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Apricot, a dilute tortoiseshell, will be available at the Friends of Montgomery County Animals' adoption clinic on Saturday, March 1 at the Germantown PetSmart.

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A Purr-fect Marriage

... humane group's efforts go to the cats and dogs.



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Friends of Montgomery County Animals found the purr-fect marriage of volunteerism and ardor to support the humane treatment of animals when the organization was founded in 1974. Celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, FMCA continues to live its motto, "Dignity for Animals."

In matrimony, the 40th is known as the Ruby Anniversary from the belief that the precious stone possesses an eternal inner flame and symbolizes passion. With the same zeal, FMCA's volunteers devote hours of focus and care fostering animals until they can find their "forever homes." The group also conducts cat adoption clinics on Saturdays at the Germantown PetSmart and operates a trap/neuter/return/place (TNR/TNP) initiative to help reduce animal overpopulation in feral colonies in Montgomery County.

In 2013, FMCA arranged for the adoption of 273 cats and kittens and two puppies and TNR'd 87 cats. Already in 2014, 47 cats and kittens have been adopted and 57 cats have been TNR'd.

Though cats are a main focus of the group, FMCA fills a void in the humane movement by providing monetary help to other humane groups and for humane emergency situations. Funds have been donated to Days End Farm Horse Rescue in Woodbine, Maryland and most recently to Owl Moon Raptor Center in Boyds to support the center's rescue and rehabilitation efforts for jeopardized birds of prey.

FMCA, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, is funded solely by community donations and managed by dedicated volunteers. Every donation counts and makes a difference for the animals FMCA helps. Visit www.fmca.org



Charlie is a 5-year-old, domestic short hair black female kitty. She is a sweet, sweet girl. Her favorite pastimes include making biscuits, and lap snuggling. She is very affectionate. Contact Rob or Zea at 301-972-4435 and leave a message, or zerobvt@verizon.net.



Lycan



Boo

Both of these handsome fellas are sweet and personable, and about 3 years old. **Lycan** may be a Turkish Angora, but FMCA does not have his papers. He has a shimmering white coat, an enormous plume for a tail and bi-colored eyes; one blue and one yellow. He loves to cuddle, sleep with you, enjoys belly-rubs, and thinks the coolest thing ever is to jump as high as he can to catch toys thrown in the air. **Boo** may be a Maine Coon, but FMCA does not have his papers. He has a grey tabby coat, an enormous plume for a tail and goldish-green eyes. He loves belly-rubs and chasing down a laser toy with his buddy Lycan. Lycan and Boo grew up together and need to go to their new forever home as a pair. They are accustomed to being around lots of people and look forward to meeting new ones. Contact Linda at 240-418-0361 or jcarriah@aol.com.



Mini was about 8 months old when she arrived from a shelter in Pennsylvania. She loves sitting with her foster and being petted. Mini is looking for her own home and someone to love. She will purr and make you laugh a lot. Contact Ann at 301-676-1837.

Apricot is a dilute tortoiseshell. She loves attention and would like to live with you and sleep in your bed. She does not mind being an only cat, since she once lived with another cat and two large rowdy dogs. She wants all your attention; forget the others. Her previous owners moved and left Apricot outside to fend for herself. She deserves a loving, protective home. Contact Emily at emjojr@yahoo.com, or 301-640-6827.



Cumin and his adopted sister Rose, adopted about the same time from Lost Dog and Cat Rescue, spend a fair amount of time watching the birds from inside the house. Rose is a polydactyl. For more, see petconnectrescue.org or lostdogrescue.org

I left my laptop open to a site live streaming bird feeders one morning recently to go take a shower. When I returned, my orange tabby Cumin was avidly watching the birds. We adopted Cumin a little over a year ago from PetConnect, a Potomac-based rescue organization. — Emma Dixon



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A Backyard 'Pet'
A cardinal in a Potomac winterland.



PHOTO BY MARY KIMM

Emma Dixon of Potomac with her mare Stella in their annual Christmas portrait.