

Chesapeake Cats & Dogs, Inc.

Working to provide a life of love and dignity for all animals



FRED, Our Center Mascot 199?-2010

On 12/11, when Debbie went to give Fred his morning food/shots, he was not doing well. She took him immediately to Bay Area, where Fred passed away in her arms. During his time with CCAD, Fred came to be happy there, comfortable in his home, and very social with regular visitors. Fred lived at least a year longer than he would have because of the loving care Debbie gave him, and we believe Fred chose his time and the person he loved most to be with him. Debbie and Rudy had just completed Fred's adoption, and this is a special loss to them. Our condolences to Debbie and grateful thanks for being there for Fred and all the others in need of care.

Fred was found wandering at a marina and brought into the Center in 2009. Unfortunately, we had no room for him. I took him to QAC Animal Control and begged them to keep him for 10 days. I visited him every day, and in discussions with the staff learned that Fred drank lots of water and we needed to have him checked for diabetes. On day 10, as I promised both Animal Control and Fred, I picked him up and took him to Spay Now. He was diagnosed with diabetes and began receiving two insulin shots per day. At that time, Spay Now estimated his age to be about 17 years.

King Frederick was really a very loving and very loyal cat. Fred was so very gentle and, through his strength, he provided me with strength. He never seemed to leave my side, always lying in the middle of all the activity. Fred would always meet me at the door when I arrived at the Center, morning and evening to feed him and give him his medicine. He usually would follow me to the utility room and wait patiently for me to get everything ready. However, if he didn't, I would call his name and he would wander into the room, sit, and again wait. Sometimes, he was so excited about the thought of eating he would stand on his back legs with his front paws resting on the top of the refrigerator, asking me to hurry—he was hungry! Then, sometimes, I would place a plate in front of him, he would smell the food, he would sit back down, and look up with his caring eyes telling me to try something else; this was not what he wanted for dinner! I learned a lot from Fred. He touched my heart and he will remain there forever! —Debbie



Fred at the Center, and on vacation. Hmmm.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

THE BEGINNING of the year is always a hopeful time for us. We look forward to a fresh new start. For all of us in rescue, it means new efforts, new directions, and new events to help animals in need. It's our New Year's resolution to help even more of the homeless dogs and cats in our community to find new home.

Can you help? Would you foster a dog? All it takes is a willingness to let a dog become part of your life for a short time until we can find a forever home. We can provide food, a crate, and tips on the "art" of fostering. We hear, "I don't know how you can do that, and then let the dog be adopted." You get your answer when you see a dog clearly happy and loved with a new forever family!

Are cats more your style? How about giving a mom and babies a place to rest quietly for a few weeks. Up for a bigger challenge? How about Bottle Babies, which need more care and special one-on-one attention.

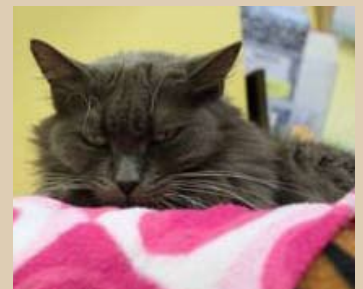
Please add the animals in need to your resolutions for 2011. Call or email us for more information. *Happy New Year!*

**Watch
our calendar
(p. 2) for
big
events
in
April
and
May.
More
info
will be
coming!**



IZZY

IZZY is a 4-5-year-old female, gray Domestic Long Hair. She was dropped off at the local shelter when her family moved out of state and could not take her. Sadly, that is the story of so many of our beautiful, loving companions. Izzy is gentle and curious, but a little shy at first. She gets along fine with other cats and children and hopes every day that one of our visitors will spy her and take her home.



Dancing Their Way Into the Hearts of Our Animals

CCAD received a very special gift this holiday season from the students of Rohanna Dance Productions. The youngsters danced at a variety of benefits for CCAD. On December 18, the studio supported a drive to collect food and toys for the cats and dogs, and generously opened its doors one morning to give the animals and children an opportunity to socialize. Studio owner Jamie Rohanna said, "It was fun to watch the girls take their spare change and, rather than buy something for themselves, pool their resources to help fill the donation box with cat and dog food." The donations included food for cats and dogs, treats, toys, litter, and beds. The girls also spent time helping out at the Center, and hope to continue doing so. Their next pet project is to make Easter baskets for our CCAD residents. Our thanks to Jamie and to all the students who so generously donated their time and talents.



SKIT, DUCK, AND FIONA are now being fostered. They came to us recently from a home in Stevensville. These three little kittens were out in the cold, living under the steps of a home, are very loving and sweet, and would love to go home with you some day!

UPCOMING CCAD EVENTS

February TBD—Barbers on the Bay Valentine's event.

March TBD—Kitten shower!

April 2—Stroll for Strays. Camp Wright, Stevensville, 10-3.

April 23—Spring Yard Sale, Safeway, Chester, TBD. Call the Center to donate.

May 1—Basket Bingo. American Legion, Stevensville, TBD.

May 21—Preakness Celebration, TBD. Great annual event!!

For information, to volunteer, donate, sponsor, etc., e-mail Cindy@acdd4@aol.com

RECENT ADOPTIONS

DOGS: Earl, by Sara Trigilio, Annapolis. Sherman & Taylor, by Thomas Ryder, Centerville, MD. Tiger, by Jennifer McCarthy, Fair Haven, NJ. Coco, by Michael Clune & Cinnamon O'Connor, Pasadena, MD. Spike (Harley), by Donna Reynolds, Queenstown, MD. **CATS:** Mattie & Kimmie, by Jennifer & Stanley Alexion, Georgetown, DE. Bonnie, by Christine Chandel, Severna Park, MD. Fred, by Rudy & Debbie Lukacovic, Chester, MD. Jade & Percy, by Teresa Swanke, Denton, MD. Barney, by Vickie Lord and daughter Lisa, Catonsville, MD. Mac, by Sherry Buckle, Church Hill, MD.

ON DECEMBER 4, CCAD critters accompanied some humans to Petco in Annapolis for a little show and tell! Look for another event soon!



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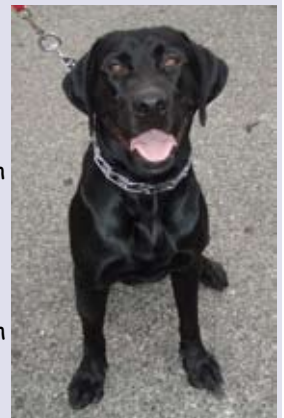
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Update on Charlie the Black Lab—

In an earlier newsletter we featured Charlie, a young black lab in need. Charlie came in with a broken shoulder that had healed wrong, and trouble in his elbow. Through the kindness of the folks at Veterinary Orthopedic Sports Medicine, and a group that helps with Labs in need, we were able to get Charlie his much-needed surgery. A large fragment on the tendon in his shoulder was removed one week, and both elbows were worked on the next.



Having been in a crate most of his first year, and almost all of the last 6 weeks since surgery, Charlie is anxious to move on to a forever home. Charlie sends LabLove to his fosters and to the great caregivers at VOSM, in particular Dr. Leasure, Dr. Scott, and Allison!

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