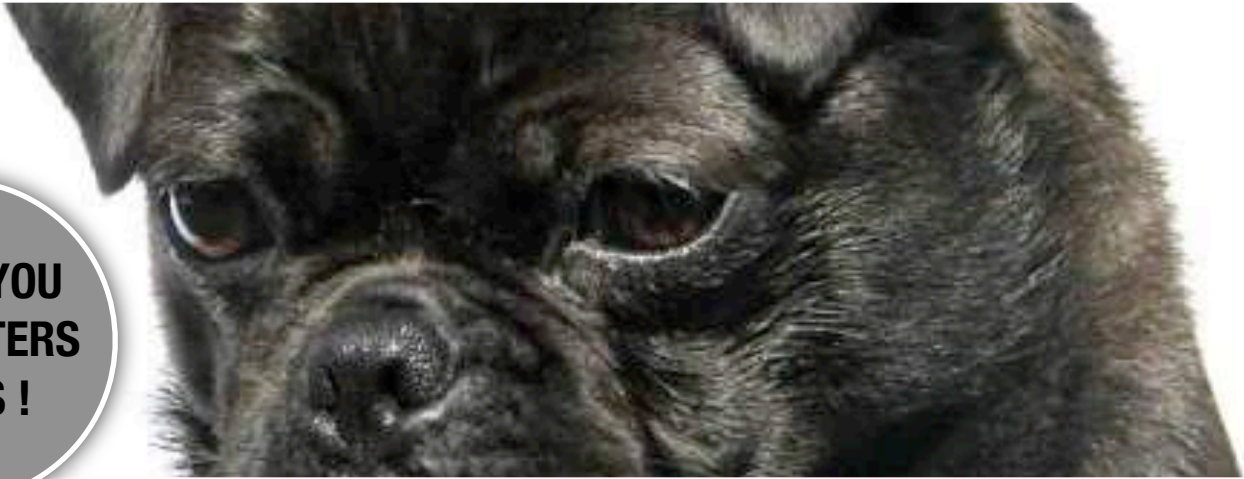


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# GOOD NEWS!

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THANK YOU  
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## ADOPTION RATE SOARS!!!

**It takes a village to save animals and our village has come through in spades. Thank you volunteers, businesses, organizations and other supporters in Dorchester County and beyond!!!**

In January, I told you that I would do two things in order to maximize the number of lives saved at Dorchester Humane. One was to implement life saving programs and the other was to ask for and welcome help from the volunteers and others in our community.

The results of these programs implemented by you - the volunteers and other members of the community - have been spectacular. During the month of April, 41 animals were adopted, five more went to rescue and three were taken in by foster families - making the grand total for April 49 animals saved!!!

With your help, we have put in place all those programs that are needed for a high save shelter. And our efforts are starting to pay off. Volunteers are taking excellent photographs of our animals and writing their stories; and those stories are being uploaded to the website in a timely manner. Our newly volunteer- designed website was put in place, making our site page a very pleasant and user-friendly place to visit. Volunteers are getting pets out into the community on a regular basis: Petsmart, Noah's Ark, Especially For You and local community events. Churches, restaurants and clubs support us. Businesses and other organizations are actually contacting us and offering to help. Volunteers are assisting in contacting and transporting animals to rescues. Remarkably, every month volunteers are stepping forward to take animals into foster care - giving them love, a home environment and most important, time to find their special person. We extended our Saturday hours to permit more potential adopters to come to the shelter. Our volunteers socialize, promote adoptions and help in operations at the shelter. Those volunteers are joined by our shelter staff who actually volunteer hours over and above their scheduled job responsibilities.

The common denominator here is VOLUNTEERS.

To those who have provided DHS with invaluable time and money: thank you from the bottom of my heart. To those who have not yet come forward, we warmly welcome you. Join us!

