

# Alley Animals

## Editor's Note

As a stage 4 cancer patient, Alice is doing well. Over the past 2¾ years since beginning treatment, Alice has maintained good progress against the 2 breast cancers that threatened her life. The course of her treatment shifted when the oncologist discontinued one of the chemotherapy drugs due to bleeding it caused beneath the fingernails, elevating the risk of infection. Though it was necessary in the beginning, Alice was tremendously relieved to be taken off this potent drug. Once it left her system, Alice's hair grew back, her sense of taste returned, her fingernails lost their excruciating sensitivity, and Alice no longer fought back every minute against overwhelming fatigue. Her current therapies carry with them certain side-effects, but none so monstrously debilitating.

Trips to the hospital every three weeks for infusion remain in place as well as the pill Alice takes daily, and these will continue for the rest of her life. Alice and I have concluded her therapy consists of a three-pronged attack: 1) Alice's own determined spirit, 2) the right drugs, and 3) the prayers and healing thoughts from people who have never met her in person but who continue to ask God's blessing upon her and the work she does. We believe *all three* elements intertwine, each necessary to form the body of her treatment. To eliminate one would puncture the remarkable progress she's achieved

thus far.

Because cancer is cunning and patient, a resurgence can never be ruled out—it is as if cancer has a secret weapon, waiting (sometimes for years) for the right moment to again lay its vicious tendrils.

But Alice has a secret weapon too, silent and undetectable, for which the cancers have no countermeasure. The secret weapon is you. Your prayers on Alice's behalf and healing thoughts, powerful as a mighty sword, chase the cancers into retreat. Alice and I agree, her sustained improvement would be far less without your caring assistance. An unscientific assertion perhaps, but we're convinced of its truth.

Pristinely unselfish, your prayers and healing thoughts spring not only from your concern for Alice's well-being, but also from your compassion toward animals, deeply rooted beneath the surface of the physical world and connecting you to Alice on a fundamental level. This bond defies encroachment, even by cancer. As you march shoulder-to-shoulder, heart-to-heart with Alice, you demonstrate to all who would take notice that prayers and healing thoughts, *ignited by a compassion toward the innocent*, can uplift a person who was told she had but months to live, and carry her through the struggle with breast cancer. In return, Alice honors the gift of your prayers by fulfilling the purpose of her life, one night at a time, in the streets and alleys of the inner city.

## It's Raffle Time Again!

Your purchase of tickets will put us in the streets and alleys night after night to carry on our work, and we will be pleased by your participation on any level. Buy a few tickets or lots and lots of tickets, whatever you can spare: every dollar counts. Our prizes may be modest, but our thankfulness for your help is as wide as the sky.

## Help Us Help Them

**Tickets \$1.00 Each — Drawing Date is 6/8/2012**

Spring is here, and so is our raffle fundraiser. We hope you will participate and help further our work so that the animals are not completely alone on the streets.

Remember to include your **name** and **phone number** on tickets you purchase and return to us so that we can notify winners on the evening of the drawing.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Your Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**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.**

## A Gentle Winter

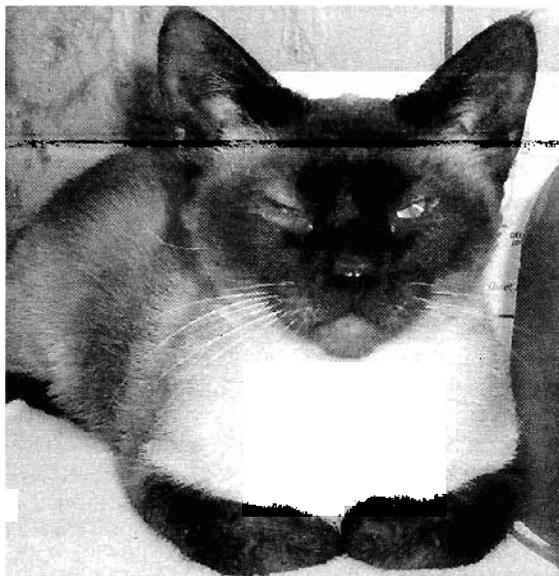
The animals in our area were given a long-awaited reprieve this past winter. December rolled through without the usual frigid beginnings of a hard and painful season for the animals. No December snowstorms or temperatures in the single digits. We braced ourselves for January's worst, and wondered how the homeless and forgotten ones on the streets would endure. But temperatures dipped into the low teens only a few times sprinkled throughout the month; of course, one night of 10° is one too many, but at least the animals didn't have to suffer weeks at a time of unbearable, frostbiting cold. Toward the end of February we could tell winter was on its way out. A snowless, relatively mild winter was kind to the animals in this area and we didn't have to trudge through high drifts and dig out the feeding places or clear paths from the cubbyholes where we knew innocent creatures were hiding, only to be barricaded in by snow and ice. Winter in Maryland this year was a blessing for homeless and abandoned animals, for which we are thankful.

## Up For Adoption

As so many unwanted and abandoned animals do, Ming wandered the desolate streets in search of something, *anything* to eat or drink, and someone to take her out of the misery and dangers of homelessness.

She's safe now and in foster care, waiting for the last of her wishes to come true—a permanent, loving home with a family to call her own.

*Ming, a Siamese mix.*



**Alley Animals**

**410-823-0899**

## Memorials In Loving Memory Of:

The precious dog who died in the crate. *Sandy Miller  
Bobbie LaSov*

**Kathy Moran.** *Goddess Golf Tournament  
Sharon E. Allen  
Susan Hyman*

**Tiny**, our beloved feral rescue kitten we adopted out but took back when it didn't work out. We are so happy you became a part of our family and we feel very fortunate to have spent 14 wonderful years with you. Your warm, loving ways will never be forgotten.

We miss you every day, *Lierra Lenhard & Enid Feinberg*

**Brindle Boy.** *Bobbie LaSov*

**Trevor, Hermy, Rudy, Birney, Kelly, Jasper, Spot, Squirt, and Gretta.** *Bobbie LaSov*

**Sam, Rushy, and Tuttle.** *Joyce Jefferson*

My dear **Aunt V. (Virginia Knowles).** *Barbara K. Wallick*

**Jubal.** *Mr. & Mrs. James Halbert*

**Denise Hamer**, my beloved wife. *George M. Hamer*

**Jack & Bud**, who were wonderful older dogs, and **Gracie** cat. The time with them was shorter due to their age, but older animals often make the *Best* ones, somehow *Knowing* that their final place is among the truly chosen.

And for **Noel** kitty who was rescued from a hoarder to live almost 17 wonderful years. Go in Peace!

*Craig Gooding & Cortney Price*

My dear cat, **Barney**, who passed away of Chrohn's disease in October 2011 after eleven years of unconditional love.

*Ken Kostyra*

**Jesse Hollen Elkins**, my beloved son. *Antonia K. Fowler*

My loving wife, **Lora Kincade.** *Robert Kincade*

**Zeke.** *Dr. Allen Judman*

**Stanley Graham**, a 14 month old Yorkie who was killed by a loose Pit Bull on Christmas night 2010, as he walked on a leash in his driveway with his mother, Stephanie. He was loved my many and his tragic loss has left a hole in my heart. We miss him so much. *Sharon Nardone*

My beloved husband, who always wanted me to remember Alley Animals' wonderful work helping our four-legged friends. *Nancy Boldt*

**Snowball**, our beloved cat for 18 years. *Joyce & Bruce Bonn*

My mother, **Mimi**, who loved animals, as our whole family always has. Our animals were pound dogs, hurricane lost cats, special needs animals. On my mother's birthday, I am paying tribute to her kindness toward the animals. *Anne Cramblitt*

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## Memorials (continued)

Cody, our 24 year old "kitten cat," who passed away in June. She led the good life with us. Our thanks to **Fred Michaelson** who allowed us to move her to Westminster at the age of 19.

*Susan & David Michaelson*

Mr. & Mrs. Alan Burton's beloved **Scampi**, a little Pomeranian, who lived her life with cats.

*Patricia Simrell*

**Richard Evans.**

*Mr. & Mrs. Ross Eck*

My precious little **Scooter**, whom I found down at my church fifteen years ago; he died on Monday, the 12th of December, 2011. I am so lost without him.

*Jean I. Hirsch*

**Perl & Chester**, two very special dogs.

*Evie & Ted Tontrup*

*Jacqueline West*

*Marline Galvin*

*Gail & Tom Koch*

*Mary Ellen Younkins*

*Doris Richard*

The two faithful companions, **Perl & Chester** who stayed together even to the end. Bless their sweet souls. I know they are running free on the dark side of the moon, happy and pain free, still together! I am sure we will see them when our time comes.

*Barbara Smolinski*

**Bag Lady & Sunshine.**

*Doris Richard*

**Perl & Chester**, and other friends like them.

*Laurie Sweet*

**Barbara Williams**, my longtime, best friend. Gone, but never forgotten.

*Sheila Bernstein*

**Shiloh**, beloved dog of Warren Moore, and faithful friend for many years.

*Judith Eble*

**Figaro**, beloved and beautiful Tuxedo cat of Sheryn & Arch Blocher. Never forgotten.

*Sherri Pennock*

My mother, **Jessie Batch.**

*Shirley & John Rice*

The Berkovsky cats: Gone but never forgotten—**Tom, Sam, Trovis, Bear, Casey, Frostie, Sandy, Susie, and Frankie.**

*Robert A. Berkovsky*

Our Sweet Alice; she brought so much joy to our life.

*Mary-Jo Dale*

**Geraldine Watchinsky**, who loved all her animals so much and took such good care of them. Beloved mother of Tina Price. Geraldine was very special to us.

*Hank & Edna Kloczewski*

**Little Pepper**, my brother's mini Yorkie.

*Maggie Hediger*

**Coqui.**

*Carles Metz*

My beloved daughter, **Elaine Fennington** (1947-1980), who along with my other daughter, Wendy, brought home many strays left on the streets—mostly kittens—during the 30 years we lived in Baltimore. Dogs and adult cats also came to our house. Some we had for many years.

*Vera Pratt*

Our chocolate Lab, **Hershey**. She is missed but not forgotten.

*Lee & Joyce Bernstein*

Our cat, **Olly**, who shared his life with us for 19½ years. We miss you.

*Gabrielle & Charles Bachman*

Our bunny, **Amy**, who died in November 2011. She had been abandoned in our neighborhood a few months after Easter in 2010, and was dying of dehydration when we found her by the side of the road and brought her home. We miss her, but are thankful for the time we shared. She was such a unique personality.

*Dale & Linda Brown*

**Jesse & Thumbelina**, the beloved pets of Diane & Mario Wawrzusin.

*Peggy Odick*

**Annie**, my beautiful, gentle and sweet Ragdoll kitty; I miss you.

*Dale Anne*

**Maggie May**, my beautiful St. Bernard. She died 10-4-2006, after 9¾ years with me.

*Carolyn London*

My beloved husband, **William (Bill) Todd**, who loved his cats and dogs.

*Ann L. Todd*

My special feline friend, **Bear-pup.**

*Micahel J. Wolf*

**Maya**, my beloved Ocicat, who was with me for 16 years and passed away on December 14, 2011. I miss you and I love you forever, Maya.

*Sandra Warfield.*

**Shiloh**, our beloved Cavalier King Charles Spaniel.

*Arlene Hochberg*

**Marge Kelly**, who introduced me to Alley Animals and who rescued numerous cats.

*Steve Kline*

**Sam, Lola, and Lovey.**

*Jeri Maupin*

**Norma Norman**, who passed on January 22, 2012.

*Dave & Terry Abrams*

*Gloria Cummings*

*Marlene Sprinkle*

*Ladies Auxiliary VFW*

*Mrs. Gloria Fields Short*

*Mrs. Sylvia Giles*

**Jack & Norma Norman**, who opened their home to me whenever I visited Maryland. Their home always had a number of animals; Jack kept snakes, and they both worked at Piney Run Nature Center helping to teach and work with people. They adopted cats and dogs from shelters and Norma even wrote poems to them. I know they are visitors at the Rainbow Bridge, probably caretakers, too.

With love, *Jeri Maupin*

My beloved **Magic.**

*Patricia L. Carey*

**Art Thompson.**

*Pat & Ed Skinner*

**Madelon Decker**, our beloved mother, who loved her family and all of God's furry friends. You are still missed but not forgotten.

*Your Family*

In memory of **Walt Rave**, long-time activist and fearless advocate of animal rights, who spent everyday of his life trying to make the world a better place.

*Patrice Green*

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## In Memory Of: *(continued)*

In the sweet and precious memory of **Wilber (Willie) Loyal**—famous survivor of a rattlesnake bite. Beloved canine companion, both a warrior and a gentle soul, part of the Loyal Gang of Eight. Remaining in the hearts of Pat and Kendra Loyal forever.  
*George & Marcia Wines*

Our friend, **Diane Anthony**, who died this past year. A few months before her passing, her 97 year old mother died. They left a thirteen year old Yorkie named Lucy. They loved her and, of course, she loved them. We adopted Lucy and we're having fun getting acquainted with her—she is a strong personality. Our cat, Andi, and dog, Coco, have accepted her very well. We are glad that we can share our lives with her and hope that Anna & Diane know Lucy is loved.  
*Norm & Lynn Stevenson*

Our sweet cat, **Sneekers**. Meet you again at the Rainbow Bridge.  
*CC, Carolyn & Marty*

**Chupi, Mary, Miguel, and Megan**, our wonderful friends who have already crossed over. We miss you dearly.  
*Colleen & Michael Rogal*

## In Honor Of:

**Bessie, Hubert, & Mary Kate.** *Josie Forrest*

**John & Shirley Rice's feline companions.** *Jerry Rice*

**Betsy Richardson.** *Janice Retler*

**Betsy & Sonny Richardson.** *Mary Beth Knox*

**Jesse James & Spanky**, my precious rescues.  
*Ann B. Collins*

My friend (and former business associate), **Carolyn McElroy**. Carolyn moved from Maryland to New Mexico, but she still remembers the work of Alley Animals.  
*Tom Antone*

My friend, **Frannie Studnicki.** *Bonnie Bozynski*

**Lita**, my rescue Airedale:-Happy 8th Birthday!! Love. *Mom*

My friend, **Judy**, and her beloved **Sona, & Rory.**  
*Dawn Griest*

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

The lonely souls—who deserve a little warmth and kindness—struggling to live in the “bleak of winter,” with no lighted window to guide them home.  
*Diane Hankey*

**Alice, Teresa, & John**, for their efforts on behalf of Perl & Chester.  
*Jacqueline West*

**Ginny Foster.** *Melissa Moore*

My friend, **Judy Eble.** *P.A. Jakubik*

The homeless souls in the alleys of Baltimore. I love every last one!  
*Toni Vale*

**Mary Teague**—my Mom, my rock, my best friend, and my inspiration. I Love You!  
*Your Daughter, Tammy*

**Pauline Steiner** and her angel feline, **Lillian**. They bring light and love to our world.  
*Rosemary Chavez*

Everyone of God's silent sufferers in the streets and alleys.  
*Bobbie Lasov*

Alley Animals mission.  
*Bobbie LaSov*

**Alice Arnold**, with gratitude for her difficult work.  
*Sandy Graham*

**Virginia K. Foster**, who is a lover of all animals. She has retrieved many cats and found desirable homes for them.  
*Gene & Mary Jane Foster*

The precious kittens who escaped the destruction of their former “home.”  
*Doris Richard*

The dear dog, **Forever.** *Catherine Kates*

My friend, **Diane Ostrow**, in celebration of her birthday.  
*Rosemary Cuddy*

Our animals: **CC, Cinnamon, Spice, Sugar, & Dude.**  
*Carolyn Orandle & Marty Griffith*

**Autumn and Adam**, my niece and her husband, both veterinarians devoted to the animals under their care. They often adopt those considered unadoptable, and their entire house was built around their four-legged family.

**Sailor** is one such dog, now blind and diabetic but still able to get around, and even goes down the steep stairs to the backyard.

**Sherbie** (for orange sherbet), a dear cat who was locked in an ice cream freezer and had to have her frozen tail amputated (but is otherwise fine).

**Sunny**, a neighbor's cat who adopted my niece and her husband when her “owners” neglected to feed and care for her. She lived outdoors for years, until Autumn and Adam got permission to take her and Sunny became a happy, purring cat who always wanted the door closed to keep her safe. For the first time in her life, she was happy as a lark, warm, feeling safe, well-fed and loved.  
*Sandy Graham*

Our cats, who all stay in the house. Our oldest is 19. Ten years ago I found a kitten at the school with a crushed leg. I took her to the vet and had her operated on, and she's been fine ever since.  
*Charlotte Jones*

**Janice Blumenthal & Gary Redfern**, in celebration of their marriage.  
*Gail & Richard Blumenthal*

My mother, **Frances.** *Elisabeth B. Friedman*

**Lillian and Alice.** *Elisabeth B. Friedman*

**Resurrection Sunday.** *Marlene Pedder & Laz*

**Ingrid**, a strong spirit living each day with optimism.  
*Alice*

My **Dad**, who is the world's best Dad, and in exuberant celebration of his 99th (!) birthday, March 30th  
*Lilly*

My niece **Mary**: a gift from heaven.  
*Lilly*