

## HOW TO QUALIFY

If you:

- Are 65 or older
- Are a resident of Washington County
- Adopted from the Humane Society of Washington County
- Are longing to have an animal companion in your life
- Are concerned about adoption fees
- Are unable to adopt due to landlord fees associated with owning a pet
- Currently have a pet you adopted from the HSWC with medical problems

Then you may qualify for financial help through our Silver Lining for Seniors program.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for needing this assistance:

- Adoption Fees
- Veterinary Bills
- Landlord Fees
- Other

Return this brochure to a Customer Service Representative to qualify for the Program

## THE PROGRAM

Acknowledging the special bond between a senior citizen and their loving pet and in honor of their mother Marie, Karol Kennedy, Certified Professional Dog Trainer, CPDT-KA and PMCT and owner of BPWSITV, and her brothers John and Michael established Silver Lining for Seniors. This program helps senior citizens in Washington County share their lives with an animal adopted from the Humane Society of Washington County, Inc.

### Why Should Seniors Adopt Pets?

There are numerous physical and mental health benefits for seniors when they have a pet living in their home.

These benefits can include:

- Decreased blood pressure
- Increased exercise
- Fewer anxious outbursts in Alzheimer's patients
- Lowered rate of Depression
- Increased feeling of self-worth
- Increased immune system
- Companionship
- Unconditional Love



## HOW TO HELP

The Silver Lining for Seniors assistance program is funded through direct donations from the public. Therefore, if you would like to ensure this program will be available to help senior citizens in Washington County please complete the form below and send your donation to:  
**Humane Society of Washington County, Inc.**

**13011 Maugansville Road  
Hagerstown, MD 21740**

No gift is ever too small or trivial if it is given from a loving heart!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Check (Enclosed)       Credit Card

[ ] Visa      [ ] Master Card      [ ] AMEX

Cardholder's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



**From Program Creator and Humane Society of Washington County, Inc. Volunteer Karol Kennedy:**

*During our years of growing up in Southern California, many cats and dogs, monkeys, ducks, rabbits, rats and lizards, parrots and parakeets found a place in our home. The route to the door always varied...often they "followed us home.", which my mother always pretended to believe, no matter how young, injured or small the find might be.*

*Orphans, be they kitten, baby cotton tail rabbit or fallen sparrow, always found a nurturing welcome; sometimes in a cotton lined shoebox, warmed by the stove's pilot light. A stray cat always found food. Mom religiously carted "doggie bags" home or sometimes no farther than a restaurant parking lot if she observed a hungry stray there.*

*Her childhood dream was to be a librarian and live in a houseful of purring cats. In her later years, one special cat, "Hi", as she dubbed the stray who wandered up to her door one morning, was her companion for a decade. He was her reason to rise in the morning. She did not turn in for the night until he was safely inside and purring at the foot of her bed.*

*Our family knows from personal experience the companionship and pleasure that a pet can bring, particularly to a lonely senior citizen. However, many of our senior citizens are hard put to provide for their own nutritional and medical needs. Stretching limited resources to care for a pet can be a bridge too far.*



Karol Kennedy with Buddy and Nacho



The Humane Society of Washington County, Inc. was founded in 1920 by Ms. Daisy Derby Whipple and began with twelve animals in a one-room building. In December 2001, we moved into our current 12,500 square foot facility. Here we average an annual admission rate of 5,000 to 5,600 animals.

**Our Mission:**

The Humane Society of Washington County, Inc. exists to improve the quality of life for all animals. Through education, legislation, action and leadership, we strive to eliminate overpopulation and to foster an environment of respect, responsibility and compassion.

**Our Vision:**

The Humane Society of Washington County, Inc.'s vision is to be an area's leading resource for animal related issues. Through strong community partnerships, we enhance and protect the lives of all animals by advocating responsible, compassionate relationships between people and animals while providing shelter, humane education, spay/neuter programs and adoptions.



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