

# Alley Animals

## Editor's Note

Some of you have let us know you look forward to our newsletters, and we very much appreciate this. The summer and year's end issues are those where we can offer more in the way of stories and other items of interest; because we mail the autumn and spring raffle issues inside an envelope (to accommodate inclusion of tickets), space is limited. So it is with a responsibility to you, our membership, and with a heavy heart I will explain why this issue is just a brief reminder that our organization is small and (always) financially strained, and that work in the streets continues, unabated, as does our hope for your assistance.

I don't use these pages for personal revelations when they aren't connected to 'Alley Animals' work, but in this instance I am making an exception. In late June, my father became ill quite suddenly. A week later, he was admitted to the local hospital where he stayed for five days before being discharged with in-home hospice. My Dad may have been 101 years old, but no amount of intellectual understanding that he was physically frail readied me for the stun of his loss.

For the past month and a half, most of my work—including the summer newsletter's preparation—has been suspended in limbo. Perhaps I ought to have been better prepared for the inevitable conclusion to my Dad's long, full life. I will gradually return to my responsibilities and re-enter my world without a man who meant so much to me. But for now, I can but look forward to the healing process taking its course while I struggle to put one foot in front of the other. I may never "get over" the loss of my Dad, but I know he would want me to resume walking my path with his spirit beside me, and this I'll do slowly but surely.

So this issue of the newsletter may only be a reminder that your help is essential to what we do, I hope you will think of the animals to whom we return each night, and find our nightly travels into the dangerous city streets an endeavor you can support. We welcome every donation, because each one comes from your heart and takes us back to the innocent creatures who wait in the shadows for relief from their suffering.

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## Winners of Our Spring 2014 Raffle

<i>1st Prize</i>	<b>Elizabeth Prenger</b> , Lutherville, MD
<i>2nd Prize</i>	<b>Helen O'Neill</b> , Reston, VA
<i>3rd Prize</i>	<b>Deborah &amp; Susan</b> , Aspers, PA
<i>4th Prize</i>	<b>Carol Bateman</b> , Belcamp, MD
<i>5th Prize</i>	<b>Eva Kelleher</b> , Baltimore, MD

Everyone who joined our raffle fundraiser contributed to its success. We wish we could offer a hundred prizes, but such is a dream beyond our reach, so we offer five modest prizes and our enthusiastic gratitude to all who purchased tickets. You made Alley Animals the biggest winner of all!

## How Is Alice Doing?

Perhaps you've wondered about Alice's medical status, and we thought we should update you on her progress. She's doing well! Thanks to your prayers, the right medicine, and Alice's determined spirit, both breast cancers remain in check. Although Alice will always be a stage 4 cancer patient and her monthly chemotherapy infusions will continue indefinitely, periodic scans and tests show no sign of a recurrence by either cancer.

Over five years ago when Alice was diagnosed and given a grim prognosis, no one could have foreseen her remarkable and sustained improvement. Your healing thoughts and prayers make up an integral part of Alice's success. Because you've offered prayers on behalf of someone you've never met, with no expectation of a return benefit, you are Alice's comrades. You accompany her into the on-going battle against two forms of breast cancer that came frighteningly close to claiming her life. You are the special weapon cancer can't defeat, and Alice's way of giving something back to you is to carry on her work. She maintains a full schedule in the streets and alleys, and she never forgets that part of the reason for this she owes to you, her caring comrades.

**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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## In Loving Memory Of:

The precious dog who died in the crate. *Sandy Miller  
Bobbie LaSov*

**Sam, Rudy, & Tuttle.** *Joyce Jefferson*

The incomparable **Festus, Izzy, Genie, & Spike.** *Julie Frey*

**Candy.** *Jo-Ann Whaite*

**Armani**, beloved kitty of Patrice Green and Jerry Young. *Sue Brebner*

**Lady**, our beautiful shepherd mix who was loved by our entire family. She may have started as a "Bag Lady," but will always be just "Lady" in our hearts. *Darlene Goff*

My beloved dog, **Rory**. I will love and miss him always. *Judith Eble*

My little **Liebschin**, who lived 20 wonderful years with me, and Reba, who enjoyed living among fewer cats than were at the shelter from which I adopted her. *Ernest Redeman*

**Alice Harmon**, who passed away ten years ago and taught her five children to love and help animals. *Alan Harmon*

Our Mom, **Madelon Decker.** *Always in love—Your Family*

My monkey, **Sparky**. It's been almost 2 years, but feels so raw. I'm still very sad without him. I don't think I will ever be the same. I still cry everyday – what I wouldn't give to have him back. My heart is broken for my angel **Sparky.** *Tammy Dickson*

**Doris Lowner.** *Joan Goeringer*

My beloved son, **Steve Needle.** *Helen Needle*

My mother, **Annie L. Tate**, in commemoration of her birthday. *Judy Copeland*

**Big Steve.** *Cornelia Vanderlain & Jim Cox*

**Clancy**, beloved dog of Mary Saum. He was a wonderful dog and will be missed. *Cheryl Schell*

**Buddy**, dearly loved little guy of my sister, Angie. *Elaine Strong*

**Daisey Vuotto**, a loving and sweet dog. *Bill & Mimi Bistany*

What a shock to hear of the loss of **Anja**. We all loved her. *Darlene, Blue, Daisy & Savannah*

**Audrey DeVilbiss.** I'm sure there were many dogs and cats to welcome her into Heaven. *Jeri Maupin*

**Ethel Mae Lineburg**, who passed away on July 8, 2014. *Members of the Baltimore County  
Licensed Beverage Association*

Our friend, **Bobbie LaSov**, who recently passed over, and who loved animals and went above and beyond to love and care for them. *Linda & Mark Parsley*

**Bobbie LaSov**, a wonderful person who will be missed by everyone who knew her. *Dick Knapp  
Stephanie & Paul Finkelstein  
James Mackenzie*

**Roberta Ann Fahey LaSov.** *Barbara Goldstein  
Tom Hintgen*

My beloved wife, **Denise Hamer**, who loved Alley Animals and always cried over your newsletters. *George M. Hamer, III*

**Jesse Elkins**, a kindhearted teen. *Antonia Fowler*

**Bosox**, my beloved cat who died five years ago. I will never forget her and our nineteen years together. *Sylvia Benton*

My mother, **Mary Stark**, who cared so much about homeless animals and did all she could to help them. *Dorian Borsella*

**Dr. Stanley Platman**, a kindhearted animal lover who passed away in May. *Dorian Borsella*

Our beloved **Sno-Ball** and **Boots**, whom we lost last year; we still get teary-eyed. *Carl & Mary Bramer*

My beloved cats: **Cleocatra, Isis, and Felix.** Gone, but never forgotten and always loved. Felix, I still miss your waiting by the door for me welcoming me with your meows and head rubs. Rest in Peace. *Love always, Mom, Ana A. Garcia*

**Margaret Unkart**, she was very dear to me. *Barbara Smolinski*

**Thomas White**, beloved brother. Although he was never totally comfortable with animals, he empathized with them and was always willing to help. Most recently, he adopted Smudge, a kitten born to a feral in my woods. They bonded and Smudge was the only cat he would allow to nap with him. He also loved his adopted dog, Grace RIP—we all miss your presence in our lives. Tom. *Wendy South*

**Toby**, a dog that society said was worthless, when in fact Toby was the most worthwhile being we've ever known. R.I.P. We'll love you forever. *R.J. & Trish*

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The puppy murdered by a Baltimore "police officer." When innocent creatures can be killed even by a so-called "officer of the law"—possibly without consequence—what hope is there for their protection? We must keep remembering them, fighting for them, rescuing them, and loving them. They have no one else.

*Diane Hankey*

The **Black Bull** who bravely fled the slaughterhouse only to be shot dead on the street by Baltimore police.

*Patrice Green*

For the puppy who was brutalized and murdered by that police officer. I don't know why some people look upon animals as disposable, to be abused at will then thrown away. My heart aches for that precious puppy.

*Doris Richard*

My beloved tabby, **Roger**.

*Deniz Corcoran*

Our beloved 16 year old Persian, **King Solomons Jester**.

*Robert & Paula Linsebigler*

**Gucci**, beloved dog of Mrs. Joyce Dunnigan.

*Leah Bark*

**Mel Velten**, and his little Yorkie, **Pepper**.

*Maggie Hediger*

**Nathan, Eva, and David Orandle**.

*Carolyn Orandle*

For the little dog whose throat was slit by a "police officer." I wish bad Karma on him; may he have nightmares and bad luck in the years to come. I would not want his help in any situation for me or my family—no room for cowards in this family! I hope he serves time and loses his job. It is so amazing how sick and cruel someone can be.

*Anne Cramblitt*

My sweet **Sandy**, a beautiful tortie! She was born missing part of her lower rear leg but it never slowed her down. I adopted her as a kitten, and she lived to be over 17 years old. She will be greatly missed.

*Shirley J. Landes*

My dear wife, **Bonnie**, who cared so much about the suffering of neglected and abused animals.

*John Kleylein*

My cat, **Baby**, who lost her battle with liver disease. She was a stray by my house about 15 years ago. She was one of the sweetest cats I have ever met. My monkey, Sparky, chased her down the basement everyday, then she would wait for me to put him to bed and come upstairs. Sparky always ran the show! When Sparky passed, Baby came up and slept in his room. I couldn't believe it. She's buried next to Sparky. My husband and brother made her a casket. She greeted me everyday and night. I hope Baby and Sparky are still playing together at the Rainbow bridge. Mommy knows you were a fighter, Baby, I miss you, a beautiful gray and white cat with green eyes.

*Forever, all my Love, Tammy Dickson*

Our beloved dog, **Sammy**, who died on April 22nd. I didn't know it would affect me so very much, as I have been through it twice before; it just never gets any easier. Sam collapsed on his nightly walk with Mike, my husband. He really looked forward to getting hooked up in his harness and going. He acted very disoriented when Mike could finally get him up. He was put to sleep that night. We still see him everywhere. Sammy was our "pound Puppy," our little brown hound that we had from 12 weeks to over 14½ years old. He meant the world to us and we will never forget him.

*Paula Bullinger*

**James F. Leslie.**

*Sue & Jim Barcus*

To **Lillian's Dad** who loved animals and all the other beings around him. He will be missed.

*Alice*

My **Dad, James F. Leslie, Sr.**, whose kindness and quiet strength were a sustaining presence in my life. I'm broken without him. His loss is as immense as the infinite importance he held in my heart.

*Lilly*

## In Honor Of:

**Rose & Violet**, special cat sisters and my special friends.

*Julie Frey*

Our close friend, **Joe Lamp**, who celebrated a milestone 65th birthday in May.

*Mike Meliker, David Pincus  
& Steve Wood*

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### **In Honor Of:** (continued from page 3)

Our beloved dog, **Sammy**, my 24/7 companion; to my husband and I, Sammy is family.

*Paula Bullinger*

**Alley Animals' staff and supporters** who care deeply for the furry four-legged cats and dogs who cross their paths.

*JoAnn & Joe Lamp*

My two rescues, **Abbey** (cat), who was dumped at my vet's where they took her in, fixed her up and loved her until we came along, and **Tanner**, our sheltie whom we rescued from a "home" where he stayed locked in a room all day.

*Debbie Benner*

**Judith Eble and Rory**, the Red King.

*Dawn Griest*

**Mary-Jo Dale**, Happy Birthday!

*Susan Dilts*

The wonderful work **Alley Animals** is doing to help the animals who can't fend for themselves without our caring and love.

*Carl & Mary Bramer*

**Bill Grady and Lisa Evans**, in celebration of their marriage.

*Ruth deLeon  
Diane Gontrum*

**Goo-Goo**, the cat.

*Ellen Taylor*

**Bailey Blackwell and Kendall Burger**. *Michele Blackwell*

My niece, **Mary J. Leslie**. I may never find words adequate enough to let you know the depth of my gratefulness for the years of love and superlative care you provided for your beloved grandfather, my dad, James F. Leslie. Nowhere on earth could he have found the quality of life you made possible for him in his final years. May your generosity of heart and labor come back to you in abundance.

*Lilly*

*Unfortunately, the drop-off location we used for over 20 years is no longer available to us. We're looking for another place to receive your wonderful donations of food and supplies, but until we find one, we aren't able to take drop-off donations. If you have food or supplies to donate, please call; if we're able to, we will pick up the items from you. We hope you will bear with us in this matter. We've received some fabulous donations over the years and we certainly want to continue receiving drop-off donations, but we're a small organization and it may take some time before we can resume. When we acquire a new drop-off destination, you'll be the first to know.*