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Office of Animal Services Hosts Community Animal Welfare Presentation Featuring Dr. Sara Pizano

Join the Office of Animal Services on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the County's Executive Office Building (EOB) at 101 Monroe Street, Rockville, Maryland, in the building Auditorium, for a Community Animal Welfare presentation hosted by Maddie's Million Pet Challenge. Anyone interested in helping pets and people is welcome and encouraged to attend and learn about national animal services and sheltering trends and best practices.

Dr. Sara Pizano is the author of *The Best Practice Playbook for Animal Shelters* and the founder of Team Shelter USA, LLC. Dr. Pizano previously served as the Director of Veterinary Services at the Humane Society of Broward County in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and the Director of Miami-Dade Animal Services in Miami, Florida. Dr. Pizano is considered a leading expert in shelter reform including enhancing non-profit and municipal collaborative efforts, cost effective and life-saving programs, aligning public policy with animal welfare Best Practices, proactive community programs reducing the need to shelter pets, effective population management, efficient field services, and enrichment for shelter pets.

For those unable to attend in person, the presentation will also be live-streamed @ [\(20+\) Maddie's Fund TeamShelter Event | Facebook](#)

About Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center (MCASAC)

MCASAC is operated by the Office of Animal Services. It provides high standard sheltering and care to the homeless, abused and neglected animals. It is the County's only open-admission, municipal shelter.

Through adoptions, education, outreach and more, MCASAC serves as a critical community resource to promote and advocate for responsible pet care. Animal Services officers are available seven days a week / 24 hours per day to investigate complaints and respond to animal emergencies. For more information, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/animalservices

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