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Dogs Thrown Away Like Trash Become Our Loving Treasures

by Nancy C Shannon

Since you are taking the time to read our newsletter, it is probably accurate to say that you love your companion dog or cat, and you would never put them in harm's way.

But the animal shelters in this country are bulging at the seams because of the actions of people, who view their four-legged companions as disposable, not worthy of living.

Angel Ridge Animal Rescue is certainly one of these shelters, working tirelessly to rescue these discarded animals and make them "shine" like the "treasures" that they are. I would like to introduce you to some of our "treasures":

Abandoned on the Mountain to Die

Hound, Oscar, and a companion dog were left on a mountain in West Virginia to die. When people found them, Oscar was crying over the body of his canine companion. They brought him food and a garbage can for shelter. Oscar was brought to Angel Ridge, and our vet determined that he needed carpal fusion surgery in his left front leg if he is to live a pain free life and be able to run. Please see his plea for help on page 5.

Young Marshmallow was also abandoned on that mountain, and it took several weeks for rescuers to trap her. She was starving and her first meal was a bag of marshmallows, the only food that the rescuers carried with them. Thus, her name was determined. She is scared but so sweet, and trusted us more each day. Marshmallow was recently adopted!

Abandoned on the Highways and Byways

BeBe is a four-month-old terrier pup that was rescued from a busy highway in Johnstown, PA. Her rescuer went door to door in the vicinity of the place where she was found but was unsuccessful in finding BeBe's home. BeBe was examined by our veterinarian. She is still a baby, but she has a fractured leg that has healed incorrectly on its own. She will likely experience early onset arthritis. Her skin wounds and bone injuries suggest that she was not only abused but probably hit by a car and possibly dragged. She is healing both physically and emotionally in our care.



Bebe



Gypsy

Socks, Autumn and Gypsy were rescued from the streets in nearby Hickory and brought to Angel Ridge by some kind and caring people. Callie, a beautiful Catahoula dog, was caught in a trap in Hickory and then brought to us. JoJo was rescued from a highway in West Virginia and then brought to our rescue. What these sweet dogs all have in common is that they are utterly terrified of humans and just what might happen to them next. It is our job to change their world for the better, so that they can begin to trust and accept our love.

Young terrier, Lainey, was running loose on a busy highway in West Virginia for over a month before being caught. She began to sleep on the porch of the family that was feeding her. She was finally captured, brought to Angel Ridge Animal Rescue, and has found a wonderful new home.

And then there was the dynamic duo, Big Jon and little Benji, who ran together and at night cuddled with one another on the cold ground to sleep. Both dogs came to us and WOW, did they begin to shine! Big Jon was quickly adopted by a local family that had another dog looking for a friend, and Benji is now training to be a service dog for his new little human brother, who has autism.

Abandoned in a House or Living on a Chain

Little Beagle mix, Jovi, was born in a house, and for the entire 8 months of his life, he never saw the light of day or felt the cool green grass on his paws. The owner of the house decided to move and leave Jovi behind. Rescuers in West Virginia sponsored his veterinary care and brought him to Angel Ridge where he was quickly adopted.



Big Jon and Benji

Giggles, Wiggles and Pickles, 5-month-old lab mixes, were rescued from a garbage dump filled with rats, filthy trash and old tires. These pups were quickly adopted.

Taking Shelter at a Gas Station

We have accepted two dogs that had taken up refuge in gas station parking lots but, for the most part, were risking their lives every day as they wandered on the highways. Both dogs were from West Virginia, and it took months for rescuers to trap each of them.

Charlie, a senior Great Pyrenees, came to us in 2024. He lived a pampered life for 18 months until his passing in August of last year. Kris, a very young Collie Shepherd mix, was recently trapped at a gas station during the Christmas holidays. Our volunteers are working closely with Kris to gain his trust. He is terrified of almost everything.

These are but some of the “thrown away” dogs that we have helped. Wonderful families have opened their homes and their hearts to these precious creatures. These dogs, once considered disposable and not worthy, are viewed as “treasures.” We have been told, time and time again, that they have changed the lives of the members of their family for the better.



Kris

Poppy was abandoned in a house in West Virginia. Rescuers had him treated for heartworm disease, so that he could be adopted and live a long life. Poppy came to our rescue and found a very loving home. Princess, an older Beagle, lived her life chained outside. She knew none of the comforts of a dog that is loved. Her foster mom at Angel Ridge spoiled Princess with all things good and wonderful, including her first ever toy, a stuffed animal that she carries around with her, night and day. Princess has found a loving home.

Maverick, an emaciated Great Dane from West Virginia, was also kept on a chain, deprived of love, food and other necessities. He found his forever, wonderful home after coming to Angel Ridge Animal Rescue.

Introducing our New Wellness Center for Cats and Kittens

There are always countless homeless cats and kittens, alone out in the world, and in desperate need of a rescue to save them. Bailey's Cat Haven, in South Park Township, was established in late 2023, providing much needed space for the rescue, veterinary treatment and adoption of many of these precious lives.

Annually, about 300 cats and kittens are taken into our cat rescue and adopted to loving homes. Every feline, whether adult cat or kitten, first comes to Bailey's Cat Haven for assessment and vaccinations. Adult cats are housed there for adoption, and the kittens are placed into foster homes. A year after moving into our new facility, we realized that we had a problem—we ran out of space. Compounding our lack of space because of the sheer number of cats that we rescue, was the occurrence of a few upper respiratory ailments. These ailments were not only highly contagious, but some potentially fatal.

We needed more space so that we could segregate the healthy felines from the sick ones needing veterinary treatment. Last summer, during the height of “kitten season”, we had to close Bailey's Cat Haven for six weeks to control the spread of these upper respiratory illnesses. Cats could neither be admitted nor adopted, the facility was closed to the public and our cat socializer volunteers. Only a small crew of cat care volunteers could enter the building to care for the cats.

Our angels surely came to our rescue when we were notified that the ranch house next door to Bailey's had come onto the market for sale. We were successful in purchasing the building in order to establish “The Wellness Center of Bailey's Cat Haven”.

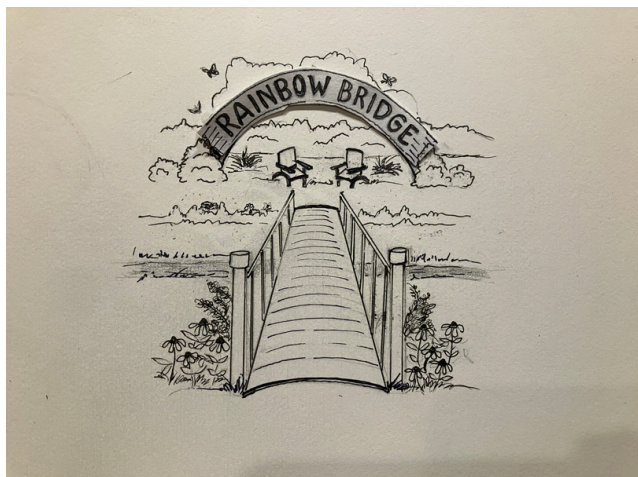
Every cat or kitten accepted into our rescue program will first have a brief stay at the Wellness Center. The health of every feline will be assessed, vaccinations will be given, and the ailing cats and kittens will be quarantined and medically treated. The next step is for the healthy adult cats to be transferred next door to Bailey's Cat Haven for adoption, and the kittens will be placed in a foster home, awaiting their adoption.

Renovations were made this winter to provide a large examination room and quarantine rooms on the main floor. The basement area is being considered for use as a private clinic sometime in the future. Together, The Wellness Center of Bailey's Cat Haven and the Baileys Cat Haven Adoption Center will enable us to provide an enhanced level of care to many cats and kittens in need.



Barb Brown, our cat department manager, summarized this worthy project: “We are excited for this additional space which will allow us to house compromised cats/kittens in a more protected environment for healing purposes. This will allow us to continue to rescue and adopt without interruption.”

Help Us Build Our Rainbow Bridge



Early this spring, we will open our Wellness Center of Bailey's Cat Haven, adjacent to Bailey's Cat Haven adoption center in South Park, PA. A small stream separates the properties, requiring that people going from one building to the other must walk along the busy road.

To walk safely between the properties, we would need a bridge to cross the narrow creek. But this can be no ordinary bridge - we will make it our very own Rainbow Bridge to honor and memorialize our canine and feline companions that have passed.

The Rainbow Bridge poem suggests to us that our beloved companions who have passed have crossed a beautiful bridge under a rainbow and this takes them into Heaven. In Heaven they play and are young again, but they wait anxiously for the day when we are ready to make that crossing to spend eternity together with them.

At the end of our bridge will be a beautiful rainbow, plants, flowers and chairs for resting. Our garden will be specially designed with plants that will attract butterflies, which are a symbol of eternal life. This will be a place where you can come and relax and reflect.

While our Rainbow Bridge honors our companions that have passed, it will benefit the lives of rescued animals still with us. The donation that you make for an inscription on our rainbow will be used for emergency veterinary care for the dogs and cats that we have rescued.

For donation of \$30, we will inscribe the name of your companion animal that has passed and the year of their passing onto the colorful bridge. For \$50, we will do this inscription for all of your companion animals that have passed.

We hope to have our Rainbow Bridge in place this spring. The location of the bridge is between the properties at 2600 and 2650 Brownsville Rd. South Park PA ,15129.

Your name _____ Phone no. _____

Address _____

Email _____

Names of animals being remembered and year of passing:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

\$30 donation for one, \$50 donation for two or more.

Please remit to ARAR, PO Box 94, Meadow Lands, PA 15347

Questions? Email us at info@aradopt.org

Calendar of Events

Adoption event, PetSmart, Washington, first Saturday of every month, 12 - 3

Adoption event, Petco, Washington, third Saturday of every month, 1-3

2/7/26, Kitten/Cat adoption event, Pet Supplies Plus, South Park, 12:30-3:30

3/15/26, Luck of the Irish Bingo, Bethel Park Community Center, 12:30-5

3/28/26, Pictures with the Easter Bunny, Pet Supplies Plus, McMurray, 12-3

4/11/26, Biscuits Bingo, Castle Shannon VFD hall, 10-4

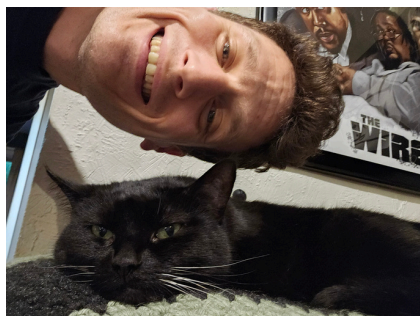
5/31/26, Flea Market, South Park Community Center, 11-3

9/19/26, South Park Township Community Day, South Park Fairgrounds, 12-5

Many more events will be added during the year. Check our website and Facebook page for information.

Jack, My Teacher and Healer

Petco Love, the Petco Foundation, annually sponsors the “Love Stories” essay contest, focusing on how your adopted pet has changed your life. This essay, submitted by our adopter, Frank, was chosen as a finalist.



Frank and Jack

My name is Frank, and on August 15, 2025, I celebrated 3 years of sobriety. The early days were incredibly difficult—I battled depression and felt overwhelmed by the weight of starting over. Slowly, with time and support, my life began to stabilize. My mother, who volunteered at Angel Ridge Animal Rescue, encouraged me to adopt a cat. I didn’t realize it at the time, but that decision would change my life in ways I could never have imagined.

The cat I adopted, Jack, had a difficult story of her own. Her previous owner passed away, and after the family collected the belongings they wanted, she was left behind—scared, grieving, and alone. Eventually, the landlord brought her to the shelter.

When I first met her, she was withdrawn and silent, staring out the window as if she were wishing to be back in the life she had lost. But when I brought her home,

something remarkable happened. Almost immediately, she began to purr, as though she instinctively knew she had found her new family. Over the weeks and months that followed, she blossomed, and in turn, so did I.

Jack has taught me profound lessons about resilience, perseverance, and healing. She showed me that it is not the hardships we endure that define us, but how we choose to respond. When I was depressed, I could easily spend an entire day in bed, but once Jack came into my life, that was no longer an option. She needed me to provide her with safety, love, and care—and in doing so, she gave me purpose.

The same year I adopted Jack, I also began working for the United States Postal Service as a mail carrier. It is the most demanding job I’ve ever had, yet each day I return home to Jack’s joy and companionship. Instead of walking into an empty apartment, I am greeted by love, which fills my heart with gratitude. I have such profound gratitude and love for her that after the first anniversary of her adoption, I decided to have her likeness tattooed on my forearm.

This partnership with Jack has not only supported my sobriety but also opened doors I once believed were closed forever. After receiving my three-year sobriety coin, someone from my past reentered my life—someone I had lacked the tools to maintain a relationship with before. Thanks to what I learned through my journey of recovery, and the patience and love Jack inspired in me, I have been able to nurture a healthy, thriving relationship with the woman I now consider the love of my life.

Jack was more than a pet—she was, and continues to be, a source of healing and strength. She reminded me that even in the face of loss, love and companionship can guide us toward growth and renewal. Because of her, my life, my sobriety, and my future marriage are flourishing.

Animals are truly God’s teachers and healers.



Jack is a work of art!

DONATE

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



**PLEASE HELP OUR ANGELS AT
ANGEL RIDGE ANIMAL RESCUE**

Mail this form and your donation to:
PO Box 94, Meadowlands, PA 15347



NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____
EMAIL _____

I would like to contribute \$_____ to (please select one of these funds)

General Contribution Emergency Vet Care Gathering of Guardian Angels Program (\$200 annually or \$50 Quarterly)

You can also donate through PayPal aranres@yahoo.com

Help us Help Oscar

Please Help Oscar



Oscar, a hound, and a companion dog were abandoned on a mountain in West Virginia. When rescuers found them, Oscar was crying over the body of his companion. It is likely that he had been shot or run over by a vehicle. The rescuers did not have the resources to save Oscar. The best that they could do was to provide some food and a garbage can for shelter. Angel Ridge Animal Rescue learned of Oscar's plight and brought him to our Rescue.

Oscar has a serious injury to his carpal joint on his left front leg and it must be surgically fused. This is a complicated surgery, but it is necessary for Oscar to live a relatively pain-free life and be able to run again. The surgery will be performed at OSU at a cost of \$7,000. Please help us to pay Oscar's surgery bill. He is a loving dog and his life matters to us!

Send your tax-deductible donation to:

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

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Amount _____

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

Join us for Bingo Fun!



Sunday, March 15

- Admission: \$35 at the door / \$30 in advance.
- Includes: 10 Bingo Games (5 cards for each game) and 2 Specials (3 cards for each special).
- Additional cards available for purchase.
- Huge Chinese Auction, 50/50 and Pull Tabs.
- Food and Beverages Available for Sale.
- Special "Pot of Gold" Raffle.

**Winnings on Regular Bingo \$100
Cover All Pays \$500**

2 Special Bingos Pay \$200

Doors open at 12:30 p.m. | Bingo starts at 1:30 p.m.

Bethel Park Community Center 5151 Park Avenue
Bethel Park, 15102

Tickets available at Bailey's Cat Haven, 2650 Brownsville Rd. South Park, 15129 or at Angel Ridge, 390 Old Hickory Ridge Road, Washington, PA 15301.

Tickets can be purchased in person at these locations or by mail. Please indicate number of tickets and add \$2 postage and handling for any number of tickets.



PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND MAKE SURE YOU INCLUDE A PHONE NUMBER IN CASE WE HAVE A QUESTION

Name _____

Tickets Ordered: _____ x \$30.00

Address _____

Please add \$2.00 for S/H: _____

City / State / Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Total Amount: _____

Cash Check Enclosed Credit Card (VISA / MC / AMEX)

Fill out application and mail to:
Bailey's Cat Haven
2650 Brownsville Road
South Park, PA 15129
Make checks payable to: ARAR

Credit Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____ / _____

Name on Card _____ Security Code (3-digit) _____

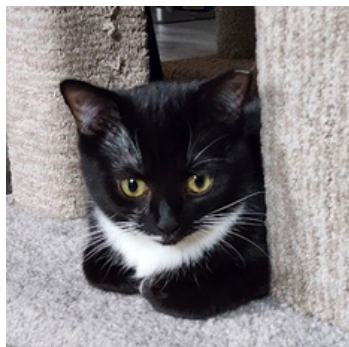
Signature _____

Email (for credit card orders) _____

Questions? Call: 724-229-7053

Cat 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. Please note that donations for the kitties should be delivered to:



Willow wants to meet you

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

Fancy Feast Canned Adult Food – no fish
 Delectables Broths
 Delectables Stews
 Delectables Bisques
 Fancy Feast Canned Kitten Food
 Purina Kitten chow - yellow bag
 Inaba Churu Cat Treats
 Frontline Plus for cats
 Nitrate Gloves, Medium or Large



Winston is looking for love

Dog & General Needs 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. Please note that donations for the dogs or general office supplies should be delivered to:



Socks just wants to hold your hand

Angel Ridge Animal Rescue
390 Old Hickory Ridge Rd
Washington, PA 15301

Purina One Dog Food – canned and dry	Odoban or general-purpose cleaners
Frontline Plus for dogs	Clorox spray and wipes
Greenies Dental Chews	Clorox
Martingale collar/quick snap buckle	Paper towels
Medicated pet shampoo	Trash bags
Wet Swiffer pads	Copy paper
	Postage stamps



Kris is looking for a new best friend

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:

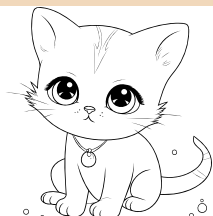
- Volunteering with the dogs: We need dog walkers, off-site and adoption help, transport to the vet, office help, and handyman/woman help at the 390 Old Hickory Ridge Rd Washington location.
- Volunteering with the cats: We need cat care assistance, greeters, office help/organizing, and handyman/woman 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
 To help with the cats, contact Barb at BaileysCatHavenSP@gmail.com
 You can also visit our website at www.angelridgeanimalrescue.org to print an application.

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 Barb at BaileysCatHavenSP@gmail.com



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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." Last fall, three of our dogs needed emergency care at a cost of \$12,000. This year, we have accepted dogs and cats who needed emergency surgeries. The Guardian Angels Fund helped to pay those bills. To join, mark the Gathering of Guardian Angels box on the donation form on page 4.

Thank you and God bless.