PENNSYLVANIA SPCA + MAIN LINE ANIMAL RESCUE saving lives together

It is with excitement for the future that we announce Main Line Animal Rescue is joining the Pennsylvania SPCA family. Our organizations complement each other perfectly, sharing a passion for helping the most vulnerable animals among us. By working together, we can broaden our reach while at the same time, operate more efficiently, ultimately dedicating even more resources to benefit those who matter most – the animals

Main Line Animal Rescue rehabilitates animals, especially those who are victims of the cruel puppy mill practice, at their sprawling 60-acre facility in Chester County. There, medical staff care for the most vulnerable in their full-service Shelter Hospital, volunteers provide training programs and a "Home School" where dogs learn how to become family companions, cats have access to free-roaming screened outdoor porches, and their adoption team place animals in loving homes.

The PSPCA has been on a similar trajectory, one dating back more than 150 years. Our Humane Law Enforcement team has boots on the ground in 23 counties throughout Pennsylvania, rescuing animals who are victims of unlicensed breeders and puppy mills, dog fighting rings, hoarders, or those animals, once loved, who have simply been forgotten. Our medical team works to save the lives of the toughest cases, many animals on the brink of death, passing their care along to our behavior team who works with them on their challenges, until they are finally ready for their forever families.

By joining forces, we will work toward a future where every animal who has been a victim of cruelty or neglect receives the care needed to recover and thrive. We welcome the MLAR community to the PSPCA family, and we are thrilled to have an even greater impact – together – for animals throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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MLAR JOINS PSPCA WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!



Full-service hospital

Like the PSPCA, the majority of animals arriving at MLAR have had little to no medical care. MLAR's full-service Shelter Hospital includes a complete surgical suite, with isolation and recovery space, and a dental suite. This facility will add even more capabilities to the PSPCA's current offerings, providing additional support to animals from our Erie Ave Headquarters and Lancaster facility.



Home School for under-socialized dogs

MLAR's volunteers work with the most vulnerable survivors of puppy mills, introducing these shy dogs to their "Home School." This unique facility mimicks the comforts of home complete with a kitchen, living room, and even a door bell! Many of the animals rescued from puppy mills by the PSPCA's Humane Law Enforcement team have never lived inside a home. Home School will provide them the time and tools to adjust, helping them learn that the ping of a microwave or the sound of a television is nothing to fear.



Volunteer-led animal training

Volunteers are the lifeline for the animals at MLAR. Volunteers are trained to rehabilitate shelter dogs and cats in many ways. From Petiquette Class for high-energy dogs to playgroups for socializing dogs, and behavioral modification programs for insecure cats. Volunteers get to know the animals individually, preparing them for their new homes. These innovative programs will expand the diversity of PSPCA's rehabilitation programs.

Free-roaming community cat rooms

MLAR cats all live in free-roaming cat rooms, where the team spends time interacting with them and enriching their lives while they live at the shelter. These rooms provide a natural environment not typically available in a shelter. Cats can even go "outside" with access to secure screened porches where they rest on ledges and view the beautiful landscape.

