbins (a toy poodle), Frankie (a Chihuahua mix adopted from the MHS in 2018), Valli (a long-hair dachshund), Lippy (a mini dachshund with a mouth deformity), Charlie (a wire-hair dachshund adopted from the MHS), and Hank (a 10-year-old Chihuahua adopted from the MHS). We also have a 19-year-old cat named Pilar.

Jackie and Johnny were actually the third and fourth "older gentlemen dogs" that we adopted from the MHS in 2023. Earlier in 2023, we had adopted Charlie and Hank, both of them elderly dogs, from the MHS. Our canine crew at home is so used to other dogs joining the family that when we brought Johnny and Jackie home, they just looked at me like: "Really, Mama . . . more?"

There's the occasional scuffle now and then over a bone, but for the most part, everyone gets along. I watch them on camera when I'm not home, and I sometimes see them piled on top of each other catching naps, which is pretty cute.



Two sweet buddies in one very comfortable dog bed: Jackie (left) and Johnny (right)

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JACKIE AND JOHNNY-ADOPTED BY SHARON REYNOLDS AND DAVID WALTERS *Continued*

5. What activities does Jackie especially enjoy? And what activities does Johnny especially enjoy?

Jackie loves to nap and lay in the grass when it's warm enough. Johnny loves to bark at anything that moves, and he tries to chase deer/cows on the other side of our fence.

6. Do Jackie and Johnny have a daily routine at your house, or do their activities vary from day to day?

My husband and I both work full-time. All the dogs go outside to the bathroom first thing in the morning. I carry Jackie up/down the deck stairs, rain or shine, so he can do his business. Breakfast is at 6:30 a.m. and they all come into the bathroom to watch me get ready for work. We converted a 400-square-foot sunroom into a special bedroom for the dogs. There are 5 dog beds, 2 chairs, and a large bed made with a crib mattress that I built for them. There are ramps to help Jackie get to wherever he wants. And of course, there are tons of toys to keep them occupied and their own AC and heater with 2 ceiling fans. There's also a camera installed in their sunroom, so we can check on them remotely whenever we want.

When my husband and I get home from work, we both sit outside on the grass and spend some special time with all of our animals. My husband has this adorable interaction with the dogs in which he picks up each dog in a set, specific order and asks each one individually if they had a good day. And the dogs know the order!

Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. (and mealtimes are set times because Bella Grace's insulin has to be regimented). After dinner, we all relax together on the couch. Then some go to their sunroom for bedtime, while a few sleep with us in our bedroom.

7. What are some of Jackie's favorite treats or foods? What are some of Johnny's favorite treats or foods?

It actually took Jackie and Johnny a few weeks to accept treats. But now they both will eat whatever the other dogs are having as treats. Every dog gets a Milk-Bone® cookie when we leave for work in the morning. Jackie likes to chew on bones,



Jackie relaxes on his blanket.



But Johnny prefers to relax under his blanket!

and it's remarkable watching him chew his bone with only one front paw to hold his treat in place. As for Johnny, he is obsessed with a treat called an Everlasting Treat Bento Ball®, made by Starmark®, but he only gets that on weekends when I can watch him.

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**JACKIE AND JOHNNY-ADOPTED BY
SHARON REYNOLDS AND DAVID WALTERS** *Continued*



Warm sunshine on a sweet face: Jackie soaks up some rays on a sunny, mild winter's day.



Kitchen tug of war: Johnny's got a good grip on that wooden spoon.

8. Describe Jackie's personality. What are some of his endearing/funny characteristics? Describe Johnny's personality. What are some of his endearing/funny characteristics?

Jackie is such a sweet snuggler. He will often climb into my lap and put his right paw on my shoulder and just lay his head on my chest. It's just the best thing ever to earn the trust of a rescue dog! Johnny is very clingy! If you aren't petting him to his satisfaction, he will paw you to get you to use both hands!

9. Are there any memories or thoughts of Jackie and Johnny that stand out in your heart that you'd like to share?

We brought them home eight days before Christmas, and I included a sweet photo of the two of them underneath our Christmas tree. I actually did not stage the photo at all, but both of them curled up right under our Christmas tree like they were saying, "Santa, we're home."

Another heart warmer occurred just about two weeks ago when I was getting ready for work. Jackie was in the bathroom with me, and he started playing with a plush toy. Up to that point, I hadn't seen him play with a toy. It was just so sweet to watch him with his little tail wagging.

It has also been remarkable to see how Jackie does not let his physical limitations dampen his spirit. Since Jackie's front left leg had to be amputated, his right front leg has turned inward in compensation, to try to correct his balance. Even with only three legs, he can still jump on the couch and even on my bed! He will explore everything his siblings do, but he does get tired more quickly having to hobble along on three legs. I'm currently trying to figure out how to build Jackie a wheelchair/cart, so he can more easily explore the back yard with his siblings when it warms up outside.

I should also mention that Jackie and Johnny have their own Facebook page! If you wish, you should be able to access the page at: <https://m.facebook.com/people/J2-Rags-to-Wags/61554750576218/>

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**JACKIE AND JOHNNY-ADOPTED BY
SHARON REYNOLDS AND DAVID WALTERS** *Continued*

10. At the MHS, we want to encourage responsible animal lovers who are considering bringing an animal into their homes to adopt that animal from a shelter. Our shelter animals certainly need considerate, kind owners and good homes. How have Jackie and Johnny enriched your life? What would you say to an animal lover to encourage him or her to adopt a pet from a shelter like the MHS?

All of our animal babies have definitely made our lives better. They are a big commitment though. People need to remember that they live 10-15 years, and you must make accommodations. You have to be prepared to take care of their medical needs and their emotional needs as they age. Please do not think of them as something you can just “give back” because you no longer have time!

There are plenty of trips I haven't gone on, places I didn't go after work, or things I didn't buy for myself because our animals, their health, and their needs came first. If one of our animals



Merry Christmas to us: we have finally found a caring home where we can be happy together.

needs something bought for them, my husband and I will prioritize that purchase. Sometimes that might mean waiting on buying a non-essential for ourselves, so we can, in turn, afford to purchase what our pets need each month. Sure, having nine

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Jackie snoozes on the sofa.



Johnny snoozes on the sofa.

**JACKIE AND JOHNNY-ADOPTED BY
SHARON REYNOLDS AND DAVID WALTERS** *Continued*

dogs is a lot. But for these nine dogs, we hope to make them feel like they've hit a jackpot and get to live out their golden years surrounded by love.

We joke that we're running a doggy retirement community! Shelter pets though are the best. Be

patient when welcoming a shelter pet into your home, and allow yourself time to learn about your new pet as they, in turn, learn about you. These animals really just want someone to love them, and in exchange, you will get unconditional love.

**MYCAH
ADOPTED BY JOSH AND JENNY WEBSTER**

1. When did you adopt Mycah (month/year)? How old was Mycah when you adopted her (rough estimate is fine)?

We adopted Mycah in January of 2024. She is currently 3 years old.

2. Thank you so much for welcoming this deserving dog into your home. Why did you decide to open your home to Mycah and adopt this dog in particular?

We had been following Mycah on the Montgomery Humane Society's Facebook page. She caught my wife's attention when the MHS posted a picture of Mycah when this dog first arrived at their facility. You could see Mycah's ribcage, and she looked very scared and hungry. My wife told me about her, so I started to follow Mycah on the MHS Facebook page. We got to see many updates of Mycah's journey through the posts that the MHS staff put out on social media and the MHS Facebook page. The staff at the MHS did a great job



Canine naptime: Mycah sleeps the secure sleep of a dog who has found her forever home.



Queen of her castle, or queen of her backyard I should say! Mycah surveys her surroundings.

of nursing Mycah back into a healthy dog.

Even though Mycah started looking a lot healthier thanks to the MHS's care, we noticed she was not getting adopted. A year ago, we had adopted another dog, Maple, from the MHS, and she has brought a lot of joy to our family. My wife kept dropping hints that we needed to give Mycah a home; so, last month, I decided to surprise my wife by bringing Mycah home.

3 What were your first few days like with Mycah after you brought her home? How was her adjustment to your home?

On the ride home, she seemed very nervous. As soon as I told my wife to come outside to see

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my surprise, Mycah was met with all sorts of hugs and kisses from my wife and girls! Mycah got a lot of attention, and it seemed like she was loving every minute of it! She then got to meet the other animals of our family, and she really loved playing in the backyard with our other dog, Maple. Mycah initially seemed nervous when everyone went to bed, but just like all the other dogs in my house, Mycah made her way into our bed and slept right next to my wife all night!

My wife works from home, and most recently in the last few days, Mycah loves to lay right next to my wife's feet. She also has been enjoying sampling all of the dog toys we have accumulated over the past year from our Bark Box subscription that we get every month.

4. Do you have any other companion animals or just Mycah? If you have other animals, what are their name(s), how have they reacted to Mycah, and how has Mycah reacted to them?

We have two other dogs: Maple and Bobby. We also have two cats, Fefe and Panda. Mycah stays away from the cats, and the cats all stay away from the dogs. Our older dog, Bobby, typically sleeps all day on the couch, so Mycah doesn't really interact with him. She and Maple though have become best friends. They love running around in the backyard and playing tug of war with different toys.

5. What activities does Mycah especially enjoy?

She hasn't been with us that long, but we are learning that she loves to play in our backyard, and she likes to walk around the neighborhood.

6 Does Mycah have a daily routine at your house, or do her activities vary from day to day?

During the day, she spends time hanging out with my wife in her home office, or she goes outside with our other dog Maple to run around and play.

7. What are some of Mycah's favorite treats or foods?

One of the many great things about Mycah living in our house is that my wife likes to spoil the animals! Any time we leave and come back from the grocery store, our pets will wait patiently by my wife's side



Maple (left) and Mycah (right) are fast friends, and they even resemble one another in this photo!

for their surprise goodie. So far, Mycah loves chewing on the big dog bones or on pig ears treats.

8. Describe Mycah's personality. What are some of her endearing/funny characteristics?

Mycah is a very loving dog. She loves to lick your face, and she loves to be hugged and have her head petted. One funny characteristic about Mycah, to me at least, is that she has a rather big head on a somewhat disproportionately small body. I always call her "Bobblehead" because she reminds me of those bobblehead figurines and toys.

9. Are there any memories or thoughts of Mycah that stand out in your heart that you'd like to share?

I'm just very thankful for the Montgomery Humane Society. After losing my German Shepherd, I once said that I couldn't own a pet again because it was too hard to have your pet pass on. However, once we added Maple to our lives (who we adopted from the MHS) and then Mycah, we realized how much joy they bring into our family. I even joke with our kids that I love the dogs more than them! Seeing the great job our

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local MHS did with nursing Mycah back to health when she was at the shelter was really something. The MHS staff should take comfort in knowing that Mycah is in good hands now, and our family will pick up where they left off.

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good homes. How has Mycah enriched your life? What would you say to an animal lover to encourage him or her to adopt a pet from a shelter like the MHS

If you are on the fence about getting a pet from the Montgomery Humane Society, let me encourage you by saying that both of the dogs we got from there have brought us so much joy. There are a lot of dogs coming through there that need a good home and family.

MISSY ADOPTED BY BETHANY GAMMA

1. When did you adopt Missy (month/year)? How old was Missy when you adopted her (rough estimate is fine)?

I adopted Missy (called Chloe when she was at the shelter) on the 13th of February 2024. She is almost 15 years old!

2. Thank you so much for welcoming this deserving dog into your home. Why did you decide to open your home to Missy and adopt this dog in particular?

I was talking to my mom, and she asked if I had seen Missy's picture on the Montgomery Humane Society's Facebook page. I immediately looked Missy up online, and then told my mom I was completing an application for Missy and anxiously awaiting the shelter's call! Rescue dogs (especially older ones) are my passion; just ask the three who already live at my house!

3 What were your first few days like with Missy after you brought her home? How was her adjustment to your home?

From the moment Missy walked into my house she stuck to me like glue. She even follows me into the shower, so she is one clean dog! She also quickly mastered the art of going up and down stairs. Jumping is not her thing (and who can blame her), so I pick her up and place her on my bed every night. Missy is quite the snuggler!

4. Do you have any other companion animals or just Missy? If you have other animals, what are



Soulful eyes and a winsome little dog: meet Missy

their name(s), how have they reacted to Missy, and how has Missy reacted to them?

Missy has three siblings to share life with, and they are all rescues: Meatball (a mini golden doodle), Margo ("Heinz 57 variety" aka a dachshund) and Major (a Great Dane). Missy was originally called

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Chloe at the MHS. Given the names of my other three dogs, you might be figuring out why I had to change her name to Missy. Every dog I have ever had has had a name that started with the letter M. It's a family tradition! And Missy certainly didn't mind having a new name because she is totally deaf, but that had not slowed Missy down one bit.

I also foster dogs, so I am sure my three thought here's another friend who is just passing through. But as I like to say: Missy came to dinner and didn't leave! She just made herself right at home.

5. What activities does Missy especially enjoy?

Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks! Missy can now sit for treats. And Missy knows which dog bowl is hers, and she patiently waits her turn.

6. Does Missy have a daily routine at your house, or do her activities vary from day to day?

As far as a routine, Missy definitely knows when it is time to eat. And she has mastered going outside for her bathroom breaks. Who could ask for anything more!



Missy kicks back with her much larger but very sweet Great Dane friend, Major.



Missy asleep in her new home

7. What are some of Missy's favorite treats or foods?

We have to be very careful with Missy's food. She is in the early stages of kidney issues, so she has special food and treats. I was so thankful to the MHS who gave me some of this special food to start her out with. Also, I am thrilled to report that Missy got a very good report card when she visited my vet. He said she's in great shape for an "older lady."

8. Describe Missy's personality. What are some of her endearing/funny characteristics?

Just when I thought Missy was not going to be a dog who enjoys toys, she proved me wrong. She has taken a shine to little plush animals (her favorite is a little plush fish toy), and she likes to show them who is boss by attacking them and throwing them around.

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9. Are there any memories or thoughts of Missy that stand out in your heart that you'd like to share?

I just feel blessed to be able to give a home to four (two small, one medium, and one extra large) rescue dogs. Missy is such a good girl and gets along so well with her new "siblings."

10. At the MHS, we want to encourage responsible animal lovers who are considering bringing an animal into their homes to adopt that animal from a shelter. Our shelter animals certainly need considerate, kind owners and good homes. How has Missy enriched your life? What would you say to an animal lover to encourage her or him to adopt a pet from a shelter like the MHS?

I am a big supporter of the mantra: "Adopt don't Shop." There are so many animals that deserve a good home, and they all have so much love to give, especially the older ones. Never discount an animal because of their age. I love the saying "If the kindest souls were rewarded with the longest lives, dogs would outlive us all."



Missy and Bethany

FROM THE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, NENITA JONES

Top 15 Volunteers of 2023

At the beginning of each year, the MHS recognizes and celebrates the amazing volunteers who have dedicated their time and efforts to the deserving animals at our organization. It is with immense pride that I announce, in ascending order, our MHS Top 15 Volunteers of 2023.

New to our list, at number 15 with 152.25 hours, is *Neil Foulger*. Neil regularly volunteers in our Cat Room, walks dogs, and participates in offsite events. Neil began volunteering in September of 2022. Number 14 is *Linda G. Anderson*, with 155 hours. Linda actually used to work part-time at the MHS as a paid employee, but still made it a priority to come in during her free time to make sure each and every dog had a chance to get outside and stretch his legs. Linda began volunteering in March of 2019, but she just recently moved out of state. Linda will certainly be missed by the MHS staff, volunteers, and our



The family that volunteers together stays together! From left to right: Kristen Branch Hurst, Brian Hurst, and McRae Hurst

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four-legged friends. Another new name on our list, *Dainette Moore*, comes in at number 13 with 158.25 hours. Dainette signs up for almost every single offsite event, making sure our dogs get a chance to experience a new environment and a chance at being adopted. She has been volunteering since February of 2023.

Number 12 on our list is a family trio: MHS Junior Volunteer Club member *McRae Hurst*, and her parents *Brian and Kristen Hurst*. The Hursts come in regularly to walk dogs, participate in offsite events, and also foster our adoptable animals to give the animals a little break from the shelter. While McRae wracked up a total of 161 hours on her own, the Hurst family volunteered a combined total of 390.75 hours! They have been volunteering since January of 2023. Also brand new on our list, with 170.5 hours, is *Jackie Moffitt* at number 11. Jackie comes in weekly to sort donations, do laundry, and take our teenage pups and adult small breeds to the play yard. Jackie has been volunteering since March of 2022. Number 10, with 183.25 hours, is *Richard Takacs*. Richard comes by multiple times each week to do enrichment activities with our medium-to-large size dogs. Richard began volunteering in April of 2021.

Next on our list at number 9 is *Bill DePaola*, with 203.5 hours. Bill comes in weekly to take shelter laundry home to wash and also participates in the MHS's annual gift-wrapping fundraiser in December. Bill has been volunteering since January of 2021. *Traci Herndon* is number 8 on our list with 278.25 hours. Traci participates in offsite events, comes on most Saturdays to walk each and every one of our big dogs, and helps manage our social media. She began volunteering in January of 2012. With 290.5 hours, number 7 is a new addition to our list, *Heather Speir*. Heather comes in weekly to help clean our MHS Puppy Rooms, makes it a priority to give every single dog a chance to romp around in the play yard, participates in offsite events and in Pet Therapy visits, and even fosters animals for the MHS too! Heather has been volunteering since June of 2023.

Coming in at number 6, with 301.75 hours, is *Barbara Brooks*. Barbara comes in weekly to walk our small dogs and regularly participates at



Brian Hurst with MHS shelter dog Britney at an offsite adoption event

offsite events and Pet Therapy visits. She began volunteering in 2013. Number 5 on our list is *Silvia Lois*, with 324.5 hours. Silvia is at the shelter every week to do enrichment activities with our big dogs, helps with our never-ending laundry, regularly takes dogs to offsite events, is a frequent foster parent, and helps at our MHS gift-wrapping fundraiser that is held every December. She has been volunteering since July of 2021. *Lisa Langley* is number 4 on our list with 345 hours. Lisa volunteers every week in our Cat Room, where she helps clean in the morning and socializes all of our feline residents. Lisa began volunteering in August of 2016.

Number 3 on our list, with 356.75 hours, is *Barbara McKinney*. Barbara comes in several times a week to do enrichment activities and to organize play groups with our big dogs. She never forgets to bring in a bag or two of homemade “pupsicles”

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From left to right: MHS volunteers Dainette Moore, Barbara McKinney, and Alan Werts



The MHS's Top volunteer of 2023, Ann Purman, smiles pretty with MHS shelter dog Bingo.



Traci Herndon with MHS shelter dog Billy

for each and every dog in the shelter, and even brings in delicious treats for the MHS staff too. Barbara has been volunteering at the MHS for well over a decade, since June of 2010! *Alan Werts* is number 2 on our list with 452.74 hours. Alan is at the shelter every single week to do enrichment activities with our big dogs. He also participates in offsite events, helps keep the shelter grounds looking pristine by mowing the grass, and puts his creative talent to work by painting stunning artwork of our furry residents. Alan began volunteering in November of 2019.

Our Volunteer of the Year for 2023 is *Ann Purman*. Ann comes in at number 1 on our list with a whopping 491.25 hours! Ann is here weekly to

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From left to right: MHS volunteers Neil Foulger, Silvia Lois, and Jackie Moffitt with MHS shelter dogs Andrea, Yomii, and Angel

walk dogs, to help clean our MHS Cat and Kitten Rooms, and to feed our feral cat colony. Ann also does laundry, participates in offsite events, and regularly volunteers at the MHS's December gift-wrapping fundraiser. In addition, she frequently fosters animals for our shelter and even finds time to do some gardening work for the MHS, regularly bringing in potted plants to place around the shelter perimeter. To top it all off, Ann has been volunteering at the MHS for more years than any other volunteer in our top 15, since November of 2007!

Words cannot express how grateful the MHS is for each and every one of our volunteers. These

dedicated, hard-working volunteers mean more to the shelter than they will ever know. I know I sound like a broken record at this point, but when I say we have the absolute best volunteers and we couldn't do it without them, I truly mean it! It is an honor to work alongside such wonderful people. On behalf of our MHS team members and all of our animal residents, thank you—each and all—from the bottom of our hearts!



The camera captures a tender moment between MHS volunteer Heather Speir and MHS shelter dog Rocky.

WRAPPING UP THE YEAR WITH HOLIDAY CHEER: MHS MADE MERRY WITH DECEMBER'S GIFT WRAP FUNDRAISER

For over two decades now, the MHS has been hosting one of our most work-intensive and most lucrative fundraisers: our annual Wrap It Up Christmas and Holiday Gift Wrap. From December 1 all the way to Christmas Eve, our Marketing and Development Manager, Lea Turbert, and a dedicated roster of MHS

volunteers and staff pull out all the stops and offer a full gift-wrapping service to the public. The Christmas season can indeed be the most wonderful time of the year. However, it can also be an all too fleeting time of the year, with much to take in and do, and not enough hours

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to truly relish it all. Having a team of talented gift wrappers beautifully wrap every present on your holiday list can be a mighty tempting offer. And when every cent donated for every present wrapped assists the homeless animals of the MHS, you know you're supporting a fundraiser befitting the season of goodwill: goodwill to all men and to all animals too!

Our 2023 Gift Wrap was a grand success. Along with the monies brought in via gift wrapping, the MHS also raised \$15,204 from the sale of MHS "Howl-i-day" and Christmas cards. The MHS still invites local students to participate in an annual art contest where students are invited to submit artwork to adorn the cover of the MHS cards. The grand prize winner of our 2023 contest, Jia Kim, is an 8th grader at St. James School, and her grand prize was the fun of seeing her original artwork displayed on the cover of all of the MHS "Howl-i-day" and Christmas cards. In addition to the sales of these adorable cards, every gift that we carefully papered and beribboned with holiday flair at our MHS Gift Wrap was collecting coin for the shelter at a steady rate. The MHS's gift-wrapping services alone this past December brought in a sleigh full of cash that would have done Santa Claus proud: \$33,600 to be exact!

Where exactly did all of this wrapping and money-making take place? The MHS set up shop at a new Eastchase location this past December: 6858 Eastchase Parkway (with a storefront

space right alongside Priester's Pecans). The new locale was in the hub of the Shoppes at Eastchase, but there was ample parking in the back for patrons to avail themselves of when dropping off packages. Usually business picks up at Gift Wrap the closer Christmas approaches, but this year the first two weeks were jumping! Folks seemed to be getting an early start on their Christmas shopping, and a steady stream of patrons meant that Lea and her elves had to come in early one morning and stay late on a couple of evenings to keep pace.

A devoted cadre of volunteers made the workload manageable, and our esteemed leader, Executive Director, Steven Tears, carved out time from his hectic schedule almost every day to drop by and wrap a few presents. In addition, MHS volunteers had made a stockpile of bows for adorning presents in the weeks before December 1, which turned out to be a real timesaver. And this year was the first year that all of the wrapping paper selections were numbered and mounted right where folks entered the storefront doors of Gift Wrap, making it easy for patrons to see all of the festive paper choices and pick their favorites. Among the most popular wrapping papers were: a cheery red wrapping paper decorated with Christmas cats, a shiny silver foil paper bedecked with holiday dogs, and a forest green, gold, and burgundy paisley-print paper.

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The adorable MHS Christmas and "Howl-i-day" cards featured artwork by 8th grader Jia Kim, from St. James School.

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With a charming array of Christmas and holiday wrapping papers—including a couple of Hanukkah-themed papers and of course, those requisite cat and dog-themed wrapping papers—the MHS's annual Gift Wrap also makes good on the bold promise to wrap any size gift that a customer brings in. And believe us, we've had some doozies come in from time to time!

This year though, the gifts most commonly dropped off with us to be wrapped were fairly manageable for our team. Clothing, housewares, and toys were mainstays. And according to Lea, the number #1 most popular gift this year was blankets! Apparently cozying in was a top priority for folks. After blankets, the second most popular item were the Stanley® brand, insulated, thermos tumblers with straws. These must-have "Adventure Quencher" tumblers come in an impressive array of vivid colors, with sizes spanning from 20 oz. to 40 oz., and shoppers were apparently scooping them up by the score.

And speaking of popular gift items, well before Christmas, Lea and the MHS staff had bought our Executive Director, Steven Tears a surprise Christmas present: a Blackstone Griddle cooking station from Tractor Supply Company. The cooking station was delivered to the outside of the Gift Wrap storefront with the plan being that Lea could sneak it inside, secretly wrap it for Steven, and then give it to him on Christmas Eve on behalf of the MHS. The snag? The cooking station was too heavy; Lea couldn't get it inside! Even with the assistance of a few other ladies who were volunteering at Gift Wrap that day, the griddle cook station was too unwieldy for them to maneuver.

Lea knew that if it was too heavy for her and the ladies to scoot into the building, it would certainly be too heavy for them to properly wrap. She had to get creative quickly. She told Steven that a Gift Wrap patron had dropped off this very grill and wanted the MHS to wrap it up in exchange for a sizable donation to the shelter. Steven corralled a few MHS deputies, and with some good old-fashioned brawn, the men managed to get the

Blackstone cook station indoors to the Gift Wrap headquarters. The next task awaiting them? Wrapping the behemoth! After wrangling with the cook station, fussing a little (make that a lot!), and asking on multiple occasions why anyone would request something that big and heavy to be wrapped, Steven and his deputies finally got the Blackstone griddle securely covered in colorful wrapping paper. It didn't get adorned with any ribbon though, with Steven telling Lea, "I'm too exhausted to put a bow on that thing!"

Having Steven expertly wrap his own Christmas present (without him ever realizing it!) was quite the coup. On Christmas Eve, after the last Gift Wrap customer had departed with his wrapped presents, several MHS staff members and volunteers, including Steven, were on hand to clean up the storefront premises and pack away all of the leftover wrapping paper, boxes, and ribbon. As everyone was tidying up, Lea and Glenda asked some of the MHS volunteers and staff if they could recall the most memorable gift they had been asked to wrap during the weeks-long December fundraiser. Steven immediately responded, saying: "Yeah that humongous Blackstone griddle that weighed a ton and a half!" Lea and Glenda turned to Steven, pointed to the wrapped griddle that had been waiting in a corner in anticipation of this very moment, and said: "Merry Christmas, Steven!"

Needless to say, Steven was thoroughly and wholeheartedly surprised. And he was even more impressed that the MHS ladies had fooled him into wrapping his own Christmas present! It was a sweet surprise ending to a most successful 2023 Gift Wrap fundraiser. For more than twenty years now, the MHS Gift Wrap fundraiser has consistently delivered, in the esteemed standard of old St. Nick himself, plenty of Christmastime cheer to our shelter's mission for the animals. And this past December, thanks to the participation of many a MHS volunteer, employee, and patron, we kept the tradition going strong.

FROM THE INTERVENTION PROGRAM COORDINATOR, *DENTON HAWK*

Closing the No-Kill Cat Gap Together

Back in October of 2022, I wrote a *PetPause* article announcing that the MHS had applied for a Rachael Ray “Save Them All” cat grant. The MHS applied for this grant to fund our shelter’s Kitten Foster program and assist us in our goal of achieving a 90% or better no-kill cat save rate. Although there is no number set in stone that designates official “no-kill” status for specific animal populations within American animal shelters, most American humane societies generally agree that “no-kill” status is met when an organization’s save rate is 90% or better. When the MHS applied for the Rachael Ray grant back in 2022, we were striving to meet a 90% or better save rate, specifically for our cat population.

I’m proud to report that we won that grant, and our phenomenal MHS staff, Board members, foster parents, volunteers, donors, and all those participating in our shelter’s feral cat trap-neuter-release programs immediately went to work saving kittens, both neonate and weaned. Over a year ago, our no-kill gap, which is the number of additional kittens and adult cats that would need to be saved to reach that official 90% or better save rate was 332 cats. Over the past twelve months, however, the MHS community has successfully closed this gap by over 200 cats. We are only 99 kittens away from meeting our goal!

All of you who have supported the MHS in any way have played an integral role in getting us to where we are today. Your dedication, time, and resources have not only saved countless lives but have also brought us closer to a future where every healthy, treatable cat has the opportunity to live out its natural life and thrive, instead of having its life needlessly cut short.

However, more work awaits. The final stretch to achieving our goal lies in securing foster parents for 99 neonatal, newborn kittens. These tiny kittens require special care and attention during the first critical weeks of their lives that only a nurturing home environment can provide. This is where you, our MHS supporters, come in. We are



Wide-eyed with wonder: MHS foster kitten, Pancake

An extremely tiny, young kitten who is now being fostered by a MHS foster volunteer.

calling on every member of our community—whether you’re a MHS Board member, supporter, employee, or volunteer—to consider becoming

a foster parent to a newborn, un-weaned kitten. Your commitment is essential if we want to bridge the gap and achieve our 90% save rate for cats.

Fostering a neonatal kitten is a rewarding experience that not only saves a life but also contributes to a larger movement that champions the welfare and dignity of all animals. The MHS will provide all necessary training, support, and supplies to ensure that you are fully equipped to care for these vulnerable kittens. We’ve come so far since October of 2022 in establishing life-saving efforts for Montgomery’s cat population. With your help, we can achieve our goal, provide these 99 neonatal kittens with the loving start they deserve, and set a standard for animal welfare that reflects the kindness of our local Montgomery area.



MHS kittens are in need of in-home, foster care only temporarily, and they will repay you in cuteness.

FROM THE INTERVENTION PROGRAM COORDINATOR, *DENTON HAWK* *Continued*

For more information on how to become foster parent to an un-weaned kitten: please visit our MHS website at www.montgomeryhumane.com and check out the “foster program” link under the green tab entitled “Get Involved” atop the website

homepage, e-mail our MHS Foster Program coordinator at foster@montgomeryhumane.com, or stop by the MHS in person and inquire about how you can participate. Let’s make No-Kill Cat 2025 a reality, together.

Time Period	Cat Intakes	Cat Live Outcomes	Shelter Deaths	Gross Save Rate	No-Kill Gap
2/1/17 to 1/31/18	2883	748	2135	25.95%	1846
2/1/18 to 1/31/19	3227	825	2402	25.57%*	2079
2/1/19 to 1/31/20	3020	1211	1809	40.10%**	1507
2/1/20 to 1/31/21	2659	1156	1503	43.47%	1237
2/1/21 to 1/31/22	2360	1791	569	75.89%***	333
2/1/22 to 1/31/23	2044	1554	490	76.03%	285
2/1/23 to 1/31/24	1927	1635	292	84.85%	99
2/1/24 to 1/31/25	1831	1648	183	90.00%****	0

*Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) Established June, 2018 **Working Cat/Barn Cat Established October, 2019
 Return-To-Field (RTF) Established February, 2021 *Our Goal, a 90% gross save rate and No-Kill Cat status

SPRINGTIME IN THE SOUTH: MHS DOG-U-TANTE BALL TAKING PLACE AT RSA ACTIVITY CENTER ON APRIL 18

Springtime in the South brings: balmy temperatures, blue skies, budding trees, and one bigtime Ball! All monies from the MHS’s Dog-u-tante Ball ticket sales and silent auction bids go into our Pet Treatment Fund, which is set aside for the veterinary treatments many of our shelter animals require. As you may have garnered from reading some of the articles in this issue of *PetPause*, keeping the Pet Treatment Fund flush with cash is a year-

round challenge. Attending the MHS’s Dog-u-tante Ball is a fine, festive way to assist in this endeavor. So, mark those calendars for April 18 at 6:00 p.m., make your reservations, and make it a date! Please visit the MHS website at <https://www.montgomeryhumane.com/event/24th-annual-dog-u-tante-ball/> and call MHS Marketing and Development Manager Lea Turbert at (334) 409-0622, ext. 207 for more information, or to make your reservations.

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