



Angel Ridge Pet Gazette

Animal Rescue



~Nancy Shannon

Renee Came To Us For Help.....

And We Couldn't Walk Away

Over the years, we have helped many abandoned animals who have been left on our Angel Ridge Animal Rescue property to fend for themselves. Dogs are tied to door handles, cats are left in crates at our door, and some are just thrown out of a vehicle. Some animals are healthy, but most are impaired in some way.

Such was the case on November 29th, when volunteers came upon an emaciated young cat hiding under our shed by the kennel building. A trap was set for her, and to our surprise, she immediately went into the trap, eager for our help.

Cat Care Coordinator/Manager, Barb Brown, brought her to our Bailey's Cat Haven and began to examine her. Named Renee, she had so many health issues that she was barely alive.

Renee was estimated to be about a year old, but she only weighed 4 lbs. She had eye issues, diarrhea, ear mites, and broken teeth. Renee was put on several medications and intravenous fluids. Our veterinarian saw her many times and monitored her blood work results. The blood work showed severe anemia and a very low red blood cell count.

Renee was fighting for her life. She made small improvements on some days, and other days her progress stopped or rapidly declined. Our veterinarian commented that Renee had, indeed, a very hard life.

Many volunteers took turns day and night, cuddling her and encouraging her to keep fighting. Renee's fight to survive lasted just 12 days. Barb Brown reflects:

"We did everything we could for her. She was such a sweet soul and was loved in her short time with us. Such a strong spirit but weak body." Run free Renee!



Renee reaching out to volunteer Kelley

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Our Rescued Dogs and Cats Need You!

Help an animal in need and have some fun as an Angel Ridge Animal Rescue volunteer. Here are some ways that you can help:

Volunteering with the dogs: We need dog walkers, off site and adoption help, transport to the vet, office help, and handy man/woman help at the 390 Old Hickory Ridge Rd., Washington location.

Volunteering with the cats: We need cat care assistance, greeters, office help/organizing, and handyman/woman help at our 2650 Brownsville Rd., South Park location.

To help all of our animals, we need volunteers for fundraising planning and involvement, website updating assistance and picking up donated items from stores and the public.

We have a great volunteer group in place, so you will be welcomed and helped along the way.

To help with the dogs, contact Rose @ tomkorose@hky.com

To help with the cats, contact Barb @ jacob75293@aol.com.

You can also visit our website at www.angelridgeanimalrescue.org to print an application.



Tables Turned, When the Stray Kitty Adopts You

So you notice this stray cat has taken up residence in your neighborhood — crouching under a porch, hiding in a shed or camping out near the garbage cans. The weather is turning chilly and you don't want the cat to starve or freeze or get hit by a car, so you coax it to safety with a little fragrant canned cat food. Every night soon after, the cat races to you when the crack of the can lid is heard and the formerly feral feline is quickly accepting your help and your hands which are now reaching out to pet and comfort her. In a few short weeks, the cat is doing figure-8s around your ankles and purring for more attention, now at ease being held in your arms and sitting on your lap.



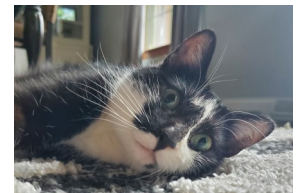
Suddenly you find yourself unwittingly, unintentionally, and unbelievably the guardian to a homeless cat that has adopted you and now relies on you for her every need. At this point, you have no choice but to accept the new arrangement for what it is ...

CAT WON!

ACT NOW!

Spay/Neuter

~By Faye Klein



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 Susan at susanbeil@verizon.net

Welcome Aboard the Polar Express!

Introducing the ARAR Polar Express, our vehicle for saving dogs from starvation, abandonment and freezing to death in the elements. No, it does not run on train tracks, or have a cool shrill whistle to blow to announce its arrival. Our Polar Express is a white Ford Transit van, donated by the Washington County Community Foundation, that has logged many highway miles this winter. The Polar Express is piloted by 1st Engineer, volunteer Cindy Riggle, and 2nd Engineer, assistant Stevie Rizer.

ARAR supports several small rescue groups in West Virginia who work tirelessly to save dogs who are without food, water, shelter and may be emaciated with other serious medical issues. When space opens for dogs at ARAR, the Polar Express is on its way to bring them into our Rescue and a chance at a better life.



Moe

- *Lucky and Gizmo were abandoned in a condemned house without heat when their human went to jail.
- *Brock is a blind Pug who was chained to a tree with no shelter. He received the first toy, blanket, vet care and human love of his life when he came to ARAR.
- *Tank was terribly neglected. When he arrived at ARAR he had to have 10 teeth extracted, as well as a tumor on his leg removed.
- *Pippy was abandoned outside and emaciated. She recently had delivered puppies, but they were not found.
- *Faith is an emaciated hound that wandered onto a stranger's porch. She was so weak that she could not stand.
- *Five emaciated dogs were found living outside in a terrible situation, Angel Ridge Animal Rescue took two of them, Mo and Peaches, and another rescue took the others.

These are just some of the dogs helped by the ARAR Polar Express. The dogs that we have saved are gentle, and so grateful that they have been rescued. In fact, many have already been adopted.



The Polar Express is fueled and ready for its next mission. Our engineers can't wait to say:

**"Hop aboard and let us punch your ticket....
A better life is waiting for you!"**



Faith



Polar Express engineers after a successful mission



Brock

Buddy's, Our New Chill Place for Volunteer & Canine Couch Potato Training

When Bailey's Cat Haven moved from its Washington location to its new facility in South Park this past August, it was cause for the felines and their volunteers to celebrate. However, on the canine end, it was also exciting to determine how the dogs, and our volunteers, might benefit from the renovation of the former cat space into a "dog place" of sorts.

I was asked to chair the renovation effort, and I gladly accepted the challenge. Many individuals and groups were instrumental in refreshing the four-room, two-story apartment, which is adjacent to the stable area. In addition to Angel Ridge's regular volunteers, the rescue was also aided by a group of women from Ansys, the Phi Sigma Sorority from California State, and others completing community service. One walker, home from college, even volunteered her granddad, Denny Keith, to install lighting and a sink top. Going above and beyond, too, was plumber John Geicek, who provided some of his expertise to update the bathroom. The rescue was grateful for their time and hard work.

After a thorough deep clean, the entire interior was painted, the original kitchenette area was revitalized with fresh coats of white paint on the cupboards, and the bathroom received a revamp that was greatly welcomed by all the humans at Angel Ridge. Two vital storage areas were established, and the essential laundry area continues to be updated. A more inviting and energy-efficient front door was installed, and new flooring was ordered.

The new dog space, now named Buddy's, after a long-time resident of the shelter, also offers two large play and rest areas for both the dogs and volunteers.



Mocha enjoying "couch-time"

While dogs are often brought to the adoption trailer to play or interact on the weekends with potential adopters, now they can also experience the comforts of a home at Buddy's. Thanks to various donations, there are sofas, comfy chairs, and other amenities of home. Dogs who visit Buddy's love to try out the sofas and chairs.

While the dogs can enjoy being in a homelike situation, the volunteers are able to observe their behaviors and provide adopters with more information about them.

Walkers bring the eager residents to Buddy's to enjoy playtime, some instruction, and, of course, lots of belly rubs on the sofas. Many of the dogs now beat a path to their new hangout, and to no one's surprise, some of the dogs have been reluctant to leave. Dog walkers, too, can pause to grab a snack or drink.

Buddy's is also designed to provide a quarantine area when necessary, where dogs can recuperate in a quiet setting. Finally, the second floor is also designed to provide an area for volunteer training and meetings to take place. Volunteers and staff were even able to celebrate the Saturday before Christmas there.

While the major work at Buddy's has been completed, no doubt, there will continue to be improvements made. In the meantime, both volunteers and pups are excited to put Bailey's to good use every day!

~Anne Frederickson



Lounge @ Buddy's real so-



The Loft

The Pom that's a Balm for Loneliness

**Editors note~ The following story was submitted by Wendy Qualich to Petco Love in their Holiday Wishes writing competition. The theme was to present the story of how your adopted pet has changed your life and the lives of other people for the better. Winners have not yet been announced, but for certain Henny has won the hearts of many people.*

The Surgeon General recently proclaimed that loneliness has been the emerging medical crisis in the U.S. I was certainly suffering from it and actually told my kids that they were either getting a step-dad or a dog. My son's life partner, Joy, opted for the latter and began a search that led us to Hennessey (Henny), a 12-lb. bag of fur surrounding an ever-present grin at Angel Ridge Animal Rescue. But before I could even lay eyes on him, another adopter had scooped in before me and was ready to take him home. She brought her dog to meet Henny, whose first act upon meeting her was to mount her and the adoption fell through. I'm not sorry to say I was happy to hear that. I knew that Henny would be the balm for my own loneliness, but I never expected him to heal the pain of others the way he has done.



Wendy & Henny

Frank, an Iraq veteran and neighbor of mine, was going through a rough patch of PTSD when he first met Henny when I adopted him two years ago. Frank lives in an apartment across the street that does not allow dogs, but Henny is permitted to stay overnight when Frank needs him. Frank now has a key to my house and my other neighbors want a key, too, but I am reserving that singular privilege for Frank.

When another neighbor was laid up with a knee replacement, Henny and I visited her and brought her dinner. She thanked me for the food but said that what she really wanted was for Henny to stay a while.



Frank & Henny

The rest of the neighborhood sees Henny daily when we are out walking, and Henny is as interested in visiting with them as they are with us. This little dog with the big personality is their "go to" to be happy when they feel sad. Recently when we were walking, a neighbor lady asked if she could pet my smiling, tail wagging bundle of fur. After the pet, she remarked that this "was the only nice thing to happen today". With his smiling face and seemingly endless repertoire of cute expressions, Henny has had a magical kind of impact on all those who meet him. He has certainly changed my life as well as the lives of people in our neighborhood.



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BAILEY'S CAT HAVEN
ANGEL RIDGE ANIMAL RESCUE



Bailey's Cat Haven – A Heavenly “Hang Out” for Felines

Thanks to many generous donations, and the dedicated work of our volunteers, the Angel Ridge cats have successfully moved into their state-of-the-art new home.

November 5, 2023 was the Open House and Grand Opening of the new Bailey's Cat Haven, located at 2650 Brownsville Rd. South Park PA. What makes the new Bailey's so special, you may ask? It is a fun and cozy “almost home” for our adult cats while they wait for their new families to meet them and take them to their “forever home”. Bailey's meets the needs of cats in all situations.



The enclosure room



A special interaction

A quarantine room has been established for very young kittens, who are expected to be there about two weeks for observation, and if necessary, veterinary treatment prior to going into a foster home. Adult cats in need of isolation and veterinary treatment will use the room, too.

Two of the rooms on the 1st floor have large multi-level enclosures complete with enrichment toys inside. Cats can be there by themselves or paired with a “buddy” cat. You will not find small cages here. There are multiple openings to the enclosure which can be accessed by socializing volunteers to interact more closely with the cats that are scared and untrusting.

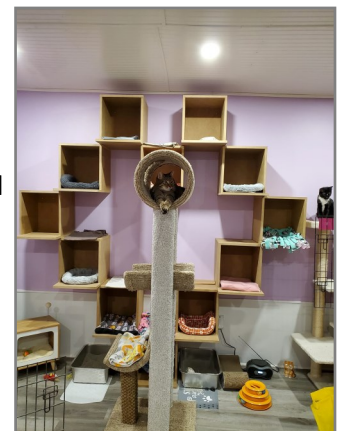
The transition room houses cats in individual large enclosures and they have access to cat trees or cubby spaces. The cats in this room need individual attention and so are worked with out of their enclosures. There is room in this space to focus on behavioral and trust issues. The cats in the transition room can begin to roam together when they are comfortable in doing so.

The free roaming room allows the resident cats to stay in their open cages or to explore the room and engage with other cats. There are many fun things to do and climbing opportunities throughout the room. They can interact freely with the volunteers and one another.

The meet and greet room, sponsored by the estate of Ed Fitzgerald, allows adopters and their selected cats to get to know one another in a comfortable setting. Visitors may also make this room the first stop on their journey through the building. One lucky cat is selected to be the official greeter and resides in the meet and greet room.

Visiting hours are 12 to 3:00 PM on Saturday and Sunday. Appointments are available during the week. Volunteers are always needed.

Contact Cat Care Coordinator/Manager Barb Brown at
jacob75293@aol.com for more information.



The roaming room



This is Rose. She's a 3 year old, gorgeous, diluted calico. She's a lovely girl and has had a rough 2 1/2 years birthing several litters of kittens. She is very loving and chatty girl, but needs to be in a home where she is the queen, does not do well with other cats or dogs. She is the perfect solo companion. She does get easily overstimulated when you pet her sides but will sit on your lap all day if you scratch her chin, ears, and face. She's such a sweet girl.



This sweetie is Pia. She's friendly, petite with adorable whiskers. Pia is 6 to 8 years old but definitely young at heart. Pia is good with other cats and children. Pia will make an excellent companion kitty. She's waiting at the shelter for her human to come meet her!



This handsome fellow is Tiger. he is a fun, playful and silly cat! He'll play with anything that moves! He loves to watch the birds from the window ledge. Tiger likes to follow the volunteers around as they do chores. He likes to be near people but he's not a big fan of a lot of petting. Tiger will be best in a forever home with no young children.



Romper is a two-year-old sweetie with an unique backstory. She arrived to Angel Ridge from an area rescue which took in cats from many countries. Romper came from Kuwait. As you can imagine, she has seen a lot. But what she hasn't seen, and what she's wishing for daily, is a forever home! Romper is friendly and loves other cats. . At one time she lived with dogs. With proper introductions, Romper might be fine with a cat-friendly dog.

Angel Ridge Wish List

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

The Angel Ridge Amazon wish list link is on our website www.angelridgeanimalrescue.org

For the Cats:

Inaba Churu cat treats
Frontline Plus or Gold for cats
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
Purina One adult cat food

General needs:

Clorox spray and wipes
Odoban Disinfectant
Postage stamps
Copy Paper
Extra large trash bags

For the Dogs:

Pill Pockets
Frontline Plus for Dogs
Purina One Dog Food
Greenies Dental Chews
Medicated Pet Shampoo

For cat products you can order on Amazon and deliver directly to



Bailey's Cat Haven
2650 Brownsville Rd,
South Park, PA 15129

For dog & general products you can order on Amazon and deliver directly to

Angel Ridge Animal Rescue
390 Old Hickory Ridge Rd
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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 during their business hours.

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

March 23rd ~ Pet Pictures with the Easter Bunny @ Pet Supplies Plus/ McMurray

April 6th – Biscuit Bingo at Salvatore's Event Center, Pittsburgh, PA

Check our website for updated events angelridgeanimalrescue.org

