

Press Release

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MCAS Announces Home for the Holidays **"A Dog Named Christmas" sparks nationwide "Foster a Lonely Pet" program**

Montgomery County Animal Shelter would like all animals to have a warm and blessed holiday, surrounded by a loving family.

A Dog Named Christmas is a [2009 American television film](#) that debuted on [CBS](#) as a *Hallmark Hall of Fame* movie on November 29, 2009. It is a tender story of a boy who fosters a Labrador retriever from a shelter and names him "Christmas". The dog ends up being adopted by the family, having provided each of the family members with some very special emotional gifts.

In association with Hallmark, over 2,000 shelters across the nation signed up to promote "Foster a Lonely Pet" during the holiday season.

Montgomery County Animal Shelter is offering all of our adoption room animals as potential foster pets over the holidays. A pet may be fostered by anyone over the age of 18 years old, at no cost in the period between now and January 4, 2010. Each foster family will sign a foster agreement to care for the animal, and note the pet's personality so we have more information about each pet when they return.

"The presence of a loving family means the world to these pets. They once had loving families, and somehow they end up here, in an unfamiliar environment without the comfort of home. We want to change that this holiday season," states Dr. Ryan, Shelter Director. She says, "Our Christmas wish is that all of our animals might have the opportunity to find a forever home by winning the hearts of their foster family."

The shelter's goal is to save as many animals as possible by providing spay/neuter services, micro-chip services and promoting our animals for adoption. ***Think of Montgomery County Animal Shelter FIRST if you want a pet as your forever companion.***

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About Montgomery County Animal Shelter: Montgomery County Animal Shelter is a county run facility founded in 2002. Striving to be a no-kill organization, MCAS works to find homes and provide care for homeless animals, and to bring people and animals together to make Montgomery County a no-kill community.