



"The Kennel of Hope"

# Tails of Hope

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## *Love and Kindness are Alive and Well!*

After a huge amount of work and prayers, our 2020 WAEB Radiothon—our biggest fundraiser of the year—closed its total at a record setting \$212,533! That is wonderful news and an impressive total. It goes without saying that we really needed those funds, since we went into the Radiothon with an operating deficit of over \$250,000. That deficit was and is due to the huge number of animals we are called upon to help, and the escalating costs of veterinary services and supplies, food, kennel supplies (for example, we go through a mountain of cat litter every month), utilities....well, you know.

What always is so impressive and touching about the Radiothon is the outpouring of love and kindness from so many people. Donors send pledges with the kindest notes. Volunteers schedule their vacations around the Radiothon, and some (many) use precious vacation days so they can help out all during Radiothon week. Several businesses, not the least of which is the WAEB team, donate services and items for prizes so that 100% of the funds we raise go directly to animal rescue and care.

Sometimes, when the evil and sadness in the world get so overwhelming, we think of the caring and devoted friends of our shelter/sanctuary and are reminded that much good and decency still exist in the world. It is so easy to give up sometimes, but giving up is not an option if we want to continue to care for the lives we have saved, and to save even more lives. Some of these animals have gone through years of pain and desperation, and still they are able to try just one more time; they won't give up, and neither will we and our many wonderful friends.

Thank you. You have made light shine in the darkness;

made life an option over death; made hope possible; and banished despair. May you and those you care about be blessed with the knowledge that your kindness and support have made a huge difference in this world, and in the lives of hundreds of animals who call Animals in Distress their sanctuary and their home.

### **A Reality Check**

The pandemic has changed the way everyone does things.

Our sanctuary has had to cancel many fundraisers and activities, or modify them so we keep everyone safe. The Radiothon events were modified, the bingo has now been re-scheduled for the spring of 2021, and the Blessing of the Animals will be virtual this year (details inside this newsletter).

We will offer our Wag Walk Walkathon with a few modifications in October, as well as a golf event. First priority is always everyone's safety. BUT we also have to keep raising money. We can't sit back

and relax because our Radiothon set a new record. We must always keep striving to try to keep up with escalating medical, utility, and other costs. Our rescue work is never done. Lives are at stake. And our friends and supporters, for whom we have the greatest gratitude and love, are the wind beneath our wings.

Thank you for believing in our work. Thank you for your encouragement and support. Most of all, thank you for making this world a better, kinder, and more loving place. In these difficult times, we all need to know that such love and decency still exist.



# Thanks to Our Business Sponsors and Wonderful Donors

Many thanks to the generous businesses and people who make it possible for almost 100% of the money raised to go directly to the animals. Many changes in how we usually do things had to be made due to the pandemic. Everyone just adapted as needed, and everyone was wonderful.

Radio station **WAEB** and **Bobby Gunther Walsh** were generous in their continuing support. **Ironton Telephone** again provided the phone system, while our volunteers made the necessary changes so the phones could be answered at the shelter rather than in the studio. **The Pet Friendly Vinart Dealerships** were again the underwriting sponsor for Sunday's food, which was an assortment of prepared items like **Yocco's** hotdogs, **Jersey Mike's** hoagies, assorted baked good from **Egypt Star**, munchies from **Herr's**, etc.

*A very special thank you to Allentown Farmer's Market and Merchants (Mr. Bill's, Johnny's Fresh Meats, Amish Village Bake Shop, Lucy & Lolly's All Natural Pit Stop, among others) and to Relic Hunter Firing Line for hosting live remotes at their places of business on Saturday and running various fundraisers for us. The hospitality and true support for our work, shown by both of these businesses, exceeded all expectations. What a wonderful way to have fun, meet some great people, and raise much needed funds for our work!! Special thanks also to Gene Dickison/MTM Financial and to WAEB's Craig Stevens and Dan Holzman, and other WAEB Team members—Mandy, Kathryn, & Lisa—and to Res-Q 1250 for generously donating their Sunday air time and products, and to Don Wenner / DLP Realty for donating live radio time from 4-5 pm plus a very generous challenge...*

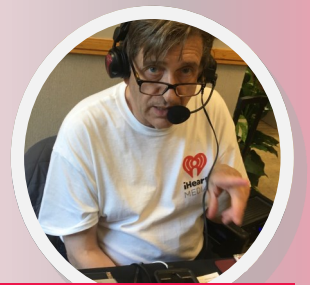
Thanks also to the businesses and individuals who donated money for **Challenge Hours**, to inspire people to give and match the challenge: **Nestles Purina PetCare, Perkiomen Animal Hospital, For Cats Only Veterinary Hospital, Kiffle Kitchen Bakery, Vinart Auto Dealerships, Alpha Optical of Emmaus, and many individuals who donated in honor or memory of past and present pets or people.**

## And the Winners Are....!

**Dinner with Gunther** was won by Terry & Alice Pagotto of Bath, Carolyn Seifert of Bethlehem, John Horner of Easton. **Ray Ban** sunglasses were won by Debra Manlin of Bethlehem, **Mr. Bill's** gift certificate was won by Susan & Stuart Schmookler of Allentown, a solar radio was won by Mary Williams of Alburtis, & a collector's dish was won by Charlotte Munson of Bangor. Mark McCarty of Easton won a beach basket, and carpets from **Joe Mascari** were won by Christine Ehresman of Emmaus,

Carol Laird of Nazareth, & Mike Bolza of Emmaus. A \$200 gift certificate at the **Hotel Bethlehem** will be enjoyed by lucky Linda Audenried of Bath. Holly & Dennis Gambler of Nazareth won a \$500 gift certificate donated by **Hager Furniture**, and a \$500 gift certificate from **Joe Mascari's Carpets and Rugs International** was won by Karen Schwindenhammer of Coplay. A "Get Away" at **Oliver's Salon & Day Spa** was won by Bonnie Moyer of Lyons.

Sharon Hahn of Northampton will be making delicious food on the gas grill donated by **Lehigh Supply Appliances**. Dave & Tinder Bassler of Schnecksville will be playing golf at **Wedgewood Golf Course**, and Leonard Blaner of Bethlehem will not have any car problems thanks to a visit from **Steve's Roadside Service**.



**Please support businesses who make our work possible!**

**Also, send thank you's to Bobby at: Bobby Gunther Walsh, WAEB, 1541 Alta Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052**

**More Thanks...** So many people were part of this Radiothon and helped in so many ways.

Denny Repsher maintains the digital records of every pledge, while Bev Repsher coordinates the phone answering, assisted by Linda Hoffert, Deb Purdy, Linda Lawhorn, Cindy Deutsch, Barb Groff, . Rose Yanger and Denise Schaffer manned the weekend phone calls. Rose Yanger coordinated the call-ins and challenge and matching money, as well as the prizes and thank you's.

Mail processing for several weeks was handled by Lois Gadek, and Sharon Werner. Also, Lois called in to Bobby's show twice hourly to tell stories of the many rescues done since the past Radiothon and wrote the newsletters.

Coordinating the set-up of tables, and food at the kennel was an army of volunteers, coordinated by Kelly Hartnett (who also handled phone calls after Bobby's show went off the air), Linda Hoffert, and Bob Johnson. Countless volunteers performed countless tasks, which would take this whole newsletter to list, including picking up tables and chairs and food

items and.....the list is endless.

Joining Bobby at **Allentown Farmer's Market** and **Relic Hunters Firing Line** on Saturday was another group of volunteers.

Sincere thanks to all who helped in any way. Events like these take a lot of work and countless hours. Because of the generosity of our volunteers and supporters, 100% of the money raised goes directly to help animals.

Does it matter? Almost 400 cats and dogs now at our sanctuary would say your support means life or death for them and so many others. **Thanks and thanks again for making this year's Radiothon a success ... and for saving lives.**



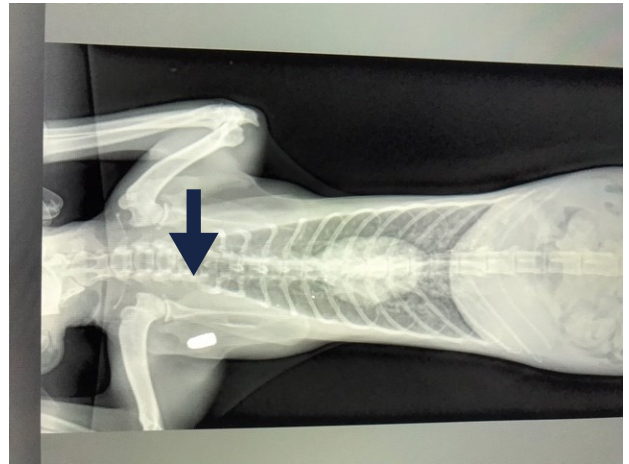
**Anton sampled the food and gave it a PAWS UP!**



## When Is A Rescue Over?

Imagine if an animal is “rescued” and then killed because it is sick, or too old, or too scared, or.... You can fill in the blank. At Animals in Distress, “rescue” means doing whatever is necessary to save a life and provide follow up care as necessary. Sometimes, a rescue becomes much more involved than we anticipated. But that does not mean we give up. A case to illustrate this is a cat named Hannah, whom you read about in the June newsletter.

She was a stray cat who suffered terribly. Some sadistic person had shot her, and she was paralyzed in her hind legs. Unable to find food or protect herself, she was dying slowly and in pain and fear. Hannah received excellent veterinary care. Surgery was done to remove the bullet and address other



The arrow points to where the bullet was



Hannah after second surgery on spine and bladder

concerns. Hannah was doing so well in the foster home of Kelly Hartnett. She was walking (not perfectly, but she was walking) and seemed to be on the way to a miraculous and heartwarming recovery.

Then, tragedy struck. She stopped eating and was in pain. Her mobility was limited because of the pain. This spunky “survivor” miracle was taking a bad turn, and we didn’t know why. We weren’t going to quit on helping Hannah. She had come through so much. It would be unthinkable to not try everything we could to give her a decent life.

We consulted with a neurologist who explained that the bullet had done more damage than expected. Not to get too technical, the area around her spine where the bullet had lodged was calcifying, causing pressure on

nerves. In addition, her bladder was full of stones. The poor cat. What excruciating pain she must have been in.

There was no other humane option but to have surgeries done to remove the bladder stones (that’s a fairly common surgery in people and animals) and to have the calcifications around her spine removed. After the surgeries, Hannah stayed in the hospital several days for follow up care and pain management. She has been recuperating at Kelly’s house for a few weeks now and is doing well, considering.

Hannah may never regain full mobility, but she can stand and take a few steps. She is being given physical therapy every day and seems to get better as time goes on. We pray that she will have many quality years ahead of her. We don’t know if she will ever get adopted, although we have successfully placed many animals with special needs over the years (including Anton, the cat pictured on page 1, who was totally paralyzed when we rescued him). But regardless of what the future holds, Hannah will be safe and loved for the rest of her life. That is the promise we make to EVERY animal we rescue.



Hannah cuddles with Kelly with love and appreciation



Prayers for  
all animals  
and for  
those who  
love and  
protect  
them.

## Blessing of the Animals

Our annual Blessing of the Animals Ceremony will be held at 2:00 pm on Sunday, October 4. Due to the pandemic, we will be unable to host the event at the shelter. Instead, since we know how much the Blessing means to all of us, the Blessing will be conducted virtually through ZOOM. Using your tablet/computer/smart phone, go to the [ZOOM.us](https://www.zoom.us) website. Select "Join Meeting." Enter the meeting ID: [4659939207](https://www.zoom.us/j/4659939207). OR Call the following number: 1 301 715 8592, Enter the ID number when prompted.

Also, if you can't attend the Blessing, you may send in the name of your pet(s) on the donation coupon on page 7, and those pets will be included in the Blessing.

## Wag Walk Walkathon Saturday, October 10 (rain date Oct. 11)

at beautiful Lake Nockamixon, Quakertown - the full brochure is included in this newsletter.

The event is fun and great exercise, plus it raises much needed funds for our sanctuary. And people can come without pets too. *Cat owners are also welcome, even if the cats prefer to lounge at home! Various games will entertain pets and people until the actual Walk begins.*



*All CDC guidelines will be followed (masks, social distancing, etc.) so everyone can have a fun and safe event.*

Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. (at the Marina—follow signs) Walk starts at 11:30 a.m. (approximately 2.5 miles)

*You, your pet, your family and friends are invited to a day of fun, food, fresh air, and great exercise*

For more information call Kelly at: 610-762-8553 or email her at [khart70906@aol.com](mailto:khart70906@aol.com).

Shelter website ([www.animalsindistresspa.org](http://www.animalsindistresspa.org))

*If it is raining on Oct 10, CALL 610-762-8553 after 8 am to get the event status.*

**7th Annual Charity Golf Tournament, 4 Person Scramble, October 17, at Shepherd Hills Golf Club, Wescosville, PA. Shotgun Start—9am. Registration—8-8:45 am. Entry Fee—\$70 per golfer or \$280 for complete foursome paid by Oct. 3, \$75 per golfer if paid after Oct. 3, and \$80 day of event.** Entry includes Greens fees, cart, and beer. Value Packs, Mulligans, Secret String available for purchase that day. Golf and raffle prizes will be awarded afterwards at the pavilion at the golf course. To register: use form from our website, and mail it and a check payable to Bill Liming, 1344 Brassie St., Wescosville, PA 18106. Call Bill at 610-703-2970 or email him at [Bill@teetimegolfpass.com](mailto:Bill@teetimegolfpass.com) with any questions. Proceeds benefit Animals in Distress & The First Tee: Lehigh Valley & Berks.



I agree to assume all responsibility for any and all risk or damage or injury that may occur to me (or my dog) as a participant in the Pet Walk. I will assume all risks associated with participating in the event including, but not limited to, illness, traveling to and from the event, falls, contact with spectators or other participants, and the effects of the weather (including extremes of temperature and/or humidity), and the surface condition of the course or staging area. I affirm that the dog(s) participating with me is/are currently licensed, with current Parvo, Distemper and Rabies vaccinations. In consideration of being accepted as an entrant in this event, I hereby for myself, my heirs, minor child or ward, and executors and administrators of all the foregoing release and discharge the City of Quakertown, Township of Haycock, Dept of Conservation and Natural Resources, Commonwealth of PA, Animals in Distress, its employees, Board of Trustees, sponsors, volunteers and all persons associated herewith from all claims, damages, rights of action present or anticipated, resulting from or arising out of, or incident to, my participation in this event. I agree to permit the free use of my name and picture in any broadcast, telecast, or other account of this event.

Parent/Guardian signature if under 18

Is a non-profit, tax deductible organization dedicated to rescuing and rehabilitating abused, abandoned, and injured cats and dogs.

Our no-kill sanctuary receives NO public money from taxes or municipal sources and relies totally on donations and fund raisers for its income. ALL non-animal care work is done by volunteers, so that 100% of ALL donations go to help the animals.

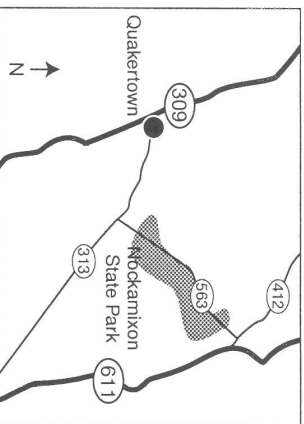


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**“WAG-WALK”**

**Bring a blanket or lawn chair**



## Prizes:

- The student/child (under 18) with the largest amount of

## Dog Rules:

reserves the right to remove any dog that

## People Rules:

accompanied by an adult; under 18 must have a



## All Pledges are Tax Deductible

Participant's Name (print)

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## Sponsor Sheet

# Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Pet's name \_\_\_\_\_

## Registration Fee:

**\$10.00 - Pre-Registration (postmark Oct. 2)**

**\$15.00 - Day of Event**

## Total Raised

**(DO NOT WRITE IN THIS BOX ^ We will fill it out the day of the event)**

**Participants** under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. All participants must

sign waiver & release form (see back).

**Pre-Register:** Form and \$10 entry fee

**Sent to:**

# Animals in Distress Wag Walk,

**c/o Kelly Hartnett,**

**2761 W. Fairview Street,**

**Allentown, PA 18104**

## The participants raising the most

**sponsorship \$ will choose among a vari-**

**ety of gift baskets and gift cards. The**

**person raising the most \$ chooses**

**first and so on. Ties will be resolved by**

**a drawing to determine the order of prize**

**selection. Participants will receive a gift**

**bag at check-in, while supplies last.**

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.....Please detach this coupon and mail it to: Animals in Distress, P.O. Box 609, Coopersburg, PA 18036 .....

**Enclosed is my gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ so that the neediest pets like Panda, Hannah, and others like them can get a second chance in a world that seldom gives second chances.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_



**Check box if you prefer that we don't send you a receipt.**

Check is Enclosed or Charge my Credit Card

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Panda  
relaxes  
with his  
toys in his  
foster  
home



➡ **I can't attend the Blessing of the Animals but want my pets blessed:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (list names)



**Panda after surgery,  
feeling much better**

Every year, we perform several rescues that perfectly embody the importance of our work and of the Radiothon which raises essential funds to save these lives. This year, we were contacted by a desperate woman whose Jack Russell terrier had a broken leg. The pup had been passed around to a few homes, and this kind lady rescued it. However, she has 4 small children and suspected that one of them accidentally broke the puppy's leg. She took the pup to a vet hospital for x-rays, and was quoted an enormous price to fix the leg. She got some pain meds, and the hospital bandaged the leg. However, the puppy cried for days when the pain meds wore off, and she was desperate. She reached out for help from several places and was turned away. Someone suggested that she call Animals in Distress, and she knew this was her last hope.

At such times, we can't sit around debating what to do. If such animals are to have any chance, they need medical care right away. No guarantee

of outcome, but at least a chance—which is what they would not get elsewhere.

The 15 week old puppy, named Panda, was operated on by our vet and spent weeks at the hospital so they could manage his pain, change his bandages, and work on trying to maintain his muscle tone. The break was in danger of shifting, so it was extremely important that he be kept very calm. Recently, one of the veterinary technicians at the hospital offered to foster him so Panda could get physical therapy several times a day.

As you can see, the donations we get from all of YOU are the difference between pain and death, or life and hope. At just 15 weeks, this pup experienced more pain and fear than some of us experience in a lifetime, and he just needed someone to step up and save him. **That someone is YOU.**

### **Nominations for the Board:**

The Nominating Committee invites members in good standing to nominate candidates for service on the shelter's Board of Trustees for 2021. Board members are unpaid, are expected to donate an average of 10 hours per week, and participate in various areas of administration and fund raising. To nominate someone, including yourself, send the candidate's resume, a letter specifying what area(s) the candidate is prepared to serve in, and a letter from the candidate expressing ability to serve, and mail the nomination to: Nominating Committee, Animals in Distress, P.O. Box 609, Coopersburg, PA 18036. Nominations must be received by Oct. 14.

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best yet! Read all  
the news and lots  
more, plus learn about  
our upcoming **Blessing of  
the Animals (October 4 on  
ZOOM)** and our **Wag Walk  
(Oct 10)**.