Sadly, these precious puppies and their five brothers and sisters were abandoned in a crate. They were all alone near a busy road. We can only imagine the fear and confusion they must have felt.

It was early morning when we found these helpless animals. We have no idea how long they were in the dark and exposed to the elements.

The crate was extremely heavy. It took all the strength of two people to lift it into our rescue van. We immediately provided everything the puppies needed: veterinary checkups, bloodwork, all their inoculations, plus heartworm and flea and tick preventative medicines. Each puppy was so grateful to be saved, and all of them are in loving homes now.

Dottie looks quite pretty in her yellow harness, chosen by her new adoptive family. It’s a comfy accessory when a puppy is learning to walk on a leash. Please see page three for the other darling puppies in this rescue.

**HARSH WORDS THAT BROKE THE HEART OF THIS KITTEN**

Lucas was no longer wanted by his owners. They posted his photo online with this horrible message: “Need Cat Gone Today.”

Fortunately, a kind lady cared about the well being of this kitten and answered the post. She brought Lucas to our shelter where he would be safe until we could find him a good home.
Defenders of Animal Rights, Inc., is a nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating cruelty to all animals. Our shelter is proud to help many animals, even those with extensive medical problems. There is no limit on the time we hold animals for adoption. If a pet is not adopted right away, we hold the pet until a good home is found. Donations for our work are tax deductible. Current financial info. is available upon request. Write Defenders of Animal Rights: P.O. Box 25; Phoenix, MD 21131. Call us at (410) 527-1466. Or, for cost of copying/postage, contact MD Secretary of State; State House; Annapolis, MD 21401; or the Virginia Office of Charitable and Regulatory Programs.

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**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:

*ASHES—in loving memory of Ashes’ birthday—Tina L. Schaeffer

*BELOVED PETS—in loving memory of all the Dobry/Plummer family pets over the years—Debra Dobry

*COCO BENIGNI—in loving memory—Samantha

*BUBBA BENNETT—in loving memory of Dawn and Jake’s fur baby who will be greatly missed—Deepest Sympathy, Donna and Earl

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

*BURTON—in loving memory—Howard Berliner

*PAULA CROFT—in loving memory of my wife of 52 years. She loved animals more than anything in life.—Wayne Croft

*DAISY—in loving memory of my 14-year-old orange tabby, loved for many years and now dearly missed—Irene Heffner

*COOPER EAGLE—in loving memory of Sue’s precious companion of 20 years—Love, Donna & Earl

*EMMA—in loving memory—Daphne Miller

*ROBIN FORSTER—in loving memory—Dania Thompson

*DELANEY GADDIS—in loving memory—Katherine Miller

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

*GIL GRUZYNSKI—in loving memory—Andrea Chapman and Leona Gruzynski

*GUMMY—in loving memory—Andrew and Nancy Gendron

*ANDREW COLIN HALL—in loving memory of our dear son—John and Amy Hall

*IZZY—in loving memory—Lorraine and Larry Andrews

*TIM JENNINGS—with fondest memory of our friend—Linda Osborne, Diane Osborne, and Patricia Osborne-Newman

*JOANNE “JOJO”—in loving memory—Teresa Eller

*DONALD KELLERMANN—in loving memory—Ellen Cohn

*Scooter Knopp—in loving memory—Patricia Southworth


*LACY—in loving memory—Anna Wilkinson

*LILLY—in loving memory of my beloved cat—Kathleen Jenkins

*LOTUS and *BLUE—in loving memory of the two super affectionate kittens—at-heart and always playful—Iwona Kubiczek

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Please spread the word that we have many lovable pets for adoption. Orville deserves a family to call his own. He must be an indoor pet who is loved and raised as part of a family.

Orville has many endearing ways. He likes to sit next to someone. And, if you brush his hair, he won’t be in any hurry to leave your side.

A domesticated rabbit can live about 12 years. A balanced diet of salad and veggies plus store-bought rabbit feed is important for the animal’s good health. Orville is waiting for his dream home.

Thanks to your support of our shelter, we were able to give these four-month-old puppies all the expensive care they needed. You have played an important role in their happiness and safety.

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Tanya led a miserable existence on the streets. There was never enough food to fill her empty belly. No shelter from the weather. Never a kind word! And, she was reaching an age when cats begin to have litters.

All our animals are spayed or neutered. While waiting for adoption, our cats live in two large rooms where they have the freedom to move about, play, and sleep. Tanya especially enjoys the company of the older cats.

**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

1.) Save a life. Take homeless animals to a place where they can receive proper care.

2.) Spread the word about the need to spay and neuter pets.

3.) If you can, kindly remember Defenders of Animal Rights, Inc., in your will or on a life-insurance policy or savings account.

These animals have been spared further harm; but, tragically, others wait for kind hearts to come together and help them. Thank you.

Five-week-old Charlotte and Joy were desperate for a roof over their heads. We found them inside a barn where two pet pigs were sleeping.

Baby Natalie is one of many kittens we have bottle fed during our 46 years of helping animals. A construction worker found this helpless two-week-old kitten in an abandoned home and brought her to our shelter.

Natalie is shown here with her favorite stuffed toy—a mouse. She cuddles with it as though it is her Mommy.
*LUCY—in loving memory—Marci Geppi

*MACKLIN—in loving memory—Kimberley Hess


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

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

*GEORGE & DORTHY PELUSO—in loving memory of my parents—Jackie Peluso

*POLLY and *TWILIGHT—in loving memory of my two Beagles—Kathryn Pavlov

*PRECIOUS—in loving memory of my beloved Precious, my wonderful, sweet, affectionate companion—Gail Fread

*ROCKY and *REILLY—in loving memory. Always in our hearts.—June Wynne

*ROSIE—in loving memory of a very sweet Golden Retriever—Emily Marszalek

*CHASE ROSSBACH—in loving memory of the “third” son of Tina and Dave who will be sorely missed—Love, Donna & Earl

*MAX ROZANSKI—in loving memory of Shirley’s fur baby who will be sorely missed—Love, Donna & Earl

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

*RUSTY—in loving memory of the sweetest dog and traveling companion of Michele and Dave Nicholson—Roland and Leah Bark

*SAMPSON—in loving memory—Deborah O’Rourke

*SHADOW—in loving memory of our sweet cat—Scott Huffines


*BETTE THOMSON—in loving memory—Sheila Woolfolk

*TOTO—in loving memory—Stacy Burbach

*TUUKKA—in loving memory—Josephine Gallo

*BAXTER ULMER—in loving memory—Josie Kaestner

*RACHEL VAN DER EERDEN—in loving memory of our daughter. We miss her so much. She was a real animal lover. We hope she is with all her lost babies in Heaven!—Harry and Ida Eck

*MINNOW WALSH—in loving memory—Patsy Brookhart

*JESSE WEISBERG—in loving memory—Aunt Beverly, Judy, Josh, Ivy, Chris, Chloe, and Jordyn

*JESSE WEISBERG—in loving memory—Randee, Harry, Ryan, and Michael Baumohl

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*FRANK WELLS—in loving memory. Donors to the Frank Wells Memorial Fund include: The Circle of Faith; Brittany Dawson; Havenwood Preschool Center; Presbyterian Eye, Ear, & Throat Charity Hospital; Sharon Huber-Plano; Susan Riegger; Janette Smith; and Wende Smith.

*BETTY WOODS—in loving memory of Betty, a rescue Lab with nothing but love in her heart—Gina Woods

*WOODY—in loving memory of my Cocker rescue dog who enriched my life—Sandra Waters

*SUSAN YAQUIANT—in loving memory—John Yaquiant

*ZOE—in loving memory of our so beloved Zoe—Cate McCarthy

*ZOE—in loving memory—Laurie Winemiller
Dear Kind Member:

Monty’s health had greatly deteriorated due to owner neglect. His dental disease alone accounted for more pain and suffering than any little cat should endure. Nine of his teeth had to be extracted. All the money we spent on Monty’s recovery and all the care we gave him brought out the “people pleaser” in him. He became the purring greeter for every visitor to our shelter. He is among 48 cats and kittens who are now waiting and hoping for a home.

Poor Nora had her own troubles. She had a severe infection in her ears. She lived with intense itching that tormented her and never stopped. Tragically, she scratched her ears until they bled.

Her skin was also infected. Nora needed an arsenal of medical treatment including multiple visits to a veterinary dermatologist. She was eventually adopted. Her human parents are totally in love with her—telling us they “hit the jackpot” when they found Nora at our shelter.

As you can imagine, helping animals now is more costly than ever. If you could send a donation today, it would mean so much to the animals who are depending on us for help. Please, stay safe and well as all of us work our way through challenging times. Please accept our deepest gratitude for each and every act of kindness that you make possible. Take care.

P.S. Cause To Celebrate: Gina is a purebred South African Boerboel and 125 lbs. of love. Over a span of three years, we worked tirelessly to find her a good home. Finally, on April 30th, 2022, a wonderful family adopted Gina!

We shed tears for the dog we loved and would miss. There were happy tears, too—the kind that come straight from the heart. At long last, Gina is living the beautiful life she deserves.