



The HART Animal Center



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The HART Animal Center — A Different Approach to Saving the Lives of Adoptable Animals

In the spring of 2014, the realization of a dream that began eleven years ago came to fruition when the HART Animal Center, located at 1265 Bumble Bee Road, in Accident, Maryland opened its doors. Through a \$1.62M loan from the USDA - Rural Development's Community Facility Program, and over \$750,000 in donations and grants, the Bredel Veterinary Clinic opened on February 25, 2014. The Bed 'n Bark Inn pet hotel and MUTTWorks Grooming Salon opened in March of the same year. These services, as well as the future HART Shoppe retail store, will enable HART for Animals to support its mission of improving the lives of homeless animals by building an animal adoption center where adoptable animals will never have to be euthanized. The revenues generated by these services, along with grants and fundraising efforts, will support and sustain the operations of the final phase: the HART Adoption Shelter Wing, to be completed this year.



Director of the Bredel Veterinary Clinic, Dr. Jennifer Barnard, with her Boston Terrier, Judge. The Bredel Clinic is a full service veterinary center for dogs, cats and pocket pets.



Above and inset: Kiley Davis greets client Michelle Umlauf and Bed 'n Bark Inn guest, MagiKat; Rachel Dudok escorts Michelle and MagiKat to the pet hotel; MagiKat took no time to start playing in the Cat Condo activity area.

“The HART Animal Center represents a new reality for nonprofit organizations,” says HART President, Michael Pellet. “In order to succeed, you need to realize that a nonprofit organization is a business and must have a workable business plan that addresses the reality of income vs. expense or it will fail. The Center will be an important resource for Garrett County for years to come because the profit from the Center’s businesses will sustain all its charitable programs. These businesses will also add 50 permanent jobs for county residents and attract more visitors to the county,” he adds.

Under the direction of Dr. Jennifer Barnard, the Bredel Veterinary Clinic is a full-service veterinary center, providing preventive and healing services for cats, dogs, and pocket pets, including consultations, examinations, surgeries, vaccinations, spay/neuter surgeries, dentals, digital radiographs, and laboratory tests. The services of the Bredel

Clinic are designed to improve the lives of companion animals, always reinforcing the human-animal connection. Offering evening and Saturday hours, the Bredel Clinic also provides 24-hour veterinary assistant care for in-patient hospitalization. In keeping with their mission of reducing pet overpopulation, the Bredel Clinic continues its highly successful low-cost spay/neuter program for pet owners with demonstrated financial need.

A native of Garrett County and graduate of Southern High School, Dr. Barnard holds a B.S. in Animal Science from the University of Maryland, and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech. She has practiced veterinary medicine and surgery for the past nine years in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania.



Michael Pellet, President of the Board of HART for Animals, Inc.



Development Director, Mercedes Pellet, with service dog, Josie.

Healthy pets make happy pets. Puppies and kittens should begin their vaccinations at 8 weeks of age.
Right: Maddi O'Brien and Ben.



Guests at the Bed 'n Bark Inn are afforded the same amenities as any person would expect when taking a vacation. The Inn features twenty-five luxury dog dens and suites with Kuranda beds (some with doggie-cams), heated floors, doggie-doors leading to private patios, outdoor runs, long walks, and exercise and play periods. The cat condos feature two levels for sleep and play with individual exhaust systems, and a large play area with interactive toys and climbing trees to help keep cats alert and exercised. Pet owners are welcome to bring their pets' home comforts such as beds, toys, and food and treats. The Bed 'n Bark Inn provides 24-hour supervision for the safety and security of the pet hotel guests.

"It is so important to us to provide a stress-free environment for our pet guests," says Debbie Snyder, Manager of the Bed 'n Bark Inn and animal behaviorist. "Our guests are treated the same way we treat our own pets, with love and respect. We even have soothing background music to calm the canines and felines!"



Above: It's rare to see pet hotel guest, 9 month-old Shadow, inside her deluxe den since learning how to use her doggie-door leading to her private patio.

Top right: Service dog, Josie, shows clinic Manager, Caroline Robison and Michael Pellet her doggie skills.

Right: "Peace spent her Easter 'barkation' at the Bed 'n Bark Inn," says mom Heather Killeen. "She loved it and they (HART kennel assistants) were wonderful!"

A groomer for over 18 years, Lindy Moebs moved MUTT-Works Grooming Salon to the HART Animal Center in March, bringing her reputation as one of the area's most respected groomers. The salon offers complete dog grooming services for all sizes and shapes. Appointments are available Tuesday through Saturday. Pet owners of dogs staying at the Bed 'n Bark Inn may also reserve a grooming time during their pets' overnight stay.





Carrie Whetzel, left, was pleased with the care her cat, Cat-a-pillar, received by Dr. Barnard at the Bredel Veterinary Clinic.

Kennel Assistant, Jennifer Schmidt, entertains Shadow in the indoor play area.



With the matching funds from the Appalachian Rural Community grant, state and county funding, and individual donations, the HART Animal Center will be complete. The HART Animal Adoption Shelter Wing, opening in the fall/winter of 2014, will house 60 dogs, 30 puppies, 40 cats and multiple litters of kittens. The dog kennels and cat condos will provide a safe, comfortable home for adoptable homeless animals and the adoption area will have space for potential adopters to get to know their new family member. A team of volunteers and staff members will care for the adoptable animals, creating a warm environment while the animals await their forever home.

HART for Animals continues its mission of saving the lives of adoptable animals through their rescue and transport program. In 2013 alone, 524 dogs and cats were saved from euthanasia through their rescue and transport program and 1,388 animals were spayed or neutered through their low cost "HARThelp" spay/neuter program.

HART for Animals, Inc. is a charitable animal welfare organization founded in 2003 to improve the condition of homeless animals in the Western Maryland region. HART is a 501 (c) (3) corporation and all donations are tax-deductible. For additional information on HART, the HART Animal Center or any of its programs, or to donate, visit the HART web site www.hartforanimals.org.

