

# The Barker

& Meow too!

abbreviated edition - Summer/Fall/Winter 2008



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"Tater" was a foster puppy who transported to NEAS last month!

MCAL transports hundreds of dogs every year to a no-kill shelter in Massachusetts. Why Massachusetts? Because they have very strict spay/neuter, license, and leash laws in their state. As a result, they have very few unwanted puppies! Learn more about the Puppies Across American program by logging on to [www.northeastanimalshelter.org](http://www.northeastanimalshelter.org)

MCAL members also assist with transports for animals from other groups; animals traveling all over the country. To find out how you can help with animal transports, perform an internet search for "animal transports". You'll be amazed at the opportunities to get involved! If you don't have internet access, call our information line for assistance.

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~Take a moment today to thank God for your pets.  
Enjoy and take good care of them. Life would be a much  
duller, less joyful experience without God's critters~

MCAL holds monthly meetings at the Union Library the third Tuesday of every month. Please join us for our next meeting December 16th. Refreshments served at 6:00. Meeting starts at 6:30.

West Virginia residents may obtain a summary of the registration and financial documents from the Secretary of State, State Capitol, Charleston, WV 25305. Registration does not imply endorsement.

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This is a time of extreme hardship for organizations who depend on donations to operate. Money is tight and, understandably, is being handed out sparingly. MCAL is feeling the effect. We have many long-term foster animals, and many animals in need of specialized care. A few of these animals are highlighted through out this newsletter. As a group, we maintain a no-kill philosophy. All animals in our care will receive the medical attention required and will stay in foster care until a forever home is found. We will not put an animal to sleep because it costs too much to make them well again or because they're taking up foster space. Please be generous with your donations. Their lives depend on it!



Ebony tested heat-worm positive. She needs a quite home to recoup. Treatment for heart-worms is expensive. Sometimes a second treatment is required.



Honie - Sharpie. I am very sweet and loving. I can't understand why nobody wants me (or my son who's highlighted inside — isn't he adorable!).

Moses - Blue Tick Hound. He acts as if he's three (but is closer to eight)! He wants a family that will make him a housedog and (ideally!) give him another four-legged friend to romp and play with. A big yard and long walks would be great! too!



## Sponsoring an animal

Rescuing dogs and cats is an expensive undertaking, and our food and vet bills can add up quickly. You can help us out by sponsoring one of our animals.

By donating in the amounts listed below, you will provide funds for us to do the following:

One distemper/parvo vaccination - Or toy or box of treats for a foster animal	<b>\$5.00</b>
One rabies shot - Or leash and collar	<b>\$10.00</b>
One heartworm treat - Or six doses of heartworm preventative	<b>\$15.00</b>
A feline leukemia/FIV test	<b>\$25.00</b>
A neuter operation for one dog or cat	<b>\$35.00</b>
A spay operation for one dog or cat	<b>\$45.00</b>
Feed a litter of puppies for two weeks	<b>\$50.00</b>

We are in need of sponsors for our special needs animals. This can range from a cat with a respiratory infection to a dog that needs its leg amputated. We are happy to accept donations in any amount you wish to give, and will send you pictures and updates of your sponsored pet!



My name is Grady, I'm a Shar Pei mix; eight months old. ***I need a sponsor!*** The doctor told my foster Mom that I have a hip problem.

My bone keeps slipping out of the socket. The good doctor put it back in, but it's not going to stay there. I need to go to a specialist for double hip surgery (sounds "ouchy" if you ask me). But I know my MCAL foster Mom will be there to take good care of me! (Grady's surgery and care could cost \$1500.)

P.S. I'll gladly accept a forever home instead of a sponsor!

## Membership / Donation 11/08

Sign up for:	Amount
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership	25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior Membership	10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Paw Pal (recognize your pet!)	2.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor A Pet	100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> General Donation	_____

Remember: A donation of \$75 or more gets you a hand-woven Mayan Hammock! What a great Christmas gift!!

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign me up for newsletters by e-mail!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Summer - You have touched our hearts and souls forever! R.I.P.**



### In Memory Of

Amber Bostic-Paw Pals for 14 years, Aunt Mildred Schultz, Belle, Bob Craft, Buttercup, Candy, Clendl Brown, Dottie Hess, Edison, El-Kee, my Bass- Shep, Garnet "Shank" Shanklin, Ginger Banks' dog, Gladys Larew, Gray "Dutch" McMann, Harold Moloney, Sr., Hazel L. Sigmon, Herb Wood, Herschel Mason, Jr., Jake, Jesse, Sundance & Loma, Joyce Porterfield, Kathleen Crockett, Kirk Mason, Kurt Mason, Little Man, Louise M. Marr, Margorie Foland, Marti Banks, Nancy White, Nathan Scott Traino, Peter, Polly Barrett, Rosie Wylie, Sara, Shadow, Suzi, Tara Lynn Capaldo, Tiger, Tom Toher, Top Cat, Vivian Bowie, Wayne Cowder

Dina Wood, Eloise Appel, Addie and Marshall Ritter, Warren, Judy & Bert Ellison

### In Honor Of

Gordy: Found in Monroe County tied to a tree and starving. If you're looking for a devoted companion and protector for farm, family, and children, call today to be connected with his temporary caregiver. This boy has lots of energy and will require special TLC.



### A quick glimpse at other special needs animals in the care of Monroe County Animal League:

- A Beagle that may have been hit by a car. This dog is old and has a prostrate problem too.
- Hannah was abandoned, she seems to be blind now and has seizures and has to be on med the rest of her life.
- A cat that is a diabetic.

### Our 3rd Annual Doggone Dinner and Fur Festival of Fun was a great success.

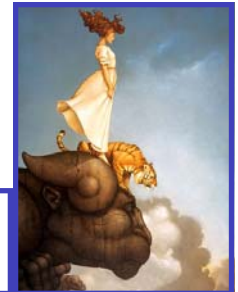
Thank you to all who contributed (donations and purchases)!

As a "thank you", *The Barker* will list those who donated/sponsored items for the auction. We will do so throughout the year. We couldn't do it without their support.

Please patronize our sponsors!



Michael Parkes - <http://www.piersidegallery.com/artists/>



### Our raffle winners!

**\$300—Jessica Balk-Hoffines**  
**\$200—Linda Terry**  
**\$100—Becky Sizemore**

**Congratulations!**