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IN THEIR TIME OF NEED, OUR HELP MEANT EVERYTHING

Gordon

Gordon’s owner had to relocate to another state. Sadly, the move did not include this wonderful dog. When all was lost, Gordon found refuge at our shelter and loving arms to console him.

BELLE’S STORY

Our hearts go out to all the homeless animals. Every single day, they endure suffering and face the possibility of death.

Belle was living on the streets when Baltimore was experiencing a heat index of 104 degrees. The heat was enough to burn little paw pads. Enough to make a helpless cat or dog die from dehydration.

Belle was desperate for help, not only for herself, but for the five babies inside her. A Good Samaritan brought Belle to us. Belle had her adorable kittens in the safety of our shelter.

Harry (age 8) and Walter (age 7) never dreamed that in their senior years, they would be homeless. We treated all their medical issues. Both boys had periodontal disease and had to undergo the extraction of many teeth. With love and care, we pulled them through a tough time. Their greatest wish now? One loving home where they can remain together.

Belle & Kittens

“*The scales of justice must be equal for all God’s creatures.*"
MADE A COMPLETE RECOVERY: Herman is on the mend after suffering a fractured leg that, tragically, had to be amputated. Homeless animals are frequently hit by cars or they are victims of cruel acts. Please take them to a place where they can be helped. Herman is so lovable! He craves attention and enjoys being cradled in your arms.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED: We placed five-year-old Captain and his brother in a wonderful home! We were able to keep these cats together after their original family had to part with them.

GRATEFUL FOR CREATURE COMFORTS: Mitzie fell in love with the purple towel we used as a background for this photo. She loved how soft and cozy it felt and kept rolling around on it. It is a luxury that this four-month-old kitten never had when she was a helpless orphan.

EXCITING NEWS: As we write you, Peter is going home with a loving family. He has been through so much. He deserves a happy future. When Peter was homeless, he had an infection that, of course, was not treated. Sadly, his eye needed to be removed.

My eyes searched for kindness, and you made me whole again. Your compassion heals physical and emotional wounds. It’s no wonder that my furry friends and I look at you with admiration.

Please remember Defenders of Animal Rights, Inc., in your will (Federal Tax ID #52-1061126). You can ease the suffering of helpless animals and bring about peace and justice for future victims of abuse.

With gratitude and love, Mitzie ♥
BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY, THESE LIVES HAVE BEEN SAVED!

Sadly, for every rescued animal you see here, there are thousands of animals who know only hunger, suffering, and death. Won’t you please give a gift to help the work of Defenders of Animal Rights to continue? Thank you for making a difference in so many precious lives.

We hope you enjoy these photos of Margie’s puppies.
A CURE FOR THE “WINTER BLAHS”: We hope this story about Lizzie, one of our rescued dogs, will warm your heart. Her adoptive parents moved to the beach where Lizzie is living her best life ever! She has made lots of friends on her daily walks. Murph (light-colored dog) seems to be kissing his new “girlfriend” as they enjoy a beautiful sunset. Paw prints in the sand reflect the happiness of a dog who lived without hope until Defenders of Animal Rights saved her life.

IN THE EYES OF A HOMELESS ANIMAL, YOU CAN BE A HERO!
ADOPT A SHELTER PET.

Defenders of Animal Rights, Inc., is a nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating cruelty. Our shelter holds adoptable animals until they find good homes—no matter how long it takes. Donations for our work are tax deductible. We are pleased to inform you that 86.0% of your charitable dollar goes directly to Program Services for the animals.

We do not use a professional fundraiser or any fundraising organization. We do not sell, give, or lease donors’ names.

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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. Please clearly print your tribute. Call us if you need help getting over the loss of a cherished pet. Thank you for honoring:

*AXEL*- in loving memory of my beautiful Cocker Spaniel—Marion Quiroz
*BISCUIT*- in loving memory of the doggie with the Bette Davis eyes—Penny Webb
*BLINKEY*- in loving memory—Garnet M. Mummet
*BONNIE*- in loving memory of our little girl who shared her 18 years with us. She is missed! Enjoy seeing your brother Clyde and mama Onyx again.—the Dobry family
*BUDDY*- in loving memory of our boy—Love, Mommy and Dad
*BURTON*- in loving memory—Howard Berliner
*BUSTER BOY*- in loving memory—Gregory Reed
*CRAZIER*- in loving memory of Kathye and John Geary's beloved dog. Never forgotten.—Sherri Pennock
*ANNA P. DOUGLAS*- in loving memory of my Mom. Always in my heart—Beverly Browning
*ELLERBE*- in loving memory. We miss our special boy.—Jeanne McGuire
*ALICIA GAUGER*- in loving memory. Donors to the Alicia Gauger Memorial Fund include: Patricia Gauger, Donald Giblin, Susannah Horrom, Donna Marx, Linda Rosier, and Sandra Vecere.
*LEAH GOSTOMSKI*- in loving memory—Lisa and Jim Minter
*RUBY GRANT*- in loving memory of the Grant family's beloved dog—Hank and Josie Kaestner
*GIL GRUZYNSKI*- in loving memory—Dr. Leona Gruzynski
*ANDREW HALL*- in loving memory. Donors to the Andrew Hall Memorial Fund include: Sharon & Tim Elliott, Jane Gilbert, Marie Noplock, and Thales THT.
*HARPER*- in loving memory of my beloved Harper who is greatly missed—Beth Searfoss
*HOLLYWOOD*- in loving memory of Ma. Joyce Dunnigan's sweet, little dog—Leah Bark
*INDIANA JONES* and *GIGI FLEUR*- in loving memory—Caroline Courbois
*PAT IRVIN*- in loving memory—Richard Irvin
*IVY* and *PAULINE*- in loving memory of my beloved dog Ivy and my Mother Pauline—Gale Patrick
*JAKE* and *LYLE*- in loving memory—Lorraine DiVincenzo
*NITA JOHNSON*- in loving memory—Valerie Earwood
*DEBORAH LIMMER* and *DELANEY GADDIS*- in loving memory—Maureen Foley
*MIRIAM K. LINDER*- in loving memory—Constance McCulloch
*LOUIE*- in loving memory—Barbara Asner
*MAGGIE*- in loving memory—Love, Laury and Lewis
*GERTRUDE MCCILURE*- in loving memory of my Mom—Kim Rudd
*MARY ANNE MCKINNON*- in loving memory. Donors to the Mary Anne McKinnon Memorial Fund include: Mary Lu Fisher, Sharon Mayr, Lorraine Tomsik, and John & Emily Ulrich.
*MILLER*- in loving memory—Rebecca Bartholow and family
*MILLIE* and *BELOVED PETS*- in loving memory of my wife and all the pets that shared our home—James Casey
*MINKIE*- in loving memory—Ruth Rose
*MR. RED*- in loving memory—Mary Trimble
*BERNARD MURRAY*- in loving memory—Lorraine M. Lancaster
*ROSS MULFORD MYERS*- in loving memory. Donors to the Ross Mulford Myers Memorial Fund include: Diana Bond; Saundra Fitzell; Hugh Gelston; Kathie Metz; Luther, Richard, & Barbara Myers; and Alexa Sorant.
*Nyla*- in loving memory of our sweet girl—Nicole and Jason Wiener
*OPIE* and *MOE G.*- in loving memory—Robert Knight
*CLAIRE OWENS*- in loving memory—Glenn L. Strohm
*OZZY*- in loving memory of my beautiful orange and white boy who lived the purrfect cat life to the fullest for 14½ years! Your mama misses you.—Jo Ann Jordan
*PATCHES, *PEACHES, *SASSY, *ASHLEY, and *CRYSTAL*- in loving memory. We’ll meet you at the Rainbow Bridge.—Charles and Sandy Thrallman
*PETEY* and *PENNY*- in loving memory—Agnes M. Keller
*BECKY REARDON*- in loving memory—Mary E. Reardon
*RHODE*- in loving memory—Rosemary Bronzet
*RICKY*- in loving memory of my little Yorkie—Elaine Reinger
*SASSY, *TYXEN, *PIXIE, *FANCY, and *NIM*- in loving memory—Phyliss Wynn
*SHORTSTOP*- in loving memory of Karen and Joe DiMartino’s beloved dog and friend—Norman, Joanne, and Redd
*CATHERINE HAMPTON WHITE SPIGHT*- in loving memory. Donors to the Catherine Hampton White Spight Memorial include: Carl & Janet Ross and Patryce Toye.
*BENJAMIN THORE THOMPSON*- in loving memory—Allen and Loretta Thompson
*TIPPY, *TAL, *LEE, *WHITE RING, *BUDDY, *FLUTTER, *LADYBUG, *SAVANNAH, *TIGGER, and *KATI*- To the sweetest hearts! You were the angelic lights of my life—then and forever. Sending you forever love from your Mom.—Dr. Susan Engel
*Tom* and *GERI*- in loving memory—Donald Conway
*TYKE, *TIPPY, *KITA, *SPIKE, *BOO-BOO, *MAMA KITTY, and *SHADOW*- in loving memory of all my beautiful pets. You are all missed but I’ll see you again on the other side of the Rainbow Bridge. Thank you for giving me such beautiful memories.—Linda Seawell
*ZEKE*- in loving memory of a sweet, sometimes ornery, little black/grey Chihuahua. We loved him dearly.—Paulette Merrell
*ZOE*- in loving memory of our beloved “little girl”—Laurie and Evans Winemiller
Dear Kind Member:

Nothing could prepare us for Margie’s shocking appearance and tragic plight. During our 46 years of helping animals, we have seen far too many victims of starvation. Now, we found ourselves treating another sad case—a mother of nine puppies. This devoted mom successfully weaned all her babies even though she herself was starving to death. Needless to say, Margie and her family had our hearts and every bit of our help.

Animal control officers seized these animals from a backyard. They described the situation as “unsanitary and neglectful”. We set about righting a wrong by providing shelter, nourishing meals, urgent medical care, and, of course, love.

It is no surprise that Margie was anemic. Her entire body was covered with fleas. As an outside dog, there was no escaping them. Margie was also suffering from other health issues including severe malnutrition as well as mastitis, a painful condition that often occurs when a dog has nursed puppies.

But, the moment this tortured dog saw us, she was giving kisses and wagging her tail. Animals know when they are blessed by kindness and when they are finally safe.

This is our special holiday appeal. It is a time when we hope for many donations to keep our rescue work going. This one family of ten needed an enormous amount of care. We took Margie to an ophthalmologist because her right eye was smaller than normal. The doctor said that a previous untreated infection caused scarring on her left eye and likely led to the demise of her right eye.

We go “the extra mile” for homeless and abused animals and wouldn’t have it any other way. But, we really need your help now. Thank you for whatever contribution you can send today. Please know we deeply appreciate your compassion and generosity—precious and rare qualities in a world that can be horribly cruel to helpless animals.

Maggie Kovic, president

P.S. Please don’t miss Margie’s puppies, featured inside this newsletter.