

# Max's Pet Connection

## *Quarterly Report*

So far this year MPC has found loving homes for about 111 dogs, but we still have many others in our listings.

## *FACEBOOK Update*

We have a Facebook page which shows many of the adoptable dogs that MCP currently has available.

Join us on Facebook and share your stories and photos regarding your rescue dog.

## *MPC Website*

MPC has a Website which outlines our story and goals with lots of interesting information.

Go to [maxspetconnection.com](http://maxspetconnection.com)

## MPC Recognizes Student Volunteer



On Saturday May 14, Max's Pet Connection recognized the efforts of Taylor Combs. Taylor is a junior at The Villages High School, and has spent

nearly every Saturday of her junior year volunteering at the weekly adoption events held at Pet Smart. Taylor assists in setting up crates, furnishes them with towels, water bowls and toys. She then assists walking the dogs and helping wherever she can.

Taylor has been entrusted with training the dogs, hence socializing them and so making them more adoptable. MPC honored Taylor with a Certificate of Appreciation for her good work.

**\*\*Remember to frequently refill your pet's drinking bowl during the hot summer period**

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**Chapita is a 3 year old, 7 1/2 pound, Chihuahua/Terrier Mix. She is a shy girl who takes awhile to warm up to new people. She came to us very scared but is slowly coming out of her shell.**

## All Dogs Deserve a Chance.

As this newsletter has stated before, Max's Pet Connection finalizes about 250 "doggie adoptions" per year. We have a "no kill" policy, which is why many people volunteer to help our organization.

Some very cute dogs and puppies are adopted quickly. Others take more time. Some are flea and tick infested and need time and help to recuperate. Some of the injuries are not so external or medically related, but are psychological in nature and require time and nurturing, before the dog can learn to trust humans again.

Some of the dogs, however, arrive with serious medical issues. Others are scared of people or are aggressive. All dogs are assessed for sometime, and some are deemed not adoptable. We then term this dog to be a "forever foster" and continue to support the dog for the remainder of its life.

So, at any one time, MPC will have approximately 30-40 adoptable dogs and 10 forever fosters to support. As you can imagine, this can be very expensive, providing food and shelter, but most of all the Veterinarian costs.



This is Jake, a 13 lb. Chihuahua. He is very friendly and very good natured. He is house trained and an adorable little dog.



This is Luna, a large Retriever mix puppy. She is very good natured and appears to like everyone. She displays a willingness to learn tricks and wants to please.

## How can I Help MPC?

We need Volunteers, Fosters and Donors. Not everyone has the time or skills required to Volunteer or Foster dogs. So financial support for the group could be right for you. **There is a donation button on the website ([maxspetconnection.com](http://maxspetconnection.com)) or a [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com) on our Facebook page.**

## Sponsorship!

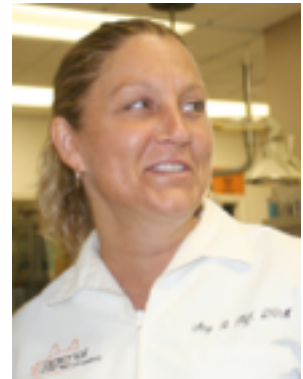
MPC is starting a program in which the public can sign up to “Sponsor” one of the dogs in our care. It will require a financial commitment of \$20 per month to support one dog. You can choose one or more of our dogs on line. If that dog is adopted, we’ll keep track of the details and inform you so that you can choose another candidate to receive your support. We will post the names of Sponsors on our website and on a Board which will be displayed at adoption events at “Pet Smart” on Saturdays.

If you would like to participate please contact us by email : [maxspetconnection@gmail.com](mailto:maxspetconnection@gmail.com).

## Follow Up On Heartworm Treatments.

In the last Issue of our newsletter, we provided information about heartworm and it's treatment. In discussing the treatment options, it was suggested that you discuss these with your Veterinarian. MPC proudly utilizes "Animal Clinic of Leesburg" for our veterinarian services. Amy Huff DVM is the primary vet of the clinic and she shared this insight on heart worm treatment.

"At our clinic, we recommend the slow kill method of heartworm treatment for several reasons. It is safer for the dogs to be treated in this manner because all larval stages and adult stages of heart worms are eradicated more slowly with little or no harm to the animal. Also this treatment causes no pain to the animals.



Dr. Amy Huff

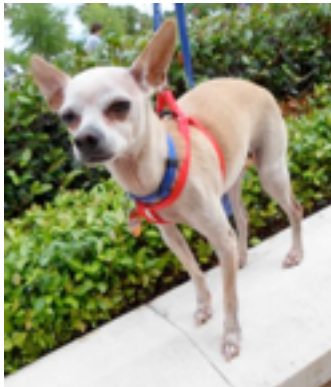
Each Animal is given a full physical examination to assess overall health and is also occult heart worm tested to assess an antigen level, which will range from 0 to 5,000 in value. All heart worm positive dogs are started on a regimen of oral Heartgard or ivermectin every 2 weeks. They are retested after 6 months and if still showing positive the process is repeated. If negative the heartguard or ivermectin is administrated only once a month to prevent recurrence of heartworm. At the start of the treatment, the dogs are also started on a 30-60 day regimen of antibiotic treatment with either Minocycline or Doxycycline. This is done to prevent secondary anaphylactic reactions from occurring within the animal, when internal protozoal parasites (called Walbachia) within the dying adult heart worms are being eliminated.

We have chosen this route of heartworm treatment because it is a proven method of killing all stages of heart worms without causing severe harm to the animal. It has worked very well over the past several years, and most dogs become antigen negative after 6 months of this treatment."

## Some Currently Available Dog



**Waldo is a 1 year old, 12 pound, Terrier/Italian Grey-hound Mix . He is an active dog who loves to go to the dog park with the big dogs and can run like the wind. He can fetch a ball or play tug of war. He also will sit on command but wants a treat. Waldo gets along with everyone, human or canine. He knows how to use a doggie door to go outside to the bathroom.**



Nene is a 9 year old Chihuahua. He weighs 8.5 lbs. He loves to sit at the top of the couch and watch the world go by. He is a shy little dog but can be held and patted. He needs to find a special person who will give him time to form a bond with.



## Up Coming Events:

On Saturday Oct. 8, MPC will host another "Doggie Dance". A similar event was held last year and was well attended and everyone appeared to have a great time. So mark this date on your calendar.

The next newsletter will contain sign up details.

