



Angel Ridge Pet Gazette

Animal Rescue



Celebrating the New Home for Our Cat Rescue Program Bailey's Cat Haven

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The plight of unwanted cats and kittens just seems to get so much worse with every passing year. In response, our cat and kitten rescue program at Angel Ridge has grown by leaps and bounds and we are well respected as a "leader for change" for felines in need.

But our hands have been tied in recent years because our space at Angel Ridge Animal Rescue, just four not-so-big rooms, has not been enough space to fulfill our rescue mission for cats.

Generous donations and some estate bequests over the years have come together to provide the monies to buy a building that is well suited to "raising the bar" on our work. This classically older, eight room brick building was once the home to Max's Bath House, a grooming establishment for dogs. The new Bailey's is located on a well-traveled road, alongside other family friendly businesses such as a dentist, restaurant, the South Park Township library, and Municipal Offices.

Commented Cat Care Coordinator, Barb Brown, "Moving to this new building will give our cats space to play and interact more intimately with volunteers, potential adopters, and the community leading to more forever homes."

Introducing the new Bailey's Cat Haven, located at 2650 Brownsville Road, South Park, PA! The expanded building size and location will enable us to assist more new-born kittens, because we now have the facilities for our quarantine area. This is the first step for many kittens before they are moved into one of our foster homes. We generally have 25 or so foster homes that work closely with us.

This building will shelter 25 adult cats, on average. One of the downstairs rooms will be for the potential adopters to "meet and greet" their hoped-for new family member in a comfortable setting. We have space to have meetings, and we will be able to add more volunteer opportunities and expand our educational programs.

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Although we have been serving the animal rescue needs of Allegheny County as well as Washington County since our inception, our ability is now greatly enhanced to serve the needs of Allegheny County cats and kittens. We have received “welcomes” from dozens of people who live in the South Park area and are excited to join our team. We think of them as so many friends that we just haven't met yet!

We reach out to you, our dear friends, and supporters, to help us to financially acquire the items that we need to be able to move into our new home:

*We need ten cat enclosures, living quarters for the cats. These are comfortable habitats and allow a human to walk in and sit down with the cats. We need large wall cabinets in several areas, and we need vinyl flooring in five of the rooms. We also need a computer, and printer/scanner.

Cat enclosure



*Code enforcement is requiring we replace the existing two-story rear wooden staircase. We would like to build a new staircase with Trex materials. This staircase will be used by volunteers to bring kittens into the upstairs quarantine area. It is also a necessary and mandated fire escape for the upper floors of the building. The existing wooden staircase is very old and not compliant with our commercial use. Code enforcement officials will allow us to utilize the existing staircase temporarily once some repairs are made. The new staircase will have risers on each step and be totally in compliance with building codes.



Rear stairs

All donors to the new Bailey's Cat Haven will be recognized on placards throughout the building, placed close to the sponsored item.
Please choose one of the categories and complete this donation form

Please sponsor one of our Bailey's Cat Haven needs or make a general contribution.



___ Be a **FRIEND OF A FLOOR**. Your donation of \$ 1,300 will cover the cost of a vinyl floor and installation in one of the five rooms.

___ Be a **CRUSADER FOR NEW CABINETS**. Your donation of \$400 will cover the cost of one new cabinet for the storage of medicines and supplies. 10 are needed.

___ Be an **ANGEL FOR PRETTY KITTY ENCLOSURES**. Your donation of \$800 will enable us to purchase one new enclosure: 10 are needed.

___ Be a **SUPPORTER OF SAFE STEPS AND RAILINGS**. Your donation of \$200 will be used for one of our new steps or railings in the Trex staircase that will be constructed in the rear of the building: 25 steps and 10 rails will be needed.

___ Be a **WORKPLACE WIZARD**. \$1000 will purchase a new computer ___\$350 will provide a scanner/ printer

___ I would like to make a general donation for the needs in Bailey's Cat Haven.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Credit card: Name on card _____ Exp. Date _____

Card type: _____ Card no.: _____

Amount of check enclosed or credit card donation \$ _____

If your gift in memory of a loved one, their name please _____



Paying it Forward ~ Sharing our Food and Supplies

At Angel Ridge Animal Rescue, we are blessed with ongoing donations of food and supplies. Because of your generosity, we can "pay it forward" by helping families with pets and other animal rescuers in need:

Pittsburgh Police Officer Christine Luffey has spent her law enforcement career as a voice and an advocate for all animals abused or in need. Pittsburgh area families with dogs and cats in need of financial help reach out to her for pet food and cat litter. We share what we can to help her in this mission.

As you may be aware, many of our dog rescues come from West Virginia and other southern states, where many dogs are neglected and in great need. Some shelters must euthanize dogs and cats because they simply cannot afford to feed them. We have established "sister shelters" in West Virginia, Kentucky, and South Carolina. In addition to taking many dogs from rescues in these states, Angel Ridge will share our food when they are in need. In the "low country" of South Carolina, we are assisting rescuers with food and veterinary care for the feral cats in over a dozen cat colonies. We have set up collection banks in some local businesses, and last year was our very first "Angel Tree" fundraiser for the feral cats.

For many years we have supplied local dog and cat rescuers with our excess food and litter. We have been blessed, so we bless others!

So dear supporters, we make sure that the donations that you so lovingly send to Angel Ridge Animal Rescue, make life better for one of our Angel Ridge rescue animals or another animal in great need. Thank you!



Have you ever dreamed of making a difference in the life of a pet? Do you have lots of love to give?

Are you ready to start helping now?

Angel Ridge has so many ways you can get involved, through volunteering or fostering.

Contact Volunteer Coordinator Rose @
tomkorose@hky.com to get started!

Cat & Kitten

Fosters Needed



Fosters are especially needed for the rescue kittens. Kittens must live in a foster home until they are 12 weeks old. We provide supplies, expertise and support. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Barb at jacob.75293@aol.com.



PLEASE HELP OUR ANGELS AT ANGEL RIDGE ANIMAL RESCUE

Mail this form and your donation to

P.O. BOX 94, Meadowlands, PA 15347

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

I would like to contribute \$_____ to:

(please choose one of these categories)

☐ General ☐ Emergency ☐ Gathering of Guardian Angels Program
Contribution Vet Care (\$200 Annually or \$50 quarterly)

You can also donate through PayPal, aranres@yahoo.com



Your Kindness Keeps Hope Alive for Animals Abandoned and Abused

This question continues to haunt us. How could any decent human being abandon an animal, especially in a place where their chances of survival are near 0? There is one further “haunt” to this horrific situation: What if the animal was obviously very sick?

At Angel Ridge Animal Rescue, we deal with these situations too many times to even keep count. I would like to introduce two very special dogs who found themselves exactly in this situation... Poppy and Isabella. They were abandoned, were very ill, but they beat the odds because of the kind people in the world who saved them.

Poppy is a young, female bully breed mix. She was abandoned at a coal mine in Wyoming County, deep into West Virginia. The employees of the mine kept her alive by feeding her each day. Finally, they called an animal rescuer, one of our rescue partners in that area. Poppy was fostered until Angel Ridge Animal Rescue could take her.

Poppy had a tumor about the size of half of a football above her back leg. She had difficulty walking, sitting and lying down. Poppy also had Lyme's disease. Our volunteers fell madly in love with Poppy. Poppy never showed her pain, and she was just so grateful for kind hands, words, good food and soft blankets.

Poppy's tumor was so large that it could not be removed entirely. Our veterinarian “debunked” the tumor, removing everything on the skin but none of the suspicious parts of the tumor underneath the skin. The biopsy revealed that the tumor could be either benign or a malignant liposarcoma. The tumor could grow back.

A wonderful Peters Township family of four came forward to meet Poppy. After we delivered the potentially bad news about the reoccurrence of the tumor, mom Kristen emphatically told us:

“I would love to have a girl like Poppy to complete our family!”



Poppy before surgery



Isabella before surgery

Lab mix, senior dog Isabella, was abandoned along with another small dog, Baby, at a country market on Route 18 in Burgettstown. Baby was quickly adopted at Angel Ridge Animal Rescue. Sweet Isabella was introduced to several potential adopters, but they were wary of the large tumor that had grown in the rear of her body, and her Lyme's disease.

Isabella's tumor was removed by our veterinarian. It was a mass cell tumor, slow growing but malignant. Like Poppy's tumor, Isabella's tumor could also grow back.

Tom and Kathleen of Weirton, West Virginia met Isabella and were enchanted by this sweet dog. Her biopsy results did not come back to us until after Isabella had been comfortably settled into her new home.

Tom and Kathleen had just lost their beloved dog after a long battle with a malignant tumor. Their hearts were broken thinking that Isabella might not make it. It did not take a lot of soul searching for Tom and Kathleen to realize that Isabella needed them and they needed her, and they would try their best to give Isabella the best possible life.

Yes, it is the resilience of the animals hurt by humans, and the kind people of the world that gives us hope.



Thanking Two Exceptional Rescue Partners ~ The Washington County Community Foundation and Petco Love

In 2022, and this year, two of our major rescue partners have blessed us with donations to continue our life saving work. Petco Love, which is Petco's Foundation, and the Washington County Community Foundation (WCCF) were most generous to Angel Ridge Animal Rescue.

In 2022, through its capacity building grant program, the WCCF awarded us with a \$25,000 grant to purchase a “gently used” van for our rescue work. This grant came just in the “nick of time” for us.

In June, our dedicated animal transporter volunteer broke down in Virginia as she was working “double duty” to transport cat food donations to the feral cats in South Carolina, and then picking up four dogs from our “sister” shelter in South Carolina and bringing them to Angel Ridge for adoption. This was her own van, and it could not be repaired.

In our work with shelters in other states, a reliable means of transportation is essential. We reached out to the WCCF, and they agreed with us wholeheartedly! Besides having the van available for out-of-state transports, we are utilizing the van to take animals to the vet, pick up supplies, and take animals and “stuff” to off-site adoption events. The rescue van has been a remarkable gift to help our animals.

For 10 years, however, the WCCF has blessed Angel Ridge Animal Rescue and hundreds of other charities in Washington County through their annual WCCF Gives Day of Giving. They are an exceptional organization.

A few months ago, Petco Love notified us that we were approved for a \$7000 grant. Our application, submitted last year, emphasized our expanded cat and kitten rescue programs and asked for funds to be used for building upgrades, such as a quarantine area. Petco and Petco Love have supported our work for two decades with generous monetary donations and other resources. Their support of our life saving work has enabled us to reach out to rescues that we would have otherwise not been able to help.

Thank you, adoption partners, the Washington County Community Foundation and Petco Love. We will not disappoint you as we work even harder to make a difference in the lives of so many animals in need.



Angel Ridge Wish List

Our needs are great for the volume of animals we care for at Angel Ridge.

Fancy Feast Canned kitten food - chicken or turkey
 Royal Canin Canned Mommy & Baby / kitten food
 Pro Plan canned kitten food - liver and chicken
 KMR Milk replacer powder - 1st step
 HE liquid laundry detergent
 Canon 245 & 246 ink cartridges
 Inaba Churu cat treats

Frontline Plus for cats
 Frontline Gold for cats
 Wet Swiffer Pads
 Clorox Spray and Wipes
 Trash Bags

Frontline Plus for dogs
 Purina One Dog food
 Greenies Dental Chews
 Martingale collar/quick snap buckle
 Medicated pet shampoo
 Copy paper
 Postage stamps



Order on Amazon and deliver directly to 390 Old Hickory Ridge Rd, Washington, PA 15301
 (Angel Ridge Amazon wish list link is on our website) www.angelridgeanimalrescue.org

Ginny – *A Broken Body, But So Strong in Spirit*

Ginny was found in rural South Carolina, tied to a post, her body almost devoid of fur and full of oozing sores. Our rescue partner gave her shelter and whatever vet assistance that they could afford. A couple of months later, Ginny was well enough to make the trip to Angel Ridge Animal Rescue.

Ginny's condition was shocking, and she was in so much pain that she had difficulty walking and making herself comfortable on her bed. Ginny's open sores were constantly bleeding. Our veterinarian determined that Ginny had several infections, and the horrible skin condition was mite- related.

Our volunteers kicked into "high gear" to heal this precious gal, making sure that she got her daily meds, weekly injections and three medicated baths per week (as well as a mega-dose of TLC). Ginny has some serious food and skin related allergies we are addressing.



**Ginny arriving at
Angel Ridge**



Ginny today



Bucky Smiling!

Bucky - *Imprisoned and Alone*

Bucky was confined to a small shack on a hill in West Virginia for five years, deprived of human companionship and the ability to walk outside.

This small Rottie look- alike dog obtained his freedom when his human passed. Once the members of the animal rescue community became aware of Bucky's plight, things fell quickly into place to liberate this poor dog.

Money was raised for temporary boarding and vetting. The veterinarian neutered Bucky free of charge. Volunteers began their search for a wonderful home and drove for hours at a time to do "meet and greets."

It was soon realized that Bucky needed a lot of socialization before he would be ready for a new home. He was incredibly fearful of people that he did not know. He cowered in the corner, shaking, and had no ability to walk on a leash. At Angel Ridge Animal Rescue, Bucky is taking "baby steps" to becoming a normal dog. Although he is still incredibly fearful of humans, our volunteers discovered that with a lot of patience, and if Bucky is quietly approached, he will warm up to some humans. Bucky should be ready for a home this summer.

Phoenix—*Branded and Abandoned*

This starving Beagle/Hound was abandoned in a rough coal mining town in southern West Virginia. Other dogs, also abandoned, roamed the streets, and attacked her on a daily basis. No stranger to cruelty, someone in her short life branded her with a large "P" on her side.

Her rescuer named her Phoenix, after the immortal bird in Greek mythology that rises from the ashes to be born to a new life. Indeed, this name is fitting. Phoenix rose from human cruelty and certain death on the streets and is embarking on her journey to a happy life filled with love.

Her rescuer calls Phoenix "a doll of a dog" that loves all creatures and human snuggles.
Her worries are forever behind her!



Phoenix

Curtis ~ *My Heart Helped Me to See*

Somehow, the injured and filthy little cat made his way up a set of porch steps of a vacant house. This was amazing because he could not see.

The owner of the house, an Angel Ridge Animal Rescue volunteer, returned later in the day. She found the little kitty and checked with neighbors. None of them had seen this cat in the neighborhood before. He wore a very worn collar, but his filthy body seemed to indicate that he had been outside for some time. We surmised that he was a “drop-off.” We named him Curtis.

The vet determined Curtis to be about a year old, even though he weighed less than four pounds. Curtis had a broken jaw, a mouth wound, wounds under his chin, a severe upper respiratory infection, an ulcer in one eye, and in the other eye, so much drainage that he could not open it.



Curtis when found



Curtis today

Curtis went into foster with Cat Care Coordinator, Barb Brown. A post was put on Facebook, and over 50 people responded with donations for his veterinary care.

Curtis is slowly regaining his health. His personality has emerged. He is friendly, with a loud purr. He loves activities and is curious about the “goings on” around him. He enjoys the company of other cats. Curtis realizes he is finally safe and loved. Barb reminds him of that every day. He will be ready for a home of his own very soon.

Our Gathering of Guardian Angels



All through the pages of this newsletter, you have read about dogs and cats that have come to us with significant veterinary needs.

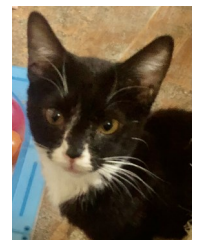
In this first half of 2023, Angel Ridge Animal Rescue has dealt with so many extreme cases of animal abuse and neglect. Both Poppy and Isabella were abandoned, sick and with large tumors that our veterinarian surgically removed. Kitty Curtis had multiple injuries and infections, and it is nothing short of a miracle that he survived.

Ginny's medical conditions are complicated, and she has a long and expensive road ahead of her to achieve a body that is finally healed. She requires extensive medical testing, medicines and a special food that is astronomically expensive. Other rescuers backed away from taking her and helping her, but we did not. We see her as a loving dog with a will to heal and be loved, and we know that you are there to help us to help her.

Our philosophy is that an injury or sickness that can be healed is no reason to end an animal's life. We have a special program of caring contributors named the Gathering of Guardian Angels. These Guardian Angels contribute \$50 quarterly, or \$20 per year to this program. The program is there to provide the funds for needed medicines or surgeries for the dogs, cats and kittens who come to us with extraordinary veterinary needs. Please consider joining this elite group of contributors, Angels, who provide the needed extra financial help for our little angels. We don't ever want to refuse entry to Angel Ridge Animal Rescue because we don't have the funds to heal them.

To join, mark the Gathering of Guardian Angels box on the donation form on page 3.

Thank you and God bless.





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CURRENT RESIDENT OR:

Our Rescue Partner, Pet Supplies Plus

In 2018, we began to feature our cats and kittens for adoption at PetValu, McMurray,
now known as Pet Supplies Plus.

We have a few of our cats and kittens there, ready for you to meet and take one or two home.

Please stop by and visit.

Calendar of Events

First Saturday of every month, 12-3, PetSmart Washington adoption event

Third Saturday of every month, 12-3, Petco Washington adoption event

June 17, 9:30-3, Pet Fair, Christ United Church, Bethel Park, PA

July 8, 11-2, Pet Supplies Plus, McMurray, kitten shower/ summer cookout

August 12, 11-2, Pet Supplies Plus, McMurray, kitten shower

September 14, 8-8 WCCF Gives, Day of Giving

September 23, 11-4, Woofstock, Washington Wild Things Park

October 7-8, Hickory Apple Festival, Hickory

November, date TBD, Silent Auction

Official opening of the new Bailey's Cat Haven, date TBD, will be announced on our Facebook page.

Angel Ridge kitties available for adoption daily at Pet Supplies Plus, McMurray.