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Defenders of Animal Rights, Inc.

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PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR LOVE AND A GOOD HOME



Cameron

I can catch a ball better than any baseball player. Please adopt me so we can have lots of fun together.



Bernadette

Are you lonely? No worries. I will never leave your side.



Wally

When my owner abandoned me, my heart was broken. Thank you for coming to my rescue.



Ralph

We have been waiting twelve months for a good home. We have been waiting for you.



Roddy

"The scales of justice must be equal for all God's creatures."

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:

- ***MARTIN ARNOLD**-in loving memory of sweet Martin Arnold-Ashleigh Camenga
- ***GORDON BEARD**-in memory of my beloved husband who loved his dogs, especially Friskey-Joan R. Beard
- ***PAUL MITCHEL BOZMAN, SR.**-in loving memory-Todd and Rose Delory
- ***BUDDY**-in loving memory of my very friendly and lovable cat-Leslie Fogelsong
- ***BURTON**-in loving memory-Howard Berliner
- ***JOHN PATRICK BYER**-in loving memory-Allen Wright
- ***CASSIE**-in loving memory-Sue and Jerry Nayden
- ***KRISTA L. CHEPULIS**-in loving memory-Aunt Dolly
- ***KRISTA L. CHEPULIS**-in loving memory-Dad and Mom
- ***MIA DOOLEY-EPSTEIN**-in loving memory-Brandon Epstein
- ***BEN ENSOR**-in loving memory of my husband-Karen S. Ensor
- ***DELANEY GADDIS**-in loving memory-Katherine Miller
- ***ANDREA GARCIA**-in loving memory-Carole Garcia
- ***PATRICE GILLET and *RUSTY**-in loving memory-Patricia Lozny
- ***JAMES GIGLIO (1935-2020)**-in loving memory-Giglio Foundation
- ***GIL GRUZYNSKI**-in loving memory-Leona Gruzynski
- ***HALIA**-in loving memory-Merrie Fischer
- ***HOLLY**-in loving memory-Kathie Karmazin
- ***INKY**-in loving memory-Shirley T. Perry
- ***RICHARD "DICK" IRVIN**-in loving memory. Donors to the Richard "Dick" Irvin Memorial Fund include: Tom Bowers & Ellen Jaffe; Betty Contino; Susan Del Carmen & family; Kristie Evans; Robert Evans; James Gerwig, Sr.; Mike Gerwig; Dreena Jones; Sarah Reynolds; Richard & Sharon Schuck; Kathy & Charlie Stromberg; and Jerry A. Young, Jr.
- ***JIM JARRETT**-in loving memory-Robert M. Prosser

A GOOD HOME. A LOVING FAMILY. A DREAM COME TRUE.



“Seamus is the sweetest little guy ever. He gets along great with our dogs and has been trying to get our cat to like him. He is so playful and fun!”



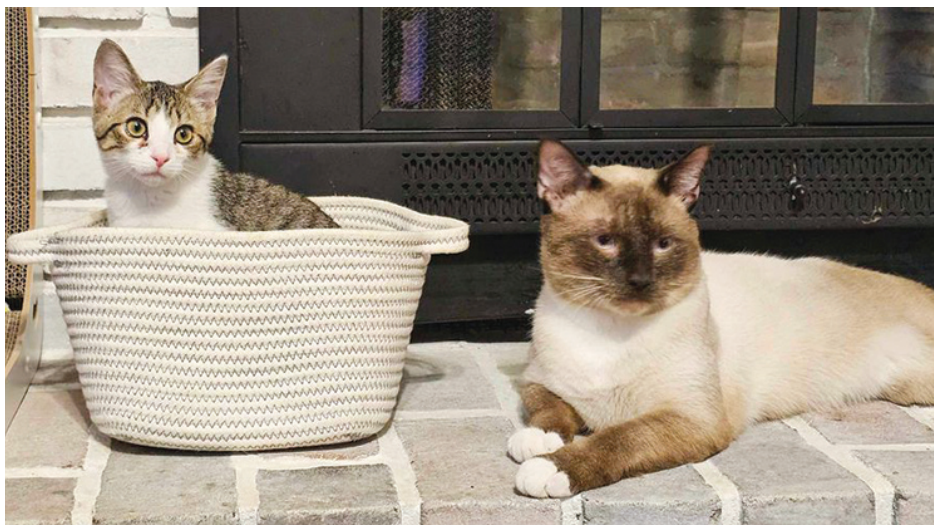
“Sasha, enjoying beach week.”



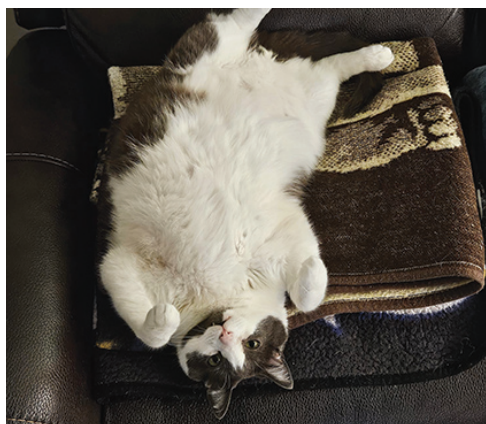
“Crosby and his brother Keaton love belly rubs, car rides and mom and dad's bed!”



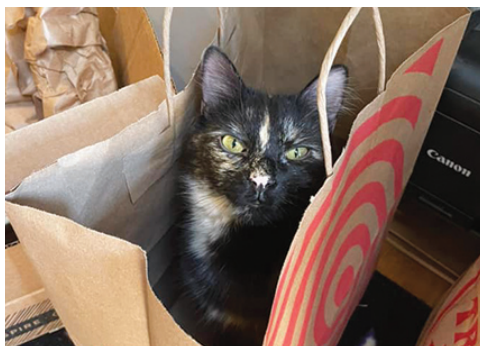
“Clover and Piper are doing their best to beat the heat by staying inside and eating snacks instead!”



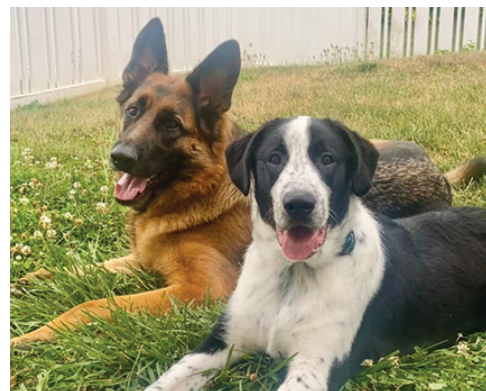
“Klaus and Flora are doing great! Still best buddies and in a single day made themselves at home.”



“Frisco loves laying on his back and getting belly rubs!”



“We just love Winnie so much! Thank you for helping us find the perfect furry family member!”



“Wren and her new little brother Arlo!”

PETS NEED DENTAL CARE

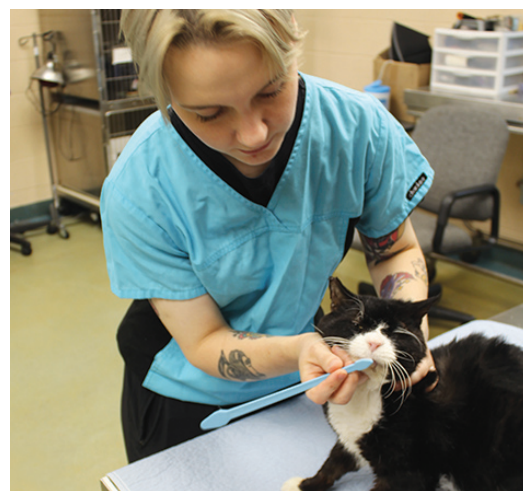
A simple dental infection can ruin your pet's health. It starts with plaque, a colorless film of bacteria that constantly accumulates on teeth. Plaque can become tartar and as the two substances build up, an inflammation of the gums known as gingivitis occurs.

Pockets of infection then form around the teeth, destroying the underlying tissues and causing tooth loss. Few people realize that at this stage the infection can spread into the animal's bloodstream. There it travels to major organs like the heart, lungs, liver, and kidneys and can do irreparable damage.

PREVENTION is the key word. Brush your dog or cat's teeth a couple times a week. Use only products formulated for pets. In a pinch, it is better to rub the surface of your pet's teeth and gums with gauze and water than do nothing at all. Be sure to see your veterinarian for checkups.

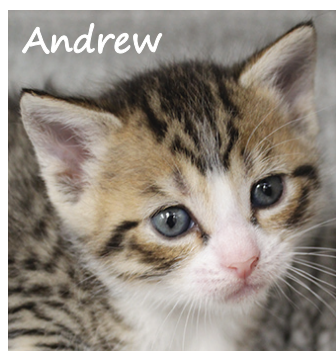
It's important to point out that while dry food and chew toys provide some natural cleaning, **they are not enough**. Once tartar is formed, the only way to remove it is through veterinary dentistry. This always involves putting the animal under anesthesia.

At-home dental care can help eliminate the need for this procedure and can cut your veterinary bills. It can protect your pet from life-threatening illnesses as well as tooth loss.



Abbey Miller brushes Mark's teeth. Abbey is using a toothbrush and toothpaste made for dogs and cats.

SAVING TINA'S LIFE



It is heartbreaking to think about Tina living out on the streets. She was all alone, hungry, and very afraid. And, she was about to give birth. The person who cruelly abandoned this wonderful kitty should feel a great sense of shame.

Five days after Tina's arrival at our shelter, she gave birth to Andrew and Joey.

Meanwhile, we received an urgent call about a newborn kitten whose mother tragically had been killed. We took in the little guy, and our precious Tina nursed Baby Lawrence along with her own babies.

- *JULES-in loving memory of our Jules-Tina L. Schaeffer
- *KAMI-in loving memory of our sweet, funny Standard Poodle-Linda and Butch
- *KELLY and *MELODY-in loving memory-Maureen Stonich
- *JOAN LANE-in loving memory-Lenore Martin
- *DEBORAH LIMMER and *DELANEY GADDIS-in loving memory-Maureen Foley
- *LUCY-in loving memory of our Beloved Lucy-Tom, Melva, and Ginger Sullens
- *MELODY-in loving memory. She always put a melody in my heart. I will miss and love you very much.-Mom
- *MIA-in loving memory-Ellice Yi
- *MIMI ROO-in loving memory-Renata Vaccari
- *MISSY-in loving memory of a 14-year-old, very-loved, and devoted companion to her mom and dad-Teresa Eller
- *ROCKY MOLINO-in loving memory of a beloved Boxer and very good boy-Judy Holland and Dave Dulaney
- *NIKKI-in loving memory of a treasured companion for 19½ years. Rest in peace, my friend.- Kathleen Gately
- *NOVA-in loving memory of Karen and Ken's much-loved dog-Roxanne and Bob
- *GAIL PARR-in loving memory-Becky Malarkey
- *GEORGE & DOROTHY PELUSO-in loving memory-Jacqueline Peluso
- *CASH PICARELLO-in loving memory of the "greatest boy"-Heather Adkins
- *PRECIOUS-To my beloved Precious, my heart and soul aches for you. You were such comfort to me. I wish I could cradle you in my arms once more.-Gail M. Fread
- *RORY-in loving memory of dear Rory-With our love, Jo; Peggy; and Kali; too
- *RICHARD "DICKIE" ROTNER-in loving memory of our dear friend-Randi and Alan Foreman
- *SCOTTIE-in loving memory of my precious little man. Scottie crossed the Rainbow Bridge on May 9th. I lost a piece of my heart that day.-Joyce Marston
- *ROSEY SHEARIN-in loving memory of the Shearin family's faithful companion for 16 wonderful years-Ann and Tedd Nettles
- *AMIYA ALEXIS SNOWDEN-in memory of a beloved Veterinary Technician at Animal Clinic of Southgate-Gail Snow
- *TALLY-in loving memory of my dog-Mindy Sturgis
- *KAHLUA THROPP-in loving memory-Todd and Gina Thropp
- *TINSEL-in loving memory of my cat-Mara Arico
- *RACHEL VAN DER EERDEN-in loving memory of our daughter who loved all animals as we do-Harry and Ida Eck
- *FREDERICK VEIHMEYER-in loving memory. Donors to the Frederick Veihmeyer Memorial Fund include: Stacy Smith and Tamara W. Zavislan.
- *LYNN and *JESSE WEISBERG-in loving memory-Patricia Lozny
- *SUSAN YAQUIANT-in loving memory-John Yaquiant

TOUCHED BY YOUR KIDNESS



Louise



Pearl

Dear Kind Member:

Pearl is a new arrival at our shelter, and we cannot say enough good things about her. She is wonderful and caring beyond words.

Tragically, Pearl's owner passed away. Pearl was there—faithful and loving to the end. Pearl was still wearing her "emotional support vest" when an animal control agency carried her away from the place she called home.

It is outrageous that after this dog devoted her entire life to helping people, no one wanted her. We were going to right a wrong.

Pearl loves being at our shelter. Every time she sees us, she rolls over for a belly rub! We are well trained, and Pearl is well loved.

We also saved Louise. This kitty has an abnormal heartbeat, and she needed the help of a veterinary cardiologist. Louise is on daily medication now and is doing well.

However, the improvement in her health has come with a warning. Louise may not have the long lifespan that cats typically have. Despite this news, a couple adopted Louise. Words cannot describe how much these pet parents love her. They call us to say how much joy she brings them every day.

We share these stories so that you know the power behind your charitable giving. Thank you for whatever you can give today. Thank you, too, if you can remember Defenders of Animal Rights, Inc., in a bequest that will help animals like Louise and Pearl. We appreciate you more than words can say. Take care.



May Jo Kovic, president