Franklin and Wally were miles apart when they were abandoned. But, sadly, they were together in their suffering and loneliness. We were here to take care of all their physical and emotional needs.

Franklin is a senior kitty who needed a dental procedure right away. His treatment was important because rotting teeth and gum disease can lead to other serious illnesses. This lovable kitty made it through the procedure, and he has been adopted. His family tells us that Franklin “owns the house” and has claimed a comfy beanbag chair for his sitting and sleeping pleasure.

This holiday season, shelters across America will be full of animals wanting good homes. We encourage you to check out your local pound. And, please do not forget all the orphans who are waiting here at our shelter.

Please remember Wally. Despite the heartache that Wally endured as a victim of abandonment, this guy is 60 pounds of pure love. He wants to please and comfort every person he meets.

Thank you if you can adopt Wally or another amazing dog or cat at our shelter. Many of our pets have been waiting a long time for a loving family.

“ The scales of justice must be equal for all God’s creatures.”
HOPING FOR A GOOD HOME: Homer has a great personality. Yet, no one has adopted him. Homer has been with us since June.

This precious dog is gentle and loving. He is always ready to snuggle on a lap. If you are ever having a bad day, he will be the one to comfort you. Homer sends his love.

My eyes searched for kindness, and you made me whole again. Your compassion heals physical and emotional wounds. It’s no wonder that my furry friends and I look at you with admiration.

Please remember Defenders of Animal Rights, Inc., in your will (Federal Tax ID # 52-1061126). You can ease the suffering of helpless animals and bring about peace and justice for future victims of abuse.

With gratitude and love, Roddy ♥

A MOMENT OF REASSURANCE: While Homer waits for his forever family, he is comforted by Kyle, a frequent visitor to our shelter.

HELPING THE SICK: It is horrible that Roddy was caged in an outside kennel. Tragically, he has heartworm disease that is caused by the bite of a mosquito. Roddy’s treatment is a lengthy process so he will be at our shelter for many months.
BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY, THESE LIVES HAVE BEEN SAVED!

Sadly, for every rescued animal you see here, there are thousands of animals who know only hunger, suffering, and death. Won’t you please give a gift to help the work of Defenders of Animal Rights to continue? Thank you for making a difference in so many precious lives.

IN THE EYES OF A HOMELESS ANIMAL, YOU CAN BE A HERO! ADOPT A SHELTER PET.

SAVING LIVES: When dogs come to the Defenders of Animal Rights shelter, they are always smiling! On a serious note, we take in animals that other shelters, through no fault of their own, cannot place. Floyd and Elroy were among six dogs brought to our shelter.

RESCUED!: We also welcomed Jennifer, Priscilla, and Arthur from another shelter.
Defenders of Animal Rights, Inc., is a nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating cruelty. Our shelter holds adoptable animals until they find good homes—no matter how long it takes. Donations for our work are tax deductible. We are pleased to inform you that 84.95% of your charitable dollar goes directly to Program Services for the animals.

We do not use a professional fundraiser or any fundraising organization. We do not sell, give, or lease our donors’ names.

Mary Jo Kovic       President/Treasurer
Erin Gillis         Vice President
Liz Brooks          Secretary
Ashley Shanklin      Photographer
Abbey Miller        Photographer

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A MOM IN NEED: MiMi had a litter of kittens. After the birth, she was no longer wanted by her owner. At our shelter, we made MiMi feel at home. All our cats and dogs are spayed or neutered before being placed with families.

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Mittens

FEELING MUCH BETTER: It saddens us that Mittens has kidney disease, but she is doing well under our care.

Bruce

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NEGLECTED: Bruce was an owned dog who was left outside for most of his life. Bruce had an intestinal parasite that caused horrible symptoms. With medicine, good care, and love, we took away his suffering.
MEMORIALS: Contributions may be sent in memory of a loved one. We acknowledge gifts to next of kin. All donations over $25 are published. Please clearly print your tribute. Call us if you need help getting over the loss of a cherished pet. Thank you for honoring:

*AUGGIE*-in loving memory-Bob and Deb Degraw
*BARNEY*-in loving memory-Linda Black
*BEAR*-in memory of Dawn’s beloved Bear-Marianna Russell
*TUX MEISTER BLEVINS*-in loving memory of our daughter’s cat. Belovedly missed-Patricia Nachodsky
*BRIE*-in loving memory of our sweet Brie-Patricia Lee
*JOHN RAYMOND BROWN*-in loving memory. Donors to the John Raymond Brown Memorial Fund include: Pamela Brown, Dan & Pauline Hirsch, Mary Mack, Jose Ospina, and Bridget Quatmann.
*ELAINE BURKHARDT*-in loving memory-Shelly Soltyaki
*BURTON*-in loving memory-Howard Berliner
*BUTTONS*-in loving memory. Mommy misses you so much.-Glorene Davide
*CAMPER*-in loving memory of a special boy-Defenders
*DITTLE*-in loving memory of my daughter’s much-loved cat-Ron Brown
*JOHN ALAN FRIEDEL*-in loving memory of Rick Shane’s beloved partner-Sherri Pennock
*DELANEY GADDIS*-in loving memory-Katherine Miller
*GIL GRUZYNSKI*-in loving memory-Leona Gruzynski
*MARY FRANCES ISRAEL*-in loving memory of my dear friend-Mrs. Barbara Ann Masel
*JACK*-in loving memory-Kathryn and Laura
*JOSEPH E. JESSA, JR.*-in loving memory-Theodore Jessa
*KELLY and *MELODY*-in loving memory-Maureen Stonich
*KIKI*-in loving memory. Forever in my heart-Meredith Maslak
*KITZ*-in loving memory of Momma and Daddy’s sweet little boy who blessed our lives for 18 years. RIP at the Rainbow Bridge playing with Kitty, Ripper, and Pearly Mae. We miss and love you always until we meet again.-Jim Hemphill and Laura Cahill
*DEBORAH LIMMER and *DELANEY GADDIS*-in loving memory-Denise and Wayne Holin
*LOLA*-in loving memory-Mark Monette
*MARY MARTIN*-in loving memory-Debbie, Sharon, and Michele
*MEGAN and *GARRETT*-in loving memory-Dena and Bill Adle
*PFEETIE*-in loving memory-Valerie Noll
*PEGGY SUE*-in loving memory of my adopted and much-loved puppy mill dog-Linda Shapleigh
*GEORGE & DOROTHY PELUSO*-in loving memory of my parents-Jackie Peluso
*RICK & LOUISE ROBERTS*-in loving memory-Philip and Darlene Marll
*ROZ and *FRANCIS*-in loving memory-Martha Edson and James O’Connell
*RUFUS and *MOCHA*-in loving memory. Miss you so much. Always in our hearts-the Bowling family
*SAMSON and *JAMIESON*-in loving memory of my sweet boys-Gail Trawinski
*SHADOW and *COWGIRL*-in loving memory-Martene R. Wade
*DUANE SHANKLIN*-in loving memory-Michael and Vera Shanklin
*EDWARD STUDZINSKI*-in loving memory of my husband-Joan Studzinski
*TRAVIS*-in loving memory-Sondra Marton
*TWILIGHT*-in loving memory of my sweet boy who passed 9/12/23 after 17 lovely years. He will never be forgotten by his Dad.-Raoul DiBlasi
*JESSE WEISBERG*-in loving memory-Ted and Lynn Weisberg
*Bobby WEST*-in loving memory-Janice Meszaros
*SUZANNE WINKLER*-in loving memory of my Mom-Jeanne Shoemaker
Dear Kind Member:

Please know we deeply appreciate your love for animals and your loyalty to our rescue work. You are making a difference in the lives of suffering animals. Thank you for everything that you do for them.

Misty is another lovable pet whose plight was beyond heartbreaking. She was homeless on the streets. She was not spayed. She was hungry all the time and slowly starving to death.

We took care of Misty’s every need. We fed her several small meals a day so as not to cause problems in her tummy that had been empty for so long.

This is our year-end holiday appeal for funds, and we hope that you can send a donation. Misty is still under our care, along with many other dogs and cats and farm animals. We are so grateful for your kindness and generosity. You are keeping our shelter doors open for animals who desperately need help and have no other place to go.

With love and gratitude, we wish you a joyous holiday season. Please stay safe and well.

Frieda, too, was homeless on the streets. She gave birth to four darling kittens. One by one, she carried each baby to a porch with the hope of finding help. The owner of the house brought this family of five to our shelter.