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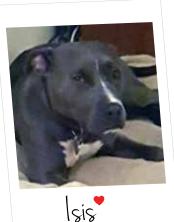
FCHS helped me save my cat Villain when I thought all hope was lost. I'm forever grateful! // - Michael



Dear friend of the Frederick County Humane Society,

Mary Josie

For many in Frederick County, our pets are family. No one is immune to hardship, and for those families facing crisis, the Frederick County Humane Society (FCHS) is there to help their companions.



During this holiday season, as we reflect on the year past and celebrate with those we love, **let us not forget the families who struggle in our community**.

Families like Isis's. When Isis sprained her leg, her guardian wasn't sure how she would get Isis the help she desperately needed. As a single mother to four children, the vet's estimate was more than her entire paycheck. Isis's guardian reached out to FCHS, and we were able to assist financially through the Emergency Assistance Program (EAP).

In 2017, the EAP helped provide life-saving, emergency care to over 200 of Frederick County's pets and their families. **This is one of our most needed programs and is entirely funded by private donations from generous supporters like you.** 

When Mary's family lost their home, she needed vaccines before she could go to her

new forever family. FCHS was able to help Mary get the care she needed so she could immediately begin her new life at home instead of being surrendered to the shelter.

Your donations make a substantial difference in the lives of animals like Mary and the people who love them. **Can we count on you to help Frederick County's pets and their families?** 

The space our pets occupy in our hearts is irreplaceable, and FCHS's mission is to help responsible pet guardians keep their pets happy, healthy and in life-long homes. Many of those who turn to FCHS go hungry to make sure their companions can eat.

# Just this year, our pet food bank distributed more than 22,000 lbs of food donated by you, helping feed thousands of our community's dogs and cats.

While much of our focus is on keeping pets in homes, FCHS also helps future pets who find themselves on the brink of adoption, like Josie, Willard and Lucky.

Josie was found in a dumpster. Her rescuers immediately fell in love with her, but weren't fully able to meet the unexpected medical costs of a new kitten. With a little extra help from FCHS, the family got Josie the care she needed, and she became the newest member of their family.

## I want to help Frederick County's pets and families facing hardship this holiday season with a tax-deductible gift of:

□ \$50	□ \$30		
□ \$100	□\$	_ to help as m	uch as possible
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Please check here if you are giving by credit card, and complete the section on the back. **Thank you!** Please return this form with your gift or donate securely online at <u>www.fchs.org</u>. Please make checks payable to Frederick County Humane Society. Your gifts are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

#### Questions? Call us at (301) 694-8300.

A copy of the current financial statement of Frederick County Humane Society is available by writing 550 Highland Street, Suite 200, Frederick, MD 21701 or by calling (301) 694-8300. Documents and information submitted under the Maryland Solicitations Act are also available, for the cost of postage and copies, from the Maryland Secretary of State, State House, Annapolis, MD 21401, (410) 974-5534.

### I am not sure what I would have done without [FCHS's] emergency care program to help when my puppy hurt his leg. Brody and I both send our thanks!

- April

Willard and Lucky were huddled together one cold morning on their future family's front porch. With help from FCHS for initial medical costs, their rescuer was able to welcome them into the family. Your donation helps animals like Willard and Lucky find forever homes.



With your donations, FCHS also started the Old Friends Adopt-A-Senior program this year, partnering with the Rosemont shelter operated by Frederick County Animal Control (FCAC) to encourage the adoption of senior pets, like Maxamus.

When his family moved, Maxamus was surrendered to the shelter as a senior with significant medical concerns. FCHS sponsored him to help defray the financial burden and encourage potential adopters. Thanks to your generous support, Maxamus found a very special new family. The grant was used towards diagnostics that gave him a clean bill of health. He is now happy and healthy in his new forever home!

This holiday appeal is one of our most important of the year. Your kindness and generosity makes stories like these possible and touches the lives of so many people and pets during difficult times.

As a community, we can make a difference. This holiday season, please help us continue our 100+ years serving the families and pets of Frederick County.

Gratefully,

Martin Burall President, Frederick County Humane Society

**P.S.** The Frederick County Humane Society is not financially supported by the Humane Society of the United States. Our programs are funded by your direct donations. We can't continue without you. Please give a generous gift today!



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Thank you for your continued support!

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