



Adoption Information

MLAR

Main Line Rescue Inc

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Main Line Animal Rescue
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Phoenixville, PA 19460
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www.MLAR.org

Mission

Our mission is to be the country's leading and most innovative animal rescue organization. At Main Line Animal Rescue, everything we do is with an intense focus on eliminating the systemic issues that lead to animal abuse and pet homelessness.

*Guidestar Platinum Award
Charity Navigator 4 Star Charity*

Contact us:

General: info@MLAR.org

Adoptions: adopt@MLAR.org

Volunteer: volunteer@MLAR.org

Giving: donate@MLAR.org

Our mailing address:

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Chester Springs, PA 19425

Donations: 610-933-1164
Main Number: 610-933-0606
By fax: 610-933-7900

*A non-profit 501 (c)(3) charitable organization
EIN # 23-3017210*

Main Line Animal Rescue is open
by appointment only.

C O N T E N T S

SOME INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PROCESS:

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Main Line Animal Rescue is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is funded by donations only. Since its incorporation in 1999, Main Line Animal Rescue (MLAR) has helped thousands of animals find new homes. Every year, more and more people are discovering the incalculable benefits of adopting a shelter pet. Whether you are new to the process or have a long history of sharing your life with rescue animals, we commend you on your good judgment and appreciate the compassion and willingness to help an animal in need.

We hope you will consider making a donation toward your adoption or consider making a monthly, recurring donation; you can help cover the cost of your new adopted pet and also help sponsor another homeless pet at MLAR until they have found their forever home!

ABOUT ADOPTION

SOME INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PROCESS:

At Main Line Animal Rescue, everything we do is designed to unite pets and people to form loving and lasting families. We take extra care and pride in everything we do and look forward to working together so we can match you with your new pet.

Once you have completed our online application, someone will call you to schedule an appointment. Please read and understand that our policies, listed below, are believed to be in the best interest of the pets that we serve.

- There are millions of homeless pets across the country; if you do not live within our adoption area please check Petfinder.com and your local animal shelters for other pets who are waiting to be adopted.
- Once an application is submitted, we will proceed with checking your vet references. Please provide a phone number for your vet listed on your application. If you have had a pet before, we are looking for a consistent vet history, indicating that you have had at a minimum annual vet visits for required shots and that all of your pets have been spayed or neutered. We are unable to adopt to families with pets that are not neutered/spayed, unless there is a medical reason that is explained to us by your veterinarian.
- If an application is complete and fits within our requirements, you will hear back from us within 72 hours. Please keep in mind that any false, incomplete or withheld information will cause us to void your application.
- During your adoption appointment you will be meeting with a trained adoption counselor who is familiar with the pet(s) for whom you have applied. Our visits are by appointment only so please come at your scheduled time to be sure the volunteer is available to work with you.
- It's possible that we will not have the right pet for you at this time; please check back as new pets arrive daily
- We sometimes have multiple applications on a particular animal. Applications are not on a first come first serve basis; rather, we strive to find the most suitable and appropriate home for each animal.
- Some of our shy dogs must go home to a secure fenced yard. We know that given an opportunity they will sneak out of your house and will be very difficult to catch. Please consider that when you are working with the adoption counselor, as they know which dogs do not need a fenced yard. If we have a dog that is the right match and that dog needs a secure fenced yard, a volunteer will come to your home and check your fence to make sure it is secure (we do not require fenced yards for cats).
- Please let us know if you would be willing to install a fence if you do not already have one.
- All applicants must be at least 21 years of age.
- If you are visiting Main Line Animal Rescue's property, you assume all risk of activities during your visit, to include interacting with animals.

ABOUT ADOPTION

SOME FACTS ABOUT MLAR'S RESIDENTS AND WHAT TAKES PLACE BEFORE THEY ARE ADOPTED:

How many animals are there at MLAR?

There are approximately 120 dogs and 50 cats at MLAR. Every time one is adopted, it opens a space for us to accept a new one to come in. Your adoption helps save the pet you adopt and the one who will be taking their place in our shelter!

How much does it cost each day to care for a pet at MLAR?

- The average cost to feed and care for one dog is \$8 a day
- The average cost to feed and care for one cat is \$5 a day
- The average cost of flea/tick and heartworm protection for dogs is \$25 a month
 - All dogs get flea/tick treatment the first of the month

Where do the animals come from?

- One-third of our animals come from private surrenders
- One-third from high volume shelters
- One-third from breeders (aka: puppy mills)

Have these animals been to the vet before?

80% of the incoming animals have no history of veterinary care.

When dogs arrive at MLAR:

- They will be "wormed" and tested for parvo and Lyme/heartworm
- They will receive these vaccines; rabies, DA2PP (distemper. parvo. parainfluenza) and bordetella
 - The average cost of these tests and shots is \$150

When cats arrive at MLAR:

- They will be "wormed" and tested for FIV/FelV
- They will receive vaccines; rabies, series of Fvrpcp for cats (rhinotracheitis, calicivirus and panleukopenia)
 - The average cost of these tests and shots is \$100.

80% of these animals have not been spayed/neutered, which, depending on maturity, is done prior to adoption.

- A female dog spay (depending on the size of the dog and potential complications, often caused by multiple births or C-sections for puppy mill dogs) costs between \$150 and \$250
- A female cat spay cost averages \$95.
- A male neuter costs between \$100 and \$150, depending on the size/age of the dog.
- A cat neuter cost averages \$75

Many dogs, particularly the smaller dogs or the breeding females from "puppy mills", require dental cleaning. Often several teeth need to be extracted, caused by serious infection.

- A dental cleaning can cost between \$200 and \$500

All of our dogs and cats receive a microchip.

- A microchip costs \$20

WHAT QUESTIONS DO WE ASK YOUR VET WHEN WE CALL FOR A REFERENCE?

We understand that many families have never had a pet of their own, so we certainly take that into consideration when we ask about a “Vet Reference”. If you are adopting, you need to plan ahead of time, who will be your new vet.

For those who have, or have had pets, your relationship with a veterinarian is essential to maintaining good health and a long life! Just like people, pets need to have an annual checkup to make sure that they are feeling good. Animals are much harder to diagnose with an illness, because they can't tell you what is wrong. So sometimes behaviors that are new; change of eating patterns, change of activity level etc, might indicate a underlying medical issue that can only be identified by a trip to a trusted vet.

When we call to “check references” these are the types of questions we ask:

- ❖ How long has this family been a client of your vet office?
- ❖ Are their pets spayed and/or neutered? If not, why?
- ❖ Have they been bred or had an accidental litter? Were they under a veterinarian care when they bred their dog?
- ❖ Are their pets up to date on their shots? If not, why?
- ❖ Do they come in for an annual checkup?
- ❖ Are they on heartworm and flea and tick preventative? If not, why?
- ❖ Have they ever denied treatment for their pet that you recommended? If so, why?
- ❖ Have they done extra care we should be aware of:
- ❖ Dentals, surgeries, medications, Prescription foods, behavior training, microchipped etc:
- ❖ Have they ever seen a specialist for any reason?

MAIN LINE ANIMAL RESCUE'S GUIDE TO ADOPTION

After your adoption appointment

The Volunteers and Staff at MLAR are happy to have had the opportunity to work with you today. You may be wondering, **“What happens next?”**

We will continue to process your application **after** we have heard back from you via email info@MLAR.org or phone: 610-933-0606, confirming that you want to move forward with the adoption. It's a good idea to think things through for a day, to be sure that you are ready to commit to adopting the pet you have chosen.

Please make sure you have done the following:

1. If you are adopting a dog, if you are taking a dog home who requires a fenced yard, **please walk your fence line to be sure it is secure enough that a dog cannot escape**. Is it ready for inspection? Look around your back yard too; is it a safe place for a dog to play if left out for a few minutes alone? Is there something along the fence that your dog can use to launch OVER the fence? Please check your gates and make sure your latches are secure. If you have an invisible fence your flags must be up before adoption and you must have a working collar for your new dog.
2. Have you chosen a pet to adopt from MLAR? If your search extends to other rescues/shelters/SPCA's please let us know, so we don't send someone out to check your fence until you have made a final decision. If we have not heard from you within 48 hours of your appointment, we will assume that you are not interested in adopting from MLAR at this time and we will deactivate your application. We can reactivate it when we hear back from you. We cannot put a “hold” on a dog for more than 48 hours.

After we hear back from you someone will contact you once your fence check is complete and give you an update. Generally, all animals are seen by our veterinarian prior to adoption, so please be patient so that they can get the care they need.

Once your fence and vet references are approved (for dogs only) and you have found a great match your new pet will be going home!

CATS: We ask cat adopters to bring their own secure carriers for transport home.

DOGS: We provide collars and leashes and an MLAR ID for dogs.

We will also provide you with a small bag of food to help transition your pet to new food. We will also provide you with veterinary records for the animal.

MLAR is very interested in the welfare of our animals so we will check in with you periodically to see how things are going. We are also happy to help you in any way at any time if you have an issue with the pet. It is our policy that any animal must be returned to MLAR if there is a need to surrender them.

MLAR has never had an adoption fee; we depend on the generosity of donors and adoptive families to support our continued efforts to save as many animals as we can. People often ask what amount is appropriate for a donation; \$250 covers a neuter, testing, shots and microchips for dogs. \$100 covers the same for cats.

Thank you for whatever donation you care to make!

LOST PETS

It happens, the unthinkable, your pet is GONE!

If your pet is lost, call us right away. We **will quickly** alert a team of people in your area to help find your lost pet. Time is of the essence.

9am-5pm call 610-933-0606.

After hours call [484-928-0341](tel:484-928-0341)

Call MLAR and we jump in to action. A facebook post reaches our 9,000 facebook members to share and an email goes out to the 900 volunteers in the area. We need help finding this pet!! The MLAR Posh Squad, named for a dog named "Posh" (an escape artist) is in motion, as we help the family in every way possible to search for their missing pet. Tips, help with posters, mailed postcards, search teams. Your dog is a member of our family, we want to help.

One third of the dogs that are adopted from MLAR have come from commercial breeders. These dogs have most likely never lived in a home or experienced what they are experiencing in your home...the TV, the doorbell, the microwave, a car backfiring or a set of stairs. We built a training room, called "Home School" and have volunteer "teachers" to help them on their journey to a loving home. We are committed to their success.

Another third of our pet population (both cats and dogs) came with a medical issue that we have treated. Some have had orthopedic surgery, soft tissue surgery, heart issues, etc. Some are on a lifetime of prescription diets, or medication for seizures. They have been treated for heartworm or scabies or worse. We love them, care for them, change their bandages, give them meds, and hold them during a seizure. They hold our hearts in their little paws

Some of these animals have come from high kill shelters in Philadelphia or New York City. They have little training or positive experiences, until they come to MLAR. We offer them classes, sometimes tough love, behavior training until one day, we see them during an adoption consult and we look at each other and say, "Wow, he is ready!"

And some come from a home, where they have been given up because of life changes; a new baby, a divorce, a loss of job or independence. We offer them the kindness and the love that they so desperately miss. We bring them into our office and put a big comfy bed and a Kong extra filled, to help them get over the loss.

We are their new family until you arrive.







Without you these dogs and cats would continue to be "homeless" and without MLAR many of these pets would never find their way into a new home. We hope you know how important this makes all of us, in this partnership. Please know that we are committed to do our best to try to help your family and the pet that you adopted, for his or her lifetime.

To my new family,

Thank you for welcoming me into your home. I'm so excited to be a part of your family and can't wait to show you how much love I have to give. By adopting me you are not only helping me but you are helping another animal who will take my space at Main Line Animal Rescue. There are still so many of my friends that need your help.

As you bring me home, please consider making a gift to help my friends still at MLAR, those animals who have yet to meet their forever families. MLAR receives no federal or state funding and is supported wholly and solely by private donations. Your tax-deductible gift will advance the work of my former home that helps more than 1,000 dogs, cats and other companion animals each year. MLAR is dedicated to making a difference for pets just like me that are in need, through unique training programs with our volunteers such as Shy Dog class, Home School, Petiquette, and many others, which successfully prepare us for life in a home.

Here are more ways you can help MLAR:

-  "Like" them on Facebook to keep up with the latest events and news! [Facebook.com/MainLineAnimalRescue](https://www.facebook.com/MainLineAnimalRescue).
-  Also tell everyone on Facebook, Yelp, Google and other sites what a great adoption experience you had at MLAR.
-  Visit Main Line Animal Rescue on www.GuideStar.org, the premier standard for nonprofit information, and add your personal story about your adoption on MLAR's page
-  Give a gift in honor of a loved one's birthday, graduation, or other celebration
-  Spread the word to my new family and friends to adopt their next pet locally and the importance of spaying and neutering
-  Consider becoming a monthly supporter, sustaining the great work at MLAR

The staff and volunteers at MLAR work tirelessly to improve the lives of animals in need and with the generous support of friends such as you; they are able to help many animals find loving homes. Thank you and welcome to my extended family at Main Line Animal Rescue!

I was so lucky to be the recipient of the wonderful care others made possible. Please consider helping the animals still at MLAR and those yet to come.

If I had thumbs and knew how to use a computer, I would check out this website myself, but for more information on how your donation will help to make a difference, please visit MLAR at www.MLAR.org/donate

Looking forward to sharing our lives together!

From your newest family member

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Main Line Animal Rescue's Wish List

GENERAL

- 🐾 Paper towels
- 🐾 Clorox wipes
- 🐾 Latex and Non-latex disposable gloves
- 🐾 Clear rubber storage bins – any size
- 🐾 6-8 oz paper cups, Paper plates, Spoons
- 🐾 Toilet Paper
- 🐾 13 or 30 gallon trash bags
- 🐾 Liquid laundry detergent.
- 🐾 Dawn Dishwasher Detergent
- 🐾 Sponges or Mr. Clean Magic Eraser
- 🐾 Gently used towels or fleece blankets

FOR THE CATS

- 🐾 Litter– *Kitty Soft* or *Yesterday's News*
- 🐾 Paper Litter boxes or shirt boxes
- 🐾 Brushes
- 🐾 Food – pop-top wet food (any brand)
- 🐾 Cat beds (washable)
- 🐾 Scratching posts
- 🐾 Paper Bowls
- 🐾 Canned food
- 🐾 Kuranda cat beds/towers
- 🐾 Fleece cage beds

FOR THE RABBITS & SMALL FURRIES

- 🐾 Litter – *Care Fresh* or *Yesterday's News*
- 🐾 Timothy hay & timothy pellets/hay cubes
- 🐾 Yogurt drops
- 🐾 Papaya tablets
- 🐾 Vitamin C tablets

FOR THE DOGS

- 🐾 **Premier** brand martingale collars and any 6' long or longer leashes (NOT Flexi-leashes)
- 🐾 **Dog Shampoo** (any brand, but *Wonder Fluff* and *Pet-Silk* are staff favorites)
- 🐾 **Frontline or Advantix** – any size dog
- 🐾 **Indestructible Toys**—such as Kongs, Nylabones, and Kyjen Hardcore Firehose toys
- 🐾 NutriSource Adult Dry Dog Food Chicken and Rice
- 🐾 6 quart flat-backed stainless steel buckets
- 🐾 Crates and airline carriers, any size
- 🐾 Food – pop-top wet canned food (any brand)
- 🐾 Brushes and grooming supplies
- 🐾 Kuranda dog beds

**** Please note—MLAR cannot accept large cloth dog beds to use in our shelter because they get wet while cleaning and trap bacteria and are too big for our washing machine****