There are so many homeless animals that, sadly, some cats and dogs are not adopted as quickly as others. These wonderful pets have been with us for more than six months. Please visit our shelter to see the love in their hearts. The devotion in their eyes. It’s all for you.

"The scales of justice must be equal for all God’s creatures."
DRAMATIC RESCUE: As part of our life-saving mission, we took in Trixie and seven other dogs from a shelter that could not place these animals.

Sadly, Trixie had been neglected by her owner. This poor dog had an old neck wound that appeared to be from an embedded collar. As if this were not enough, she was suffering with heartworm disease.

Trixie was under our care for many months. She made a complete recovery. We placed her and all the other dogs with loving families.

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, Trixie ♡

NEEDED IMMEDIATE SURGERY: Photo shows Patrick after an operation to remove his right eye. It is the opinion of our veterinarians that this little dog suffered from chronic dry eye or glaucoma that was never treated. Tragically, Patrick’s eye ruptured.

We spare no expense when it comes to providing all the medical treatment that homeless animals desperately need. We were here for Patrick when no one else would help him. Thank you for making our rescue work possible.

ENJOYING A “CREATURE COMFORT”: Here is Charlie’s baby picture. This precious kitten is just three months old, and he has an irregular heartbeat. We are monitoring Charlie’s health with regular checkups and are providing all the tests he requires. Our veterinarian is hopeful Charlie will outgrow this condition.

When Charlie came to our shelter, he fell in love with a stuffed toy mouse. He sleeps with it all the time!
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.

POOR, LITTLE ORPHANS: The plight of homeless animals moves us to tears. Someone saw Teddy being abandoned on a parking lot. This innocent kitty didn’t stand a chance when it came to survival on the streets. Timmy was in another shelter, and no one claimed this lovable, jump-on-your-lap dog. Through our rescue work, we were able to make things right for these darling animals.

SAVED! These vulnerable kittens were found in a barn. You can imagine how hungry and frightened they were.
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 84.25% 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
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Ashley Shanklin  Photographer
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:

*ABBY-in loving memory of our sweet and gentle girl-Cate McCarthy

*EDWARD ALLENDER-in loving memory. Donors to the Edward Allender Memorial Fund include: the BCPS SE Assessment Center, Kimberly Hooper, and Steve & Monica Proctor.

*OAKLEY, *SCULLY, *MOLLY and *ODIN ALLISON-in loving memory of all the wonderful Allison dogs. You are missed.-Mary Hornbeck

*GREG BANNON-in loving memory of my beloved husband-Marsha Bannon

*SHAGGY BARRETO-in loving memory-Michele Barretto

*BURTON-in loving memory-Howard Berliner

*CHEVIE-in loving memory of Karen’s precious companion of 14 years-The Ascension Quilting Ladies

*DR. ART CULINER-in loving memory-Dr. & Mrs. Norman Schreiber

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

*GORDON DREISCH-in loving memory-Janice Schaake

*GE GE-in loving memory of our precious cat-Sherri and Mike Pennock

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

*RICKY HORNBECK-in loving memory of our wonderful little boy. We miss you so much. You will be in our hearts forever.-Love, Mommy and Daddy

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

*JACKIE THE MAINE COON-in loving memory of my affectionate girl who left 10 years ago but is never forgotten-Iwona Kubiczek

*JACKSON-in loving memory-Terri Poleski

*JAMIESON-in loving memory of my sweet boy-Gail Trawinski

*KIDDO-in loving memory-Paulette Merrell

*LADYBIRD and *BUDDY-in loving memory of the animals I loved and who loved me-Martha Edson

*PHYLIS J. LAW-in loving memory. She loved all animals.-Paul D. Anderson

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

*ROBERT LEWANDOWSKI-in loving memory. Donors to the Robert Lewandowski Memorial Fund include: Helen & Tom Aberle, Michael Baumer, Andy Brez & Paige Salveter, Amy Gray, Elizabeth & Mark Gustin, Margaret Kildee, Kevin Jackson, David Lewandowski, and Jill Truitt.

*LILLY-in loving memory-Josie Forrest

*MADDIE-in loving memory of Sarah, Hank, and Eloise’s beloved dog-Josie Kaestner

*MAGGIE and *KC-in loving memory-Love, Sharon and Manuel Garcia

*MR. BUG-in loving memory-Terri Poleski

*BERNARD MURRAY-in loving memory of my brother-Lorraine Lancaster

*Nikki and *MIAMI-in loving memory-Guillermo Uriarte

*OSCAR-in loving memory-Gloria W. Stewart

*GEORGE & DORTHY PELUSO and *BAILEY-in loving memory of my parents and Bailey, my Bichon companion of 15 years-Jackie Peluso

*"REGGIE"-in loving memory of my Dad-Kathryn Pavlov

*ROSE-in loving memory-Leah Bark

*SCRAPPY, *HOUNDINI, and *WILLIE-in loving memory-Barbara Ziegler


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

*STINKY-in loving memory-Kirsten Wielobob

*THOMAS STRICEK and *CHIŬN-Merry Christmas to my two wonderful boys-Mom and Grandma

*ANGEL STUDZINSKI-in loving memory-Joan Studzinski

*BEN THOMPSON-in loving memory-Al and Laurie Thompson

*SHIRLEY WRIGHT-in loving memory. Donors to the Shirley Wright Memorial Fund include: Sharon Hill & Michael Chorazy.

*ZOE-in loving memory-Joseph Bishop
Dear Kind Member:

2022 has been a challenging time for many people. We hope you have been safe and well. And, we hope the happy-ending stories in this newsletter make you feel proud that you have supported our rescue work and have saved the lives of many animals who had no one to speak for them.

What happened to Renée was horrible. She was hit by a car and suffered a broken pelvis. Her heart broke, too, as she lay crippled on the ground watching the car that hit her speed away.

For two months, we poured loving care into Renée’s injury. She needed many veterinary exams, x-rays, and strict cage rest while she was healing. As you read this, this adorable kitty is with a family, enjoying the good life we have given her.

Cliff also desperately needed someone to care about him. Imagine this five-month-old puppy homeless on the streets without any medical treatment or food. It was all so heartbreaking. Poor baby was skin and bones. He tried to stop his gnawing hunger pains by eating rocks. Today, Cliff never misses a meal; and he is in a loving home.

This is our special holiday appeal. If there is any way that you can send a donation, we would be grateful. When Brady was brought to our shelter, we could see how much he was hurting. He needed surgery to correct a very painful dislocated hip.

Right now, Brady is undergoing weeks of hydrotherapy. He needs to do exercises in water to ease all his pain and to help him regain mobility. Whether Brady’s injury occurred naturally or was the result of a cruel act, we will never know. Whatever he endured, we wanted to make this helpless dog feel better.

We deeply appreciate any gift you can send. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you. We wish you a joyous holiday season and a “Happy New Year” filled with all the blessings you deserve.