

Alley Animals

Emissaries of Good

Our autumn and spring raffles represent significant fundraising efforts for our work. We depend on them to give our funds a needed boost (our funds could always use a bit of a boost) as our organization remains small, though thoroughly dedicated to what we do. A bad economy, jumps in the cost of everything, a great deal of work with the attending expense involved—all these things strain our thin budget. Please enter our autumn raffle and keep our alley-goers in the streets and alleys alongside the many homeless and unwanted creatures there; you are their friends in a world against them.

We regard every returned raffle ticket as a piece of your heart tenderly offered on behalf of animals in the streets. *Indeed, the same could be said of every dollar donated toward our work*, for which we are very grateful. During our fundraisers, however, the tickets are tangible evidence that compassion lives; this world is not completely dark. As the date of the raffle drawing nears, the ticket recepta-

cle fills with tickets: a reminder of *your* refusal to ignore the suffering you do not witness. What a blessing you are.

When we send out the raffle tickets, they have no intrinsic meaning beyond a request for your help; they are neutral objects accompanied only by our hope you will participate in the fundraiser. When you return them to us as raffle entries, these small neutral objects undergo a fundamental change. No longer anonymous objects, now the tickets are deeply meaningful as emissaries of good, ambassadors of kindness—your kindness toward animals enduring the misery of the streets. The ticket bin fills not just with raffle tickets, but with a generosity of spirit and a depth of caring that reassures us as we march on through hundreds of streets and alleys each night: we are surrounded by the unselfish concern of you, our supporters, who know the animals are out there and waiting for us.

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410-823-0899

Please join our raffle fundraiser!

Your purchase of tickets will put us in the streets and alleys night after night to carry on our work, and we will be pleased by your participation on any level. Buy a few tickets or lots and lots of tickets, whatever you can spare: every dollar counts. Our prizes may be modest, but our thankfulness for your help is as wide as the sky.

Help Us Help Them

Tickets \$1.00 Each — Drawing Date is 12/7/2012

Autumn 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.

No Tickets???

If your raffle packet arrives without tickets, please let us know. This does happen occasionally by mistake and it is helpful for us to keep track of these omissions. If you want to join the fundraiser, just send whatever donation you choose, and we will be happy to enter tickets in your name.

Raffle Tickets Clarification

During our raffle fundraisers, we always receive at least a few inquiries regarding our use of single rather than the double tickets we used for many years, so I hope the following explanation clarifies the reasoning behind the switch.

A couple years back we started using single tickets because we realized the double tickets were unnecessary. We ask you to include *your name and phone number* on your return tickets, and this is how we identify the winners on the evening of the drawing. We never refer to the pre-printed number on the double tickets, so there is no reason for you to keep a ticket stub with a pre-printed number. The single tickets you send us with your name & number provide us the information we need, so double tickets have no purpose and use twice as much paper. They also cost twice as much! Switching to single tickets was more efficient, less wasteful of paper, and less expensive.

Bunny Nibbly Update

In our summer issue, we acquainted you with Nibbly, the bunny Alice found lost and alone (and starvation thin) in the alleys. Alice worked hard that cold night to secure the little black bunny and take him out of the place where he surely would have died a terrible death.

During his painful and frightening ordeal on the streets, Nibbly's eye and shoulder were seriously injured. Since the summer issue's printing, this little guy went to the hospital for surgery to remove his injured eye because it would never heal and it would never again provide sight. Nibbly had already undergone neutering and surgery to repair his shoulder wound. Now he's a one-eyed rabbit who looks at his world with an irrepressible cheerfulness. Nibbly and his bunny buddy Mocha have bonded as friends after both emerged from abandonment by humans into a life where they will not want for food to nourish their bodies or love to nourish their spirits.

Memorials In Loving Memory Of:

The precious dog who died in the crate.

*Bob & Sandy Miller
Bobbie LaSov*

Hermes and Miss Kitty, our beloved cats.

Marvin Feuerberg & Sylvia Rosenfield

Brindle Boy.

Bobbie LaSov

Gretta and Mickey: very special dogs.

Bobbie LaSov

Zackary.

Regina Smith

Norton.

Irene Cannon-Geary

My beloved son, Jesse Elkins.

Antonia Fowler

Precious Poe. My dear little black bunny rescued us nearly six years ago. Every day since, he filled our lives with endless love and kisses. He will be so very much missed.

Marcia, Preston & Issy

Mama Kitty, 14 years old, beloved companion of Chris and Deb Miller.

Howard & Sharon Miller

My grandmother, Mary, who now joins her husband and 4 rescue cats in heaven.

Norma Slade

Mary Louise Gerwig, beloved mother of John Gerwig:

Ann & Frank Huber

Cindy Dawson

Marjorie Hannahs

Jane Collier

Michael Todd

Bob & Jill Hegarty

Lesley Sampson

Bob & Jan Rogers

Karla Alwood Smith

Mary Harrison

Gregory Lucas

Jessica Robine (Susquehanna Bank)

The Cheever—Kresina Family

County Group Services Committee

My dear friend, Mary Lou Gerwig. She lived a long and abundant life and she will be missed. She loved animals. May some fortunate animal feel Mary Lou's love even as she has passed on to another place.

Dr. Joanne Vizzini

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Memorials (continued)

Adorable **Felix**, my late red tabby, has been gone for a year. June 1997 to July 13, 2011. You are missed and dearly loved. Felix, fourteen years was too short and I miss your love and purrs. Rest in Peace. Heaven has a new angel. Gone, but always missed and loved. *Lovingly, Ana A. Garcia "Mom"*

Jessie Batch, my beloved mother. *Shirley Rice*

Colleen Horner, a friend to the animals in our neighborhood. *Linda Hayes*

My beloved husband, **Dick**, whose birthday was August 28th. *Jane Evans*

Our beloved cat, **Boots**, whom we lost to cancer August 10. Fourteen years of love & enjoyment. We still grieve daily. *Carl & Mary Bramer*

Remembering **Puffy, Bonnie, Herb, Artie, Stachu**, and **Gracie**: Good dogs. *Frances Studnicki*

Our beloved **Sparky**. Mommy and Daddy miss you and all your Curious George antics. My heart aches every single day. I love you baby boy. *Tammy Dickson*

Missy, our little Beagle who was 18 years old when she died. After we adopted her from the Humane Society when she was 5 years old, Missy gave my husband and me so many happy years. It still hurts to be without her. We miss you so much and always will. You are always with us in our hearts. We love you Missy! *Carol, Ray, & Hoagie*

Leo (1996–2012). A Great American Dog. *Charles Dowling*

My beloved wife, **Denise Hamer**. *George Hamer, III*

Maggie May, my beautiful St. Bernard. *Carolyn London*

Nyla, a 12 year old German Shepherd who got a "second chance" home with Tricia Amis and Tom Botsford after her elderly owners could no longer care for her. *Maggie & John Miner*

For all my pets. I loved them dearly. *Rita Hockett*

In Honor Of:

My friend, **Judith Eble**, in celebration of her birthday. *Dawn Griest*

Virginia (Ginny) Foster. Ginny is truly a "cat lover" and has rescued cats who didn't have a home. *Gene & Mary Jane Foster*

Virginia Foster, in celebration of her birthday. *Gloria Hirsch*

Stan, the best husband of all time. *Bobbie LaSov*

Every animal rescuer. *Bobbie LaSov*

Little Nibbly the rabbit, and **Alice** for rescuing him, and **Demetria** for giving him a "forever home." *Doris Richard*

Everyone who has ever adopted an animal from a shelter, rescued an animal from the streets, and who has given of their time, love, money, and hard work to help these most helpless of God's beloved beings. *Pauline Morgan Steiner*

The Orioles' baseball team who finally put together a winning season and gave my Dad reason to cheer this year. When my Dad smiles and cheers, so do I, and I'm delighted his stubborn loyalty to a perennially losing ball club, at long last, paid a handsome dividend. Oh behalf of my wonderful Dad who never lost hope all these years, Go O's. *Lilly*

A person who continues to astound me with the depth of her care and concern for animals in need, and her willingness to go the extra step to help them. One of the kindest spirits I've been privileged to know in my life, my niece **Mary** makes my world brighter indeed. *Lilly*

Please Consider remembering Alley Animals in your Will. Animals on the streets will go on suffering, and if you have been blessed in this life we hope you will consider sharing your blessings with the least fortunate among us.

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Donate Through Our Website via Paypal

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

In Memory Of and In Honor Of

If your on-line donation is In Memory Of or In Honor Of, you will need to send us a separate email. This additional procedure will only require a minute or two of your time, and it is necessary because we have no way to place a "comment section" for on-line donations. All you need to do is email info@alleyanimals.org with the following information:

1) your on-line donation is *in memory* or *in honor of*, and the name of the person or animal commemorated

2) words of remembrance or honorable mention (if any) to be printed in our newsletter, and

3) the name and address of the person or family (if any) to be notified of your gift.

We hope you'll find the process easy to complete and not time-consuming. Please bear with us in this; your memorials and honors are *very important* to us.

Wish List

Cat Food (dry & canned)	Bleach
Dog Food (dry & canned)	Paper Towels
Large plastic trash bags	Unscented laundry soap

We've received drop-off donations that were simply wonderful. However, we could not acknowledge these donations because we didn't know who left them, and we have no other way of letting you know we appreciate your effort to help us than by saying it here: Thank You!!

If you have items to donate call
Dick at 410-823-3319

Where Do They Hide From A World Against Them

The animals come to us from places you would be hard pressed to imagine. corners dark and dismal offering no comfort for exhausted creatures, no safety from the deadly dangers. They must make a place to rest (if only briefly) amidst debris and broken glass, and hope to remain hidden.



This kitten stays close to his only refuge from the world—a hole in the side of a brick building.

*We Cannot Save The World But
We can Save Them From the World*

I want to help. Enclosed is my donation of: \$ _____ Check here if you wish an acknowledgment.

Please fill in below if name and address are incorrect on mailing label.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Please make checks payable to Alley Animals, Inc.
P.O. Box 27487 Towson, MD 21285-7487

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