

We LOVE Our Alumnus!

Spring
Edition
2016



Pet Friends, Inc.

2015 is history....2016 is now,
The years to come are our future.

No one knows what the future will hold but we do know one thing: There are a lot of dogs and cats in happy, loving homes because of our volunteers, our supporters, and our adopters. To all of them we express our sincerest appreciation. How sad the lives of so many animals might be without YOU! We hope you know the true impact you have on the precious ones we have been able to save. Thank you for all you did in the past and all you will do in the future.

But we need more volunteers!

If you can spare a little time to help us save precious dogs & cats,
please call us to volunteer - we'd LOVE to hear from you.

So would a lot of homeless animals!



In honor of all our beautiful adoptees, we are dedicating this issue to our alumni and their wonderful humans who took the time to let us know how they are doing. Thank you for all the letters! Please keep them coming. We'll start with Bella (aka Carmella):

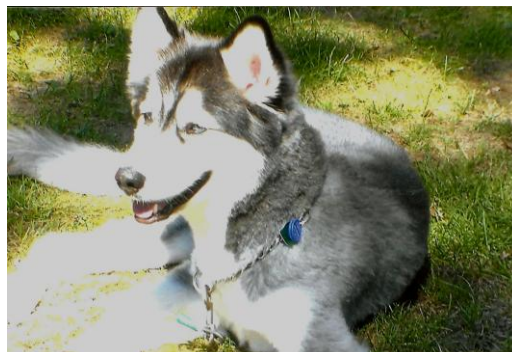


Dear Pet friends:

We adopted Bella in October and it has taken awhile, but I think she finally realizes she's not going anywhere. At first it wasn't easy going (those of you who have adopted adult cats know you have to be patient) but we worked hard to get her to trust us and our other cats. Now we have a beautiful addition to our family. She never has to worry again about being out in the cold and hungry. I would like to thank all of the Pet Friends volunteers, especially her foster mom, Suzanne, who work hard to save animals like Bella so they can find their "fur-ever" homes.



Tam



Dear Pet Friends:

Bob and I want to share a photo with you of our great dog Buddy (Bear). We will keep in touch. He is with us now 5 weeks.

We are so sorry that Jay couldn't see him. Sorry for your loss.

Bob & Denise

Pet Friends News

Pet Friends, Inc. Board of Directors:

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Total 2015 Adoptions

132 Cats
and
87 Dogs!!!

2016 Adoptions (so far)

27 Cats
and
18 Dogs!!!

Did you know? Pet Friends accepts donations of cars! Our first donation brought in over \$665. Call us - we'll come get it!



*In Loving Memory of
Velma Louise Campbell
1929 - 2015*

It is with much sadness that Pet Friends had to say goodbye to another one of our treasured volunteers. Velma said good bye to us on December 22, 2015. She will be greatly missed.

Velma was one of the people who helped start Pet Friends. She encouraged a number of us to re-group after Adopt-A-Pet (of Irwin) filed for bankruptcy and ceased operations in 2001. She helped us get started both with time and donations. She helped develop our logo and helped write our by-laws. But mostly she was known as our recycled can coordinator, raffle ticket coordinator, coin donation can counter, and money collector at many fundraising events. She freely gave, did as much as she could, and cared about animals more than most. We are a much better organization because of her. Once again, the Rainbow Bridge must have been full of happy excitement when her former loves readied to greet her. As a dedication to Velma's memory, and for those who have never read it, here is The Rainbow Bridge poem:

*Just this side of heaven is a place called The Rainbow Bridge.
When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here,
that pet goes to The Rainbow Bridge.
There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run
and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends
are warm and comfortable. All the animals who had been ill and old
are restored to health and vigor. Those who were hurt or maimed
are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams
of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing;
they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.
They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops
and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent. His eager body quivers.
Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass,
his legs carrying him faster and faster.
You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet,
you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again.
The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress
the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting
eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.
Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together....*

Annual elections for the Board of Pet Friends, Inc. will be held at our May Volunteer/Membership meeting on May 16th at 7pm. You must have paid your 2016 Membership Fee if you want to vote in this election.

Recap of Events

Pet Friends was fortunate to have THREE Photos With Santa events!



Two separate Photos with Santa events were held at Cheese Cake Café, in Irwin. The first was held during Shop Business on Saturday, November 28th and the second was held during Irwin's Cookie Tour on Friday, December 4th. All proceeds from these two event were donated by owners Joe & Caroline to Pet Friends. Santa, his sleigh, and his very kind Elf were Harry and Sue, owners of the building and their new shop, "Wingbacks" next door.

Thank you Cheese Cake Café & Wingbacks
How very kind of you!!!!

The third Photos with Santa event was held at Bob Massie Toyota Scion at Norwin Towne Square on December 8th. Bob Massie made a \$1,800 donation to Pet Friends so the photos were free - individual donations welcome. After expenses, we raised over \$1,900 and took about 135 photos. The staff of Bob Massie was very nice and donated cookies, donuts, little hug drinks, and bottles of water. Photos of dogs, cats, and families were taken, with some of the dogs in cute Christmas outfits. A number of our alumni came and it was a good feeling to see how well they look and how loved they are.

Thank you Bob Massie Toyota Scion, the staff, and all our volunteers who made this event a success!



January February March April May June July August September October November December



Our annual Calendar Party was held on Sunday, April 10th. We're still finalizing the details but it was, once again a fantastic success. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and attended. We'll share details in our next newsletter.

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Did you know Pet Friends'
United Way I.D. number for
Westmoreland County is 1381068?
We'd appreciate your support!

Since the beginning of last December, a number of businesses and organizations held collection events for our animals. So many wonderful, kind people doing this on their own, just to help homeless animals.

How VERY WONDERFUL of each and every one of you!

Thank you to everyone who helped coordinate and to all those who donated:
We hope your kindness is returned through thousands of purrs, tail wags, and licks!

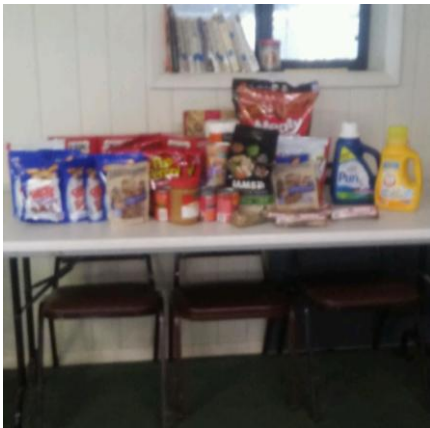


Monessen Elementary Center in the Monessen School District had a Giving Tree, organized by the secretaries Roberta Wavrek and Tami McLaughland. Ornaments on the tree listed items from Pet Friends wish list. Teachers and staff generously donated many times including dog/cat food, blankets, treats, toys, cleaning supplies, etc. How very kind of all of you for helping our animals!!!!

Another collection event was held by Express Scripts at their new North Huntingdon location where very kind employees donated food, supplies, and cash to help our animals.



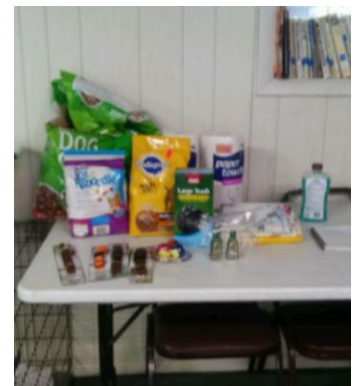
Thank YOU to the employees of Express Scripts for your kindness and generosity!



One of our volunteers, Toni Secosky, coordinated a donation event at her church, Ardara United Presbyterian, Ardara, Pa. They collected donations of several wonderful items including food and cleaning supplies. Our animals and our volunteers really appreciate your concern and thoughtfulness!

Deana Colvin and the employees of Excella Health Medical Group, Norwin Hills Plaza, collected several product, food, and cash donations to help our animals.

To all of you we express our sincerest appreciation!



Grateful appreciation goes to Daisy Troop #26808, Mount Pleasant, for the catnip toys they made for us!

The girls stuffed tube socks with catnip and stuffing to make toys for our cats while they wait for their "fur-ever" homes at PetSmart. This project was to earn their badges for Making the World a Better Place.

Troop #26808 you HAVE made the world a better place for our cats and we sincerely appreciate it! These catnip toys can be seen in the cat cages of the Greensburg PetSmart store.



Katie Weaver's Grooming, Rockledge, PA, held a donation drive during the holiday season for Pet Friends. Katie, you are truly a best friend to animals everywhere!

To everyone who participated in a collection event, we'd like you to know that your kindness is truly overwhelming. Survival for an organization like ours has been made so much easier this year because of you.

We offer our sincerest and humble appreciation.



In our last newsletter, we forgot to mention the car wash we had at Busy Beaver, North Huntingdon, in September. We apologize! They were so kind to us!!

Busy Beaver supplied the space, water, soap, and towels. Our volunteers supplied the man power and washed cars for any donation, raising \$346 for our animals!

Thank you Busy Beaver! And thank you to all the volunteers who worked at the car wash and to all our neighbors who enjoyed a clean car while helping animals!



Upcoming Events & Fundraisers



Visit our Cats/Kittens

Every day at the PetSmart in Greensburg during store hours
 Please call our cat line at 724-863-7722 if you want to volunteer at PetSmart

Visit our Dogs

1st and 3rd Saturdays, Carwen's Kennel in Irwin, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 2nd and 4th Saturdays, Burton's Total Pet in Irwin, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Please call our dog line at 724-863-7722 if you can help transport or handle our dogs

Join us at our Volunteer Meetings

3rd Monday of each month, N. Huntingdon Townhouse Building, 7 pm to 8 pm



Memorial Day (afternoon and evening Pa. lottery numbers) \$2 per ticket. Each ticket has 2 numbers. Call 724-863-7722 and select option 5 (fundraising) to get tickets.



FRIDAY APRIL 29, 2016 at K Vet Animal Care in Greensburg
HEALING ARTS HEALING ANIMALS
 Proceeds go to Healing Arts Healing Animals Fund of the Community Foundation of Westmoreland County for the benefit of Animal Friends of Westmoreland, Pet Friends, and Wildlife Works, Inc.

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DOUGLAS NELSON

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SAVE THE DATE



Looking for an evening of entertainment?
Please plan to attend our second annual **Woofstock!**
Saturday, May 21st, at the Hahntown Fire Hall, 5pm-Midnight.

Tickets are \$15 cover charge per person - 5 bands will be playing classic rock, rock & country music: Cash bar and food available from the Fire Hall - 50/50 raffles - Chinese Auctions and more! Call 724-863-7722 for tickets.

More Letters from our Alumni

These happy pets:

Brought to you by our volunteers, the people who attend our fundraisers and the donations freely given. Without all of you, nothing would be possible. We express our humble and sincerest appreciation to each and every one of you!

Dear Pet Friends:

We adopted Jack two months ago from Persmart in Greensburg and he loves his new home. He is super friendly and outgoing. His favorite things to do are to play with his new big sister Lilly, play with tons of toys, and cuddle with us. He is super sweet and always makes us laugh. Our Lilly seems happier having a new buddy as well after the loss of her best friend a few months ago. Thank you for letting us bring Jack into our home :)

Shawnee and Matt

Hi Pet Friends!

Just wanted to give you an update on Noel. Its been a month now and we love her so much! She is the most loving, sweet girl. We are still working on house breaking her but for the most part she has done well. We haven't been using the crate because the first day we put her in it she escaped. We think she wiggled out the top and we didn't want her to get hurt trying to get out again. But she likes to sit on top of the couch and look out the window while we are gone. She is a great addition to our little family!

Taylor



Update on Preston:



Here is a picture of Preston, now called Leo. He was adopted about 3 weeks ago and is doing very well. Adopters couldn't be any happier and report that he is such a good boy.



Dee Dee's Den Named in memory of our friend Dee Dee Anderson

Welcome to our sponsorship page. By sponsoring animals, donators help us cover operating costs.

Puppy 1



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Darlene Yonkovich

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Puppy 3



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Please help us to give these and all of our pets the gift of a good home.
They will thank you a thousand times over!

Dee Dee's Den (Continued)

If you would like to sponsor an animal, please send your tax-deductible donation, marked "sponsorship" for \$20 (per animal) to Pet Friends, PO Box 484, Irwin, PA 15642. Thank you to all of these sponsors!

Big Dog



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Sabrina



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Puppy 6



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Sadie



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Puppy 7



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Will & Leann Steel

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More Letters from our Alumni



Dear Pet Friends:

Moxie (formerly called Duke) had his vet check and all is well. The vet said he may be older than 5 months and has one more baby tooth to lose.

I love this little "Angel", he has brought such joy and laughter to me. Thank you for the opportunity to share my life with Moxie.

Marlane



Dear Pet Friends:

Marilyn, Gem, and Simba are all adapting very well. They are all in Abra's room. Duff and Abra just went to K-mart to get some new toys. We also added more cat litter boxes.

Genie is wary but not hostile. He is roaming around the house and we are being very affectionate and playing with him as much as the others. Marilyn is a sweetheart! Enjoy the pictures. Thank you for everything you did to make this possible. 😊 Gem and Simba are very playful! My children love all of them. Tracy



Gem



Marilyn



Simba



Dear Pet Friends:

We adopted Remi (formerly known as Puggles) on Christmas Eve last year. She has been a wonderful addition to our family. Remi and her sister Fiona love spending time together especially outside in their fenced-in backyard. She has adjusted extremely well to her new home. She has her favorite spot on the couch and her favorite blanket. When we adopted Remi we learned she was a carrier for Lyme's disease and was having some trouble walking. She has since been treated and is getting around much better now. We love Remi and are so glad she came into our lives and especially our home.

Julie, Greg, & Fiona

Dear Pet Friends:

We adopted our chocolate Lab Zoe (formerly Jackie) two years ago. She's such a lovable goof, so huggable. She has been an undeniably good influence on our crazy yellow Lab. The dogs really loved their vacation to the Outer Banks. Keep up the good work!

Joe & Laurel



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU and thank you for doing such a nice thing for these animals by giving them a second chance.

One of your animals formerly named Stanley, now named Murphy made his way to me 6 years. His throat was ripped apart by a raccoon or something and you stitched him up after Jennifer Ebersole caught him in a trap and found him a home. But the person moved to China and left him at the Meow Manor where I took him. He is WONDERFUL and I thank you for saving his life as he is a precious angel.

Diane

Dear Pet Friends:

I wanted to email you with an update on James. He is such a welcome addition to our family! From the first day we brought him home, he developed a strong bond with our 4 year old son. As my son says, they are "best buddies". James follows Cameron everywhere! He even sleeps in the bed with him at night. James has developed a great playful relationship with our dog. They play together about 75% of the day. He is such a sweet and loving cat. He loves to eat and has put on some weight. His coat is coming in beautifully! We are so thankful that James is a part of our family. Thank you to Suzanne for taking such great care of him. He really is a special boy!



Jaime



Dear Pet Friends:

Wanted to let you know that Brandy is doing really well! We've actually changed her name to Scotch now, but she doesn't seem to mind. She is such a sweet and loving girl! She follows me around the house all day when I'm home and she always wants to be right next to me. I'm so happy to have her with us- she brings me joy everyday and I already love her so much. When I pet her she likes to give me little kisses on my hand and she purrs really loud. She also will come up and lick my face and bite my chin a little- it's her way of saying she loves me. Scotch sleeps at the foot of our bed most

nights. She loves to run around the house and play with toys, too. Sometimes it's hard to believe that she's a nine year old cat and not a little kitten!

Angie



Dear Pet Friends:

Dusty, now named Vinny Valentino, has adapted wonderfully! He's shown here with his brother, Tucker.

Lori & John



Now I lay me down to sleep,
The king-size bed is soft and deep...
I sleep right in the center groove
My human can hardly move!

I've trapped her legs, she's tucked in tight
And here is where I pass the night
No one disturbs me or dares intrude
Till morning comes and "I want food!"

I sneak up slowly to begin
My nibbles on my human's chin.
She wakes up quickly, I have sharp teeth -
And my claws I will unsheath

For the morning's here and it's time to play
I always seem to get my way.
So thank you Lord for giving me
This human person that I see.

The one who hugs me and holds me tight
And sacrifices her bed at night



Dear Pet Friends:

Lucky is doing great! We've been keeping him separate from the dogs so far, as they still get pretty worked up around him. They've had a little interaction. Some snapping and hissing, so we're going to keep taking it slow.

Lucky's a really great little guy. A complete nutcase sometimes, running around, trying to scratch my computer monitors, jumping in my lap and biting me. He evens it out, though, with little kisses on my arm if he bites me too hard, and with snuggling up in my lap for a nap. My wife and I are really happy we adopted him!
Thanks for saving him. :) Jason

(Lucky was adopted by Jason Kelley November 7, 2015. He has been featured on PF Facebook and in previous newsletters as a kitten. He was the only survivor of a litter of four kittens.)



Dear Pet Friends:

Here are a few photos of the little guy that your shelter called "Cooper," we renamed him Sunlight but usually call him Sunny. The little girl with him is my oldest daughter Sofia. The black cat with him is our other cat Moonlight. The two get along really well and are buddies. Hope all is well with Pet Friends!

Thanks again and God bless, Jill



Dear Pet Friends:

I'm sending this in memory of Jay Powell. He made me feel so welcome and appreciated when I adopted Roxie in October, 2013.

Rob



I lost a treasured friend today
The little dog who used to lay
Her gentle head upon my knee
And shared her silent thoughts with me.

She'll come no longer to my call
Retrieve no more her favorite ball
A voice far greater than my own
Has called her to his golden throne.

Although my eyes are filled with tears
I thank him for the happy years
He let her spend down here with me
And for her love and loyalty.

When it is time for me to go
And join her there, this much I know
I shall not fear the transient dark
For she will greet me with a bark

Pet Friends Received an Emergency Medical Grant!

Pet Friends is honored to have received a \$750 emergency medical grant from The Petfinder Foundation!!!

The Petfinder Foundation Emergency Medical grant program is used to assist Petfinder members who are caring for a pet that needs special life-saving veterinary care in order to become adoptable. The Petfinder.com Foundation assists the 12,000+ animal shelters and rescue groups that post their adoptable pets on Petfinder.com. A nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, the Petfinder Foundation helps adoption organizations find homes for the pets in their care through its Sponsor A Pet, Disaster Fund, Quality of Life and other programs. Since its founding in 2003, the Petfinder Foundation has given more than \$20 million in cash and product grants to shelters and rescue groups in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Pet Friends, Inc. posts its adoptable pets at www.petfinder.com/shelters/PA299.html.

Spring of last year Pet Friends started trapping in McKeesport where many cats were living in abandoned buildings. One cat always caught our attention. It was a brown tabby. The main reason she caught our attention was her eye.



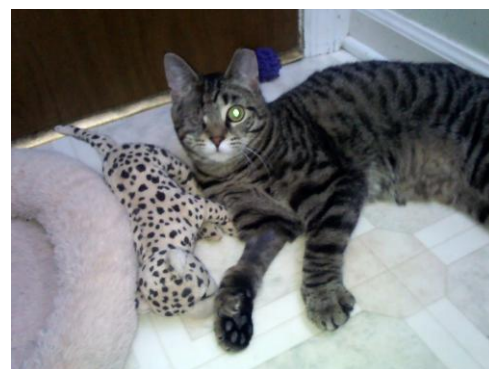
Sadie before her eye surgery

Although we could not get close, we could see the eye was bright red and we knew she needed veterinary care. Traps were set day after day, but no kitty with the bad eye was trapped. One day, after what seemed like way too long to continue to hope, we got lucky and she went into the trap. We took her to the vet and she was spayed and vaccinated. She is young, about a year old, and by now, the eye had turned to a white opaque color. The vet said it was from an old corneal ulcer and was nonfunctioning. At this point TNR was not an option for a handicapped cat. Socializing was an option and we were willing to try. She is a polydactyl with extra toes on the front and back. We named her Sadie.

Sadie spent time in a foster home and came a long way socially. We knew it was time for her to find a home; but with a bad eye, her chances of adoption were minimal at best. That's when we contacted The Petfinder Foundation to ask for a grant to pay for the enucleation surgery of the nonfunctioning eye. It was our only option to be able to find Sadie the loving home she deserves.

As soon as we found out The Petfinder Foundation approved a grant for Sadie, she was scheduled for surgery. Surgery went well with only a few complications. One was a breathing problem. She had an x-ray and it was determined she had a mild case of bronchitis. The other was immediately after surgery. When the wound was closed, she started to bleed again. The vet said her eye was shot, and she had a lot of adhesions.

Everything ended up working out well and she is fine. What amazes us the most is how much different she is. She's more friendly, less fearful, and happy for a human's touch. We think that she must have been in pain or extremely uncomfortable. Either way, she is great now. We are so glad, that with the help of The Petfinder Foundation, she was able to have the surgery.



Sadie after her eye surgery

It's been a few weeks now and Sadie is ready for adoption. If you have a heart of gold and would like to give this sweetheart a loving "fur-ever" home, please give us a call. You can find Sadie's story at:

<http://www.petfinderfoundation.com/our-programs/success-stories/page/5/>

Memorials and Honors

- It is with great heartache that we let you know that Frankie, whom we adopted from you in August 2008, has passed away from Lymphoma. Please accept the enclosed donation in his loving memory. He truly was a member of the family and is greatly missed. We will never forget those blue eyes! Although it wasn't long enough, we thank you for letting us share our lives with him and for the opportunity to spoil him rotten, from Mike, Maureen, & Sarah Stecik
- In honor of Brigid, from Gilbert & Loretta Pastor
- In honor of Faye Kuch, for a Happy Happy Birthday our very dear friend, Love, Bet & Tim
- In honor of Gunner Laffoan, from Perfect Industrial Cleaning
- In honor of Hera, my cat, from Barbara Pavuk
- In honor of Lyn Lewis & Mike Kovalak: Merry Christmas to our favorite brother & sister-in-law. Love Bev & Tim Kowalchick
- In honor of our beautiful babies Dusty & Paige whom we adopted in August, from Dorothy Kopczak
- In honor of Rocky & Lucy, from Lawrence Lynn
- In honor of Sadie's 5th birthday, from Lori Calhoun
- In honor of Sydney, a Pet Friends alumni, who gave us 15 years of love, from Brian Gamble
- In honor of Teti, who was adopted from Pet Friends and has become part of the "gang" with her shih-tsu brother "Bennie" and sister "Nikki", but is definitely "queen" of the house, from Tony & Michalene Lovato
- In honor of the volunteers of Pet Friends, for giving hope & homes to animals, from Robert & Linda Finlay
- In honor of We are so blessed with the dog we got from Pet Friends about 3 years ago. We so love her, from Lillian Checkeye
- In memory of Apollo, who we all wish were still with us, from Jean & Robert O'Shell
- In memory of Bailey, a loving faithful companion, from Diane & Doc Paulson
- In memory of Balzac & Jasper, two happy boys whom I miss every day, from Tom Meisner
- In memory of Ben Dezorzi, from Zora Javor
- In memory of Buddy, beloved Dachshund and a faithful, loving companion to my dear friend Patty for 17 years, from Joan DeAngelis
- In memory of Chloe, beloved companion of Sue Giliespie & Clyde Martz, from Clare Vaill
- In memory of Clara Scott, from Esther Wurzell
- In memory of Eileen Malesky from Rusty Robertson, Sue Schwartz, and Amy Sinot
- In memory of Elmo, beloved cat of Keirstin Rotharmel and family, from Lisa Cimbala & Alan Hill
- In memory of Frankie, a Pet Friends alumnus, who passed away from Lymphoma, from Mike, Maureen & Sarah Stecik
- In memory of Gibson, so loved and missed by Tracy & Bryan Smith, from John & Barbara Joyce
- In memory of Irene Sedlock, from Louise Foster
- In memory of Jay Powell, who made me feel so welcome & appreciated when I adopted Roxie in Oct 2013, from Rob Clark and from Mary Lou Bercik
- In memory of Jessie (Mickey) Lash, a wonderful friend & family member, an animal lover who cared for many animals over her life time, from Susan & Joe Rain, Loir & Mackenzie Rain, Bonnie, Bob & Brayden Foster, Cindy

Mosqueda, John & Eleanore Kinsey, Marlene Walsh, Chris & Ricky Garlow, Jack Druga, and "Hill Gang", Ada Smith, Gladys Payne, Alma Jurckwicz, Candi Salsi, Florence Check, and Marilyn Fawcett, Tom & Pat Sickles, and Tom & Ginny Arendas

- In memory of Leroy, as rescued cat, with blessings to all of you who do this good work, from Lillian Carothers
- In memory of Lily, beloved Bichon of Elaine & Bill Mays, from Ed, Nellie & Krista Brown
- In memory of Marie Zavora, from Joy & Jerry Laukus
- In memory of Mark Bonema, our beloved son, who loved animals & volunteered here while at Pitt Greensburg. He was much too young to leave this earth, from Steve & Anne Bonema
- In memory of Mary Petz, who died loving dogs, from Shirley Zinck & Debbie
- In memory of Maximus, beloved dog of Jake & Holly Humphries, from Kimberly Hritz
- In memory of Monty, my cat who died last week at 17 1/2 years old. We will miss him, from Donna & John Taylor
- In memory of Mourice, a wonderful dog and companion of Jennifer Henderson, still missed everyday, from Robert Mialki
- In memory of my husband Donald and two of our rescued dogs Poodee & Barney, from LaNora Price
- In memory of My Mother, "My Buddy" Anna Snyder, from Patricia Balaschak
- In memory of our beloved horse Cherokee. She was a grand ole girl, from Joe & Laurel Booth
- In memory of Oz, beloved cat of Sharon Pici, from Lisa Cimbala & Alan Hill
- In memory of Patty K Blizzard, from her loving husband Jim, and from Gloria Kontir
- In memory of Pax, from Betty Yeager
- In memory of Ronald J Taborelli, from Gary & Lorraine Hoffman
- In memory of Sandy Sunner, from Judith Miller
- In memory of Snickers, beloved cat of Janice Sherry, from Valerie Bridge
- In memory of Sonny & Murray, from Darlene Macara
- In memory of Sophie Kudrick, from Zora Javor
- In memory of Sundance, John's beloved dog, who was a respected and valued member of the White Oak Search & Rescue - K9 Unit (WOSAR), from Lisa Cimbala & Alan Hill
- In memory of Taylor, our beloved dog. We are thankful for every day together and we miss you dearly, Will & Leeann Steel
- In memory of Trouble, my cat, from Patricia Ravas
- In memory of Velma Campbell, who was a very sweet person, was always doing for others, who loved her pets, who was dedicated to fundraising for the animals and a great lady, and was a friend of mine. She will be missed, from Florence Laffon, Helen Varga, Annie Ghinassi, Lisa Cimbala & Alan Hill, Faye Kuch, Jodie Spagnolli, Debbie Thoms, and Julia Cooper
- In memory of Trooper, from Maxine Martz

They say memories are golden. Well maybe that is true. I never wanted memories. I only wanted you. A million times I needed you, a million times I cried. If love alone could have saved you, you never would have died.

In life I loved you dearly. In death I love you still. In my heart you hold a place that no one will ever fill. If tears could build a stairway and heartache make a lane, I'd walk the path to heaven and bring you back again.

Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same; but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

More Letters from our Alumni



Dear Pet Friends:



I was just thinking about you this morning! I am happy to report that all kitties are doing great! Louie and Silvia have done some serious bonding and play all of the time. Louie and Ash still chase each other around the house and have so much fun together. They are quite the little family! Louie has been such a blessing. Thank you!!!

Susan and Chris



Dear Pet friends:

I am your baby girl Cali and I would like to tell you that I am a very happy in my new home. I have a new name - Daisy - because I look like that flower. I found four new friends, and we have great relationships. First month the Princess (Tiger Lilly), was hissing at



me sometimes, although I didn't pay much attention to that. Now we are good friends. However, my best buddy is Samantha (Tanya). She is very cheerful and frisky girl, and we run around a lot! I love to play with a ring from milk container and balls. Mommy throws them, and I bring them back to her. I love to be held, and I love to snuggle with Mommy and Daddy. I am growing very fast, and it's looks like I am going to be a big girl. Thank you very much for my

happy kitten-hood.
Your Daisy (Cali).

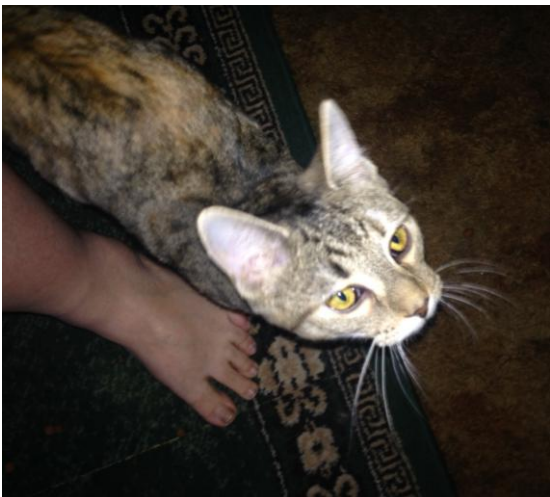
Dear Pet Friends:

Thank you for meeting us on Wednesday to complete Jamie's adoption. We've renamed her Luna, by the way.

She's doing very well. She's playful, very affectionate with us and is getting used to our boy cats slowly. They think she's pretty neat, but she's still a little suspicious of them. Each day that passes, she growls a little less when they pass near her and doesn't growl at all when we are all playing feather/stick toy together. She has the loudest purr I've ever heard from a cat - especially when I'm holding and petting her. I have a feeling she's going to rule the household here shortly.

She's just wonderful and we are so thankful that we were able to adopt her!

Cindy





Dear Pet Friends:

A brief little note about Peanut, whom we adopted April, 2015. He is so much company to me since in July my husband's illness got worse and he was admitted to the VA.

He dances for his treats, rolls over, and then sits up to shake hands as if to say thank you. I love him to pieces. Thank you for introducing us to each other and for all you do for so many other animals

Janice

PS: He likes to go to see his Daddy at the VA and he puts a smile on the faces of the other patients too!



To a cat, 'No' means not while I'm looking.



Merry Christmas to everyone at Pet Friends!

We hope everyone is doing great! We had a baby in February and Cub & Jewel have adjusted wonderfully! Mila loves to be near them and they are very patient with her. Cub & Jewel also continue to love their sister Allie (sitting out front in the picture). Thank you for all you do for the kitties in our area. You are all heroes!

Leah, Cody, Mila, Cub, Jewel & Allie



My goal in life is to be as good of a person as my dog already thinks I am.



Dear Pet Friends:

We still have our dog we adopted from your organization. We love him very much. When we adopted him he was named Midnight. I recall that he was in a foster home at the time and his foster Mom was there when we adopted him. I believe his foster Mom called him Snorten Norton. We have since named him Vader because of the same reasons, I'm sure.

Dave & Alex

A pet is a friend to treasure and love, a gift from the heavens, a gift from above. When you look into your pet's trusting eyes, something is there that no one can disguise. It's a look of complete love and something to admire, it makes your heart melt and sets your soul afire. When the day comes for you and him to part, your pet's soul is still with you, he is still in your heart.

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