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WHEN ANIMALS NEED US...  

Phil was found at a rest stop near a busy highway. In a crowd of people, one family cared about the welfare of this poor dog and rescued him.

It was determined that Phil was hundreds of miles away from his home. When contacted, his owner said he no longer wanted Phil because “The dog doesn’t hunt.”

We are treating Phil for hip pain and infections in both ears. Phil loves a long nap after breakfast and always knows when it’s time for dinner.

HOT WEATHER ALERT: Asphalt can become extremely hot—burning the paw pads of cats and dogs. Mickey was found on a parking lot. His little paws were hurting, and he was crying for help.

With prompt treatment, this little baby kitten was soon feeling better. And, he knew he was loved.

This wonderful dog was in a shelter that, despite its best efforts, could not place her in a home. Everyone wanted Shay’s puppies. Sadly, time and again, Shay was ignored—passed over as if she didn’t matter.

We looked into Shay’s pleading, soulful eyes and promised to make things right. At our shelter, we provided whatever care she needed. We found her a home that made all her dreams come true.

"The scales of justice must be equal for all God’s creatures.”
MEMORIALS: Contributions may be sent in memory of a loved one. We acknowledge gifts to next of kin. All donations over $25 are published. Thank you for honoring:

*BUD ARO*—in loving memory. He enjoyed his walks with his dogs Sam, Maggie, Tiny, Will, and his favorite P.D.—Shirley and Kevin Aro

*BAILEY THE BEARDIE*—in loving memory. She brought smiles and joy to the residents of Charlestown.—Shirley Aro

*ANNE BANKS*—in loving memory—Tad and Betsy Stellmann

*BARNEY*—in loving memory—Linda M. Black

*CLEONE PETERS BOUCHARD* (4/7/1926-3/19/2023)—in loving memory—Katya Meekins

*BUFORD*—in loving memory of your sweet boy—Renée and staff at the Animal Medical Clinic of Dulaney Valley

*HELEN BURNS*—in loving memory of my Mother—Patricia Cushwa

*BURTON*—in loving memory—Howard Berliner

*BUSTER BOY*—in loving memory—Gregory Reed

*CAMPBELL*—in loving memory of your sweet boy—Renée and staff at the Animal Medical Clinic of Dulaney Valley

*CHARLIE*—in loving memory—Judie Rosen

*KRISTA L. CHEPULIS*—in loving memory of my dear niece—Aunt Dolly

*COS*—in loving memory of Betsy Nelsen’s beloved 20-year-old cat—Valerie Noll

*DAISY*—in loving memory. Rest in peace.—Iwona Kubiczek

*DUTCH*—in loving memory of your sweet boy—Renée and staff at the Animal Medical Clinic of Dulaney Valley

*ELSA*—in loving memory—Mark Piasecki

*BEN ENSOR*—in loving memory of my husband for his birthday—Karen Ensor

*FIREPAW*—in loving memory of your sweet boy—Renée and staff at the Animal Medical Clinic of Dulaney Valley

*GEORGIA FLYNN*—in loving memory of our friends’ 16-year-old dog—Tad and Betsy Stellmann

*DELANEY GADDIS*—in loving memory. Donors to the Delaney Gaddis Memorial Fund include: Brian & Jennifer Gaddis, Robert & Marsha Limmer, and Katherine Miller.

*JAMES GIGLIO* (1935-2020)—in loving memory—Giglio Foundation

*TOM GONLIN*—in loving memory—Kathleen Jenkins

*GIL GRUZYNSKI*—in loving memory—Leona Gruzynski

We do not use a professional fundraiser or any fundraising organization.

Mary Jo Kovic  President/Treasurer
Erin Gillis  Vice President
Liz Brooks  Secretary
Ashley Shanklin  Rescue Coordinator
Abby Miller  Photographer
When Norman was homeless on the streets, he could not imagine a life without suffering. Today, however, he has everything that his heart could ever want.

A staff member of our shelter adopted Norman. Erin tells us that from the moment Norman became a member of her family, he was relaxed and happy as if he had been in the home forever!

Norman and Nina, another one of our rescued dogs, immediately accepted one another. There was no adjustment time. No unkind word or, should we say, “unkind bark” between them. Photo shows Nina and Norman taking a nap the very first night they met.

If you are ready to adopt, please visit our shelter or your local animal control agency. Love, loyalty, and companionship await you.

MORE HAPPY ADOPTIONS...

Our adopters love their new family members!

“Blanche
“We love Blanche so much! She and our other kitties from Defenders have brought us so much joy!”

“Lucy
“I get to work from home and Lucy has been by my side every day. She loves walks and car rides. She is well loved and spoiled!”

“Jeremy
“We added this handsome fella about a month ago! He loves to play and talk to everyone. We love him very much!”
Roxie is an inspiration to everyone. Sadly, she had to have her eye removed due to conjunctivitis and a corneal ulcer. It is likely that Roxie’s condition was brought on by an untreated upper-respiratory infection.

Roxie also was having trouble walking. She had a “luxating patella”. We had a veterinary orthopedic surgeon repair the knee of this eight-month-old kitty so she could walk and play without pain.

Ozzie and Olga had no one to love them or provide for them. They were living on the streets. Every cat who comes into our shelter receives a thorough health examination. Blood work is done as well as other screenings for diseases. We never cut corners with needed surgery and rehabilitative medical care. This is true for our dogs as well.

You can see from this newsletter that when an animal is hurting, we are “all in” with providing help. There’s no denying that as a homeless kitty, Melanie had her share of troubles. She had an ulcer under her chin and other wounds on her neck and chest. She needed us, and we were here for her.

If you can, will you please remember Defenders of Animal Rights, Inc., in your will, on a life-insurance policy, or savings account. Our federal tax ID number is 52-1061126. Thank you for your loving legacy of kindness.
*TYLER HANLON*—in loving memory-Kathleen Ricciardi
*RODNEY PAUL HARDY*—in loving memory-Lola and Norman Kayler
*JAMIESON*—in loving memory of my sweet boy-Gail Trawinski
*JONATHAN*—in loving memory-Kathryn Maschas
*JUANITA and *BIG MAC*—in loving memory of Juanita and Big Mac, the Toy Poodle who thought he was just a tiny person-Earl Kirckhoff
*KAYLEIGH*—in loving memory of your sweet girl—Renée and staff at the Animal Medical Clinic of Dulaney Valley
*JOAN LANE*—in loving memory-Lenore Martin
*DEBORAH LIMMER and *DELANEY GADDIS*—in loving memory-Maureen Foley
*LOGAN*—in loving memory of my devoted friend-Mary Ellen Vecchioni
*LULU*—in loving memory-Scott Ensor
*MARGARET*—in loving memory of the beloved Chesapeake Bay Retriever of the Kaestner-Young Family. We miss her a lot.-Josie Kaestner
*ISABEL CHRISTIANNNA McDonnell*—in loving memory. Donors to the Isabel Christianna McDonnell Memorial Fund include: Dee & Jeff Alban and Bible study friends (Barbara Clark, Jean Dannenfelser, Carey Henning, Ann Rudy, Francine Sullender, and Teresa Velleggia).
*BERNARD MURRAY*—in loving memory of my brother-Lorraine Lancaster
*OBI*—in loving memory of your sweet boy—Renée and staff at the Animal Medical Clinic of Dulaney Valley
*OLIVE OYL*—in loving memory of Mommy’s good girl! We love you! Miss you!-Arleen and Jan Elzewig
*JOHN PAVLOV*—in loving memory-Kathryn Pavlov
*GEORGE & DOROTHY PELUSO and *BAILEY*—in loving memory of my parents and my sweet Bichon-Jackie Peluso
*PENNY*—in loving memory-Kirsten Wielobob
*ROBERT PHILLIPS*—in loving memory-Lovingly, Cousins Karl and Darlene Fleckenstein
*PHIL ROVNER*—in loving memory of a true gentleman and ultimate dog lover. RIP, Phil.-Kathleen Gately
*ROXY*—in loving memory-Georgia and Onyx
*SIMBA*—in loving memory-Kurt W. Perschy
*ALLYN HAROLD SINGER*—in loving memory. He loved his cats.-Redding & Nachodsky Family
*LEE SNYDER*—in loving memory-Jan Walker
*BO STELLMANN*—in loving memory of our 15-year-old dog-Tad and Betsy Stellmann
*THOMAS STRICEK and *CHIŬN*—in loving memory. Happy Birthday to my two boys!-Mom and Grandma
*JESSE WEISBERG*—in loving memory-Judy, Beverly, Josh, Ryan, Chloe, and Jordyn
*JESSE WEISBERG*—in loving memory-Randee, Harry, Ryan, and Michael
*JESSE WEISBERG*—in loving memory-Ted and Lynn Weisberg
*SUSAN YAQUIANT*—in loving memory-John Yaquiant
Dear Kind Member:

We hope you are well and that the happy-ending stories of Barry and Luke bring you joy.

Barry was found in an abandoned house in Baltimore City. It wasn’t enough that this poor dog was left all alone without food and water. Barry was confined to a cage, much too small for his size. Sadly, he lay there in his own urine and feces.

Barry needed a lot of rehabilitative care. We would do anything and everything to help him. Barry spent four months with us at our shelter. With nutritious food, he gained weight. Thanks to emotional support and love, he slowly came out of his shell of fear. We found Barry a wonderful home where he is loved and cherished.

Luke, too, needed us. He was homeless. He walked with a limp, the result of multiple fractures in his left, rear leg. We were shocked to learn that two small-caliber bullets were lodged in his bone.

Tragically, the damage to Luke’s leg was so severe that his leg had to be removed. We hired a veterinary orthopedic surgeon to perform the surgery and to give Luke the best chance for a complete recovery.

Luke is doing well, and he has a family to love him.

Please help us save more lives. We deeply appreciate any donation you can send. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Maja Kovic, President