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**Angel Ridge Animal Rescue**

**390 Old Hickory Ridge Rd  
Washington PA 15301**

*Dogs and general office*



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

*Cat Adoption Facility*



**Angel Ridge Animal Rescue  
PO Box 94  
Meadowlands PA 15347**

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## Unchained Melody

*by Kathy Morrow*

Three dogs with three different stories and personalities, but all with one thing in common: chained outside. It is no life for a dog to live in a plastic box and only be able to sniff the dirt as far as their chain can reach. Humans have domesticated dogs to live in the house with us and to be a part of our family. It is a cold and lonely life for a dog to live without the daily companionship of people.

Do people not realize that dogs feel lonely, scared, and cold? Do they not know that they suffer when sick? The majority of outside dogs that we have taken in have received no vet care for years, if at all. They also lack the comforts of a home, having to live in mud, snow, and rain. They have nothing but a plastic box to huddle in during loud thunderstorms, and they have no protection from predators. Angel Ridge has stepped up for numerous dogs living in these conditions, offering them a better life, filled with love and proper care.

### Still Looking for His "Light"

Little 26 lb. Brock, likely a Puggle, lived his entire six years chained to a tree with a dirty plastic dog box to sleep in. Perhaps his owner thought it was enough to bring him food once a day. It wasn't. Not even close. Brock completely missed the socialization window where dogs learn to trust and love people. He was completely alone outside for 23 hours and 59 minutes a day.

Sadly, Brock also lost his eyesight. Blind dogs generally do wonderfully. They learn the layout of the home, and they know that their loving family is there. Brock didn't have a home. Brock didn't have a family. He had nothing but eventual darkness to add to his fear. Never having been handled and unable to see that he is about to be touched, Brock is fearful about touch and will let you know that in the only way he knows. He may snap at someone out of fear. It can be scary and stressful for a well-adjusted dog to live in a kennel, regardless of how nice and spacious the kennel is and how loving the volunteers and staff are with him. Now imagine that you are Brock and new people are coming into your space. You've never walked before. You've never had a bath before.

Brock has adjusted somewhat to his new life. It's definitely better than his previous life, but not the life we ultimately want him to have in a loving home. He hears humans and excited dogs in the kennel and approaches the front of his kennel and waits. He loves his walks. We enter his kennel and sprinkle a little food on the floor while we attach a leash. Positive associations are so important. Brock confidently walks with us outside like a little man on a mission. He no longer has a tiny area to sniff; he has an entire farm to explore daily on a leash. As much as Brock loves his walks, his dog walkers find joy in walking him. I see him loving life, and it makes me smile. Brock plays with toys, works puzzles for food, and enjoys his snuffle mat. He has also had several baths, and our bather loves him very much.

We have faith that Brock has an angel out there who will be selflessly devoted to giving him a real home. It will take time, patience, love, and knowledge. He may never be a dog who wants to snuggle on the couch with you, but who knows? Brock is hoping for a devoted adult home where he is the only dog.



**Brock waiting to be adopted**

## The Junkyard Dog in the Suit and Tie

Then there's Moe. Moe was also chained out in the dirt with a filthy dog box to live in and surrounded by rusty equipment and garbage. When Moe was rescued from these conditions, he was severely underweight, as was another hound named Hope that we welcomed to Angel Ridge.

Moe is a gorgeous Black and Tan Coonhound. Although he came from a situation similar to Brock, his personality is quite different. He is exuberant and loves people. His physical condition was atrocious, and we brought him back to a healthy weight. Moe received flea and tick preventatives, antibiotics for Lyme disease, and medicated baths. He learned to walk on leash, but he obviously had no housetraining or any idea about behavior in a house. He jumped on top of tables, counter-surfed, and generally wreaked havoc inside, simply because he knew no better. We lovingly worked with him on inside manners, and we all fell in love with Moe.

Fortunately, Moe found a family who also fell madly in love with him. A mom and two children came to meet dogs one weekend. First, they met a different dog. They liked him, but there was no love connection.

Then we brought in Moe. Our crazy hound was on his very best behavior. If he were a little boy, he would have shown up in a suit and tie and said please and thank you, ma'am. Moe was sweet and gentle with everyone. He knew. He chose them wholeheartedly. Lucky for Moe, they chose him, too! Moe now lives in a home with a family who is dedicated to teaching him on a daily basis. They give him snuggles on the sofa, lots of toys and walks, and most importantly, lots and lots of love. Moe has the happy ending that we pray all of our dogs find.



**Moe at Angel Ridge**

## His Resilience Saved His Life

Little Bailey was just a puppy, a baby. He was chained outside and starving to death. My eyes fill with tears when I look at the photos of Bailey when he was skin and bones, his entire skeleton visible. How can someone chain a sweet 7-month puppy outside and then let him almost starve to death?

Thank God for his rescuers who saved him in time and brought him to Angel Ridge where he received the care he needed. This little boy is so special and sweet. Finally, Bailey got to play with toys, snuggle in laps, and take sniffy walks on the farm. At last, Bailey got to be a dog! This resilient little guy made best pals with another young pup, Velvet, and they absolutely loved playing together. Fortunately, it didn't take long for Bailey to find a home where he could live inside and be part of a family.

I could tell you many more stories about these dogs who were never made a part of a family and who lived sad and lonely lives outside. There was Chief, whose owner beat him with his fists and also a stick. His owner had no love for him and even said he wished he would die. Chief found a home where his owners love him dearly and are committed to teaching him to be his best self.



**Bailey waiting for his family**

There was Charlie, a very sweet, large, furry stray who wandered outside for many months, begging for food. His hair was incredibly and painfully matted. His remaining teeth were atrocious, and he received care from a board-certified veterinary dentist. His eye was horribly infected, and a tumor on one eyelid had to be removed. Our director opened her heart and her home to Charlie after losing three older rescue dogs within the span of a few months. Charlie has done wonders to help her broken heart to heal.

I could write a long, sad book about many neglected, unloved outdoor dogs, but we are too busy saving them to write that book.



**Chief at Angel Ridge**



**Charlie when he was rescued**

## Cats and Kids Gain Confidence Together *by Barb Brown*

It was about 14 years ago that I came across an article that intrigued me and has proven to be a “life changer” for my dog and cats. Following the strategy introduced in this article, my husband, John, and I began to read to our cat, Maxine and dog, Gabe.



Maxine was a cat that I trapped at Max's Bathhouse, a grooming salon, in South Park. This happens to be the building that was purchased last year for our Bailey's Cat Haven. Serendipity or fate? You decide.

Maxine was very hissy and non-trusting. John would read to her daily from the newspaper. She began to relax and make eye contact with him. Maxine was learning to trust John, and she eventually allowed him to pet her.

Our next “student” was our dog, Gabe, who was adopted from Angel Ridge Animal Rescue. I read to Gabe every night, and he became more relaxed and confident. For the remaining years of his life, Gabe was my shadow-always near me, watching over me. Just as John and I discovered when reading to our own dog and cats, the animal learns to trust, have a calmer demeanor, and builds a bond with the human who reads to him or her.

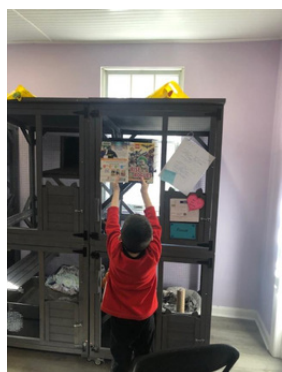
This has been confirmed in empirical and anecdotal research over the last decade. Very importantly, these studies have proven that the child who reads to an animal reaps many valuable benefits. Researchers at UC Davis have conducted studies relative to the benefits that are realized when children read to dogs. They found that kids who read to therapy dogs for 15 to 20 minutes a week, over a 10-week period, saw a 30% improvement in reading. (Dave Jones, Reading to Rover: Does it Really Help Children? Veterinary School Says ‘Yes’, April 16th, 2010)

The child's motivation, confidence, fluency and empathy for animals is increased. Dogs and cats are non-judgmental, so if a child makes a mistake, their captive audience doesn't care, and the child can correct the mistake and keep on reading. Many schools routinely bring in dogs so that the children who are considered “slow”, or reluctant to read, can improve their reading skills, but also their self-esteem. It is an enjoyable, pressure-free experience.

I was excited to introduce our own “Reading to Cats” program when we moved into our new location in South Park. Our socializer volunteers- adults and children-are matched up with a timid or scared cat and they read to them. I added the slow blink technique recommended by renowned cat expert, Jackson Galaxy. Basically, you wait for the cat to make eye contact with you, and then you make a series of very slow blinks. This technique usually gets the cat's attention quickly and starts to build a connection.



At Bailey's Cat Haven, children from Showtime Dance and the South Park library have become involved in the program. They bring a book from home or use one from our small library at Bailey's. The readers all learn the slow blink technique. They are assigned to a cat and read and show the pictures to them. When time is up, they move on to the next cat. Every cat has a reading experience.



This one-on-one experience when they are given full attention, has definitely reduced the cat's stress level and it has built their trust. The children have gained reading experience, and they develop a bond with a cat. Overall, it helps the cat become more adoptable and the children gain confidence in reading aloud in a no-pressure situation.

We have been told that this is a very positive experience for the children. More reading sessions are scheduled. I encourage other groups to consider this opportunity with us. Please contact me, Barb Brown, at [jacob75293@aol.com](mailto:jacob75293@aol.com) for more information.

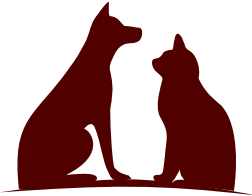
**Let's get reading!**

## Our Rescued Dogs and Cats Need You!!

Help an animal in need and have some fun at the same time as an Angel Ridge Animal Rescue volunteer! Here are some ways you can help:

- Volunteering with the dogs: We need dog walkers, off-site and adoption help, transport to the vet, office help, and handyman/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 update 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 Anne at [mrsfred@verizon.net](mailto:mrsfred@verizon.net)

To help with the cats, contact Barb at [jacob75293@aol.com](mailto:jacob75293@aol.com)

You can also visit our website at [www.angelridgeanimalrescue.org](http://www.angelridgeanimalrescue.org) to print an application.

## 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 is on our website at [angelridgeanimalrescue.org](http://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  
ProPlan canned kitten food - liver and chicken  
KMR Milk replacement powder - 1st step  
Purina One adult cat food  
Unflavored Pedialyte  
Paper litter or unscented scoopable litter

### 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

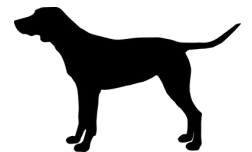


For cat products, you can order on Amazon and deliver directly to:

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

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## Honor a Special Person or Pet with a Beautiful Flowering Shrub

At Angels' Garden and Angels' Walk of Angel Ridge Animal Rescue, sponsor a beautiful flowering shrub as a memorial or an honorarium for a pet or person that you love.

Angels' Garden is at the entrance to Angel Ridge Animal Rescue's Washington location. Angels' Walk is along the sidewalk and building of our Bailey's Cat Haven in South Park, PA. A small marker will be placed by the shrub with the name of the pet or person being remembered. You may also request that we send a card to the one being remembered.

We are asking for a \$75 donation per shrub, and you can specify planting at Angels' Garden or Angels' Walk.



Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Your address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of honored or memorialized pet or person \_\_\_\_\_

(Please circle either honored or memorialized)

If you want a card sent, please complete, below:

Name for the card \_\_\_\_\_

Address for the card \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed (\$75 for each shrub) \_\_\_\_\_

Location of shrub, Angels' Garden or Angels' Walk \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to ARAR, Po Box 94, Meadowlands, PA 15347, or PayPal at [aranres@yahoo.com](mailto:aranres@yahoo.com)

## Save the Date for WCCF Gives

Once again, the Washington County Community Foundation ( WCCF) is holding its annual Day of Giving, on September 19th from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. All donations made in this giving campaign will be eligible for a match from a bonus pool.

Donations of \$25 or more can be made on September 19th with a credit card through [www.wccfgives.org](http://www.wccfgives.org), or by mailing a check made out to the WCCF and indicating it to be directed to Angel Ridge Animal Rescue. The mailing address is WCCF, 1253 Rt. 519, PO Box 308, Eighty Four, PA. Checks can be sent prior to September 19th, but must be postmarked by that date.

Your donation to this program will help us to continue our life saving work.

## Cat and 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](mailto:susanbeil@verizon.net).

Join us for a night of laughs!


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- ANIMAL RESCUER & TRANSPORTER
- HOST OF FOLEY INFORMED





**Saturday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup>**

**\$50\*** SNPJ Sygan 540 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Bridgeville, PA

\*Includes show, buffet, prize entry, and one free drink!

**Doors 4pm / Buffet 5-7 / Show 7:30**

**Benefiting Angel Ridge Animal Rescue**



GET TICKETS HERE

Tickets available at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/comedy-to-the-rescue-tickets-891835422757>

Any Questions?

Email [aranres@yahoo.com](mailto:aranres@yahoo.com) and we can help!

## Calendar of Events

### Monthly

PetSmart, Washington, 1st Saturday of the month, 12-3 PM

Petco, Washington, third Saturday of the month, 12-3 PM

### June

Saturday, June 1, 8:00 AM- 1:00 PM -- Community yard sale, Georgetown Estates, Lawrence

Saturday, June 8, 3pm-5pm -- Pleasant Valley Vet Clinic Block Party to benefit ARAR, PVVC parking lot, McMurray.

Saturday, June 15, 9:30AM- 3:00 PM -- Pet Fair, Hearts and Paws Ministry, Christ United Church, Bethel Park

June 24-28 -- ARAR Online Auction

### July

Saturday, July 20, 11:00 AM- 2:00 PM -- kitten shower, Pet Supplies Plus, McMurray

### August

Tuesday, August 20, 7:05 PM -- Bark in the Park, Wild Things Stadium. Washington

Saturday, August 24, 11:00 AM- 2:00 PM -- kitten shower, Pet Supplies Plus, McMurray

### September

Saturday, September 7 -- Pup-A-Palooza, Bridgeville Italian Club, Bridgeville

Sunday, September 8 -- Vendor and Craft Show, South Park Community Center

Thursday, September 19, 8:00 AM-8:00 PM -- WCCF Day of Giving

Saturday, September 21, 11:00 AM -- Woofstock, Wild Things Park, Washington

Saturday, September 21, 10 AM -- Pet Fair at Peters Township library

Saturday, September 21, 11 am-5pm -- South Park Community Day, South Park Fairgrounds

Saturday & Sunday, September 28-29 -- Fall Festival, Cecil Township

### October

Saturday, October 5, 5:00 PM --Comedy show and dinner, SNPJ club, Bridgeville

Be sure to check our website for updated events! [angelridgeanimalrescue.org](http://angelridgeanimalrescue.org)

## Donate

You can donate via PayPal, using email [aranres@yahoo.com](mailto:aranres@yahoo.com). You can also complete the form below and mail your donation to the address shown.

	<p><b>PLEASE HELP OUR ANGELS AT ANGEL RIDGE ANIMAL RESCUE</b></p> <p>Mail this form and your donation to P.O. BOX 94, Meadowlands, PA 15347</p> <p>NAME _____</p> <p>ADDRESS _____</p> <p>PHONE _____</p> <p>EMAIL _____</p> <p>I would like to contribute \$ _____ to: (please choose one of these categories)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> General Contribution    <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Vet Care    <input type="checkbox"/> Gathering of Guardian Angels Program ((\$200 Annually or \$50 quarterly)</p> <p>You can also donate through PayPal, <a href="mailto:aranres@yahoo.com">aranres@yahoo.com</a></p>	
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## **CURRENT RESIDENT OR:**

### **Our Gathering of Guardian Angels**

Angel Ridge Animal Rescue has rescued, restored and rehomed animals in need for over two decades. We have never refused an animal because of its injury, illness or handicap. Rescuers in our area and surrounding states call upon us to take these dogs, cats and kittens into our shelter.

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 \$200 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 7.

Thank you and God bless.