

Shelter Hours of Operation
Monday-Friday 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.
Sundays/Holidays Closed

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Defenders of Animal Rights, Inc.

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IN THEIR TIME OF NEED, WE ARE HERE FOR THEM

Shelters, both local and out of state, are at critical capacity. We step up to help them the moment we have available space to offer.

Defenders is known for taking the "hard cases." These animals require advanced medical care or a long term stay at a shelter. These animals often find it harder to make their way out of overcrowded shelters.

We recently heard about a number of dogs and puppies who were seized from a hoarding situation. We offered to assist in any way we could.



Reba and her seven newborn babies were saved from this deplorable location and eventually made their way to Defenders. We welcomed them with open arms. We are giving this family all the love and medical care they need.

HELPING ATHENA

Athena is both affectionate and gentle. She nuzzles into your hand to show her love. You would never know the trauma she has endured.

At some point in her young life, Athena likely sustained a minor injury to her leg. A well-meaning person bandaged the leg. The tragic part is, that the wrap was never removed. It caused her leg to atrophy.



Poor Athena could no longer use her hind leg at all. A veterinary orthopedic surgeon removed Athena's leg so she could move without pain and difficulty. This kitty is so grateful that we helped her.

"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.

We do not use a professional fundraiser or any fundraising organization.

We do not sell, give, or lease donors' names.

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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:

- ***AMBER**-in loving memory of a sweet and beautiful cat. Beloved and missed by Lee Fletcher and daughter Jule-Friend Sherri
- ***ANNIE**-in loving memory-Patricia A. Lake
- ***BAILEY**-in loving memory-Ellen Rozics and Kim George
- ***ROCKY WILLIAM BAUGH**-in loving memory of Rocky William-Grandmeow, Ma-Ma, Uncle Chuck, and Aunt Stephanie
- ***BELLA**-in loving memory of our sweet dog-Patricia Deimel
- ***DAVID BERLIN**-in loving memory. Donors to the David Berlin Memorial Fund include: Lois Cohen, Charles Daneri, Nanette Dunphy, Mary Fout, Benjamin Greenwald, Ellen P. Hofacker, Joyce McNemar & Mark Mondor, and Joan Price.
- ***BLACKIE**-in loving memory-Kathie Karmazin
- ***JUNE M. BREWER**-in loving memory-Jane "Cricket" Geis
- ***BURTON**-in loving memory-Howard Berliner
- ***CHARLIE**-in loving memory of my beloved dog-Adrienne Boettinger
- ***ARISTINE COKER**-in loving memory-Norman Coker
- ***PATRICIA L. COLLINGWOOD**-in loving memory-Diane, George, Brendan, Justin, Belle, and Sophie
- ***EMMA & *TORI COMMARATA**-in loving memory of our girls. Your Mommies miss you very much. We can't wait to see you again. Joan and Lisa Commarata
- ***LENORA DILWORTH**-in loving memory-Russ and Diane Dilworth
- ***ELLEN**-in loving memory-Carl E. Peterson, III
- ***GABBY**-in loving memory of my sweet, very talkative companion kitty of 20 years-Judy Gaardsmoe
- ***ANDREA GARCIA**-in loving memory-Carole Garcia
- ***DELANEY GADDIS**-in loving memory-Katherine Miller
- ***GIL GRUZYNSKI**-in loving memory-Dr. Leona Gruzynski
- ***GUS, *SANDIE, and *PENNY**-in loving memory of our rescues-xxoo, Suzanne & Ron Wallin
- ***MARGARET HELMICK**-in loving memory-Lori Stofcik

HAPPY NOTES FROM ADOPTIVE FAMILIES



“Beautiful Paige! One of the best decisions we ever made. To say that we adore her is an understatement. She has the most beautiful soul. I look at this gorgeous creature every day and all I see is perfection.”



“Poppy and Alfred have enjoyed their first month home. They love playing, taking naps together, and mealtime.”



“Phil has ‘filled’ a big hole that was left by our 13-year-old dog who passed. We love him.”



“Here is Harper (bottom right), snoozing with his sisters. He was the runt of the litter but is a healthy 10-pound boy now!



“Wally really loves his new home: lots of love, treats, toys, and a big fenced yard! He gets lots of snuggles in Mommy and Daddy’s bed.”



“Leonard and Sheldon are doing well... spoiled rotten, treat lovers, and couch potatoes!”



“Claire is so wonderful and loves her cat sister, Lola. She is fun, mischievous, and gentle. We love her so much.”



“Gus loves taking a different stuffy toy on every walk.”

Please help us make more happy endings possible. We hope you will remember Defenders of Animal Rights, Inc., in your will. Kindly include our full name, address, and our Federal Tax ID number: 52-1061126. With all our hearts, we thank you.

FROM HOPELESS CASES TO FRESH BEGINNINGS



This is how Dawn looked when she came to our shelter. She was overwhelmed by her sad past.



In this photo, Dawn is benefitting from hydrotherapy sessions.



Dawn is "all smiles" because we cared about her and took away her suffering.

Dear Kind Member:

We thank you for coming through for our animals time and time again. We all feel the "squeeze" in these tough economic times, and our shelter is no different. Supply and veterinary bills are at an all time high, but we must persevere together for these deserving animals.

When we saw Dawn's plea for help, we knew we needed to step up for this precious girl. As a former backyard-breeder dog, she had seen the worst of mankind: being forced to have countless litters, all for the benefit of her owner's monetary gain. We made sure Dawn's previous life of misery became a distant memory.

Dawn was dealing with multiple issues when she came to us. She was filthy and severely underweight. She had muscular and skeletal deformities and a painful gait from untreated injuries to her knees and joints. We got to work immediately and addressed each issue one by one.



Over the past two months, Dawn saw a veterinary physical therapist twice a week to help with her mobility. Through everything, she has been tolerant and grateful. She is getting stronger with each passing day. It is an honor to help sweet Dawn and we hope to find her a forever home soon.



Sadly, Baby Piper was abandoned. Thanks to our compassionate caregivers, she is growing every day. It has been a busy kitten season this year. We have welcomed many orphaned kittens to our shelter. Each kitten has required round-the-clock care until they were able to eat on their own.

We hope you will continue your support of our important rescue work. We couldn't do it without your compassionate heart. Thank you so very much.

May Jo Kovic, president

- *KENNETH HUGHES-in loving memory of my husband who adored his dogs before marriage and all we had together: Duchess, Cocoa, Angel, Brutus, Prudence, Sally, Veronica, Buster, and Sophie-Patricia Hughes
- *RICHARD "DICK" IRVIN-in loving memory-Deborah Rowe
- *JAZZ-in loving memory of dear and precious Jazz with love and deepest sympathy-Kay, Sharon, Faith Puppy, Panini Bread, and Angel
- *WENDE KIRCKHOFF-in loving memory of a cat lover-Earl Kirckhoff
- *PATRICIA LEE-in loving memory. Donors to the Patricia Lee Memorial Fund include: Judy & Jack Dryden, Thomas Lankford, and Carol Willingham.
- *DEBORAH LIMMER and *DELANEY GADDIS-in loving memory-Maureen Foley
- *LOLA-in loving memory-Mark Monette
- *BRENDA M. MACK-in loving memory-Diann Creager
- *MICHELE and *SAMANTHA-in loving memory of our rescue dog and cat, both of whom we loved dearly for many years-Eileen Martini
- *PETER MICHAEL MICHISK-in memory of my beloved husband who respected and loved all animals-Sophie Michisk
- *MISSY-in loving memory of a devoted companion who will be forever loved-Teresa Eller
- *MOMMA KIT and *JEANNE-in loving memory-Dale and Linda Brown
- *MOHINDER NAJAR-in loving memory of my Mother-Simon Najjar
- *JOHN PAVLOV-in loving memory-Kathryn Pavlov
- *SALEM-in loving memory of a very good girl with a bit of a hair band problem, whose 16 years were filled with joy and cuddles. She will be greatly missed.-Anonymous
- *SAMMI and *JAMIE-in loving memory of my precious boys-Gail M. Trawinski
- *BARBARA WESTON SCOTT and *TEXAS-in loving memory. They always put a melody in our hearts. We will miss them forever.-Susan and Stephanie Eda
- *TOBY-in loving memory of my Mother's beloved cat. His memory will live on in all who knew him and we are forever grateful for the time we had him in our lives.- Heidi Hart-Zorin
- *TUG-in loving memory of a little dog who was a giant in our hearts. RIP, Tug.- Kathleen Gately
- *FREDERICK VEIHMEYER-in loving memory-Massimo Mazziotti
- *ZEUS WENGER-in loving memory of my beloved Shepherd, my rock. My life was so much fuller with you in it and I miss you every day. Thank you for your love, companionship, and strength. Looking forward to the day you run back into my arms again, my handsome boy.- Dana Wenger
- *WHITEY, *BUDDIE, *TIGRE, *GRAYCEE, *MINNIE, *GOLDIE, *DIGGER, *MUMSIE, and *BELLE-in loving memory. See you in Heaven.-Mark Vleck
- *VIC WILLIAMS-in loving memory of one of the most gentle, kind, and helpful people who I have ever known. He loved all animals.-Deborah Phillips
- *SUSAN YAQUIANT-in loving memory-John Yaquiant

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AND HANUKKAH WITH OUR 2024 HOLIDAY CARD



Photo: Ashley Shanklin Design: Erin Gillis

Defenders of Animal Rights saved the lives of Laurie (puppy) and Missy when no one wanted them. These endearing animals are the perfect pair to wish your loved ones a joyous holiday season.

This lovely card says, "Wishing you peace and joy this holiday season and always." Also included is this verse by Albert Schweitzer: "Until he extends the circle of his compassion to all living things, man will not himself find peace."

A pack of 20 cards is yours for \$15. You may use the coupon below to order by mail. You can also purchase cards at our shelter, over the phone, or through our website (www.adopt-a-pet.org). Please order early.

These cards are part of our continuing efforts to foster love and respect for all animals. What a special way to celebrate your kindness during a compassionate time of year! Thank you. Happy Holidays!



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<u>ITEM</u>	<u>HOW MANY?</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Holiday Cards (size shown)	_____ pkg. of 20 cards	\$15.00 per pkg.	_____

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Thank you for your order.

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