

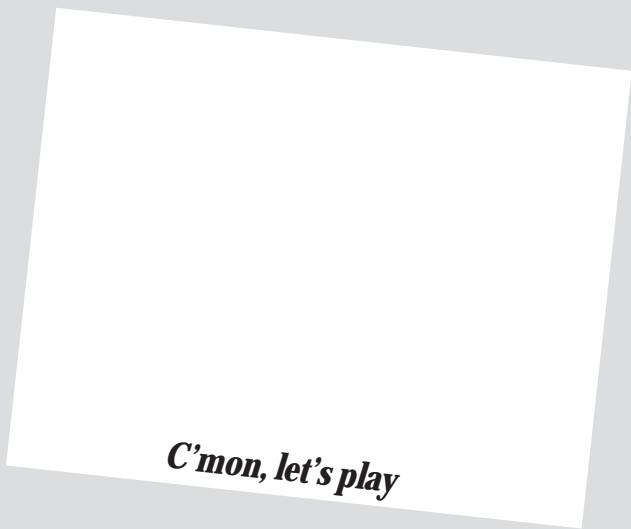


# Dog Adoption Reunion Album

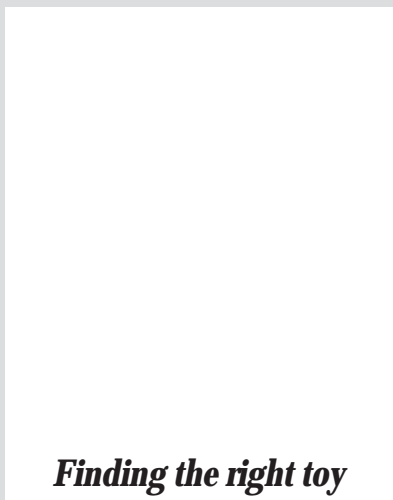
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Learn how you can adopt your own special  
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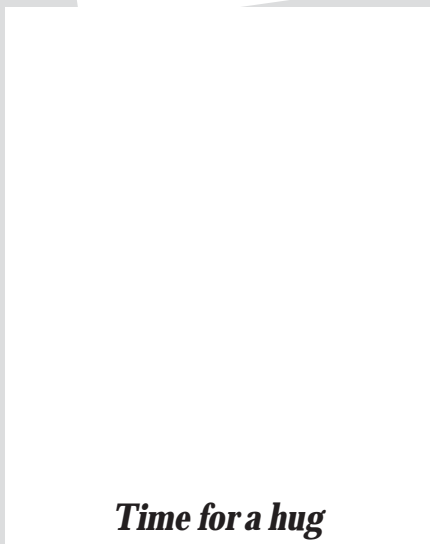
*Taking a break*



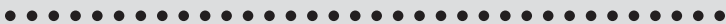
*C'mon, let's play*



*Finding the right toy*



*Time for a hug*



## **Adoption Show Schedule\***

### **First Saturday of the Month**

Cats Only: 12-4 pm, Bowie Petco, 301-805-4447

### **Second Saturday of the Month**

Cats Only: 12-3 pm, Columbia Petco, 410-290-1313

Dogs Only: 12-3 pm, White Flint PETsMART, 301-770-1343

### **Third Saturday of the Month**

Cats Only: 12-4 pm, Bowie Petco, 301-805-4447

Dogs Only: 12-3 pm, Columbia Petco, 410-290-1313

### **Fourth Saturday of the Month**

Volunteer Orientation: 11 am, Bowie PETsMART, 301-352-7286

Cats and Dogs: 12-3 pm, Bowie PETsMART, 301-352-7286

\* Schedule subject to change! Call the store or check the website for the latest information.

SPECIAL FEATURE

# Tips on Finding Your Lost Dog

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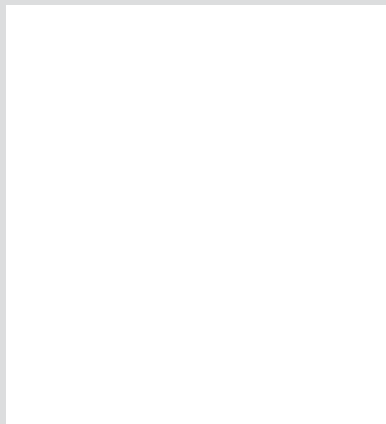
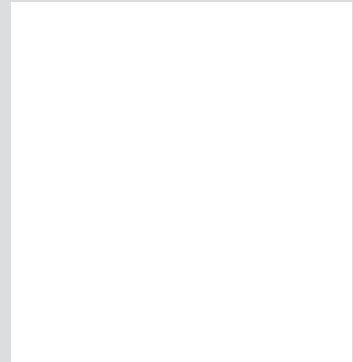
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Donate your used vehicle (1992 or newer). Running or not, we'll tow. Call 301-262-5625 (choose option 2). We'll promptly return your call, answer all your questions, and arrange pickup of your vehicle.**

## CAT ADOPTIONS

# We May Not be Purrrfect

### Vivian

Vivian is a 3-year-old tiger who came to us almost a year ago. She isn't very happy right now because our house provides more cat company than she'd like; she tolerates other cats but doesn't interact much with them. Vivian is very shy and a bit of a loner. We think that will change once she's in a home where she can get a lot more individual attention. Vivian was adopted a few months ago but was returned because the resident dogs weren't her cup of tea. Will you give this lovely lady a chance at a happy ending? She surely deserves it.



### Kitty

This beautiful 3-year-old calico with tabby stripes is playful, inquisitive, affectionate, and may even decide to sleep on your bed at night. Kitty came from a multi-cat home and has some minor health issues. She would therefore do best as an only child. Although Kitty has thrived in the loving environment of her foster home, she longs for that one special person who will be hers. Could it be you?

### Patches

This active 1-year-old black-and-white female was too busy for a photo shoot. An extremely loving feline, she gets along well with other cats and enjoys curling up on her foster mom's lap for pets and rubs. Although Patches has a slight wiggle when she walks, this doesn't slow her down when playing chase with her housemates. Can Patches cuddle with you after her adventures?

## Happy Tails: Finding Nemo's Littermates

At a recent adoption event, a volunteer noticed a couple who had previously adopted kittens from the PGSPCA/HS staring at two cats up for adoption. The couple asked if it was possible that the two cats—Dory and Peaches—were related to Bruce and Nemo—the two they had adopted nearly a year ago. Peaches, they explained, looked just like Nemo.

The volunteer told them it was possible since Dory and Peaches, who were adopted as kittens, had recently been returned after a year because their owner was moving. She added that groups of related kittens are typically named after a "theme" to help volunteers remember who was related to whom. The couple realized all the names were from the movie "Finding Nemo" and said they *had* to adopt Dory and Peaches and get the littermates together again. Today, Bruce, Nemo, Dory, and Peaches are happily living together in Virginia.

## CAT ADOPTIONS

# Adorable Adoptables

### Alley

Alley is a beautiful 5-month-old calico. When Alley first arrived, she was afraid and would run away from us. But in the past 3 months she has come out of her shell and learned to trust. She'll even sleep in bed with us! Still shy around strangers, Alley is looking for a family willing to be patient with her at first. Once her trust is earned, she'll return the love she's given...and then some. If possible, she would love to be adopted with housemate Miss Chevious (a 5-month-old black-and-white DSH). Miss Chevious is more daring and outgoing, and Alley tends to follow her lead. They say opposites attract, and these two make a perfect pair!

### Athena

This 2-year-old, black-and-white kitty is one determined young lady. She *loves* people and can't get enough attention from them. Athena is very vocal, so if you're interested in a kitty that talks, please consider Athena. She doesn't like other cats and, therefore, will need to be an only feline child. Are you interested in what Athena has to say?

### Nevada

This 1-year-old kitty with medium length black hair was found as a stray. She is very affectionate, loves attention, and enjoys sitting on her foster mom's lap. While she does get along well with other cats, she would be just as happy as an only child since she gets a bit jealous when attention is paid to her foster housemates. Do you have a lap that Nevada could curl up in?

**If you're interested in one of these cute cats or want to meet some of our other charming felines, come to one of our adoption shows (see schedule on page 2).**

**Not ready for a pet of your own? Consider fostering a dog or cat while they look for their "forever" home. Every foster home saves the life of one more animal. E-mail [pgspcavol@hotmail.com](mailto:pgspcavol@hotmail.com) to learn more.**

# A Pet for Christmas? Think Again

What could be cuter than a puppy or kitten under the Christmas tree? Not much, perhaps, but according to many veterinarians, breed clubs, and rescue organizations (including us!), there are several good reasons not to purchase or adopt an animal as a Christmas gift.

First of all, there's the "fear factor." A new pet may be leaving the security of its mother and littermates for the first time—a pretty major transition. To be successful, this transition must involve the establishment of a routine and constant positive attention from, and interaction with, the animal's new "pack."

This can be difficult during the hubbub of the holiday season, with its loud noises, blinking lights, ringing phones, and visiting friends and family. Keeping a curious puppy or kitten safe from harmful decorations, plants, foods, etc. that may cause injury or illness can also be more difficult during the hectic holidays.

And no matter how much children have pestered, an animal under the tree isn't the best idea for them either. They need to learn that this cute, fuzzy little creature isn't just another "thing" to enjoy and then discard when they're bored. Rather, it is a bona fide member of the family with needs of its own—needs that will endure long after the holiday decorations are taken

down and stored away. For these reasons, good breeders won't sell Christmas pets and many rescue organizations won't adopt during the holiday season.

Rather than a live animal, create a special holiday surprise with the promise of a pet after the holidays. Any of the following items under the tree will help build a sense of anticipation and excitement:

- A picture of a puppy or kitten;
- A stuffed animal in a pet bed or a crate;
- Books on dog breeds and their characteristics or on cat care;
- A subscription to an animal,aaapi15.am4 m004

# Special Donations Memorials & Honorariums

The SPCA/HS of Prince George's County thanks the following people and groups for their generous donations. Their contributions make it possible for us to improve the lives of animals in Prince George's County. If you would like to follow their example, please use the form below. **All contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.**

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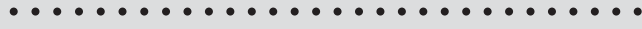
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## Membership Application/Donation Form

**SPCA/HUMANE SOCIETY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, INC.**  
**P.O. Box 925, BOWIE, MD 20718      301-262-5625**

PLEASE CHECK AS MANY AS APPLY:

**MEMBERSHIP (circle one):**      *Single (\$20)*      *Family (\$30)*      *Lifetime (\$100 per person)*

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*All donations and dues are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please complete this form and mail with payment to the address above.*

## Get Involved Laurel Silver Diner Fundraiser

Head out to Laurel on Thursday, December 9, for some holiday shopping and a bite to eat at the Silver Diner located near Laurel Mall. Volunteers will be assisting Silver Diner staff, and all proceeds from the evening's sales will be donated to the SPCA/HS of Prince George's County! The Silver Diner has a vast selection of great tasting American food and scrumptious milkshakes. So please come by and show your support; we'll be there from 5 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, December 9. The Silver Diner is located at 14550 Baltimore Avenue in Laurel, MD.

### *Your holiday shopping can help the homeless animals of Prince George's County!*

Who hasn't uttered the words, "I wish there was something I could do to help"? Now you can. Start shopping! At **iGive**, you can buy the items you've always wanted—like that CD box set, expensive cologne, or the oversized, coffee-table photography book you've had your eyes on, only without the guilt.

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