Shelby’s plight was absolutely heartbreaking. We were ready to do anything and everything to help her and her two-day-old puppies.

Shelby’s physical condition was an immediate concern. We had to make sure this little dog would gain enough weight to be healthy and strong. And, she needed proper nourishment to nurse all her puppies. We fed Shelby four meals a day and monitored her caloric intake to be certain she was eating enough calories. We took care of all her medical needs and those of her entire family. Of course, all our animals are spayed or neutered.

Today, Shelby is in an outstanding home. Her family members say they cannot live without her! Throughout her stay with us, Shelby was an inspiration. Despite all the cruelty and suffering she once endured, Shelby always greets people with a happy tail and a full-body wiggle.

“The scales of justice must be equal for all God’s creatures.”
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*ANNE BANKS (12/13/22)—in loving memory—Stephanie Renaud
*GREG BANNON—in loving memory of my Dad—Emily Bannon
*BARNEY—in loving memory—Linda M. Black
*ORION LEE “RY RY” “RY LEE COYOTE” BAUGH—in loving memory—Grand Meow
*BECCA—in loving memory of Becca who touched all of us with her sweetness and kindness—Ted and Lynn Weisberg
*BECCA, MY LITTLE GIRL IN DOGGIE FUR—You loved hearing “Becca is a good girl.” I still say these words to comfort you as you rest in the arms of the angels. Love you with every breath of my being.—Mom
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*BLACKIE—in loving memory—James Galovich
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*JOHNNIE CAREY and *MISUR-BLU—in loving memory—Ruth A. Roberts
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*DUKE—in loving memory of your sweet boy—Renée and staff at the Animal Medical Clinic of Dulaney Valley
*ROBIN FORSTER and *MITT—in loving memory—Pam MacLean
*FRECKLES, *JODY, *MACK, *RAGS, and *MAXIE—in loving memory of our five dogs who stole our hearts while here and took a piece of our hearts when they left us—Edward Maloy
*FRED and *ANGIE—in loving memory. I miss them terribly!—Kevin Schnupp
*DELANEY GADDIS—in loving memory—Katherine Miller
*GIL GRUZYNSKI—in loving memory—Leona Gruzynski and Rosetta Rizzo
*Gwen—in loving memory of my baby sister who left us way too soon—Love always, Gail
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CAUSE TO CELEBRATE: TINY KITTEN SAVED!

Our work was just beginning. Warren needed round-the-clock bottle feedings, or he would not survive. Photo shows Warren in the loving hands of Ashley, one of our dedicated caregivers.

THE HOMELESS NEED US NOW, MORE THAN EVER

These adorable kittens were barely surviving on the streets. Both suffered with ear mites that caused intense itching. Avery has a permanent scar on her left eye. Most likely, it was the result of an earlier infection when this kitten was just a few months old.

As horrible as Avery’s condition was, Morgan’s situation was worse. In a photo far too graphic to show you, his eye is protruding from the socket. Tragically, his eye had to be removed. You will be happy to know that Morgan has been adopted. Kindness abounds. Love prevails.

Please take homeless animals to a place where they can be helped—before it’s too late.
TAKING GOOD CARE OF PAULIE

We can only imagine the pain that Paulie felt when he was struck by a car. Sadly, he had a dislocated hip. Homeless, cold, and alone, this sweet kitty must have feared he would never see another tomorrow.

When it comes to injuries, treatments vary. In Paulie’s case, there was a surgical procedure that would help him. His operation was a success, and Paulie loves his physical therapy sessions with us.

CAN YOU ADOPT ME? PLEASE.

Diane’s photo captures the essence of her personality. She listens attentively to your every word. With all her heart, she loves you. In good times and bad, this little girl is the friend who comforts you and never leaves your side.

Can you please give Diane the good home she deserves. Not long ago, Diane was betrayed by a person she trusted. Diane was abandoned on the streets to fend for herself when she was completely helpless. We invite you to visit our shelter to meet Diane. Or, call us if you would like more information.

NEW LOVE FOR LILLY

Lilly’s family member loved her dog. Sadly, however, the woman was physically unable to keep up with Lilly’s care. There was a sad goodbye at our shelter, but it was filled with hope. We promised to find Lilly a good home, and we kept our word.

Please help us keep all our promises now and far into the future. Will you remember our animals and our rescue work in your will, on a life-insurance policy, or savings account. Our legal name is Defenders of Animal Rights, Inc. Our tax ID number is 52-1061126. You can see from this newsletter how we spare no expense when it comes to providing badly-needed medical treatment. We put hope into the eyes of animals tortured by cruelty. We work for a kinder tomorrow and a better world. Thank you for this thoughtful remembrance.
*JESSIE-in loving memory-Sue M. Campbell
*JESSIE-in loving memory of your sweet girl-Renée and staff at the Animal Medical Clinic of Dulaney Valley
*JETTY-in loving memory-Kate Rhodes
*ROBERT KANE-in loving memory-Joyce Kane
*KATIE-in loving memory-Brenda and James Blondheim
*KELLY and MELODY-in loving memory-Maureen Stonich
*FRANK LAMANA-in loving memory-Deborah Earl
*DEBORAH LIMMER and *DELANEY GADDIS-in loving memory. We will always love you.-Dee and Wayne
*DEBORAH LIMMER and *DELANEY GADDIS-in loving memory-Maureen Foley
*LULU-in loving memory of Judy Kelly’s dear little girl-Roland and Leah Bark
*MEAGAN-in loving memory. Happy Heavenly Birthday.-Mary C. McCleary
*ISABEL CHRISTIANNA McDONNELL-in loving memory. Donors to the Isabel Christianna McDonnell Memorial Fund include: Richard Borges, Donna Bush, Susan McDonnell, and Donna & Kathy Smith.
*DEMI MURPHY-in loving memory-Susan O’Connor
*OLIVE OYL-in loving memory of Mommy’s good girl! We love and miss you!-Always in our hearts, Jay and Arleen Elzweig
*OREO-in loving memory. We miss you.-Love, Sherry and Sharon
*CAMBRIDGE, *CRAB CAKE, and *CHESAPEAKE O’SHEA-in loving memory of Donna’s precious furbabies-Love, Donna and Earl
*ELLEN and *ROY PARSONS-in loving memory-Elizabeth Grove
*Pee wee and *BEEBE-in loving memory-Annette Powers
*GODREY L. PETERSON-in loving memory of our beloved brother-in-law -Phil and Kristi Richardson
*POLLY and *TWILIGHT-in loving memory of my Beagles-Kathryn Pavlov
*RASCAL-in loving memory of my Shih Tzu. He was my partner and I truly loved him.-Donna Lafferty
*MICHAEL JAMES RICHARDSON-in loving memory-the Heidelbach family
*DOROTHY MAE RICHBURG-in loving memory-Dionne Curbeam
*ROCKY-in loving memory-Anne Esposito
*ROXIE-in loving memory of my sweet, sweet dog-Daphne Miller
*RUFUS, *MARK, and *P.J.-in loving memory-the Mutschler and Watkins families
*SAMMY-in loving memory-Frank Friedman and Mary Rossheim
*SUGAR-in loving memory-Charles Newcomb
*TOM, *GERI, *PAT, and *PRECIOUS-in loving memory of my brother, my cousins, and my beloved Pitbull-Donald Conway
*TUUKKA and *NICHOLAS-in loving memory-Josephine Gallo
*TUXEDO, *RUNWAY, and *MR. GRAY-“And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.” Forever in our hearts-Lucille and George
*WALTER-in loving memory of your sweet boy-Renée and staff at the Animal Medical Clinic of Dulaney Valley
*LORNA WALTERS-in loving memory of a dear friend and lover of all animals-Carol Olszewski
*GWinnie Purnell “Penny” Weber-in loving memory. Donors to the Gwinnie Purnell “Penny” Weber Memorial Fund include: Larry & Brenda Brooks and Sharon McKnight.
*JESSE WEISBERG-in loving memory-Ted and Lynn Weisberg
*JOAN WOODS-in loving memory-Gina Woods
Dear Kind member:

Medical treatment plays such an important role in our rescue work. Maury’s life depended on it. Tragically, he had a gaping wound that abscessed and ruptured. This frail, little kitty was suffering with more pain than anyone should ever know.

Maury’s condition required a month’s stay at a veterinary hospital. Our patient needed antibiotics and pain medications. There were daily bandage changes. Laser therapy was used in the healing process, as well as applications of medical-grade honey to the skin. When the wound became smaller, it was closed with sutures.

Soon, Maury was showing affection to everyone he met. He was happy to be saved. Every day is a blessing when someone cares about you.

Because of our help, Timmy is now an active and playful puppy. But, he has been through so much! He was struck by a car. And, if this isn’t heartbreaking enough, Timmy was left to die on the streets. X-rays told this puppy’s sad story. He was suffering with multiple fractures involving his left hind leg, his hip, and his thigh bone. He was in a lot of pain.

We wanted to fix everything, but the damage was severe. Several veterinarians, including an orthopedic specialist, recommended removal of Timmy’s leg to spare him a life of pain.

In his darkest hour, we were here for Timmy—providing love and everything he needed. Like many amputee dogs and cats we have cared for, Timmy is happy and living his life to the fullest.

As you know, our work depends entirely on donations. We deeply appreciate any help you can send today. Thank you for the compassion and kindness in your heart.