

Alley Animals

Editor's Note

You've no doubt noticed we've been sending out fewer mailings in recent years. Mailings demand a great deal of time, and there are never enough hours in a day to do all that needs doing. Life moves swiftly, more and more so all the time it seems, and without an occasional message from us, you may wonder if we're still traveling the streets and alleys; or perhaps thoughts of our work could get lost beneath the multitude of tasks and responsibilities that fill your own days. This would be entirely understandable. Sending out fewer mailings usually means fewer donations, however we've been delighted to find out that many of you ride along with us in spirit as we make our way through hundreds of alleys each night. Every time we receive a donation, we realize how exceedingly fortunate we are to have such caring supporters making sure we get back to the city streets and alleys.

This brings to light, with emphasis, your loyal concern for homeless animals on the streets of the inner city. In an age of internet inundation and tidal waves of information, you think of homeless animals struggling in the alleys. You stand apart, reminding us that caring about hidden and vulnerable creatures can be more than an occasional blip on the screen; it can be a way of life. It is your way, and we're gratefully appreciative—remembering wholly innocent animals bearing great and undeserved burdens in the city streets influences your

outlook enough that you support us even when we don't send out frequent mailings. At a time when many (if not most) people actually depend on a constant barrage of input, you do not. You are extraordinary, and we thank you.

About This Issue

We always consider it a privilege to receive donations in memory and in honor of your loved ones, whether they be animals or people, and sometimes both. This issue is dedicated to the memorials and honorable mentions we've received over the past several months. Whether the donation is accompanied by words of tribute or simply a name identifying the loved one, we take them quite seriously.

We celebrate along with you when you honor an animal or person who enhances your life, or you pay tribute to a family member's or friend's birthday or other joyful event. When you memorialize the passing of someone who not only enhanced your life, but very often occupies a permanent place in your soul—a beloved cat or dog, a parent, a best friend—we grieve alongside you. We know the sorrow of your loss can be devastating, because the loving bond with an animal or person affects who we are and how we experience life.

Whether we're celebrating with you or sharing in the sadness of loss, it is with reverence that we do our work in memory and in honor of those who are important to you.

Autumn 2017 Raffle Winners

1st Place Carole D. & Annie P., Maryland

2nd Place June W., Maryland

Francine J., Maryland

3rd Place Sharon H., West Virginia

4th Place Susan W., Maryland

5th Place Nina L., Arizona

Every ticket purchased helped make our raffle a success—we extend our biggest thanks to each and every person who participated.

You may have noticed two 2nd Place winners. Occasionally tickets stick together, particularly when press-on address labels are used to identify the person entering the ticket. We've drawn "stuck together" tickets in previous raffles and we may well again. So we decided the fair thing to do is to declare both tickets as winners.

Due to privacy concerns, we no longer print the full names of our raffle winners or their home city and state. From now on, we'll print the winners' first name and the first letter of the last name, along with their home state only. Individual privacy is becoming a thing of the past, and we do not want to contribute to this unfortunate trend. We have always valued your privacy, this is why we do not sell, rent, exchange, or in any other way make available our supporters' person information (name, address, tel. #, etc.) to anyone.

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In Loving Memory Of:

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

Our four rescue dogs from Ecuador, **Cyrano, Bobbi, Cushi, & Gandhi**. Cyrano & Bobbi had both been with us 15-16 years, so hard to say good-bye. *Sue Nevins*

My cat, **Leo**. *Jo-Ann Whaite*

Sammy, my 18 year old cat. *Jo-Ann Waite*

Camilla Robertson. *Mary Jo Putney*

Wisteria. *Patrice Green*

Sophie. *Fred & Sharon Churchman*

Sparky and Grey. *Mary Elliott*

Elise Fletcher. *Wanda Nason-Raleigh*

Sabrina. *Jim & Nancy Gibson*

Charlotte J. Downey.
Ray & Debbie Emerick, (son-in-law and daughter)

Edward Cookingham. *Linda Cookingham*

Phyllis Cadwalader. *James Hayes*

Jesse Elkins. *Toni Fowler*

Dale R. Houck. *Myra Houck Specht*

My mom, **Jessie Batch**. *Shirley Rice*

Emory Hays. *Linda Schisler-Dixon*

Suzie, my son's beloved dog. *Karola Miller*

My late Mom, **Aileen Dannenberg**.
Audrey Dannenberg

My wonderful friend, **Barbara Jamieson**.
Penny Koines

Fred Niziol's beloved cat. *Betty Jones*

BC, Zoey, Tyler, & Deets, *Bob & Mary Younkins*

Henry Cat, from the streets into our hearts. . .
Sharon & David Lucas

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

Virginia DeMeike, beloved mother of Julie Hendricks.
Susan Bath Helen & Eleanor Wilson
Mary Schwartz James Becker

Julie Hendricks' dear mother, who died at 105 years old. She was a remarkable woman. Never in a hospital, her only surgery was for carpal tunnels. She was a "spitfire" in every sense of the word. *Roz*

Virginia M. DeMeike, my longtime friend and neighbor for so many years.
Janette Smith

Baby, a dear sweet cat, beloved family member of Michael Thomas. Baby lived a long life and will be missed.
Shawn & Karen Richard

Judith Eble, my dear friend who helped many animals.
Maryanne Bailey

Bruce Bonn, beloved husband of Joyce Jordan-Bonn.
Regina Frank

My aunt, **Alice Cook**, who passed away in 2006. She cared about homeless animals. *Carol Brown Senzer*

We'll always remember **Molly Hafford** and all the other pets who enriched our lives.
Frannie & Jim Studnicki

Rudy, the most wonderful well-loved dog. We will see him again at the Rainbow Bridge—Debbie, John, Kelly, & Jack Molesworth:
Granny Orandle

Terry Berkovsky, gone from this life but never far from my thoughts. She helped me appreciate all creatures great and small.
Bob Berkovsky

Frank Blake, devoted husband of Beverly. He loved all animals, especially our Granddog, Dharma.
Love, Beverly Blake

Dusty—our girly girl, the "Mighty Duster," Be safe in the arms of the angels until we can hold you again.
We love you, John & Maggie

Chloe, my daughter's dog, a faithful and loving companion.
Betsy Fiore

Hans, Gretel, Heidi, Maxie, & Fritzie, my five Doxies.
Maggie Hediger

Mel & Ruth Velten and their precious Yorkie, **Pepper**.
Maggie Hediger

My beloved wife, **Denise**, who loved animals.
G. M. Hamer, III

My beloved sister, **Marlene Pedder**, who loved and cared for many cats and dogs.
Lörnä Skúlman

Martin & Libby Wolff's beloved dog, **Bailey**.
Sandra Fellerman

Rocky Cat. Sweetest and smartest cat I ever had.
Karen Wolf

Judy Kest, an animal lover who recently passed away.
Dan Miller

The poor little cat who was set on fire in Baltimore City by cruel, sick teenagers.
Anne Cramblitt

Beulah, Tessie, & Odessa, Standard Poodle Ladies "with attitude"; you will always be missed and loved.
Betty Thomas

My angel monkey, **Sparky**. Mommy will never stop blaming herself for not protecting you. You're in my thoughts every single day.
Tammy Dickson

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My beloved **Teddy and Millie**, two beautiful German Shepherds, who passed away in 2017 within a few months of each other, at age 14½ years old. I love and miss you both!!
Theresa Chonoski

My beloved husband, **Bruce Feldman**.
Shirley Charney Feldman

Bruce M. Feldman, beloved husband of Shirley Feldman, beloved brother of Mimi Pustilnik.

*Danny Troupos Frona, Alan & Mitch Colker
Jay M. Ipson Bonnie & Ron Schneider*

Bruce Feldman, a cat lover. *Bonnie R. Smith*

Our aunt, **Mary Ann Walter**, who passed away on January 18, 2018. She was always a #1 animal lover and caretaker. We will miss her.

Linda Hardin & Denise Walter

Mary Ann Walter, beloved aunt of Linda Hardin & Denise Walter.

*Martin & Chris Crutsinger
Pamela Wentz*

My dear cat, **Thumper**, a handsome guy with a big heart. He is not only missed by his human friends but also the 2 girls he watched over, Blackie and Marmalade.

Bernadette Malec

Sweet Pea & Tippy, my little roommates who graced my life for 15 and 17 years respectively. They were little ferals I had taken from Langley Park in 1998 and 2000 (where I used to feed over a dozen precious ferals twice daily).

Doris Richard

Vera Pratt, my sister-in-law, who loved animals; she passed away in March 2016.

*Jeanette Mortimer
(& Vera's granddaughter, Dawn Fennington Katz)*

My mother, **Vera Pratt**. She had such a love of animals; she was kind to all God's Creatures and she taught me that love and compassion at a young age.

Wendy Camlin

My cousin **Brian Hudgins** of Chesapeake, Virginia, who passed away in the autumn of 2017. He was a great lover of animals, especially his own cats.

Shirley Landes

Patricia Skinner, beloved wife of Edward Skinner, III.

*Lee Roebuck Susan Hossfeld
Page R. Barroll*

My dear friend, **Pat Skinner**, may she rest in peace. I've lost a wonderful friend.

Sandy Beckett

Suzanne Rogers White. *Leah Bark*

Gunner, my brother's beloved family dog.
Sarah Jones & Bryan Bark

Two gentle souls who lived at The Cow Sanctuary in Shiloh, NJ. **Lena**, the pig, and **Squeaky**, the goose, both died in January 2018. May they rest in peace.

Sandy Graham

Mia, beloved canine companion. *Sandy Graham*

Sam, my neighbor's beautiful, loving, gentle, intelligent Golden Retriever. When I would take Bets out for her walk, Sam was always there to greet us as we passed his house. Tail wagging, tongue out, and front feet on their picket fence. Sam waited to be patted and told what a good and beautiful boy he was. I sure did love him and I miss him more than he could ever know. *Sandy Graham*

Tyson, beloved little Pug of Annie Postich & Carole Downes. Tyson crossed the Rainbow Bridge on 7/9/18, due to cancer. *Debby Smith*

Molly, who died April 27, 2018. Molly you had the most beautiful face of any cat I've known, and stunning green eyes. A most gentle and friendly cat, you shared your life with me for 17 of your 18 years. I hope I enriched your life as you did mine. And so sweet cat, good night *not* good-bye. *Ernie Redeman*

Our beloved **Zeke**, who passed in September 2017, at the age of 20+ years, after fighting the good fight against pancreatitis for many years. We miss him so much!
Jean Razulis & Todd Cunningham

"**Sweet Sam**," a rescue we adopted some years ago. He was a Pug/Chihuahua mix and he lived to be 14 when he crossed the Rainbow Bridge in my arms on 3/19/18. The last thing he heard and felt was my voice and my heart beat next to his. He had a stroke on 3/4/18 but rallied for 2 weeks until he started downhill and had pain in his eyes. He has been cremated and will be with us when we go to meet our sweet fur children.

Barbara & Vince Smolinski

One of my beloved cats, **Selene**, who developed a cancerous tumor in her mouth. The tumor was inoperable; once a month it caused Selene to be unable to swallow. She even choked on broth-soaked baby food. I made the untenable decision to euthanize Selene at 18+ years old. My husband made her coffin and we had her funeral. I have been unable to get past her loss. She was a Mommy's girl and quite a character. I love her dearly and miss her terribly. *Deborah Heinecker*

Our oldest cat, **Sir Edward Byrne-Jones (The B)**, who passed away July 18, 2018. He came as a stray 18 years ago. He was already an adult cat. Our vet thought B was 20 to 22 years old. B was not ill; he simply passed from old age. My husband built a wooden coffin for B, and he rests on a cushion, wrapped in his favorite blanket surrounded by flowers. My tears do not help because I love my furry companions like family. They are family. My only consolation is that we will someday be reunited.

Deborah Heinecker

Nucy, beloved dog I lost in September 2017. Her kidneys failed and she refused to eat. I promised her she would not be put down, and she died at home in familiar surroundings. She was my ambassador, my security, and my therapy for a little over 10 years. I'm down to one doggie, Blackie, I adopted from a shelter, and I hope to adopt another rescue soon. *John Collins*

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Crispin, Oliver and Skippy—three small ones who passed away in October and November 2017.

Sweet **Crispin**, a Syrian hamster, had spent nearly 8 months of his early life in a shelter when I adopted him in 2015. Always a gentleman, he was euthanized due to a serious abdominal tumor.

Oliver, my single-minded guinea pig, was adopted in 2014 from a Virginia shelter at the advanced age (for a guinea pig) of 6+ years. We were together for nearly 3½ years when he passed away in his sleep in October.

Skippy, a domestic mouse I first fostered and later adopted after he had been with me for several months, passed away from organ failure in November. Until shortly before his death, he loved taking sunflower seeds from my hand each morning. May they rest in peace over the Rainbow Bridge. *DonnaRae Castillo*

Hop-a-Long Cassidy (Hoppy), a lovely, stocky black male who arrived homeless, frightened, and desperate in the spring of 2014. We started a feeding relationship, which blossomed to best friends. He was both comedic and sweet. Lived right outside of our backdoor on the deck, in his own “log cabin,” stocked with snuggle pads in the winter. Every evening, Hoppy and I would do “fruit walk.” He knew the words and came with joy. This ritual consisted of walking on a path through the woods and placing bits of fruit at three feeding stations in the woods. He’d race to the stations, then wait for me to catch up and place the offering. Then we would walk back to the porch and his cabin. I will never forget my wonderful Hoppy! *Wendy South & Calvin Horak*

Jacob Marley, born March 28, 2004, passed February 26, 2018. Our beautiful and noble Neufie/Shepherd mix dog. We formed a family pack that will never be broken. Jacob surely demonstrated that dog spelled backward is “god.” Jacob did heavenly-inspired dog work his entire life. He saved a kitten, watched over our grandchildren, and brought only joy to our lives. He is deeply missed but deserves to once again be free of pain. We will meet again, our friend. *Wendy South & Calvin Horak*

Thomas Wilson White, my beloved brother now passed four years ago. My guide as I grew up. I think of you each day. A truly good man!

Wendy South & Calvin Horak

My mother, **Mary Leslie**; she passed in the spring of 1999, but she’s with me everyday. *Lilly*

Camille J. Leslie, whose intelligence was surpassed only by the kindness and decency of her character. Although level-headed and realistic, she never stopped looking for the good in people. This planet dimmed when we lost Camille. I’ll never again hear her cheerful voice or enjoy the honor of her presence and the good she imparted, just by being the person she was. She’s now free from the unrelenting and painful rigors of cancer treatment, but she leaves behind many people with an unfillable void in our lives. *Lilly*

In Honor Of:

Our remaining two dogs, **Faye & Tigger**. *Sue Nevins*

Peter Tinsley & his beloved dog, **Milo**. *Shirley Geddes*

My son, **Don Irwin**, in celebration of his birthday, 11-21-17. *Oliver & Clare Rawlings*

All the kind and caring people who dearly love all animals. *Carolyn Orandle*

My wonderful friend, **Marion Hosmer**, who loves and takes care of many animals every day! *Carolyn Orandle*

My friend, **Mrs. Irma Waite**. *Saundra Fellerman*

Stallion, Maggie May, & Bianca. *Dawn Griest*

My new cat, **Mylis**. *Jo-Ann Whaite*

DonnaRae Castillo, a true friend to animals great and small. *Valerie Burden*

Dave Mason & Kim Rodey. *Edna Kloczewski*

My mother, **Linda Gooding**, in celebration of her birthday. *Craig Gooding*

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

Our wonderful mother, **Saundra Fellerman**. *Rosanne & Mary Horowitz*

Greg & Alice Groff. *W. Mark Buchta*

Michael Rogal. *Melanie Rogal*

Virginia Foster and her love of cats. *Mary Jane Foster*

Saundra Fellerman, the best mother in the world, in celebration of her birthday. *Rosanne & Mary Horowitz*

Rina, whose kindness and generosity to me has enabled precious animals to receive the help they so desperately need. Thank you, Rina, for your caring. *Rosemary Breñian*

Barbara Wasserman, my sister-in-law, in celebration of her birthday. *Andrea Wasserman*

Dr. Ashkon Belzavi, of the Essex Middle River Veterinary Center, for the time he has spent in treating Noel; also for his devotion to animals and his kindness toward them. I’m deeply grateful to you, Dr. Belzavi, for all you have done and will do for my little Noel to try to save her. *Ernie Redeman*

My niece, **Mary**, who frequently spends her time off from work creating activities for her patients’ benefit. A consummate caregiver, Mary never thinks twice about rising above the call of duty and giving the utmost to her patients. *Lilly*

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