

Alley Animals

Editor's Note

Now that we have waved a vigorous farewell to the freezing temperatures and threat of snow, we turn to face the prospect of multitudes of infants being born in the streets and alleys; not a happy prospect for nursing mothers or their babies. And with spring's arrival comes the portent of summer, always a time when hardship for homeless animals increases beyond measurement. The rise in temperature brings a rise in crimes of violence toward the innocent, crimes largely escaping public notice until recently. In this area, media outlets have finally begun directing attention toward cases of animal cruelty and suffering.

A few months ago we followed the trial involving the unforgivable cruelty to the young dog called Phoenix; local television stations aired frequent updates on the proceedings, and though the process resulted in a mistrial because the jury could not reach a verdict, everyone who watched the news grew familiar with the poignant image of Phoenix, wounded and bandaged in the hospital—the look on her face enough to melt anyone's heart. The severity of the burns to her body eventually caused the people providing her medical care to make the difficult decision that euthanizing her was the most humane option.

Partway through the Phoenix trial, another hideous act of cruelty was reported by local newscasts. This time the animal was a cat, a mother cat, who was set on fire. Unlike Phoenix, this kitty was expected to survive her injuries; she and her (unharmed) kittens were taken to a shelter. This friendly cat was a victim of cruelty, the kind most of us simply can't fathom.

Both crimes took place in the vicinity of the areas where we work, and we can vouch for the fact that these two horrifying cases are not isolated events. In the many years we've been traveling the alleys, cowardly humans have been doing wicked acts of violence toward animals on the streets. We know firsthand cruelty toward the innocent is nothing new, but the publicity these crimes have begun receiving is a new aspect, and about time too.

If any potential good for the future emerged from the wrenching sadness of the Phoenix case, it is this: an animal cruelty task force was formed in Baltimore because the lack of a clear investigative standard made prosecuting the accused an uphill (and ultimately unsuccessful) effort. Now the methods of investigating as well as securing crime scenes will be subject to professional guidelines. We can hope evidence will be gathered and preserved rather than discarded, as it was in the Phoenix case, and the full process will be held to a more appropriate standard. The innocent tortured by human beings deserve this at the very least. A long overdue measure, the task force is a big step forward in treating animal cruelty with a seriousness previously lacking in so many instances.

Unfortunately, the evil and cowardly among us will never stop being cruel to animals, and a disheartening number of these criminals will continue to go unpunished for what they do. But this doesn't mean we should resign ourselves to the triumph of wickedness. If this were the case, Alley Animals would have folded up shop long ago. Instead, we persist. We return to the alleys night after night; yes, it's dangerous and the work is

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Help Us Help Them

Tickets \$1.00 Each — Drawing Date is 6/21/2011

Spring is here, and so is our raffle fundraiser. We hope you will participate and help further our work so that the animals are not completely alone on the streets.

Remember to include your **name** and **phone number** on tickets you purchase and return to us so that we can notify winners on the evening of the drawing.

Your Name _____
Your Phone # _____

1st Prize	\$300.00 - Donated by Midstate Savings & Loan Association
2nd Prize	\$200.00
3rd Prize	\$150.00
4th Prize	\$125.00
5th Prize	\$100.00

Call 410-823-3319 for additional tickets.

Leave name, address and number of tickets desired.

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difficult, but who will stand with the animals if we do not? Who would enter their world if we gave up?

The flame we hold against the darkness of suffering may be small, but for us to give up would be to declare that our efforts are inconsequential, and we don't believe this to be true. Alley Animals may be as a tiny island in a vast sea, but for every moment of pain we assuage, we have staked out ground where evil and misery will not tread. With every small victory we hold fast, we fly the flag of caring and keep the little flame of good from being extinguished.

Did You Know You Can Donate Through Our Website??

Just go to alleyanimals.org and click on our "Make A Donation" button to donate via Paypal. It's safe, secure and easy, and you don't need a Paypal account to donate.

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Memorials

In Loving Memory Of:

The precious dog who died in the crate.

*Sandy & Bob Miller
Bobbie LaSov*

My mother, **Elinore Gordon**.

Stephanie Nair

My beautiful **Sheba**, who died on 7 November, 2010. A possessive, demanding Empress, she enslaved me with her love and consolation for 18½ years. She helped me through so many losses; I don't know how to bear hers now. Be happy, brave girl, with all the others gone before you. You will always be my emerald-eyed shadow.

Diane Hankey

Brindle Boy, whose courage will never be forgotten.

Bobbie LaSov

Richard Rawling's beloved **Bear**.

Wendy Steward

Terry Berkovsky, whose memory I hold close to my heart.

Robert Berkovsky

Little Bits, our wonderful Siamese. Loved a lap. Much traveled and loved every minute. Loved for 21 years.

June & Nancy Sword

Our Little **Alice**. You will never know how much you are missed.

Mary-Jo & Bob Dale

Lil Fleelar.

Michele L. Garrett

Baron, our beautiful Tibetan Spaniel, who died in July 2010 at age 15. We dearly loved him and miss him greatly.

The Rev. & Mrs. William Dunning

Eleanore M. Booker, beloved mother of Robert Booker, who passed on December 9, 2010.

Robert A. Erich, Jr.

Michael B. Healy

Bi-Coastal Mortgage, Inc.

Michael B. Hummel

Thomas Brandt

Robert A. Lang

Bob & Elizabeth Cahill

Carol H. Lanzi

Richard Celeste

Albert E. Mank

Grace Connolly

Robert S. May

Betty Contino

Barton & Elizabeth Mitchell

Frances & Gene Crocetti

Margaret McGovern

Country Club of Maryland

Martin L. Parks

Charles Delss, Jr.

Nora Seeley

Nancy Ferrone

David C. Sharman

Gary Fisher

Sandra M. Veydt

Spaulding & Cynthia Goetze

Carl A.J. Wright

Susan Greenbaum

Joseph & Julie Wintsch

My son, **Nick Crea**, who died at 18½ years of age.

Sandra Crea

My beautiful Mom, **Anita Charlotte**, who left us September 17th; my Stepdad, **Bill** November 13th, and my red fluffy Himalayan kitty, **Dominic**, October 2010. I shall miss you always.

Dale Anne Uhlman

Mr. W. J. Kaufman.

Nancy & Jim Gibson

My uncle, **William P. Taub**.

Dianne (Taub) Small

Ivy, our sweet cat of 18 years, who passed 11/26/10.

Elizabeth Monks

Jessie Batch.

John & Shirley Rice

Bootsy C., Odessa, Howdy, & Scotch, cats at a shelter where I volunteer who did not find a home. Rest in peace over the rainbow Bridge.

Also, **Merriwether**, my little brown mouse who passed away in November. He had various chronic underlying problems but never stopped being a sweet-natured little guy who loved playtime. He liked to crawl inside my long-sleeved shirt sleeve and peek out. He was a delight and is much missed.

Donna Rae Castillo

Ginger, whom we adopted from Alley Animals in 1995. She got along great with our cats and watched our house when we weren't there. We lost her Memorial Day weekend 2009. We had 14 great years with her.

Jeanette & Ron Endley

Donald, Trevor, Morticia, & also Misty, Lemoney, & Juliette.

Deniz Corcoran

Molly & Jim who are now angels for Pauline. Love,

Rosemary

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My parents, **Dot & Mike Tama**.

Dottie Hall

Buttons, Megan, Lexi, Junior & Dustin.

Joy & Norman Shillman

My **Dad**, who passed away in August 2010, and left me his two dogs. And for the two dogs of my own, **Buddy** (16) and **Shadow** (14) who both passed away in October 2010. All are sorely missed!

Tammy Misener

Princess Pearl, big beautiful gray kitty, dearly loved and missed by her companion Ben, and parents Nancy & Bruce Kittinger.

Sherri Pennock

Ginger and Pepper.

Milton Schmitzlein

Yoda, a white persian kitty with an endearing underbite and large Betty Davis eyes, who was Debbie Perry's companion for 12½ years. Debbie took Yoda from a situation where he had not been properly cared for; his long fur was dirty and he was thoroughly flea-infested, but Debbie changed his dim future into one of a lifetime commitment with excellent care and plenty of love.

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Lucy, beloved feline companion of The Dobsons, and **Daisy**, beloved feline companion of Lisa Bernhardt & Leslie Sorenson.

Christine Nassikas

My friend, **Barbara Williams**. I still can't believe you are gone. You may be gone but you will never be forgotten.

Sheila Bernstein

Our mother, **Marie K. Razulis**, who died April 10, 2010. She loved animals and tried to save them all. Even during her last days, she was trying to help the feral cats at Fairhaven.

Jean E. Razulis

Sampson, beloved dog of a close friend of mine. Sampson was 12 years old and diagnosed with cancer in November 2010. He will be missed forever.

Margaret Folkert

My beloved Saint Bernard, **Maggie May**.

Carolyn London

My **Aunt V**, who is still missed by her family and the animals she cared for, particularly those alley cats whom she always worried about wandering the streets with no food.

Barbara Wallick

Snowflake, a.k.a. "Fuzz", who died 25 years ago this February. He was 16, old for a toy poodle, but went into a diabetic coma and had to be put to sleep. I couldn't have loved him more if he was my son.

Sandy Graham

Sable ("Baby Puppy"), on the third anniversary of her passing, February 21, 2008. Still deeply missed.

Louis Wm. Steinwedel

The Cooper Family's beloved little Dachshund, **Bonnie**.
John and Maggie Miner

Owen, an 11 year old Pom belonging to Lynn Gallagher and Cindy Sides after they rescued him from a situation of long-term neglect. Owen enjoyed years of life as a beloved companion. Sadly, on Lynn's birthday she had to put Owen to sleep because age had taken him downhill and nothing could be done for him. He is greatly missed.

Sandy Graham

Our beloved **Dolly**, the best and dearest of dogs. We adopted her in 1994. Also **Maggie**, our feisty white cat. And **Little Jewel**, a Yorkie, left at the shelter at age 12½ years. She was with us only a short time, but long enough to love her. All passed away in 2010 and are greatly missed. Gone to be with Sugar and Shadow. And forever in my heart.

June Tough

My **Gracie**, from your group, who is no longer with us. Please know she was the Queen Bee while she was here and she lit up my life.

Jackie Schwartz

Shag, a rescue of many years ago, who was put to "sleep" on December 13, 2010. She is with Blue (old Dog) now and some of her babies. She is with our fur children and waits for us to cross the Rainbow Bridge and join them.

Barbara Smolinski

Daisy and Miranda, my two beloved 16 year old Siamese cats, both of whom I lost in the last 13 months. I will love them forever.

Carol Marks

Lovey, Ralphie, & Alaska, my best friends and soul mates.

My **Dad**, who lived until age 101, neither liked nor disliked cats. For years my cat, Ralphie, would sit on a kitchen chair during breakfast and sleep as my Dad and I ate. My Dad would dunk his bread in his coffee then put it in his mouth. After my Dad passed away, Ralphie would push a piece of dry food in his water bowl, dunk it, then put his paw under it and put it in his mouth. He did this one piece at a time and only at breakfast, though his food bowl was always filled.

Shelly Banks

Samantha, my 14 year old Sable-colored Pomeranian, who died on January 28, 2011. She was a little lady all of her life and such a good friend to everyone she met. I'll miss her, but we will meet at the Rainbow Bridge.

Jeri Maupin

Natasha.

Sarah Rachel Kaplan

Jessica, who has been gone since March 8, 2011. I keep expecting to see her in the house and next to me in bed where she's slept for almost 20 years. I can't stop crying. Boxopussimus Torticus Jessicus. My little girl.

Fred Michaelson

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In Memory Of: *(continued)*

Jessica Michaelson.

Nancy Ostrow

My dog **Jacks**, who would have turned 17 years old on 2/3/11. We miss you!
Love, **Mom & Savannah**

Our dear friend, **Joan Scroggs**, who devoted her life to feral cats. Her kindness will never be forgotten.

Irene & Paul Sallustio

My dear Great-Aunt **Carrie E. Toms**, a good woman to the core. No person or animal had to go hungry in her neighborhood. She will truly be missed.

Krista J. Shifler

My beloved **Otto**, the gato. He was called the Mailman because he delivered kisses. He was pure unconditional love and is dearly missed. Until we meet again, Love always and forever.

Rosemary Chavez

In Honor Of:

Richard Rawlings.

Wendy Steward

Alice Arnold, for her admirable courage, her endurance, her empathy, and her never-ending commitment to the health and welfare of animals. May she continue in her quest to rescue and rehabilitate many more "alley animals" in the months and years to come.

Lillian Leslie who writes, with both eloquence and compassion, of the many animals who suffer in the streets of Baltimore. Due to her vivid descriptions, observations, and stories of successful rescue operations (as well as those that end sadly), the often "invisible" world of abused and abandoned animals has become a reality to us all.

Wendy Harlow

Miss Lemon, the **Dumpster Kittens**, and *all* abused, injured, abandoned *precious* creatures. *Doris Richard*

My aunt, **Louise T. Keelty**.

Michael T. Wyatt

Our aunt, **Bonnie Bozylinski**.

Heather & Andriy Yuzvenko

My Mother, **Ellen Parsons**, always an angel to animals and people alike.

Elizabeth Grove

Star, a young deer rescued last June by a caring family who went the extra mile to help a stranded animal.

Enid Feinberg & Lierra Lenhard

Dee Patras, thanks for being there for my cats and me.

Betsy

Dee Patras's son, **Marvin**, a great guy and always willing to lend a hand when he's needed.

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Forever, whose constant struggle is borne silently, but not alone.

Bobbi LaSov

Every discarded creature whose suffering may only be known by the Almighty.

Bobbie LaSov

Our cats, all former strays now part of our family.

Roberta & Gareth Jones

Dee, Alice, Sheri, and all of the alley-goers who devote yourselves to the "least of these our brethren." We pray for all of you, and the strength to go on.

Alice, you are in our thoughts and prayers, especially as we begin a new year.

Tom & Betsy Swann

Barb & Steve Mack's 25th Wedding Anniversary. This couple truly knows what love, commitment and respect are all about!

Bobbie LaSov

Alice Arnold, feel better! All the best.

Irene Cannon-Geary

Wonderful **Alice**—God Bless. Everyone and all the animals love you dearly. I'm praying for you every night.

Doris Kellner

Einar Raysor, Viking spirit, loving caregiver to Pike and Prince Tai, and consummate mother to her daughter, Ingrid.

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The dog, **Forever**. My heart hurts for her.

Catherine Kates

Miss Lemon.

Laura Ost

Midnight and **Dan**, my best friends.

Carolyn Hoffman

The release of "**Toto's Tale**" which tells the story of the Wizard of Oz from Toto's point of view and is dedicated to all animals in need of a home. There's no place like home.

K.D. Hays Meg Weidman

My **Dad**, who under went surgery for an embolism in January, exhibited his strong spirit by recovering well. He's looking forward to baseball this year so that he can cheer the Orioles to a winning season! My Dad celebrated his 98th birthday March 30th.

My niece, **Mary**, whose devoted care of my Dad could never be matched in excellence. Mary's artistic talent and sense of humor make her an interesting person, but her deeply caring heart makes me proud to have her as my niece and my friend.

Lilly