

Alley Animals

We're Still Out There *by Alice Arnold*



The riots at the end of April and beginning of May were unbelievable. Buildings and cars set on fire, windows smashed and businesses destroyed. The first thing we thought of was whether animals on the streets, especially the friendly ones, would be targets of the angry crowds flooding the streets of the city. How

many animals might be at the wrong place at the wrong time? The rioting happened where stray animals live, and we were so worried about the fires in abandoned buildings they use for shelter.

When the Mayor announced a curfew, we were back and forth about what to do. We work at night, so this was a problem. Somehow we managed, but it was hard. A lot of animals were cheated because we couldn't get to them, animals who had nothing to do with the reason for

the violence. As we've learned through the years, animals always suffer because of what humans do. Always.

In the alleys we smelled the smoke of burned buildings and cars sitting on metal rims from melted tires. And the animals, well, I'll put it this way—they were aware of extra danger, which is saying a lot because they live in fear everyday and this was over the top! Many of them stayed in hiding for a week after the riots were over.

Things are better now, but we're on guard all the time; it's a good thing we know what we're doing, we know what to look for and when to stay out of certain locations. We know there's nothing we can do about the violence except be cautious and very, very careful. We've been doing this work for a lot of years, and we're not going to stop now.

We've been in the streets since the last time you received a newsletter from us, before the extreme winter of 2015 settled in, all the way through a foot of snow near the end of March. I thought springtime would never crack the impenetrable shell of winter. Finally it did, but violence erupted in Baltimore City, only increasing homeless animals' hardship. Now summer is here, pressing its heavy suffering on the innocent. Whenever I feel overwhelmed by life's problems, I think of the animals and remember why we do what we do. For now, our Spring Raffle has become our Summer Raffle; we hope you'll join in to ensure we can return to the streets and alleys.

—Editor

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Now that our raffle event is finally here, please consider entering. Because we haven't sent a mailing since last December, our donations have dropped. Your support of our raffle means we can continue traveling the alleys, and we'll be grateful for each ticket entered. Purchasing one ticket or all ten tickets enclosed with this mailing will help fund our return trips to the streets. Thank you!

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In Loving Memory Of:

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

Aunt Louise. *Jo Ann Whaite*

Sam, Rudy, & Tuttle. *Joyce Jefferson*

Jack Frost. He was my youngest cat, 13½ years old, and a bit mentally challenged. However, he was as sweet as could be.
Deborah Heinecker

Our beloved cats, **Hermies, Miss Kitty, & Tyvel.**
Marvin Feuerberg & Sylvia Rosenfield

Cheyenne, our 11 year old mixed breed dog who died suddenly from (unknown) heart disease. She was a therapy dog at a home for retired and convalescing nuns in Philadelphia.
Sandra Robers

My two friends, **Dawn,** and her mom, **Jan Bittings;** both were animal lovers who left us way too soon. They are missed very much.
Sue E. Jones

Aileen Dannenberg, my mother, who died 8/18/14. Alley Animals was one of her favorite groups.
Audrey Dannenberg

Mel Velten and his precious Yorkie, **Pepper.**
Maggie Hediger

Daniel Hoffman, my beloved husband. *Carolyn Hoffman*

Susanne C. Lytle. *Mary Louise Lytle*

Brudie. *Rosemary Brennan*

Bear-pup. *Michael Wolf*

Priscilla Rice, beloved cat of John & Shirley Rice.
John & Shirley Rice

My beloved wife, **Helen,** who died last summer. *John Egger*

Nuisy, who died in September 2014, at 17 years old; sweet dog.
Elizabeth Monk

Denise R. Hamer, my beloved, departed wife. She loved animals and we raised many rescues. *George M. Hammer, III*

Isis, Felix, Cleocatra, Tiffany, and **Noel,** my beloved cats. Noel I lost you in October, I have not stopped crying and missing you. Without your Meows the place is silent. I loved watching you run around the center table in pursuit of your daily exercise. Your beautiful blue eyes made me smile. You are gone but never forgotten and always loved. Until we meet again.
Love always, Mom, Ana A. Garcia

My husband, **Gordon W. Bull,** who passed away on Nov. 23, 2014, and my son, **William Bull,** who passed on June 23, 2014.
Mrs. Carole Bull

Gordon Bull, who recently passed away. *Joe Leatherman*

Jane Lang, beloved wife of Raymond Lang. *Barbara Kajdi*

"Janie" Lang, my beloved wife, who loved animals as much as she loved me!
Raymond Lang

Bobbi, our Ecuadorian mutt. We nursed her for months, but finally we had to have our vet come to help her pass. She was 16.
Susan Nevins

Sparky, my beloved monkey. My heart is still crushed without you—missing you is unbearable.
Tammy Dickson

Teaser, beloved 18 year old rescue cat of John & Lisa Cozolino.
Friend, Sherri Pennock

My uncle, **Rev. Fred Greenfield.** *Carolyn Abbott Orandle*

Bobbie LaSov, my beloved sister. *Jeanne Blake*

Natasha, a.k.a., **Good Girl.** *Sarah Kaplan*

Aviva, Layla, Mario, Natasha, & Misha. *Sarah Kaplan*

Spenser, the original Furball. Wishing you tasty treats, comfy clouds, and a beautiful view from your new window in the sky.
XOXO, The Yuzvenko Family

Mr. Rufus Handy. *Dana Karangelen*

Mr. John Melbourne Stewart. *Dana Karangelen*

Rolex, my friend Joyce Dunnigan's dear dog. *Leah Bark*

Chupie, Mary, Megan, Sophie, and **Chloe.** May we all meet again at the Rainbow Bridge. *Colleen & Michael Rogal*

Bertram Harrison, who passed away January 18, 2015.
Mary Elliott

Bertram Harrison; he respected your organization and I mailed many of his donations when he was not well enough to walk to the Post Office. During the last 8 years of his life, his cat that adopted him, Ms. Fluffy, was his loyal companion.
Bernadette Malec

Donna Marie Rose.
*Colin Mark Higgins
Gary & Michelle TeKolste
Elaine & Jim Smith
Maureen & Wayne Muller
Theresa Markle
Marian Conley
Linn Noah & friends and neighbors in Appleridge*

My dear friend, **Donna B. Rose,** who passed away at the age of 80. Before moving to the Pittsburgh area, she spent her first 69 years of life in Bethesda, MD; during that time, your organization was very dear to her heart. She loved animals and nature.
Linda C. Slater

Donna B. Rose, our scrapbooking "Queen".
With much love from her scrapbooking family, Pat, Amy, Linda, Terri, Lori, Kim, Jim, Cindy, Sue, Emily, Judith, Kathie, Patti, Maggie, Veronica

Anna E. Beach, who passed away on March 5, 2015, at the age of 99. She cared for all animals. *Janet & Paul Tana*

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Winnie, many years gone, but never forgotten. Forever in my heart.

June Tough

A wonderful cat, **Sammy**, who recently lost his life.

Karen Richard

Judy Kelly's beloved little dog, **Tucker**.

Leah Bark

My beloved **Molly**, whom I rescued 12 years ago as a kitten with deformed front paws. She passed away 5 days before Christmas. She was a sweetheart and she is missed.

Linda Medura

Misha, the sweetest "little bear" in the world.

With love, Maggie & John Miner

My beloved cat, **Tiger**, who was 15 years old when he passed in early February 2015. I had him from a kitten and loved him dearly. I've had many animals in my life and have grieved terribly over the loss of each one of them but I miss Tiger more than I could ever put in words. I cry everyday over him. Tiger's sister, Tilley, is also 16 years old and not in the best of health; I'm sure she misses him and wonders where he is.

Elizabeth Goodwin

Smokey, a wonderful, loving cat my mother-in-law rescued. He passed away at the end of January, after sharing 7 wonderful years with our family.

Shawn & Karen Richard

My friend, **Donna Sexton**, who went to the city streets with Alley Animals before she died in an apartment fire in 2003. She was pleased to travel the alleys with you and she loved the animals.

Anne Smawley

A little box turtle I tried to help cross a busy road. There was no room for me to pull off and get out to move him to the other side, so the best I could do was pull partially out of the road and motion for drivers to watch out for the turtle. A line of about six cars came along, and most of them heeded my warning. The last car hit the turtle and killed it. When my rage subsided, I made a resolution to honor that turtle by doing good deeds in his memory.

John Collins

Rachel Schuller, beloved mother of Charleen Ponton.

JoAnne Hulsey

Rachel Schuller, mother of Charleen Ponton.

Nellie & Lynn Weller

My mother, **Rachel Schuller**, who died on April 7th at the age of 96.

Charleen Ponton

Skippy, dear dog of Ms. Helen Resop.

Leah Bark

My mother, **Mary Stark**, who devoted her time and her heart to caring for animals in the alleys of Baltimore City.

Dorian Borsella

In memory of **Lady**, our beautiful shepherd mix who was loved by our entire family. She may have started as a "Bag Lady" on the city streets, but will always be just "Lady" in our hearts.

Darlene Goff

David Carter, a wonderful friend to animals and a much-loved adoption counselor at the Maryland SPCA.

Ginna Naylor

Kit Kat, Sandy Graham's little feral cat rescue. She had a horribly rough life on the streets for about 10 years, but she had love, warmth, food, caring, and dignity for her final month in this world.

Debby Smith

The homeless, little black cat who finally let me bring her home. I took food and water to her every day last fall and winter, and I fixed a shelter for her during those brutal winter days and nights. I thought she was a kitten or young cat, but the vet said she could be nearly 10 years old. I named her Kit Kat. She had many serious physical ailments and was in pain, but she had a home for the last month of her life. Before she left the world that had been so hard on her, she slept in a soft bed and she knew she was loved. I'm thankful for the time I shared with a sweet, brave little cat.

Sandy Graham

Sienna Hope, the sweet, loving, purring orange tabby who found her way to me for the last three days of her life. She was full grown but weighed 3 pounds when I found her starving, stumbling, and weak digging through my trash for food. We put her in critical care at the hospital, but it was just too late. If only we had found each other sooner. At least she left this earth in my arms, face on face, knowing she was loved. We fell in love with her instantly and we will never forget her. She has her final resting place right next to our other babies. Her forever family, **Mommy, Uncle Jeff, Jay & Nanny**

Our little tuxedo boy, **Nathan**, who was only five when he died of lymphoma on November 14, 2014. We had adopted him in February 2013, along with Riley and Alex. He was sweet and almost obsessively affectionate! The chemo treatments we tried made him so ill that we decided to use supportive care that would give him a better quality of life, however short. And it was too short.

Diane Hankey

Buttons, Bandit, Pudge, Shorty, Squeaky, Sneakers, Gizmo, Festus, Izzy, Genie, Spike, and Jello. I've had 14 cats over the 30 years I've lived in my house; tuna parties in a small kitchen are so much fun! Every one of the kitties was sickly when I got them, but we go to an holistic vet who works miracles and fixes everyone up, so that most lived into their late teens. (My current family members, **Rose and Violet** are only 8.) I miss my 12 cat angels everyday.

Julie Frey

My mother, **Elka Charney**, who loved animals, especially her grandcats.

Shirley Charney Feldman

Elka Charney, a kind lady who cared about animals.

Frank Branchini

Paul Allison

JoEllen Schuleman

James Leslie, who was my guidance counselor at Towson High School 1963-1966.

Paul Schoen

James Leslie: although I didn't know him, I imagine he was a special person. I hope he has found "the other end" of the rainbow.

Mike Molz

James F. Leslie, Sr.

Barbara Ziegler

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James Leslie and Stanley Kulesa. Two fathers so very much loved; so very much missed...
Marcia Wines

Mr. James Leslie, in acknowledgement of his having been a wonderful man and father.
Diane Hankey

My Dad, **James F. Leslie, Sr.** I think of you every day with the sorrow of your loss and a gratefulness for all you gave me.
Lilly

In Honor Of:

Rose and Violet, my companions, my family. *Julie Frey*

Alley Animals' workers. God Bless you all. *JoAnn Lamp*

My wife, **Dorothy,** and **Roz,** as well as all the people who contribute their time to help the poor, forgotten, forlorn animals.
Marion E. Bence

My Aunt **Louise T. Keelty.** *Michael Wyatt*

My friend, **Judy Eble** and her love of pets. *P. Jakubik*

Tuxedo & Chloe, my feline family. *Helen O'Neill*

Katie, aka **Sidekick.** *Lori Goldsmith*

My good friend, **Judith Eble.** *Dawn Griest*

Jasmine, my beautiful Oriental Shorthair cat who will be 17 years old on July 16. Her beautiful blue eyes and angelic face bring me great joy. She has kidney disease but is still happy and lively (albeit taking medication). Her life is a gift for me and I enjoy cuddling with her daily. She is sweet and special! Happy Birthday, Jasmine!
Love, Mom Ana A. Garcia

Everyone involved with **Alley Animals, Inc.** Even though I moved from Maryland to Kansas City 12 years ago, Alley Animals has always been close to my heart. I applaud the people who are associated with this organization.
Charleen Ponton

Kit Kat, who bravely struggled through years of homelessness, malnourishment, dehydration, and parasites. When I first saw her this winter, I thought she was a kitten but the vet said she was small due to years of deprivation. I made a shelter for her, took warm food and water to her daily, and I was finally able to rescue her. She has a serious puncture wound, and her feet were encrusted in ice. Now she's safe at home with me; for the rest of her life she'll be loved as part of my family. I thank God for answering my prayers.
Sandy Graham

All who love and care for animals. *Jacqueline West*

All of you who brave the worst elements to help the precious animals.
Nancy Bristow

Fiona and Darcy, my two (canine) girls. When I take them out at night before bed, I tell them how lucky they are and how much I love them. Both were rescues. Fiona came from an abusive household where she was kicked, and fed very little. She was full of fleas and worms; she will never be abused or neglected again. Her sister, Darcy, is the special little person in my life. I love her dearly.
Sharon Nardone

Alley Animals, Inc., and all the amazing things you do to help save the little animals whom through no fault of their own ended up in dire situations. You are amazing!

Mary-Jo Dale

Ginny Foster, who is a true lover of cats and appreciates what Alley Animals does to help them.

Mr. & Mrs. Gene Foster

Archie, Windy, Autumn, and **Missy;** thankfully saved. And for every precious, suffering creature abandoned by cold, heartless, barbaric sub-humans.
Doris Richard

For all the compassionate, dedicated workers who risk their own personal safety to care for the helpless creatures.

Doris Richard

My friend, **Mary-Jo Dale.**

Susan Dilts

Toby, my beloved rescue cat, who has defied the odds and has now survived more than a year following a cancer diagnosis.
Francine Jamin

My cousin, **Dorothy Bence,** who rescued many cats and kittens during 2014. She is indeed a great person and animal lover.
Elaine Dombrowski

Alice, Lilly, Dee, and all **Alley Animals** advocates.

JoAnn Lamp

Cartoon and Zola. *Cornelia Vanderlain & Jim Cox*

Our cats, **Zoot and Awwdrie.**

Cornelia Vanderlain & Jim Cox

My beloved Aunt **Louise Boyd** who, at age 95, has been a lifelong animal lover, especially of dogs. *Sandra Robers*

Virginia Foster, who is a great lover of animals.

Mary Jane Foster

In celebration of Mother's Day, The Best Mother Ever,

Sandra Fellerman. *Rosanne & Marty Horowitz*

Ron & Barb Willson's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Joyce Lumpkin

Franklin Leslie, in celebration of his 99th birthday, July 17th. Happy Birthday Uncle Frank! And thank you from the bottom of my heart for being such an outstanding brother to my Dad, who loved you so much.
Lil

Mary Leslie, for the patient, loving care you gave my Dad in his last years. He lived in his home with dignity because of you; his final wish, to die at home, you made possible. You shared his love of four once-homeless cats who became part of the family. May life now bestow upon you blessings equivalent to those of your presence in your Granddad's life. Like the coverlet around his frail shoulders bringing him comfort, you were there.
Lilly

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.

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