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Tails of Hope

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48th Alumni Day Celebration of Animals in Distress

Sunday, June 1, 2025

You, your friends (two and four legged), your family, co-workers, neighbors and all who want to help our fellow creatures, are invited to come out and have a great day of fun and meeting new friends. It's a time to share your heart with animals.

Laps of Love Walkathon 10:30am

Registration fee for Laps is \$10.00 per person. Registration will begin on Sunday, June 1 at 10:00 am. Those who get sponsorships of \$50.00 or more will get a free T-shirt. Whoever brings in the most sponsorship will receive a special prize. The Laps will begin at 10:30 am. We will take 5 laps around the shelter. Winners proceed to the prize table to pick up their prize and food vouchers.

Following is our Pets and People Party Alumni Day from noon to 4 pm.

People and Pets Picnic Celebration from noon to 4 pm

Live Music compliments of Donna Fisher and Friends

Food and Beverages Basket Social*

Craft and Gift Bazaar Silent Auction*

Program Highlights

12:45 - Pet Cake Walk (walk with or without a pet - including you cat adopters!)

2:00 - Special Program

3:45 - Drawing for Winners of the Basket Social

***If you are donating items for the Basket Social and the Silent Auction, please drop them off by 3pm on MAY 31.**

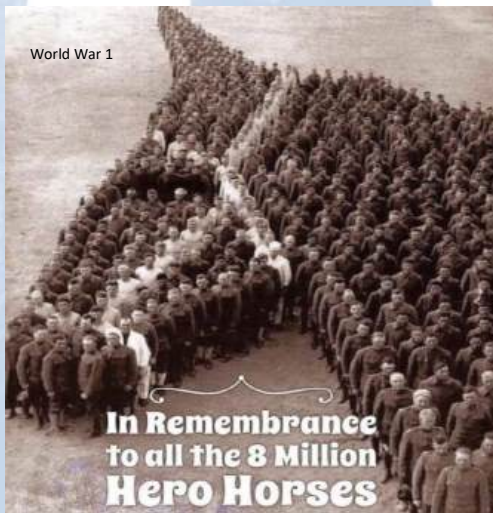
Memorial Day Reflections



Many people do not realize how many millions of animals have served in the military. Horses by the thousands, dogs, birds, rats, fish/dolphins, the list is amazing. These animals have saved millions of human lives, often at the sacrifice of their own. We owe them a debt we can never repay.

Ironically, many of these animals were discards, strays, without a home. Some just showed up around a military encampment and stayed. Many military dogs have sniffed bombs, alerted soldiers to hidden snipers, and defended their humans in direct combat.

The Garden of Heroes at Animals in Distress is dedicated to all animals who have served humans, saving lives and making an impressive and unforgettable impact on countless humans.



Military dog guards sleeping soldier in airport



During World War I, dogs played an important paramedical role in the military. After large battles, these specially-trained dogs were sent out to seek out wounded soldiers in the trenches. They would carry first-aid supplies, which were used to treat wounded soldiers and comfort dying soldiers. The dogs were also trained to guide combat medics to soldiers who needed extensive care. They were called mercy dogs and they are credited with saving thousands of lives.

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SERVING OUR COUNTRY AND ITS PEOPLE

MILITARY DOGS

- Track, detect explosives, patrol, search and rescue, and more
- Belgian Malinois are considered the ideal military dog breed
- Can be trained to skydive

DID YOU KNOW?

Cost of training a military dog is \$20K-\$40K, but can be up to \$150K for explosive detectors

Military dogs always rank one level higher than their owners



POLICE DOGS

- Apprehend suspects, detect drugs, explosives, accelerants and more
- 4-6 months of basic training and years of specialized training
- German shepherds and Belgian Malinois are the preferred K-9 breeds for patrol, while Labradors are preferred for scent work

SEARCH AND RESCUE DOGS

- Locate lost people and victims of natural disasters or homicide
- Used in wilderness, avalanche, water and urban disaster searches
- Hounds, retrievers and herding breeds are used for their smelling abilities

DID YOU KNOW?

Dogs can smell 1,000 to 10,000 times better than people

A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE DOGS THAT SERVE AND PROTECT OUR COUNTRY!

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So, let us remember all the heroes who have made the ultimate sacrifice so we can be safe.. and free. We at Animals in Distress honor such service and acknowledge a debt that our society can never re-pay.

As America celebrates Memorial Day, we pay tribute to those who have given their lives both human and K-9

Thank you for your service!



I never thought I would cry this much, especially not in front of a crowd. But when Rex, my uncle's retired K9 partner, jumped into the casket, I lost it.

My Uncle Mateo, a hardened combat veteran, had his loyal German shepherd, Rex, after serving two tours. Rex had probably saved his life more than once. The two were inseparable, even continuing to work together in search and rescue for five years after leaving the military. When Uncle Mateo died of a heart condition, we all knew Rex would be a terrible loss, but we weren't prepared for what happened



Pepper is Safe At Last

One of our recent rescues lingers in our minds because it is so relatable. Have you ever had a problem like a bladder infection or gastrointestinal upset? If so, you know about the discomfort and the urgency of that situation. Well, let's transfer that problem over to somebody's pet, a cat named Pepper.

Pepper had a home. At least for the two years since being found as a stray. Then she started to urinate in the house. Then there was blood in the urine. Rather than taking her to the veterinarian to find out what was wrong with her, her owners decided that she was being belligerent and threw her out in the cold winter weather. They did offer her shelter of sorts—a cardboard box on the back porch. Imagine her, going from a warm house and thinking she had a family, to near freezing temperatures on the back porch, where her only shelter was a cardboard box.

Imagine spending weeks and weeks like that. Imagine the pain, the fear, the desperation. Where could she go? She was on the outside in the freezing cold looking in at the family gathered around in the warm living room, watching their television. What crime had she committed to deserve this slow death? So there she was, slowly deteriorating. Getting thinner and thinner, feeling weaker and weaker, and unable to help herself.

By the time we were aware of the situation, Pepper was very close to dying. Our veterinarian put her on supportive care, as well as powerful antibiotics and other medicines, to give her body a chance to fight.

Thanks to everybody who supports our rescue work, Pepper has survived. Our veterinarian said that she is 10-12 years old and has about four teeth left in her mouth, because the others had rotted out. And of course, urinating in the house was due to a raging urinary tract infection. Had it been treated early, there would've been no problem with her urinating in the house. She also had a high white blood cell count due to the massive infection and severe anemia.

She was ravenously hungry, possibly due to parasites or some digestive malfunction. And most upsetting of all, she was very constipated, probably due to eating little stones and twigs in a desperate attempt to have some "food" in her stomach. But after all, she is just a cat. Who cares? Who wants to spend a few dollars to help her? Instead, throw her out in the cold.

The greatest irony about the whole situation is that Pepper is one of the sweetest, most affectionate, kindest cats you could possibly meet. Through all of the treatment and handling and medication and everything else, all she did was purr her appreciation for being noticed. She knows we are trying to help her. She appreciates every act of kindness, every soft word, every stroke of a loving hand.



Was she worth saving? After all, she's an older cat, who had a tough life. Some people, with a more harsh view of life, might say that she really wasn't worth it. After all, it is unlikely someone is going to adopt her. After all, she's older and not beautiful and young and spritely anymore.

Sometimes, we have to answer such questions with our hearts. If you or someone you loved were in a similar situation, would you save them? If you were in a similar situation, would you want to be helped?

Kindness is the key to making our world the type of place where we all feel as if we belong. Kindness for all creatures great and small... Kindness that brings us all together in a common bond where we all feel that each life matters.

Pepper's story, and so many others like hers, reflect what we do every day of the year at Animals in Distress.. The only way we can do this work—and continue to do it—is if we have the ongoing support of our friends and donors. As much as we wish to be able to focus just on the rescues rather than on fundraising, we know that the key to the rescues is being able to provide for the animals in our care.

There is no other choice that makes any sense for us.

Please visit and meet Pepper. Let her thank you in her own way for giving her life back to her, for giving her a home where she feels safe, and for reminding her and everybody else that Love and Kindness are still the most transformative forces on earth.

The picture at left shows her enjoying some good food, perhaps for the first time in her life. She's licking her chops in appreciation.





Thanks to everybody who made this year's bingo a success. First of all, many thanks to the Emmaus Fire Company for hosting the event again, and also for providing goodies to eat and drink. Second, thanks to all the people who donated baskets, prizes, and baked goods for the event. Thirdly, thanks to all the volunteers who actually worked at the bingo, which many people say they really enjoy because it's a smaller crowd and very well organized. They have a much better chance of winning prizes at an event with smaller attendance, and they feel right at home because they keep coming back year after year for our bingo event.

Every available seat was taken!

Best of all, we raised \$6150, all of which will go to saving lives at Animals in Distress.

Shelters are overwhelmed with abandoned pets. Many people complain that they can't find any affordable places to live unless they give up their pets. Considering the companionship and support that companion animals provide for their families—not to mention life saving potential—we pray that more rental owners will be more open to allowing responsible and caring pet owners to find a home without having to sacrifice family members.

"This is addressed to those who don't want to rent apartments to people with dogs and also to those who won't rent houses to them: I can't take my dog to the beach for a walk because it bothers you on your vacation. You also won't let me rent a house if I have a dog, and I can't bring my dog on public transport either.

However, I can take my dog through the rubble to find you after an earthquake, into the forest after you got lost in the mountains without a map or GPS, under the snow because you went off the trail despite the prohibition, or into the water because you swam despite the red flag, and help save your life in many other life-saving ways you might need because, in the end, it's just a dog... But it will find you.

This is dedicated to all those who don't love dogs."





Max is Safe At Last



Max is a little over a year old and has been passed around from home to home. His most recent home should never have gotten a dog in the first place. Within a week of being in that home, Max was found running around the streets and was returned to the owner by Animal Control. Less than a week later, Max was hit by a car and badly injured.

The police took him to a local emergency vet clinic, who discovered that he had at least four broken ribs, massive body trauma, internal bleeding, and at least five broken teeth. No one was willing to help, so he was scheduled to be euthanized.

He was going to die, not for anything he had done wrong.

When we were asked to help Max, we decided that he deserved a chance, a real chance, to have a life. He was in a lot of pain, and could've gone into some sort of respiratory failure as a result of the massive trauma, but he did get stable enough so he could be transported to our veterinarian.



This first picture shows his chest x-ray at the hospital, showing 4 broken ribs.

This second picture shows how tired he is, how weary and weak. He is in the car on his way to our vet's hospital and rests his head on the back of the seat of the person driving the car. His eyes hang very heavy. He is doing his best to stay awake, but he has no clue what's going to happen to him next.



When Max was being monitored at our veterinarian, he was remarkably tolerant of being handled, and he remained alert and positive. We know he must've been in pain, but he never snapped or acted out

aggressively.

It has been a month since we have had Max, and his progress has been impressive. These next pictures show him at the shelter, enjoying life. The next step for him will be to get neutered and to have his broken teeth fixed or removed.



At a little over a year old, Max will now have a life. He will have a future. He is a really nice dog, and his only real flaws are that he needs work on housebreaking, which we hope the neutering will help, and he also is a smart and stubborn dog as most huskies are. So we're working on some training for him.

Rescues like these are so gratifying. And also so frustrating. Max didn't deserve what happened to him. And everything that happened to him was a result of people failing to be responsible owners. His story is just one of thousands of examples where the animal pays the price for the ignorance and irresponsibility of the owner. At least now, he will not be placed in a home that will abandon or neglect him. He will only leave our sanctuary when we can find a forever home for him.

He deserves that.

Saving Lives Takes ALL of Us

Our newsletters highlight rescue stories of animals who would not have had a chance without our sanctuary. A rescue isn't over when the animal is admitted. Physical and behavioral issues have to be addressed, and that takes time and resources. Never forget that none of this is possible without your help and support.

100% of every dollar you donate goes directly to save animals like Pepper, Max, and so many others. No one gets paid for administrative, fundraising, and other such non-animal care duties. Our funds go directly and totally to save lives, not to fancy offices, expensive mailings and television commercials, costly events, and executive salaries.

Our WAEB Radiothon, which starts with its on air appeals on July 14, is our biggest annual fundraiser, last year generating \$235,826 in donations. That is an impressive total, and we used every dollar for animal rescue and care. But it takes a lot of money to save lives, and is cheap to kill. Our veterinary costs alone have risen to about \$40,000 per month, and sometimes more. The alternative is to turn our backs on animals who have no hope without ALL of us doing what we can, together, to save lives.

With your support, we are able to save many animals. Even those whose lives we cannot save because they didn't get to us in time, are still better off

than if we didn't help them.

Please understand that the ones we do save are even more precious because we know that we can't save every animal. Some people don't like to hear about the ones that don't survive. But we want you to understand that the ones we do save are even more precious because they are proof that we can work miracles, with YOUR help. We shed tears for some we lose, but we are thankful for the miraculous recovery of

most. We cannot thank our friends and supporters enough for making our work possible. Our biggest fear is that some day, we would not have the resources to help animals who have no hope without us. It is wonderful to know that our friends understand the importance of their help. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for believing in us and our mission of unconditional hope and kindness.

Any donation for the Radiothon will be much appreciated. We try to get as much money raised as possible, before the Radiothon starts, so we can inspire others to give what they can. Our challenge is great, especially in these sad and difficult times. But we know you will do what you can...for the animals who have no hope without ALL of us.

Donations for Challenge Hours are needed now.

Please contact us if you can help at aidpa@enter.net for email or call Rose Yanger at 610-759-2819. Donations during the on air portion of the Radiothon are encouraged when people know that they can make every dollar they donate double or triple its value during these Challenge Hours. It's amazing to see how much more we can raise when people know that their dollars are being doubled or tripled during a Challenge Hour!!

PLEASE consider donating early so we can start with a good amount toward our final total.

*The minimum amount for a Challenge Hour is \$500.** Businesses will get on air credit for their donations, and individuals can honor or remember a loved one by offering a Challenge. Please mark "Challenge" on your donation so we can credit it to the proper account. **Donors wanting to get a deduction thru RMDs can contact Rose to make deferred payment arrangements.*

.....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 Max, Pepper, and so many others can get a second chance in a world that seldom gives second chances.

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Check this box if a receipt is required.

***Thank You for Lending Many Friendly
Paws a Helping Hand!***



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You can donate in many ways. Use this coupon and mail a check (or give credit card info on the form). Visit our website and click on the Donate option. Or scan the QR code for various payment options. We cannot stress enough the importance of your donation in allowing us to continue to save lives.



**We're counting on YOU! Please help
us save lives.**

Laps of Love Walkathon, at the shelter—**Sunday, June 1**, starting at 10 am. Details in upcoming newsletter and on our website.

48th Alumni Day Pets and People Party, **Sunday, June 1** Celebration at the shelter—noon to 4 pm. Do not miss this major celebration of our lifesaving work!! Program on page 1 of newsletter.

WAEB Radiothon—biggest fundraiser of the year—**starts week of July 14 ending with all day event at shelter on Sunday, July 20**

WANTED: KENNEL HELPER, FT/PT, with compassion for homeless animals. Duties include cleaning, feeding, and loving the residents at this no kill sanctuary. Weekends/weekdays available. Special skills like vet tech skills are much needed. Mail letter of interest and resume to HELP, P.O. Box 609, Coopersburg, PA or email info to aidpa@ptd.net.

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Alumni Day and Laps of Love, June 1

Please drop off baskets for the social by Saturday, May 31

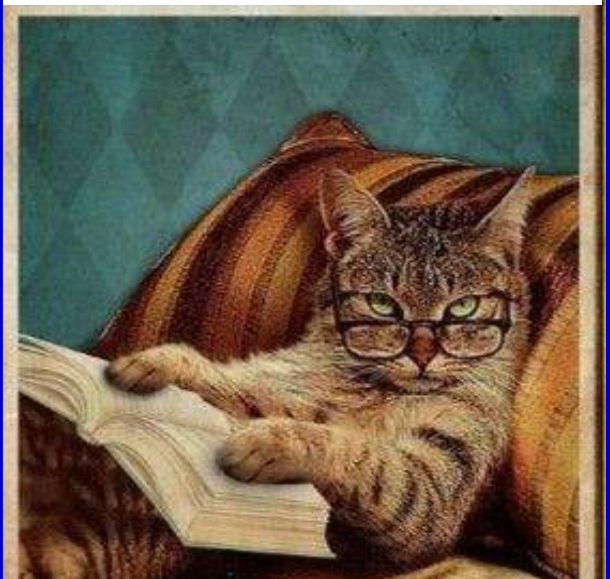
WAEB Radiothon, July 11-20

Challenge Hour donations of \$500 or more are still needed to inspire others to donate. Double or triple your donation by making a Challenge. Contact Rose at 610-759-2819 for details. ALL donations are needed and much appreciated!

*Help us celebrate 48 years of saving animals
as The Kennel of Hope.*

Help us raise much needed funds to support our
life saving work.

Mark Your Calendar



We're Counting on YOU!!