



"The Kennel of Hope"

Tails of Hope

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Believe in Goodness

The election campaigning this year is over, and hopefully much of the nastiness will stop. The sadness and violence in the media make many people believe that we are all doomed, that there are no more kind and decent people left.

Based on our experiences here at Animals in Distress, it is fair to say that yes, there is a lot of sadness in this world. And yes, people can be disappointing. However, here at our Kennel of Hope, we also see so much that is good and kind, and caring, and we wanted to share this message with you at this time of year. As the holidays approach, we naturally think of family: we look forward to spending extra time with our loved ones, and we weep silently for those who will no longer share our holidays with us.

The word 'family' is always complex, since family can mean a group of folks who care about each other. People who aren't necessarily related by blood, but rather are related by heart. In that sense, we want you to know that YOU are part of our shelter family. Those who have adopted pets from us, those who share their volunteer time to make our shelter happier, those who care for our 300+ shelter residents, and those who support our work financially—all of you are part of our family, and we are so very grateful this Thanksgiving to know that you care about those forgotten by many others.



In that spirit, then, we wanted to share a story with you, on page 6, in the hope that it will renew your faith in goodness, and your belief that kindness can prevail in our world despite media and political forces that often tell only stories of sadness and greed. Despite the media reports to the contrary, there are A LOT of really kind and generous people in this world. Animals in Distress would never be entering its 46th year if there weren't a lot of kind people who believe in helping the most forsaken pets. And many, many of those kind people are reading this newsletter right now!

Old Age Is Not A Disease!

Too many people get tired of their pets and abandon or neglect them. In rescue work, we hear people exclaim "Oh, I don't want that dog (or cat); it's too old." Often that pet is only 5 or 6 years old. Once an animal gets to 10 or more, its chances to get a forever, loving home go way down. Many older pets aren't even offered for adoption because some rescuers assume that it will be difficult, and take too long, to place such animals.

At Animals in Distress, older animals (and humans) are treated with respect and dignity. None are considered hopeless—or worthless. Our shelter animals are in all age categories, and are loved equally. If you know anyone who would like to offer a good and loving home to a cat or dog, we would love to introduce them to some of the 'treasures' at our sanctuary.

By the way, November is Adopt A Senior Dog Month!



Blessed by Purrfect Weather, Wag Walk 2022 Was A Success

Lake Nockamixon is beautiful in autumn, bathed in colors of gold and bronze, even more beautiful because the waters of the lake capture and reflect back the colors around them. Many of the pets (and some people) in attendance were wearing creative costumes (it was Halloween, after all!), and good spirits were everywhere. Old friends reunited, and strangers became friends very quickly as the love of animals provided an immediate bond and basis for conversation. One of the very best aspects of all our events is the fact that those events attract really nice, caring human beings. In these troubled times, when many gatherings turn violent (and even deadly), our events are the opposite: one volunteer used to call them "love fests"!

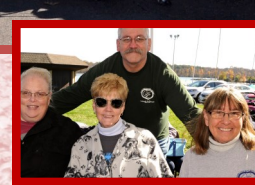
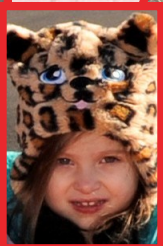
Many thanks to all the volunteers who did the set-up, planning, and food preparation. Thanks to

those who donated food and prizes (Robin Levan made fabulous desserts), to those who collected sponsorship donations, and to those who actually participated either with or without a pet.

Brenda Bolster again got top prize for collecting the most sponsorship money, with (new to Wag Walk this year) Christal Wrenn in 2nd place. Brenda also donated fabulous gift bags as well as special t-shirts in memory of two dogs, JC and Miles. Miles was a special needs puppy who died at 5 months, and JC passed earlier this year. JC participated in the last 15 Wag Walks, and we feel that he was with us this year, looking down on us from Heaven.

The pictures on this page, taken by Anita Bielecki, capture the fun and camaraderie of this year's Wag Walk.

The total raised this year is \$8,627.90. Every penny of that goes directly to animal care, thanks to the hard work and generosity of our friends.





HolidayFun and Fund-raisers

100% of the proceeds benefit the no-kill sanctuary

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Happy Holidays Open House Sunday, Dec. 4, 12:00 to 4 pm.

Silent Auction (drawing that day at 4), Music, Craft and Gift Bazaar, Food and Beverages, Basket Social*

Fabulous selection of craft and gift items and much, much more. *This event features the area's largest selection of items with a cat or dog motif, many one-of-a-kind.* All items are reasonably priced. Drawing of the Basket Social Winners will be at 3 pm on Dec. 18.

Pet Photos with Santa Paws at the shelter, 1 to 3:30 pm, on Saturday, December 11--- and on Sunday, Dec. 18 --No appointments needed. People are welcome to pose with their pet.

Happy Holidays Gift Bazaar at the shelter, 1 to 4 pm, every Sat and Sun until Dec. 19
Please stop by and do some last minute shopping, while also enjoying one of the area's greatest gift selections featuring cats and dogs. New items are added constantly.

Don't worry about all the news reports of store shelves being empty and deliveries being held up on the docks. We have a lot of great items, many one-of-a-kind, so you can spend your money and save animals. You can avoid the stress of wondering when and if you can find just that special item that's being promoted during the holiday buying frenzy.

Also, in our **Holiday Tribute Program**, we will display in our Hospitality Center poinsettia, ornament, & wreath tributes and memorials for people and pets --and we notify the recipients so you don't have to! And we also have an option of giving a sponsorship of one of our shelter animals as a gift (that's the gift that keeps on giving all year)—in our **Take-A-Pet-To-Dinner** program).

*Complete information and forms are in this newsletter and
and also available on our website,
animalsindistresspa.org.*



HOLIDAY TRIBUTES FORM

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Coopersburg, PA 18036

Your Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____



List the following as **Memorials** (indicate if a
pet or a person) **for Poinsettias**

If you want us to mail an announcement directly to
the recipient(s), please supply the mailing address
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List the following as **In Honor** of (indicate if
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List the following as **Tributes or Memorials** (indicate if a pet or person) for **Special Ornaments** @ \$75

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List the following as **Tributes or Memorials** (indicate if a pet or person) for **Special Wreaths** @ \$250

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A Holiday Gift Idea TAKE A PET TO DINNER PROGRAM

Many people who love animals cannot have one in their homes due to various reasons such as allergies, lease restrictions, space, etc. There are others who already have pets and cannot add to the pet population in their homes or some people live out of the area but have expressed an interest in helping the pets in our shelter.

We have a wonderful program at the shelter entitled “**Take a Pet To Dinner.**” This program enables a person to sponsor a dog or cat currently living at the kennel and to become that pet’s “special person.” What a wonderful gift idea for a special person for this year’s holiday season!! You can choose a 6 month or 12 month holiday sponsorship. The recipient will receive a festive gift announcement package, including a photo and story about their sponsored pet and the giver of that gift (YOU), along with a holiday gift announcement card. Throughout the year, the sponsor will also get periodic updates about the sponsored pet, so this gift keeps giving

long after the holidays are a distant memory, keeping alive the true feeling of the holidays!

We do all the work, and you enjoy all the appreciation for such a thoughtful gift!! To give as Holiday Pet Sponsorship, just fill out the form below. Sponsorships can be from a single person or a group of people, and can be given to one person or a whole family. What a great and yearlong gift for the family who has everything, or for a child who wants a pet but can’t have one due to allergies in the family or rental restrictions!

..... detach here and mail to Take-A-Pet, Animals in Distress, P.O. Box 609, Coopersburg, PA 18036.....

Animals In Distress Holiday 2022 Sponsorship in Take A Pet To Dinner Program

Your Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: _____

6 Month Sponsorship (Dec thru May) \$60 _____:

12 Month Sponsorship (Dec thru Nov) \$120 _____

Name and address of person(s) to receive gift: PLEASE NOTE FOR EACH RECIPIENT IF THE SPONSORSHIP SHOULD BE A CAT OR A DOG: We will choose a pet in need of a sponsor unless you have a specific request.

Enclose a check with this form. If you would like to pay your sponsorship by credit card, please complete this section.

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____ Dollar

Amount: _____

Mastercard, VISA, or Discovery only please

Authorized Signature _____ Date _____

Name (print) _____

Send this form and payment to “**Holiday Sponsorship Gift Take a Pet to Dinner**”, **Animals In Distress P. O. Box 609 Coopersburg, PA 18036** Gifts postmarked by December 7 are guaranteed to arrive before Dec. 25.

Will you be my sponsor?



The Power of Unconditional Love

Many of our shelter volunteers have made such a difference in the lives of our animals. Because the volunteers get to spend a lot of hands-on time with the animals, they get to know them more intimately than do people just passing through. Some animals just don't catch the eye of prospective adopters. Or some animals have special needs and issues (like blindness) that block some people from taking a closer look at them.



Andrea and Bill Henninger are recent cat kennel volunteers who already have 4 cats of their own. When they saw how many wonderful cats we have, they decided that their home—and, more importantly, their hearts—could make room for one more. They chose Mercedes, who came to us as a desperate kitten who had a ruptured eyeball. One eyeball had to be surgically removed, and the other eyeball could remain in but has limited vision. She sees mostly shadows out of that eye. The pictures above show Mercedes after eye surgery and then a few months later being adopted.

Andrea and Bill also loved Pumpkin, an elderly orange and white cat who belonged to a homeless woman who had no place to go with Pumpkin. Pumpkin had very little medical care for years and had developed multiple medical issues. Bill and Andrea waited patiently while our veterinarian tried to manage and stabilize her medical issues, and Pumpkin seemed to be responding well to the treatment she was finally



getting. We were all looking forward to seeing this poor cat in a loving home for the rest of her years.

Then tragedy

struck. Pumpkin stopped eating, lost weight, and was declining. Our vet found a large tumor in her abdomen and fluid in her lungs. Definitely, tragically, cancer. Life is interesting, though, and is full of ups and downs, wins and losses. As long as we do our best for every rescue, we have to be at peace with the outcome. We all so wanted Pumpkin to go home with Andrea and Bill, but her medical issues were so severe that she passed away. We were devastated, of course, but know that we have hundreds of other animals to rescue and care for. So we shed our tears privately and then move on with our work.

To end on an upbeat ending, we want to share with you that another one of our rescues, Mimosa, wound up being adopted by Andrea and Bill. Ironically, we rescued Mimosa as a kitten about the same time that we rescued Pumpkin. She was part of a feral colony and was very sick. She had a badly ruptured eyeball, a severe upper respiratory infection, and a major parasite infection both inside and out. After removal of the eyeball, Mimosa recovered well. She is lucky enough to be able to see out of her left eye. At 6 months of age, she has experienced so much pain and fear. Now she is guaranteed a life of kindness and safety.



These pictures of Mimosa show her before eyeball removal, after surgery, and going to her forever home in that order

YOU made these rescues possible. Your kindness has made our world a better, more loving place for all creatures great and small.

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

Enclosed is my donation of \$_____ to provide Hope for animals like Mercedes, Pumpkin, Mimosa, and so many others. who need a second chance in a world that seldom gives second chances. They depend on us for their lives.

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Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

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***Only Mastercard, VISA, & Discover card are accepted, please.*

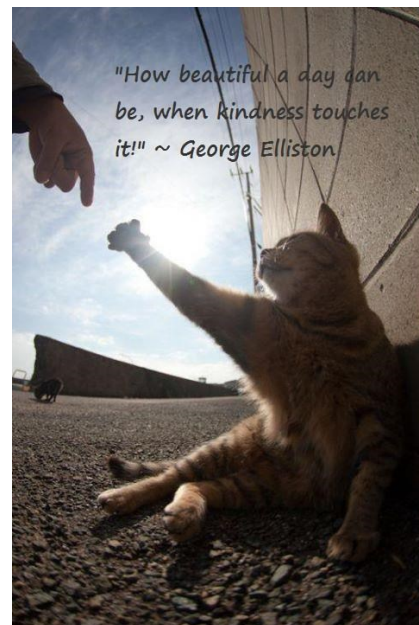
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Thanks for Lending A Friendly Paw A Helping Hand!



Thanks to Jack Lehr Electric for conducting a fun Cutest Cat Contest

through their social media outlets. Ed Lehr came up with the idea to honor National Cat Day and decided to partner with Animals in Distress. Many people entered pictures, and the winning picture is of a longhair named Lynx, a gorgeous feline rescued when just a kitten by Tracy Dugan. Several pictures of our shelter cats were also posted. There were no entry fees, so people could participate without any restrictions. Jack Lehr Electric knows and understands the importance of our rescue work, since they maintain our extensive HVAC system.

"I am the winner!!"



The company presented AID President Lois Gadek with a check for \$2,000.



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