

Alley Animals

Editor's Note

Well aware that the sorry state of the economy has hit everyone's pocketbook, we can but hope you will join our spring raffle fundraiser. Things might be different if we were one among a number of organizations whose workers actually travel dangerous neighborhoods as a nightly routine, but no one else rides through hundreds of alleys every night. No one else goes where the animals are living (and dying), so we humbly ask that you do what you can to help make our raffle effort a success. Please continue to be the shimmering light of compassion standing by us as we head to the streets again and cross paths with those whose dignity and worthiness cannot be diminished, even by those human beings unmoved by the suffering they helped create.

In the presence of homeless animals on the streets we can see the unsightly reflection of human disregard. The predicament of unwanted animals' suffering would not exist were it not for human action, yet many people point the finger of blame on the animals themselves—they're a blight, they're a health hazard to be "gotten rid of" (a hateful term that should never be applied to sentient beings). People boot animals out the door or move and leave them behind in a vacant house. Homelessness for animals, a predicament created by humans, comes with a high price attached—a life of deprivation, prolonged and painful—a dear price those responsible will never pay.

Though cast off and hated by segments of the human population, homeless animals manifest an unmistakable dignity; no matter what undeserved hardships befall them, their innocence remains unchanged—they do not become evil though evil reigns the world they occupy. Nothing comes to them easily, so that a stale french fry lying in the gutter is the day's only meal, a putrid puddle the only moisture calming their raging thirst, a tiny patch of dry ground under a pile of debris the only place to rest. Such is the way of the unwanted animal on the streets.

If there is a bright spot in this portrait of bleakness and pain, it is you. Only because you shake off the mantle of disregard, finding unacceptable the suffering pushed onto the innocent by other people, are we able to head back to the alleys each night. Without ever having seen the wretched places animals emerge from when they hear the alley car's engine, without having seen firsthand the effects on them of life on the streets, you still care about what they endure. Though you have never picked up off the pavement an animal dying from illness or injury, your heart breaks as surely as ours, and for this we are more than grateful. The one and only reason an old beat up alley car winds its way through the dangerous streets each night is the extraordinarily unselfish compassion you bestow upon creatures whose pain you could so easily ignore.

Thank you for your enduring patience in putting up with the small inexpensive tickets we purchase for each raffle event. Someday we hope to be able to afford printing standard tickets—until then, your indulgence is deeply appreciated.

Help Us Help Them Tickets \$1.00 Each — Drawing Date is 6/15/09

Please include your telephone number on each returned ticket; additional information would be helpful but not necessary

1st Prize \$300.00 – Donated by Midstate Savings & Loan Association

2nd Prize \$200.00

3rd Prize \$150.00

4th Prize \$125.00

5th Prize \$100.00

Call 410-823-3319 for additional tickets.

Leave name, address and number of tickets desired.

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Memorials In Loving Memory Of:

Sheba. *Frederick and Helen Hickok*

Our "stray cat" **Hermies**.
Marvin Feuerberg & Sylvia Rosenfield

Judy Bame. *Barbara Shaver*

Jessica Bachman: March 7, 1989 to September 19, 2008. Our Sweetie forever.
Gabrielle & Charles Bachman

Knute. *Shaina Lieberman*

Rudy LaSov. *Steve & Barb Mack*

The precious dog who died in the crate.
Sandy & Bob Miller

Robert E. Williams, Jr. *Patricia H. Williams*

For Frankie and Susie, gone but never forgotten.
Robert Berkovsky

Eugene, my dear cat. *Lorraine Sawicki*

Our brave boy, Moose. *Virginia Naylor*

My mother, Victoria Reuschling, who died on July 2, 2008.
Maureen Stevens

Blaze, my 20 year-old cat, who died in 2008. A stray who showed up on my patio in Baltimore with 6 newborn kittens, she brought me love and joy for almost 18 years.
Marlene A. Pegg

My beloved cat, Sebastian. *Carol P. Liss*

For Missy, Ariel, Poppy, Lass, Sparkle, & Valerie.
Beverly Martin

Jessie Batch.
Shirley & John Rice (her daughter and son-in-law)

Daisy, my beloved canine companion, who died at the age of 16 years.
Lisa Kent

Benji Bloom, loyal dog to his loving owners, Rachel, Steven, Samantha, and Eric Bloom.
Kathy, Roger, Ned, and Alex

My beloved **Pasha**, who died four years ago. He and his sister, Bathsheba, (who is still with me and purrs comfort into my heart every day) were rescued from the streets as feral kittens.
Diane Hankey

For **Mary Link** and her beloved Doberman, **Kiva**. Hopefully they are together again in a better place. Rest in peace, Mary and Kiva.
Sheila, Carl, & Raven Bernstein

Lou Libertini, loving father of Elizabeth Grove and devoted grandfather of Benjamin and Walter Grove.
Uncle Roy & Aunt Ellen

Our beloved cats, **Festus, Reckless, & Ali**.
Jean Razulis & Todd Cunningham

For **Cleocatra, Isis, and Tiffany**. Gone but never forgotten and always loved.
Much Love, *Ana A. Garcia "momcat"*

Our wonderful Cocker Spaniel, **Rudy**, who was just shy of his 13th birthday, and just didn't eat at the end. Rudy was the best. For 5 years I was ill and was on the couch for many hours a day. Rudy would lie and sleep and wait until I could get up. He was happiest when he was eating. We will always remember our sweet prince and feel the best tribute to his love and life is to continue to support the animals that need the most love—animals in the streets and alleys.
Roberta LaSov

Birney, who was Rudy's older "brother", also a Cocker Spaniel, who graced our lives for 13-1/2 years and passed away in 2001. He, too, was a *great* dog and we still miss him so much.
Roberta LaSov

Our rescued English Cocker, **Kelly**, who passed away in 1998. He had a horrible previous life, but we gave him lots of love and structure. He slowly settled in. He was 7 when we got him and he died at age 16-1/2. He went blind at 12 years old and we and Birney loved him even more! He, too, died at home and is buried with Birney at the Humane Society cemetery.
Bobbie LaSov

For **Cleocatra**, our space alien cat. *Mary Jo Putney*

For our dear parents, **Alvin** and **Betty Ford**, and the dozens of cats and dogs they adopted and loved all during their lifetime. They passed that love of animals on to us.
Mary-Jo Ford Dale

For **Fuzzy Graham**, the dearest, most loving, loyal, and intelligent dog in the universe. I couldn't love you more if you were my son.
Sandy Graham

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Oreo, the beloved gerbil of my niece, Marlee Wasserman.
Judi Rasmussen

For **Phyllis Chase**.
Bobbie Lichter

My dear **Mario & Layla**.
Sarah R. Kaplan

Daisy Mae, our little dog with a big personality. We miss you.
Evie & Ted Tontrup

Teddy; he was my heart and soul and will be forever in my heart.
Ginger Getz

Mary Stark, who gave loving care to many cats.
Jane N. Granitzki

Mary Stark, a person who loved animals. *Carol Koh*

For **Mrs. Helen Woods**.
Julie Hendricks

Bernard Gorban.
Tammy Misener

For **Mary Stark**, my mother, true friend of animals. On 1/17/09 she was reunited with all of her pets, who awaited her at the Golden Gate.
Dorian Borsella

Nash, our beloved little boy cat.
Anne & Mitzi Bennett

Genevieve (Jean) Turkos, mother of Frances Hauf.
Louis Bernstein

Tim Baker

Ina Beane

Pam Lane

Anita Cabacar

Christina Felsen

Alissa Boseck

Anita Joerdens

Laura Schreiber

Tina Barbieri

Kim Poffel

Susan Tufts

Jennifer Myers

Rosemarie Johnson

With love for **Muppet Smith**, a dear little cat who loved life and clung to it until the bitter end. We'll all really miss her. Muppet was "put to sleep" 2/6/09. She was a tiny little gray ball of fur that was rescued years ago as a stray, and lived to be about 13 years old as far as the vet could tell.
Sandy Graham

My Mom, **Jean Turkos**, who loved her beagles; she passed away in Baltimore, MD on January 9, 2009.
Joanie and Jim Dero

For my sister Fran's special beagle, **Huey**, who passed away February 11, 2009; also for her bunny, **Peaches**, who passed away February 25, 2009.

Joanie and Jim Dero

Mufasa, adopted from a shelter by Debbie Perry 15 years ago, who passed away March 24, 2009 after months of bravely battling kidney disease. Debbie and Yoda (Debbie's other feline companion and Mufasa's best friend in the world) miss his gentle presence every day.
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Tuffy von Wuffy....our gentle giant kitty. We miss you.
Evie & Ted Tontrup

Eleanor Harman Karas.
The DeWitt Family: Frances, Mack and Margaret

In Honor Of:

Stan & Bobbie LaSov. *Steve & Barb Mack*

Judith & Kaethe Eble. *Dawn E. Griest*

My aunt, **Louise T. Keelty**. *Michael T. Wyatt*

Bathsheba, who was rescued from the streets as a feral kitten and who brings me comfort everyday.
Diane Hankey

For the countless devoted mothers like **Plain Jane**, whose heroic sacrifices are rarely publicized (though their Creator knows). May the Prince of Peace watch over them, and over all of your dedicated "Guardian Angels" of the forgotten innocents. *Doris E. Richard*

Diane Hughes, from one animal lover to another.
Rosemary Chavez

My good friend for more than 35 years, **Catherine P. Williams**, as she approaches her 90th birthday in 2009.
Donna Rae Castillo

My mother, **Elinore Gordon**, a strong supporter of your work.
Stefanie G. Nair

My wonderful son, **Daniel**. *Karola Miller*

Ralph & Maggie Uebersax, in appreciation for all your kindness,
Steve & Barb Mack

Carol Stover, on the occasion of her birthday.
Betty L. Sanders

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In Honor Of: (continued from page 3)

For **Mr. Richard Taylor**, in celebration of his birthday.
Robert F. Jones

Alexandra Schepers, on the occasion of her 9th birthday.
Jennie O'Friel
Sydney Schilling
Stacey Taylor
Maureen Clements
Lorraine Ginnett
Karen Schepers

For **Chuck Burn**, in honor of his birthday, March 4th.
Lynn Edwards

Wish List

Cat Food (dry & canned) Bleach
Dog Food (dry & canned) Paper Towels
Large plastic trash bags

We gratefully appreciate donations in response to our Wish List.

**If you have items to donate, call Dick at
410-823-3319**

Please Consider remembering Alley Animals in your Will. Animals on the streets will go on suffering, and if you have been blessed in this life we hope you will consider sharing your blessings with the least fortunate among us.

**Alley Animals 410-823-0899 or
410-785-2665**



*We Cannot Save The World But
We can Save Them From the World*

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