

Max's Pet Connection

Quarterly Report

What a great year so far, MPC has found loving homes for about 181 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

Saturday Is Adoption Day

Every Saturday between 10 AM and 2 PM, Max's Pet Connection holds an adoption event at the "Pet Smart" in Lady Lake (opposite Sam's Club).



In the morning, the front of the store needs to be transformed into the pet viewing area. Dog crates are assembled and stacked for

viewing. Padding and clean towels are added to each, along with water bowls and toys.

When the dogs arrive, they are "pottied" and placed in the crates for viewing. Each crate is labelled with the dogs' identification and details.

Generally there is a morning and afternoon shift. MPC has many volunteers, who help look after the needs of the dogs during the day. The volunteers walk and socialize the dogs and are there to answer questions and assist potential adopters.

Max's Pet Connection, Inc.

• Board Of Directors

- Maxine Hirsch, Pres.
- Dave St. Peter
- Gail Beal
- John Beal
- Joan Ramonaitis
- Jean Welch
- Mark Handley

Other volunteers assist with preparing the paperwork and explaining the adoption procedure and process.

At the end of the day, the whole area needs to be returned to normal. Dirty laundry is collected and bagged. Crates are cleaned and collapsed, and then stacked on a pallet for storage until next week.



There is a lot of hard work performed for this event and Maxine would like to “Thank each and every volunteer for their efforts” and “to take heart in the fact that on average Max’s Pet Connection finds

forever homes for 5 dogs, each and every week of the year.”

Some Currently Available Dogs



Mocha is a 2 year old, 15 pound, Beagle Mix . He is a friendly dog and appears to be very well mannered. He walks well on a leash and likes lap time. Mocha gets along with everyone, human or canine.



Dixie is a senior, long hair, salt & pepper chihuahua. I was found in citrus

county. I'm spayed, microchipped, housetrained. Love walks. Good with other dogs and people.

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 or a gofundme.com on our Facebook page.

Senior Dogs For Senior Humans

Florida is a state where many people come to retire and enjoy the beautiful weather. For this reason, much of the population in Florida is considered Senior in age.

We as humans, seek to love and be loved, and so do dogs. Dogs are special and can provide companionship, purpose and support for their owners.

If you are considering adopting a dog, please consider a senior dog. We, at MPC, consider a senior dog to be aged over 8 years old. Smaller breed dogs often live long lives and can get to ages above 17 and some out to 20.

If you adopt a senior dog that is 8 to 10 years old now, this dog may be with you for its lifetime.

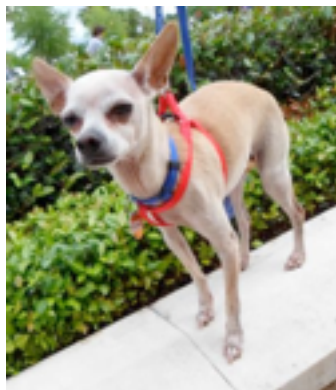
MPC accepts "Owner Surrender" dogs, where the owners simply cannot provide for the dog any more. There are numerous reasons why this occurs and we hear some very sad stories. Most of these dogs are 8 to 10 years old and deserve to live out their lives in caring and loving home.

Being elder and losing your family support is difficult for humans, but ever so harder for a dog, who has no way to pick itself up and move on.

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Karman is a senior, special needs dog that needs a loving owner. She is 11 year old, weighs 8.6 pound, and is a lovely Dachshund. However, she has an incurable auto immune disease. She has a friendly personality and gets along well other dogs and humans. She loves to be held and petted .



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.

See Flyer below.

“KICK UP YOUR PAWS



FOR OUR DOGS! ”

Dance to ~ Larry Hubbard's **Classic Rock and Roll**

Proceeds to ~ **Max's Pet Connection**

A 501 (c) (3) Non-profit Dog Rescue

October 8, 2016 ~ 6-8 PM

Cheshire Room of Canal Street Recreation Center

1513 Canal Street, The Villages

BYOB ~ Heavy Hors d'oeuvres Provided

Prime Silent Auction and 50/50

Tickets \$15 Reserve Now

Reserve a table of 8 for your friends.

Call: Catherine 352-753-8496

or Cheryl 727-798-3360

Volunteer Recognition:

MPC relies heavily on the efforts of volunteers in order to stage the weekly adoption event at Pet Smart. Maxine would like to thank All Volunteers and wishes that they know how much she appreciates them.

However, in this newsletter MPC would like to recognize the very special people who literally handle our “dirty laundry” and return them clean and folded for the following week .

Ann Jacobsen had performed this task for a long time and presently **Deb Ashworth** has stepped up to help.

Maxine wants both Ann and Deb , to know that she appreciates all their efforts in helping and to feel recognized for volunteering to provide this valuable service.



Tips To Keep Pets Safe & Calm During Severe

“The best way to keep pets safe during a storm is to be prepared and have a disaster plan,” said Simon Starkey, DVM, one of PetSmart's resident veterinarian and pet care experts. “It is common to overlook pets when preparing for a storm, but taking a few simple steps to include your pets’ needs in your family preparedness plan will help ensure they are comfortable and safe before, during and after a storm.”

Starkey suggests the following pet preparedness measures:

Ensure your pets are safely contained. When severe weather warnings go into effect, crate or kennel your animals. This is a good time to consider getting a pet carrier if you don't already have one. These are easy solutions to keep your dog contained and ready to travel at a moment's notice. Look for pet-friendly housing options for your pet should you need to evacuate your home. Ensure your pet is up-to-date on vaccinations, which are often needed for boarding, and that you have enough supply of any medication your pet may be taking.

Make sure your pet has identification. Countless pets go missing after storms. Proper ID on your pet is the best assurance you and your pet are reunited in the event you are separated.

Be aware of “paw-level” hazards post-storm. Sharp debris, toxic spilled chemicals, fertilizers and other substances on the floor of the home or ground outside may pose less risk to upright humans, but can be dangerous to ground-level pets.

Severe weather can be frightening to pets. Provide your dog with a familiar toy or blanket or try aids like calming sprays, collars, chews, supplements or a ThunderShirt™ anxiety shirt to help ease anxiety.