



"The Kennel of Hope"

Tails of Hope

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Thanks to an incredible effort by many people, our 2022 WAEB Radiothon—our biggest fundraiser of the year—closed with a total of \$201,108! That is wonderful news. We really needed those funds, since we went into the Radiothon with an operating deficit of over \$200,000. 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.

We are always deeply moved by 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 during Radiothon week. Several businesses, not the least of which is the WAEB/iHeart team, donate services and



items for prizes so that 100% of the funds we raise go directly to animal rescue and care.

Listening to news reports of all the violence and cruelty in the world can be so disheartening. However, when we think of the caring and devoted friends of our shelter/sanctuary, we 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 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.



These pictures were taken on Monday night, which is our volunteer night. This child and his mother have been coming for years, and always spend the evening cuddling and playing with the cats. Isn't it wonderful that a place like Animals in Distress exists, a place where unconditional love can be found, a place where children can experience the world in a positive and loving way?

Thanks to Our Business Sponsors and Wonderful Donors

Many thanks to the generous businesses and people who make it possible for 100% of the money raised to go directly to the animals.

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 of the Radiothon and for Sunday's food, which was an assortment of prepared items like **Yocco's** hotdogs, **Jersey Mike's** hoagies, assorted baked good from the **Amish Village Bake Shop**, munchies from **Herr's**, etc.

*A special thank you to **Allentown Farmer's Market** and Merchants (**Mr. Bill's**, **Johnny Fresh Meats**, **Amish Village Bake Shop**, **Lucy & Lolly's**, among others). Thanks to the **Allentown Farmer's Market** and **The Ritz BBQ** for hosting live remotes at their places of business on Saturday. The hospitality and true support for our work, shown by all of these businesses, exceeded all expectations. What a wonderful way to have fun, meet some great people, and raise much needed funds!!*

*Special thanks to WAEB's **Craig Stevens** and **Dan Holzman** and other WAEB Team members and to **Res-Q 1250** for generously donating their products and 1-3 Sunday air time , and to **Don Wenner / DLP Realty** for donating live air time and an exciting challenge from 4-5 pm .*

*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**, **DLP Realty**, & many individuals who donated in honor or memory of pets or people.*



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make our work
possible!



And the Winners Are....!

Dinner with Gunther was won by Lori Brosious of Bethlehem, Pete Washburn of Slatedale, and Richard and Linda Kugler of Center Valley. Tickets and prizes to the **Allentown Fair** shows were won by Paulette Kovacs of Whitehall, Karen Guzy of Macungie, Susan Smith of Whitehall, Marianne Miller of E. Greenville, & Sally Searfass of Allentown.

A \$250 gift certificate to the **Hotel Bethlehem** will be enjoyed by lucky Vicki Arcieri of Zionsville. Gary and Dot Midash of Bethlehem 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 Philip and Joan Yoder of Allentown.

A "Get Away" at **Oliver's Salon & Day Spa** was won by Jan Rumbaugh, and a facial from **Oliver's** was won by Nancy Ritter of Coopersburg.

Sheryl Schaffer of Walnutport will be making delicious food on the gas grill donated by **Lehigh Supply Appliances**. Oliver Hochron of Allentown will be playing golf at **Wedgewood Golf Course**.

Iron Pigs tickets were won by Donald Vought, Dave Abert, Raymond Ivanitch, Ellen Fedorak, Joan Thompson, & David Fedak.

Please support
the businesses
who make our
Radiothon
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 during the week, assisted by Barb Groff, Kelly Hartnett, Cindy Deutsch, Kelly Hartnett, Sally Saeger, Linda Hoffert, & Deb Purdy. Kelly also covered calls after hours. Rose Yanger, Cindy Deutsch, Nancy Mihalko, Sally Saeger, Denise Schaffer (and her AID dog Eli) manned the weekend phone calls. Rose also coordinated the challenge and matching money, as well as the prizes and thank you's.

Mail processing for several weeks was handled by AID Treasurer Sharon Werner. Lois Gadek called in to Bobby's show twice hourly to tell stories of the many rescues done since the last Radiothon, was live on air with Bobby on Sunday, and wrote the newsletters.

Coordinating the set-up of tables and food at the kennel was an army of volunteers, coordinated by Kelly Hartnett, Linda Hoffert, and Bob Johnson. Maureen Leahy cooked the hamburgers, Steve Homick, Bob Johnson, and Kelly helped with the grilling, Sherri Hillborn and Viviane Heller worked the kitchens, Cheryl Schneider, Tracy Auray Klingamann and Robin Ruch and many other volunteers performed countless tasks, which would take this whole newsletter to list, including making incredible baskets for the Basket Social, cleaning & arranging everything.....we couldn't have such an event without everyone! Special thanks to DJ Tony Bronico for his great music. We all loved it!

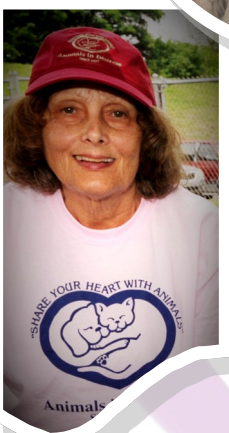
Joining Bobby at **Allentown Farmer's Market** and **Ritz Barbecue** on Saturday was another group of volunteers, including Sandy Seng, Deb Purdy, & Andrea & Mackenzie Harry.

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.

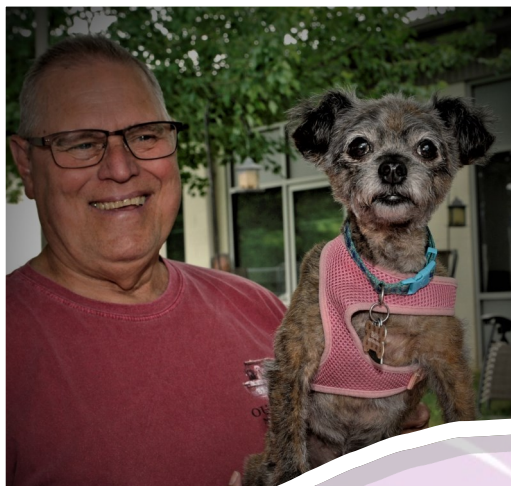
Does it matter? Hundreds of cats and dogs now at our sanctuary, or adopted into loving, forever homes, would say that your support means life or death for them and so many others. **Thanks and thanks again for making this year's Radiothon a success ... and for saving lives.**

The pictures on the next pages capture many of the people, animals, and events on Radiothon Sunday. We hope you enjoy them.

Radiothon 2022



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First turtle to ever attend an AID event! He's wearing an AID magnet!!



Save These Dates

Kennel of Hope Indoor Yard Sale, Saturday, October 1 at *Animals in Distress*—rain or shine! You may rent a table space for only \$10. Bring your own table and canopy. Contact Kelly at 610-762-8553 or khart70906@aol.com with questions or to reserve a space. You really should stop by and take advantage of many great items we will offer. 100% of the money raised will go to help the shelter animals, so you can shop without guilt!!!!



Blessing of the Animals Our annual Blessing of the Animals Ceremony will be held at 3:00 pm on Sunday, October 2, at our shelter. This very special day will include a memorable service highlighted by live music and thoughtful readings and reflections on the joy pets bring into our lives. Each pet that is blessed will receive a St. Francis medal. **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 a special blessing at the event.**

Wag Walk Walkathon Saturday, October 29 (rain date Oct. 30) at beautiful Lake Nockamixon, Quakertown—the full brochure will be included in our next newsletter, but you can access it now online at our website: animalsindistresspa.org. 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.*



The following events are held at various locations, as indicated.

We will be participating at these events, so please visit our table and say hello!

Coopersburg Community Day, September 17 - downtown Coopersburg

Lower Milford Township Festival, September 24 from 11 to 5 - enjoy a true country festival, with food, music, local vendors, craftsmen, - a family event for young and old! Held at the municipal building, 7606 Chestnut Hill Church Rd. off of Limeport Pike, Coopersburg.

.....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 Flicker, Chloe, 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 (Visa, Mastercard, Discover)

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Name on card (print) _____

Signature _____



Flicker & Chloe are
alive today because
of YOU



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

_____ (list names)

Thank You for Lending Many Friendly Paws a Helping Hand!

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 elderly brother had died, leaving two senior dogs alone in his house. No one in the family could or would take in the dogs. The man's sister travelled a long distance each day to feed the dogs once a day, but she became desperate when the executor of the estate ordered the dogs to be evicted, and he didn't care how. He even said that she should just take them out somewhere and 'dump' them!! She reached out for help from several places and was turned away except to euthanize them. 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 help right away. No guarantee of outcome, but at least a chance—which is what they would not get elsewhere.

Neither dog had seen a veterinarian for years. The 13 year old Chihuahua, named Flicker



Flicker

(pictured at left), was in the worst condition: her nails were so long that they curled back into her foot pads, her mouth was so decayed that all her teeth had rotted out or broken off, and a mass the size of a plum hung from her belly. Both dogs were dirty, very underweight, and in need of help. Worst of all, Flicker was in kidney failure and had to be hospitalized. We still don't know if she will survive, but we are hopeful. We will give you an update in the next newsletter.

The other dog is a 10 year old terrier mix named Chloe. She is in similar condition but is not as critical since she is not exhibiting signs of kidney failure. Both dogs are very sweet and trusting, and they appreciate being fed and treated with such kindness.

As you can see, the donations we get from all of YOU are the difference between pain and death, or life and hope, for animals like these. **That help comes from people like 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 2023. Board members are unpaid, are expected to donate at least 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.

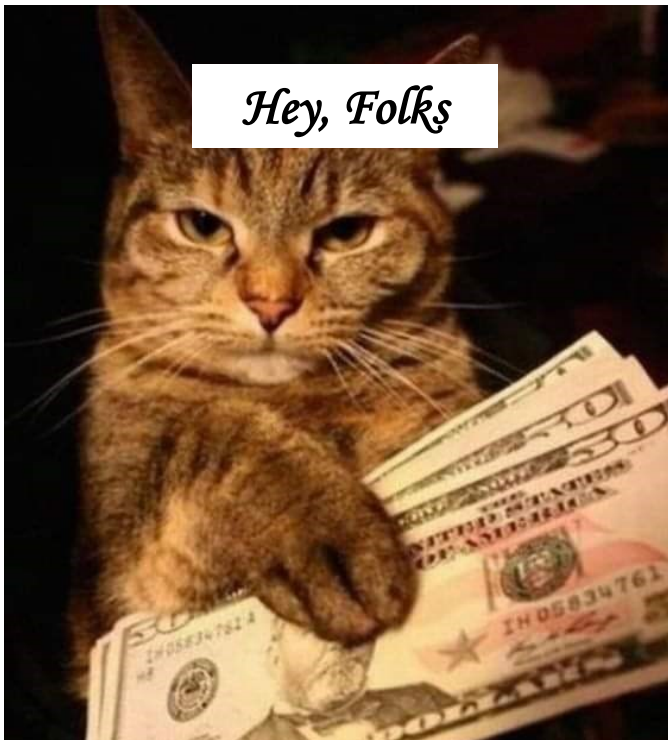
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Hey, Folks

I have purrfect news for you!

Thanks to all our friends, our 2022
WAEB Radiothon was a success.
Hundreds of cats and dogs here at
the Kennel of Hope wanted to give
you a PAWS UP for your help.

You can read all the details in this
newsletter, but I wanted to
purrsonally thank you for caring.

We don't have families of our own,
but we do have a family here at
Animals in Distress. And YOU are
part of that family.

We love you.