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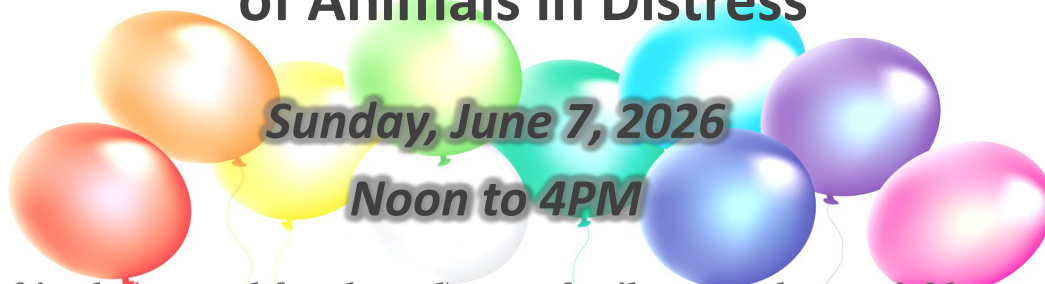
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## 49th Alumni Day Celebration of Animals in Distress



*Sunday, June 7, 2026*

*Noon to 4PM*

*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.*

### *People and Pets Picnic Celebration*

Happy 250th Birthday to the USA - You and your pet can strut your stuff in red, white, and blue

**Live Music compliments of Donna Fisher and Friends**

**Food and Beverages Basket Social\***

**Craft and Gift Bazaar Silent Auction\***

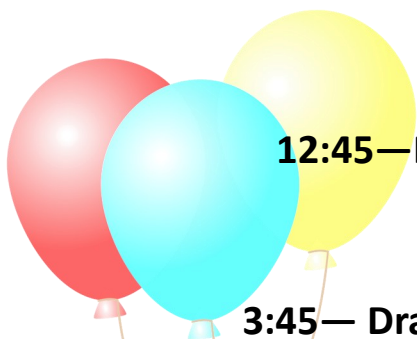
### **Program Highlights**

**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 Silent Auction and/or the Basket Social, please drop them off by May 31. Best hours are 1-4 on Sat and Sun, and 6-8 on Monday nights. If you need to make special arrangements or have questions, please contact Kelly at: phone—610-762-8553 or email — [khart70906@aol.com](mailto:khart70906@aol.com)



## It Takes A Community

We want to take this opportunity to thank all the local businesses and groups who have supported us since our founding in 1977. To this day, some of these businesses still are strong supporters of our mission in our work.

In the upcoming Radiothon, starting July 13, for example, Vinart Auto Dealerships is again sponsoring our Radiothon, donating a challenge hour, and underwriting the cost of the food for our big all day event on Sunday of Radiothon week. Hager Furniture, Hotel Bethlehem, Joe Mascari Carpets and Rugs, our great friends at the Allentown farmers market, and of course the wonderful and incredibly supportive team of people at WAEB 790 AM... All of these and many more local businesses donate to us and other charities and support our events. They are part of the community, just as the organizations they support are important parts of the community.

We want to announce a new friend, Yeagers's Pharmacy in Hellertown. During the month of May, which begins with a weeklong celebration of Be Kind to Animals Week, they will be collecting items from our wish list, encouraging their customers and friends to make donations in support of our efforts. Here is the flyer that they created, based on items from our wish list posted on our website, [animalsindistresspa.org](http://animalsindistresspa.org).

**ANIMAL FOOD DRIVE**

**Yeager's Pharmacy Is Collecting Donations For Animals In Distress FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH OF MAY!**

BELOW IS A LIST OF ITEMS THAT ARE ON THE SHELTERS "WISH LIST"

Dry Dog Food: PEDIGREE, NUTRO, WELLNESS, PURINA ONE, and other similar brands  
Dry Cat Food: PURINA ONE chicken or turkey, NO FISH  
Hard And Soft Dog Treats (NO RAWHIDE)  
Baby Food (for giving dog meds)  
Peanut Butter- prefer unsalted and without xylitol  
Clay Cat Litter  
Scratching Posts And cardboard cat Scratchers  
Cat Toys  
Kongs And Other Dog Chew Toys That Can Be Filled With Treats Or Food  
Large Nylabones  
Indestructible Dog Toys And Balls  
Paper Towels  
Garbage Bags All Sizes  
Brooms, Dust Pans, Brushes  
Bleach  
Dish Soap  
Liquid Laundry Detergent  
Empty Spray Bottles  
Vinyl Powder Free Exam Gloves For Cleaning- Medium and Large

ENJOY A 20% DISCOUNT ON ALL OF OUR OTC ITEMS WHEN YOU BRING IN A DONATION

ADOPT US!

Discounts exclude all handmade items and lottery



We are living in a time when enormous attention is paid to the "beautiful" and "cool" people. Billions of dollars are spent trying to erase the signs of aging, re-design body parts, and look fabulous. Children who don't fit the image of a member of the "in" crowd are mocked and ridiculed on social media and seldom invited to parties and other such gatherings.

The same is true for unwanted animals. The older ones, those that are black or are disfigured, those missing limbs, those who are blind or deaf....the list goes on and on. Many are killed because no one wants them, not because of their fine qualities but because they don't measure up in terms of looks and other such arbitrary standards. How tragic and sad it is that so many wonderful pets (and people) remain in the shadows because they don't measure up to the shallow and superficial requirements. Let's remember the sentiment of the Kindness quote to the left of this essay. WE will discover hidden treasures if we do.



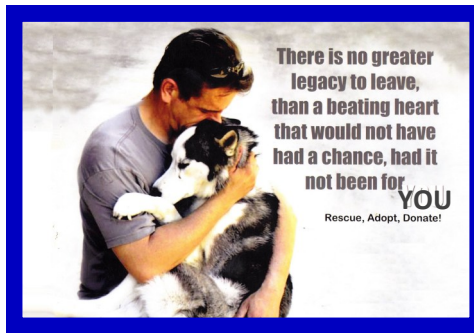
# A Reminder of the Impact of ALL of Us



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 Abby, Buddy, Bogey, Donatello, 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 13, is our biggest annual fundraiser, last year generating \$235,076 in donations. That is an impressive total, and we used every dollar for animal rescue and care. Bobby Gunther Walsh (pictured above) has been a loyal and dedicated friend and our liaison with radio station WAEB for decades.



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 like those in our newsletters. 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](mailto: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.*

## *The Difference Time and Love Make*

As we know from listening to the news, there's a lot of human chaos surrounding us. People who are homeless or jobless or violent or mentally unstable... The list goes on and on. And innocent creatures get dragged into their world.... . Whether children or animals, these innocent souls get swept up in the human chaos and sometimes suffer severe consequences as a result.

We recently admitted two dogs who were living in a car with their homeless owner. The owner claimed to be disabled and unable to work, and had been thrown out of the house where he was living with his girlfriend. He didn't want to leave his dogs on the street and go to a shelter, so he was living out of his car and existing on a disability pension that he got from the government.

There are many similar stories, but we want to focus on this one because we want people to see the disorientation and fear that some animals go through when they are displaced from their homes, their families, and basically everything they feel comfortable around.

The owner of the dogs was unable to bring them back to us for a few visits to acclimate them to the shelter, which is what we try to do for such cases. This process reduces the stress on the animals in the transition process. But that was not to happen in this case, so we brought both dogs into the shelter the same afternoon we met them.

The one dog is a cheerful Great Pyrenees mix named Abby. She is quite the social butterfly and has all the potential to adjust quickly. The other dog, a boxer mix named Buddy, was the exact opposite. He was terrified. All he wanted to do is crouch underneath the bench that his owner was sitting on. He didn't want to leave his side.

Those of us in rescue who have seen this situation multiple times have to choke back tears because we can feel the animals' pain and fear. We can't tell them that everything will be OK because they are safe with us. They're just fully focused on that moment, which is the last moment they will ever see their person again.

The owner seemed like a nice person but with very little practical living plans. He seemed to be going from living with one friend to the next, and got the two dogs as either a gift from a former friend or purchased from some pet store. He obviously wasn't thinking very far ahead about how he would be able to properly care for two dogs for the rest of their lives.

Next is a picture of the owner with the two dogs. Pay particular attention to the eyes and facial expression on both dogs, but especially on Buddy who is on the owner's right.



Notice what is called the whale eye in Buddy. It's when the eye is surrounded by a lot of white space, reflecting that the dog is literally terrified.

The next picture shows one of our volunteers trying to lead Buddy back into the kennel. He doesn't want to

come out. He wants to stay tucked under that bench, and was doing everything he could to hold onto what little bit of security he felt he had. Absolutely heartbreaking.



The final picture shows Abby and Buddy a few weeks later. Because they were treated with kindness and allowed to progress at their own rate, they both have made significant progress. Buddy is so much more



trusting now. Look at his eyes: they are soft and peaceful, rather than reflecting fear and panic. He has benefited enormously from the quiet, kind, and nurturing environment at our sanctuary. And we feel confident that he will continue to evolve into the great dog he can be.

This is the opposite situation from when

dogs are pushed beyond their limits, and sometimes that results in a bite situation. Then the dog is unjustly killed. Just as with people, extreme fear and anxiety can provoke aggression when aggression is not really what is intended.

We are so blessed to have the support of people who make our sanctuary possible for animals like these. These animals not only get the medical care, food, and shelter they need, but they also get the psychological and emotional support so many of them desperately need to heal and begin their new lives.

## Where Your Donation Goes

When we ask for your donation, we want you to understand what the money goes for. As we have said many times, it doesn't go for non-animal care salaries or paying for administrative and secretarial services. 100% of every donation goes directly to animal rescue and animal care. What does that mean in real terms? We can tell you that we provide shelter and food and medical care and all of that, but those are general terms. The best way to let you see what your donations do is to share the stories of some of the rescued animals. Just in the past few months, here are two examples.

Donatello had been abandoned by his owner and was struggling to survive as an outdoor cat among outdoor cats and wild animals. He is a very sweet and gentle cat, and there is no way that he could defend himself against the cats and other animals who attacked him brutally. When we rescued him, his hind legs and front legs were covered in wounds. Wounds that were

going to be killing him as they got infected and turned gangrenous. These two pictures show the legs after all the debris and filth were taken off of the wounds.



A few months later, here is Donatello is in the arms of the veterinary technician who fell in love with him and adopted him.

Donatello started out the new year in a loving home where he will never again be subjected to abandonment and fear and starvation. You made that possible. Your donations made that possible. Your prayers made that possible.

The second example we want to share is an older cat who used to live with another homeless cat in a building where golf carts are stored at a local golf course. When the new owner took over, the resident cats had to go. A very kind person who knew the situation tried to find homes for the two cats. He was eventually successful in placing the younger female cat, but no one wanted the older cat. He was named him Bogey.

Bogey was a sad case. He had ticks and ear mites. His left ear is completely bent down, and his ears were full of black junk which was probably due to the ear mites. And he is FIV positive, as are many cats living out on their own and scrapping with other unneutered male cats. Bogie is in the process of being evaluated by the veterinarian as we write this newsletter. The saddest thing about him is that he is such a nice cat. He is very sweet and very kind and very tolerant. He's even a good traveler in a car. He just seems so happy and grateful for anything anyone wants to do for him.



We know that Bogey is an older cat who has had a difficult life, and that he may have health issues. But we also know that you would agree with us that Bogey certainly deserves better than a sad, lonely and painful death. And Bogey will get a chance to have a better life because of the support and prayers we receive from our friends.

Once he is back at the Shelter, please come and meet him and see what your donations do. Our whole sanctuary is full of animals who would not be alive today if it weren't for the people who care.

***This year's Radiothon is very crucial. These are hard economic times for a lot of people, and that is reflected in the size of their donations. People are donating and are loyal to our Shelter, but the amount of the donations is considerably less than what they normally give in many cases. We are assuming that is mostly because of economic fears.***

***So please do what you can to help the 2026 WAEB Radiothon be the best it can be. Visit us and meet Bogey in person so he can tell you how important you are to him and others like him.***



*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.*

*Thanks also to everyone who helped in any way to make our Yard Sale a success. People attending always comment on the great variety of items available as well as the incredibly low prices.*

*Best of all, we raised over \$6400, all of which will go to saving lives at Animals in Distress.*



*Our logo is a heart with a dog and cat sleeping together. It says share your heart with animals. Through June, anyone giving a \$35 donation can have a personalized heart hung in our Hospitality Center. It can be in honor of a pet, in memory of a pet, or in memory or honor of a special person. It can also be for a birthday, graduation, or any other reason.*

*We will send an acknowledgement of your thoughtfulness.*

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## ***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. So, let us remember all the heroes who have made the ultimate sacrifice so we can be safe.. and free. We at***

*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!*



**Animals in Distress honor such service and acknowledge a debt that our society can never re-pay.**

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