



"The Kennel of Hope"

# Tails of Hope

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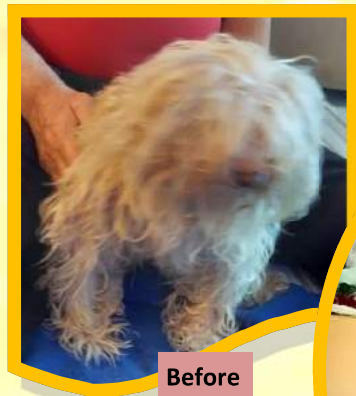
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## *Thank YOU for Keeping Our Dream Alive!*

As we approach the holiday season with all the hectic running around, it is important to remember what Thanksgiving is supposed to represent. Although it has a historical context, Thanksgiving is also a holiday that reminds us to be grateful.

It is so easy to get caught up in the frenzy of news and world affairs and personal struggles, and we forget to focus on all the things that are good in our lives. Let's just take a minute to focus on one really good thing in our lives, which is Animals in Distress.

For over 47 years, our Kennel of Hope has been saving lives and offering unconditional love to every animal rescued. This is a huge commitment, and one we have honored every day of our 47+ year existence.



Recently, we rescued a tiny dog that was badly neglected and its fur was so overgrown that it couldn't see, and what was worse, it couldn't even have a bowel movement. The fur was so matted with filth around its rear quarters, that the poor dog kept scraping its bottom. When we were able to get all of that matting cut away, the dog had a bowel movement immediately, probably its first in many days. We named her Savanna. What kind of a person would allow any animal to get in that condition? Of course, the dog's skin is infected along with some other byproducts of prolonged neglect.

Like most of the animals we rescue, we have made an unconditional commitment to that animal for the rest of its life. It will get care, shelter, food, and most importantly, love, until it finds its forever home. And if it is never adopted, it will stay with us, and be loved and cherished. Please don't take this kind of rescue and this kind of commitment for granted. In a world with so much turmoil,

one constant that you can count on is the commitment of Animals in Distress to all these poor souls. They have nobody else but us.

So when we think about gratitude, we think about you. YOU make all of this possible. You have made it possible for over 47 years. We haven't gotten tax money or government money or any political support. We have gotten the resources needed to do our lifesaving work from people who care.

In addition, we have a hardworking and dedicated group of staff and volunteers. There are no words to describe how much we depend on their hard work and goodwill.



So, we are counting our blessings this holiday. And you are among those blessings. Never forget that, together, we have been able to achieve wonderful things. No matter how old we get, no matter our personal struggles, no matter the craziness in the world around us, we know that Animals in Distress is a precious place, where those forgotten and abandoned by the world have a refuge and a home.

Needless to say, words are not sufficient to express our gratitude. Unconditional kindness is so needed in this world, and every creature deserves to have a place to be and kind words to hear. That doesn't seem a lot to ask, does it?

*May you and your loved ones be blessed with health and joy and love during the upcoming holiday season. And if you get a chance to attend any of the holiday events at the shelter, please come and see, in person, the difference that you are helping us make in the lives of hundreds of animals.*



## Despite being rained out and forced to use the rain date, Wag Walk 2023 Was A Success

Lake Nockamixon is beautiful in autumn, bathed in colors of gold and bronze. However, it's not quite as hospitable when it's raining and chilly. Due to the miserable weather on Saturday, we decided to reschedule Wag Walk to the rain date, the following day. This last minute but unavoidable change meant that some of our volunteers and participants could not attend, but that didn't keep us from having an enjoyable and successful event. Many thanks to all the volunteers who did the set-up, planning, and food preparation. Thanks to those who donated food and prizes, 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. Brenda also donated fabulous Halloween themed gift bags from ThirtyOne for all participants. Other participants of note were Karen Winston, Rose Ann Lutcavage, Robin Levan, and Susan Gardner. In the Under 18 category, Ellie and Emma Basile EACH brought in \$1,000!

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

The total raised this year is \$9,394.92. *Every penny of that goes directly to animal care, thanks to the hard work and generosity of our friends.*



Photos compliments of Lowell Linde





## *Holiday Fun and Fund-raisers*

*100% of the proceeds benefit the no-kill sanctuary*

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### ***Happy Holidays Open House SUNDAY, Dec. 3, 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, baked goods (please deliver donated baked goods to the shelter by 4pm on December 2, and hot and cold munchies and appetizers by 11am on December 3. Please contact Kelly at 610-762-8553, or email her at [khart70406@aol.com](mailto:khart70406@aol.com) to coordinate with her about the food items.

**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. **\*Baskets filled with various items are needed and can be brought to the shelter by 4pm on December 2. They should have a value of at least \$10 and can be in any theme you choose: chocolate or coffee or tea lover, cat lover, bathroom, dog lover, etc. The baskets we have received in the past have been exceptional, with some worth \$75 or more.** Drawing of the Basket Social Winners will be at 3 pm on Dec. 17.



***Pet Photos with Santa Paws*** at the shelter, 1 to 3:30 pm, on Sunday, December 10---and on Saturday, Dec. 16 --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. 24 *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.*

***No worries*** 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 and avoid the stress of wondering when and if you can find just that special item that's being promoted during the holiday buying frenzy.

We also have our Tribute Program (details on pages 5-6) which provides a great alternative to focusing on material gift giving.



## 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 purrson 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 Holiday Take-A-Pet, Animals in Distress, P.O. Box 609, Coopersburg, PA 18036....

### Animals In Distress Holiday 2024 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.







# STOP Holiday Stress!

Let's be realistic: the holidays are a mixed blessing. Many people become exhausted (and sick) by running around buying gifts and all that goes with them (wrapping, delivering, paying for, returning, etc.) Many people spend too much, eat too much, and have too much. In the process of celebrating the holidays, we sometimes minimize or even forget the meaning of the holidays, which are a time for giving, not getting; a time for being grateful for what we have--our health, our loved ones, our other blessings.

Let's make a deal: if you consider sharing your holiday celebration with the animals at the shelter, you will receive in return: less stress and work for you, more time for what really matters, tax deductible holiday "spending," and the knowledge that you have helped those who will not have any holiday at all, without your help.

Further, those who receive your gifts will know that they are being honored in the best way possible: by having good done for others, in their name, in their honor. What better way to honor the memory of a loved one? In this Holiday Fundraising brochure are all sorts of gift ideas. Please consider them as part of your holiday giving. You and the gift recipients will feel great by giving and receiving such gifts, and so will the homeless animals at our shelter. Remember: 100% of all money donated--and all money raised through such fundraisers--goes directly to care for the 350+ animals housed at Animals in Distress, over the holidays as well as during the rest of the year.



## *Share your gift giving with our animals*

Help us decorate the shelter for the holidays and do something special as well. In all Tribute categories, the person's or pet's name(s) will be printed on velvet ribbons attached to the Holiday Tributes. The display will be unveiled at the Christmas Open House on December 3 and continue through the New Year. A personalized announcement of your thoughtful gift will be mailed directly to each recipient you designate on the enclosed form. If you prefer, we will send the announcements to you so you can deliver them personally.

Please consider honoring a family, friend, business, or special pet or person by selecting one or more of these very special donor holiday options:

***Poinsettia Tribute with Name of Person/Pet Honored--\$35***

***Special Ornament with Name Honored--\$75***

***Special Wreath with Name(s) Honored--\$250***

Please designate your instructions on the form below and mail your instructions to the P.O. Box on the form. The Holiday Tributes will be displayed at the December Open House and will remain on display until after the New Year. Please allow our volunteers adequate time to process your request. Tribute requests post-marked by December 11 will be guaranteed to arrive where designated before December 25. Tributes received after that time will be processed as soon as possible, and displayed at the shelter immediately after we receive them.

**For more info: contact our website at [animalsindistresspa.org](http://animalsindistresspa.org), email [aidpa@animalsindistresspa.org](mailto:aidpa@animalsindistresspa.org), or call 610-966-9383.**

The holidays remind many of us of our childhood, and some of us experience mixed emotions as we think back to our youth and past holidays—people and pets now gone, special moments, the wonder that is only possible in childhood.

What we are now is, in part, determined by our past. Christmas isn't about shopping and getting gifts. It's about Love...and Hope...and a kinder, better world for ALL creatures great and small. Over 300 animals at Animals in Distress have a safe and loving home at the shelter for as long as they need it. We honor the Christmas spirit every day of the year...and are so grateful to you for making all of what we do possible.



# HOLIDAY TRIBUTES FORM

detach and return to : HOLIDAY, Animals in Distress, P.O. Box 609,  
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 below (attach separate sheets of paper if you prefer):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



List the following as **In Honor** of (indicate if a pet or a person) **for Poinsettias**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed at \$35 each: \$\_\_\_\_\_**

**For Poinsettia Tributes**

If you want the announcements mailed directly **TO YOU**, check this box [   ]



List the following as **Tributes or Memorials** (indicate if a pet or person) for **Special Ornaments @ \$75**

\_\_\_\_\_ indicate which are tributes/which are memorials



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

\_\_\_\_\_ indicate which are tributes/which are memorials

If you want the announcements mailed directly **TO YOU**, check this box. [   ]

If you want us to mail an announcement directly to the recipient(s), please supply the mailing address(es) (attach separate sheets of paper if needed): \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed: Number \_\_\_\_\_ Special Ornaments at \$75 each: \$\_\_\_\_\_**

**Number \_\_\_\_\_ Special Wreaths at \$250 each: \$\_\_\_\_\_**

**Total Enclosed for Ornaments and Wreaths: \$\_\_\_\_\_**

...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 Savanna and so many others who need a second chance in a world that seldom gives second chances. They depend on us for their lives.*



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

If credit card\*\*: Card number \_\_\_\_\_

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

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of cardholder \_\_\_\_\_

**Check this box if you do NOT want a receipt for your donation**



We want to thank Hayden Rinde, Sarah Yost, and Jessica O'Donnell-Gower for all they did to make the Party for the Paws event, held at Stone Farm Vineyard and Cellars, a success. The Upper Saucon Chamber of Commerce sponsored this annual event and selected Animals in Distress as the recipient of this year's proceeds.

We decided that the check for almost \$900 would be presented to some of the residents in the dog and cat kennels. Buddy did the honors on behalf of our canine contingent, and several cats volunteered to represent the feline contingent. The pictures are so sweet because they reflect where the money will be used: FOR THE ANIMALS.





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*Many Thanks to Quad Graphics* for donating the proceeds of their annual corporate golf event to help the animals at Animals in Distress. The September event was the culmination of a lot of work by a lot of people. Jim Goff and his team at Quad Chalfont, along with the team at Quad

Westhampton worked together to make the event memorable. Many different departments created multiple baskets for a basket raffle.

The \$4,000 check for the proceeds was presented to AID President Lois Gadek (on right) and AID dog Buddy, by Tom Mannuzza, Jim Goff, and Kelly Caballero. We couldn't resist sharing another picture of the check presentation where Buddy

went belly up in the hopes of getting a bellyrub!! This cute guy is shameless when it comes to soliciting bellyrubs (and treats)!



Thanks also to Quad team member Michael Burke and his wife Marla, who have been friends and dog adopters from Animals in Distress for decades. They made the arrangements for the donation.