Carmen’s plight was so sad. She lost her home of four years. She was sick and in constant pain from a urinary tract infection that was difficult to cure. As if these troubles were not enough, Carmen also had a severe skin infection.

We poured an arsenal of medical help into Carmen’s recovery. Photo shows her pretty face basking in the sunlight and in the warmth of everyone’s love.

The beauty and charm of Audrey and Meryl did not spare them from suffering. These kittens were homeless on the streets. At the tender age of four weeks, they were already sick. Each had a fever.

Illness can quickly destroy lives especially when the victims are as vulnerable as these innocent babies. Please take stray animals to a place where they can receive proper care.

As we start our 47th year of rescues, we maintain an important policy. We “go the extra mile” when it comes to providing prompt and, often expensive, veterinary treatments.

Audrey and Meryl were eventually adopted. A good home and the love of a family meant everything to them.

We are here for the animals who deserve so much more than the neglect, abandonment, and cruelty that they have always known.

"The scales of justice must be equal for all God’s creatures."
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**MEMORIALS:** Contributions may be sent in memory of a loved one. We acknowledge gifts to next of kin. All donations over $25 are published. Thank you for honoring:

*MISTY ALLEN*—in loving memory-Josie Kaestner

*BABIES*—in loving memory of all my babies-Sylvia Rodeffer

*JOHN BAKER*—in loving memory-Georgia Baker

*BARNEY*—in loving memory-Linda Black

*BELINDA and *MAX*—in loving memory-Shirley Fouts

*BELLA*—in loving memory of an AKC certified distinguished therapy dog with over 685 visits to military hospitals and nursing homes-Col. Charles C. Viall, Jr.

*BELOVED ANIMALS*—in loving memory of our wonderful animals-Darlene Fleckenstein

*JOSEPH BILANTA*—in loving memory-St. Hilary’s Church

*BLUE*—in loving memory of our Blue-Ronald John and Christie Ulrich

*VICTOR BONGIORNO*—in loving memory of our remarkable friend-Myra J. Goodrich

*BOO BOO*—in loving memory of my loyal, little man. I will be forever grateful for the joy and love you brought into my life. I love you and will miss your sweet kisses.-Dana Wenger

*PETER BOURSALIAN*—in loving memory-Kurt Tolzman

*BORIS and *TASHA*—in loving memory of brother and sister Siamese cats who brought so much joy to their family-Nancy Barrere

*FAYE E. BROWN*—in loving memory. Always in our hearts! Miss you every day!-Love, Karen Rose

*BURTON*—in loving memory-Howard Berliner

*CHARLIE*—in loving memory of your sweet boy-Renée and staff at the Animal Medical Clinic of Dulaney Valley

*KRISTA L. CHEPULIS and *PENNY*—in loving memory of our daughter and her faithful cat Polly who was her constant companion while she was previously ill-Jerry and Faye Chepulis

*CASEY COBUN*—in loving memory of Charlie and Susie’s beloved companion-Donna and Earl Maisel

*MRS. ALASTAIR M. COLLIE*—in loving memory-Michael Collie and Long & Foster Timonium

*ROBERT DALE*—in loving memory-Mary Jo F. Dale

*MARJORIE DALZELL and *BUDDY*—in loving memory-Frank Dalzell

*ROBERT LEE DODD, JR.*—in loving memory. Donors to the Robert Lee Dodd, Jr. Memorial Fund include: Rona & Jeremy Blumenthal; Claire Heath; and Laura, Carole, Carl, & Rob.

*DUKIE, *SOPHIE, and *SADIE*—in loving memory of my Boxers-Sally Neal

*DUNCAN*—in loving memory of your sweet boy-Renée and staff at the Animal Medical Clinic of Dulaney Valley

*FRANK EURDLEY*—in loving memory. Donors to the Frank Eardley Memorial Fund include: Audrey Rhodey and George & Cheryl Weidley.

*ECHO*—in loving memory of my little Echo. He was my best buddy. I will miss him dearly.-Jeremiah F. Donovan
It’s breakfast time for our farm animals. While our pigs enjoy being fed by Christine, their caregiver, Sweetie Pie steals the scene.

It was June 22, 2012, when we wrapped loving arms around a precious three-week-old lamb. She was suffering with “foot rot,” a bacterial infection that can result in an animal being crippled for life. Rather than fix this treatable condition, the owner of this beautiful baby planned to have her slaughtered.

Sweetie joined Buddy (black and white pig) and Bernie who were already living their best life at our shelter. In 2006, an animal control agency, some 65 miles away, brought Bernie to our shelter. Bernie belonged to someone during the “potbelly craze” when these animals were popular as house pets. When the fad was over, Bernie and many other animals were abandoned. In 2011, Buddy was found in a park. Children were poking fun at him. They had a can of lighter fluid. We hate to think what they were planning to do.

We put a lot of love into the care of needy animals. They are innocent in their hearts and ask only for our kindness.

KITTENS TO ADOPT AND LOVE

Jenny
Grayson & Brie
Taylor
As you know, veterinary science has come a long way. There are enough medicines and other preventative measures that no dog or cat should suffer from an infestation of fleas.

But, poor Bella was neglected. She was covered with fleas and could not stop scratching her body. Her nails tore up her skin and left painful scratches.

Bella was given injections to kill the fleas and to fight the infection.

This adorable dog was quickly adopted. She loves sleeping in bed.

Bella fills the house with happy noise from her many squeaky toys. She gives “high-fives” with her little paw.

Your donations for our rescue work have a life-changing impact on our homeless ones. Thank you from us and “high-fives” from little Bella.

PANDEMIC AFFECTS FAMILY PETS

Buster’s family member deeply loved her cat, and Buster flourished in that love. Sadly, COVID changed everything for this pair just as it did for other pets and their owners during the pandemic.

A job was lost. The home could no longer be saved. The bond between human and feline that spanned eight years had to be broken.

We have witnessed many sad partings like this one. Through tears, the people thank us for helping the pets they can no longer keep. We give their pets refuge and hope.

Buster needs a family. Please call us for an appointment to visit with this lovable cat. Cats have a long lifespan—often living to age 19 or 20. There is plenty of time for the two of you to enjoy each other’s company.

A WAY TO SHOW KINDNESS: Please remember Defenders of Animal Rights, Inc., in your will or on a life-insurance policy or savings account. Our Federal Tax I.D. number is 52-1061126. You will be helping animals like Gina who has been at our shelter two years and 3 months waiting for a home. Thank you.
*FRECKLES, *JODY, *MACK, *RAGS, *MAXIE, and *BREWSER-in loving memory. Even though they are gone, they remain in our hearts every day.-Laura and Ed Maloy
*DELANEY GADDIS-in loving memory-Katherine Miller
*DELANEY GADDIS-in loving memory. Happy Birthday, Laney.-With much love always, Aunt Dee and Uncle Wayne
*DELANEY GADDIS and *DEBORAH LIMMER-in loving memory-Maureen Foley
*DAVID GARR-in loving memory-James and Carole Hume
*JAMES GIGLIO (1935-2020)-in loving memory-Giglio Foundation
*GRETCHEN-in loving memory of our sweet, little Min Pin-Beverly Hudak
*PHYLLIS HUEBENTHAL-in loving memory-Helen Shugart
*JAKE and *LYLE-in loving memory-Lorraine Di Vincenzo
*JIMMY-in loving memory-Sharon Carr
*DORIS KABATH-in loving memory-Susan Kern
*CAROLYN KLINGENBERG-in loving memory-Jo Anne Stevens
*LARRY KILDUFF-in loving memory-Love, Joanne, Ken, Todd, Iris, Geoff, Lizzy, Penny, Kristine, Larry 3, Karen, Reese, and Kaylee
*MARGARET "PEGGY" LAMBROS-in loving memory. Donors to the Margaret "Peggy" Lambros Memorial Fund include: Penelope Haviland and Bailey & Christy St. Clair.
*LILLI KITTY-in loving memory-Patricia Cairnes
*DEBORAH LIMMER-in loving memory. Happy Birthday, Deb. We will always love you.-Dee and Wayne
*LOU DOG-in loving memory-Roxann and Steven King
*MARTHA DOG-in loving memory-Robbie Robinett and Charley Dog
*SARA MATTHIAS-in loving memory of Cheryl Matthias and Osher Pais’ beloved dog-Josie Kaestner
*MAX-in loving memory of Jason Rupin and Alan Cohen’s dear and precious Max-Ray Ballart
*MARY ANNE MCKINNON-in loving memory-Dr. and Mrs. John C. Ulrich
*MICAH, *MITCH, and *LUCY-in loving memory-Jane C. Phillips
*MOMMAMCCA-in loving memory of Nancy Kittinger’s beloved mom. She was a loving, kind, and very cool lady. She will never be forgotten.-Sherri
*DEBORAH NEAL-HARTMAN-in loving memory-Ashley Shanklin
*JOAN NICOLAY-in loving memory. A lover of all animals-Donna and Earl Maisel
*BRUNO OGDEN-in loving memory-Diane Degnan
*OTTO-in loving memory-Daniel Bernazani
*LUCY PARKER-in loving memory of Suzy Parker’s beloved English Pointer-Josie and Hank Kaestner
*ELLEN & ROY PARSONS-in loving memory-Elizabeth Grove
*PATCHES, *PEACHES, *SASSY, *ASHLEY, and *CRYSTAL-in loving memory. We will see you at the Rainbow Bridge.-Charles and Sandra Thillman
*PETER, *BEN, and *MICKIE-in loving memory of our beloved dogs. We loved you your entire lives and we’ll miss you the rest of ours.-Phil and Kristi Richardson
*MARK M. PINE-in loving memory-Harriett Pine
*POOH-in loving memory-the Esworthy family
*RAVEN-in loving memory of your sweet girl-Renée and staff at the Animal Medical Clinic of Dulaney Valley
*ROCKY and *REILLY-in loving memory-June Wynne
*SARAH-in loving memory-Paulette Merrell
*SASSY and *JACK-in loving memory-Karen Shearer
*SCHNITZEL-in loving memory of our beloved Dachshund-John and Sharon Sullivan
*PENNY SEVERINO-in loving memory of my precious girl. Forever in my heart-Marianne Severino
*SITA-in loving memory of Paige Rogers and Liz Stanwyck’s beloved cat-Cheryl Gelover
*ALAN JAMES SPENCER-in loving memory-Robert H. Leininger
*SPUNKY KITTY-in loving memory-Cindy Kubiet
*SUNNY-in loving memory of my beautiful Lab/Shepherd rescue. You will be forever in my heart.-Jacqueline Formato
*SWEETNESS and *GRETA-in loving memory-Caroline Courbois
*TITA-in loving memory of Colleen Najera’s sweet, precious, little Multi-Poo who was loved by all who knew her during her 16 years of life-Diann Creager
*MARK WATKINS, *RUFUS, and *P.J. PEAR-in loving memory-the Watkins and Mutschler Families
*JESSE WEISBERG-in loving memory-Ted and Lynn Weisberg
*BETTY WHITE-in loving memory. We thank all of the donors who made a special gift in honor of Betty White’s 100th birthday.
*KAREN ZEITLER and *SCOUT TASOULIS-in loving memory-Julee and Steve Ward
*ZIGGY-in loving memory-Alice Falcon
Dear Kind Member:

If only we had the words to describe how wonderful Petunia and Marvin are. It was an honor to help these dogs recover from their heartbreaking situations.

Petunia was about six months old when someone abandoned her. She was covered in feces and urine. She was skin and bones. Out on the streets, the days were long. The nights were cold. Petunia struggled with starvation.

An innocent puppy could only dream about human compassion and the hope that one day it might change her life for the good.

We would do anything for this puppy. We took care of her medical needs. We vowed she would never go hungry again. We fed Petunia regularly scheduled small meals until she gained the weight she desperately needed. She is a sweetheart. Always was and always will be.

Marvin had his own serious troubles. He had an elongated soft palate. The tip of his palate protruded into his airway, blocking normal airflow into his lungs. Marvin felt as though he were constantly choking. He needed an operation right away. His surgery alone cost $1,688.51. It was worth every single penny we spent to save the life of this adorable, little guy.

You make our life-saving mission possible. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you for whatever donation you can send today as we continue helping victims of neglect and cruelty. Please take care.

Moja Kovac president