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Shelter Vet's Patients Are the City's Ailing Animals

Written by Barbara S. Moffet & Photos by Shelley Castle Photography
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She was a short-haired cat called Luna, and she was only one year old. After falling or jumping from her owner's balcony in Alexandria she may have landed on all four paws — but one of her leg bones was severely fractured in the process.

Luna's owners couldn't afford costly surgery to save her. But instead of having her euthanized, they surrendered her to the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, which is operated by the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (AWLA).

Enter Dr. Kaci Angelone. The shelter's only staff veterinarian, Dr. Angelone, oversees the health of all animals who make their way to the shelter. That can mean a pet too sick for an owner to manage — even one with a seemingly minor skin problem — or an injured stray brought in from the streets.

"Luna's owner did the right thing," Dr. Angelone said. "We are a resource for Alexandrians. We'd rather have the animal brought to us than have it stay in a home suffering."

Just about every animal at the shelter, even the occasional wild creature, meets Dr. Angelone, sooner or later. All animals seven years or older get blood tests to check the function of vital organs such as liver and kidneys. Many animals need fecal-sample testing for internal parasites.

If illness is found, the animals joins Dr. Angelone's case list, and she works with other staff members to monitor their progress daily. Eight to 10 "visiting vets" come by regularly to help shoulder the caseload and offer opinions on tough cases.

And Dr. Angelone orders hundreds of surgeries annually, such as spaying and neutering, at local veterinary clinics and other shelters, all at the AWLA's expense.

A 2-year-old pit bull called Moe created a significant medical challenge for the shelter. Hit by a car, his owners had taken him to an emergency veterinary hospital, where they were told his injuries were quite severe and treatment would be expensive. Desperate to help their dog, the owners turned to the AWLA.

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Dr. Kaci Angelone examines a beagle called Freda at the AWLA.

Vola Lawson Animal Shelter Adoption and Visitation Hours

Monday 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday CLOSED
Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Sat. & Sun. 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Viewing of adoptable animals begins at noon on open days.

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From the Executive Director South Korea Dog Rescue

One of my goals as the Executive Director of the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (AWLA) has been to expand our partnerships with external organizations to build our capacity to help more animals. We now serve as an Emergency Placement Partner for the Humane Society of the United States to support communities in animal-related crises, and in return, we would receive this support if we ever needed help in Alexandria. This relationship has now extended beyond the United States with the group's international arm — the Humane Society International (HSI).

The HSI approached AWLA in late 2014 to ask if we would help take 23 dogs from a dog meat farm in Seoul, South Korea, that they were working to shut down and convert to farming crops. We would be the first shelter in the country to receive dogs from meat farms in South Korea rescued by the HSI. We realized that this was not only an opportunity for us to help 23 dogs and put a spotlight on the issue of dogs raised for food but also to leverage this story to bring media attention to animal shelters in the region. We agreed to participate with the understanding that after we had quarantined all of the dogs at our shelter, we would organize the transfer of some of the dogs to the other shelters in the region and coordinate the media attention. It was a success! We were able to coordinate media coverage when the dogs arrived at AWLA on January 5th and 6th, and we then held a press conference at the shelter to announce the transfer of some of the dogs to our sister shelters: Animal Welfare League of Arlington, The Washington Animal Rescue League, Fairfax County Animal Shelter, Loudon County Animal Services and City of Manassas Animal Control and Adoption Shelter. We received national and international media attention for all of our shelters, and all of them reported an increase in adoption over the weeks after the rescue.

If you're looking for a unique way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or graduation, consider making a gift to the AWLA in honor of that special someone. If you know someone who cares deeply for animals, why not thank them for their compassion by making a gift in their honor?

Memorial gifts are thoughtful ways to remember loved ones. Gifts made in memory of people and pets go directly toward helping animals in need at the shelter.

Another way to continue the legacy of helping the homeless animals is to include the League in your estate planning.

Sign up for our monthly newsletter "All About Alexandria's Animals" on our website, www.AlexandriaAnimals.org.



Some of the dogs at the meat farm in South Korea before they were rescued. Bailey, who is also shown in the photo below, can be seen in the front row. Photo by the Humane Society International.

Katie Faxon, AWLA Transfer Coordinator, giving Bailey a kiss. Bailey, like the other puppies in his litter, was extremely frightened when he arrived at AWLA and would not allow anyone to touch him. Katie and other staff/volunteers worked with Bailey and he and his siblings made an incredible transformation. Photo by Shelley Castle



Megan Webb
Executive Director



Billie smiling after being groomed. Photo by Shelley Castle.



Snowball, one of the puppies from the dog farm, enjoying the comforts of a blanket for the first time.

City, Shelter Working Hand in Hand to Serve Animals

Written by Barbara Moffet, AWLA Volunteer & Photos by Shelley Castle Photography

The animals at Alexandria's Vola Lawson Animal Shelter are cozier than ever these days, thanks to a new state-of-the-art heating system recently installed.

The new heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) system was provided by the City of Alexandria to the shelter, which is operated by the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (AWLA). It's all part of an increasingly vibrant partnership between the city and the AWLA designed to benefit the animals of Alexandria, both pets and wildlife.

"Almost every department of the city — General Services, Health, Licensing, Police — connects to the shelter in some way," said Charlotte Hall, chair of the AWLA Board of Directors. "The city is a real lifeline to the shelter, and vice versa."

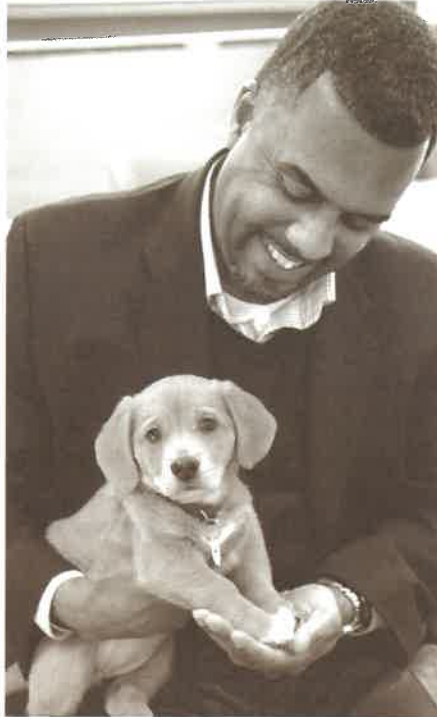
Deputy Director of Administration Alfred Coleman oversees the relationship on behalf of the city. "We work very closely with the AWLA year-round to meet the shelter's needs," he said. "Increased communication and cooperation with the League's director have made our relationship better than ever."

A recently signed 29-page contract, continuing a relationship first forged in 1989, spells out the city's responsibilities to the shelter — maintaining the facility, equipment and vehicles and providing custodial services. In return, the AWLA provides animal shelter management and animal-control services to the city.

Under the agreement, the AWLA regularly informs Coleman of its needs, and any necessary repairs or purchases that are consistent with the terms of the agreement come out of the city budget, which allocated \$30,000 to the shelter for 2015. Recent purchases made to improve shelter operations have included two new vehicles — one of them a pickup truck that Animal Control Officers can use to transport dead or injured animals — and a web-based system that will allow pet owners to register their dogs or cats or renew existing pet licenses online.

The new HVAC system, which eventually will provide remote monitoring of kennel temperatures, was proposed by Building Engineer Kevin Jones, a city employee who's a regular presence at the shelter and who works closely with city Portfolio Manager Patrice McAuliffe and Building Manager Pelham Park to keep systems running smoothly. The new HVAC arrangement, which is a heat-pump system with electrical backup, replaced a propane system and should save money for the city, Coleman said.

Coleman, a dog lover himself, visits the shelter every few weeks and meets with Executive Director Megan Webb once a month to review shelter needs. On the list for the 2016 budget is the addition of covers for the outside portion of each dog's kennel to provide extra protection from the elements. Taking care of animals is central to the character of Alexandria, Coleman says. "Alexandria is such an animal-friendly town."



Alexandria Deputy Director of Administration Alfred Coleman gets to know one of the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter's puppies.



City of Alexandria's Deputy Director of Administration Alfred Coleman holds a puppy as he talks with city team members Pelham Park (left) and Kevin Jones and Abbie Hubbard from AWLA.



Alexandria Building Engineer Kevin Jones cuddles a shelter puppy as he meets with Animal Welfare League of Alexandria's Executive Director Megan Webb.

'First Responders' Come to Rescue of Animals in Need

Story by Barbara Moffet, AWLA Volunteer - Photos by Alex Cooke, AWLVA

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The call that came in from the police to the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (AWLA) described a fox stuck in a residential fence. What Animal Control Officer Alex Cooke found on arriving at the house in Del Ray early that Sunday morning was that the fox, a large male, was hanging by his head. As she moved closer and tried to examine the animal, he hissed and tried to bite her. Finding no visible injury, Cooke decided the best plan was to help him escape. She quickly positioned crates under the fox's paws and then tossed her catch pole around his jaw, causing him to bite down. Using the pole, she lifted the fox up, freeing his head. "He took off running and leaped over the next fence," she said.



Only the head of a fox that tried jumping a fence in Del Ray is visible from this side. AWLA rescued and released this fox.

The rescue was all in a day's work for Cooke, one of a team of three Animal Control Officers at the AWLA, which operates the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter. Led by Chief Brian Rees, the officers are the city's first responders for animals, handling thousands of calls that the AWLA receives annually through the city police department and from citizens.

Many calls involve wildlife in distress. Citizens often call after "rescuing" baby birds that appear to have fallen from nests. These birds should be left alone, Rees said, as they are routinely nudged out of the nest by their mothers, who are teaching them to fly. The officers sometimes find themselves saving lives: Cooke, for example, routinely checks the pouch of opossums who have been killed on the road since finding a 2-inch live baby opossum inside a dead mother. That newborn was transported to a wildlife rehabilitator.

Keeping citizens and pets safe from rabies is a major responsibility of Animal Services. Untold hours are spent documenting animal bites and scratches, reporting them to city authorities, and, if necessary, quarantining animals suspected of having rabies or animals that were bitten. Pets that have had rabies vaccinations can be quarantined at home, Rees said, but those without vaccinations must go to the shelter for the quarantine period.

Rees and his team increasingly look for opportunities to educate citizens rather than penalize them. "When we're out on patrol, we're especially looking for dogs off leash, and when we find one, it's our duty to determine if the animal has a city license and a rabies vaccine," he said. "But instead of a citation, we often issue a 'notice to comply' and explain why the vaccines are critical. We'll follow up later to make sure they did comply."

Situations involving cruelty or neglect of animals warrant criminal prosecution, Rees said, and the AWLA works closely with the city Commonwealth's Attorney's office to bring charges in these cases. "That office is very supportive of what we are doing," Rees said. "They see this as a growing area of law and have



A tiny opossum, that survived after being pulled from its mother, who died on a road in Alexandria.

helped us to expand our abilities to bring strong cases to them for prosecution."

Bryan Porter, the Commonwealth's Attorney for the city of Alexandria, says he has made animal cases a priority since taking office last year and has assigned one of his staff prosecutors, Joseph Martin, to specialize in these cases. A recent case involved a dog so neglected by its owners that it had to be euthanized. The defendant — the dog's owner — pleaded guilty to a count of animal cruelty and was sentenced to suspended jail time and ordered not to care for or possess any companion animals again.

"Animal cruelty victims can't speak for themselves, and they need strong advocates to hold people who treat them inhumanely accountable for their actions," Porter said. "Education about these issues is key. When judges and juries hear about the horrible things people do to animals, they are more likely to take the cases seriously."

In Honor of

A. J. Terio
from Patrick & Frances Sankey

Abbie Hubbard
from Lisa Barry

All Rescued Animals
from Sarah Haut

Allan Cagnoli
from Alicia Cagnoli

Allyn The Hammies Wagner
from Roman Aranda

Amy Rose
from Doug and Sue Rose
from April Guice

Ana Lachelier
from Paul and Suzanne Lachelier

Andrew Matz
from John Leavenworth

Anne Belevetz
from Timothy Belevetz

Annie Backhus
from Theresa Backhus

Arnold and Chong
from Patrick Browand

Barbara Draughon
from Ruth Perez-Kim

Bella & Sumter Magee
from Nicole Schindler

Bella and Governor
from Natalina Gleason

Belle Carena Boron
from Elizabeth Carena

Benji and Arthur Barsic
from Tessa Barsic

Billy Marra
from Michael Marra

Bowser Locke
from Tim Locke

Brooksy
from Michael Colonna

Buddy McCullough
from Shawn McCullough

Cary Garcia
from Scott Maslow

Catherine Hollan
from The Alexandria Committee National Society of the Colonial Dames of America

Cathie Davis Kaplan
from Catherine Davis

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from Loretta Archut

Charles Cottrell
from James Hallett

Charles & Jackie Cottrell
from John and Vicky Cottrell

Charles and Peggy Martin
from Hazel and William Winkoski

Chico and Renée Gholz
from Barbara Gholz

Cooper J Hetzel-Field
from Dannean Hetzel

Daisy and Steven Wheeler-Berbeco
from Evan Gay

David Lundberg
from Victoria Stevenson

David Chilton
from Duane Chilton

David and Kim Brummersted
from Laura Wilson

Deb Delmar-Ledder
from Dawn Perez

Dempsey
from Neil & JC Milner

Diane Vidoni
from Patricia Black

Dixie Goodin
from Bibb Hubbard

Doug Morningstar
from Diane Vidoni

Dr. Ami Krasner
from Todd and Courtney Savage

Dr. Krasner & Yvonne Cunningham
from Richard and Carrie Leveridge

Drew Kahle
from Marsha Kahle

Ed Senn
from Charles and Jackie Cottrell

Ella & Evan Prible
from Sylvia Almeida

Ellie
from John Degenova

Emma Moulan
from Brenda Dreesbach

Family and Dogs
from Harriet Gore

Flareon
from Thomas Cuddy

Fred and Susan Smith
from Betty Hix

Gary Matz
from Ed Kozelek

Goldie Payton
from Catherine Payton

Greg, Cole & Meggie Gallishaw
from Charles and Jackie Cottrell

Harlow
from Elizabeth Davies

Henry Meyers
from Medea Ranck

Howard and Bob Katz
from Mary Ann Collins

Jack and Jane Tabaka
from Christine Tabaka

Jada Bilson-Walker
from Andrea Bilson

Jasmine Goodrich
from Lindsey Burkholder

Jasper and Mr. Stripes
from Susan Gaughan

Jessie
from Butler

Jill Langsom and Jan Hume
from Thomas and Faith Halcombe

Jingle Colvin
from Libby Cooperman

Joanne Messura
from Andrew Cohen

Joanne Messura
from Darlene Branges

Jodi & Alan Capps
from Shelley Conway

Joe Trahern
from Joseph Trahern

Joe Myers
from Ami Sanchez

Jon & Kelsey Hurst
from Aaron Hurst

Kathy Van Kleeck
from John and Anallyn Bannon

Kendra Davis
from Joseph Trahern

Lacey Burnette
from Carolyn Breedlove

Laura Lee Ledbetter
from Karen Taylor

Lexi
from Angela Villanueva

Deanna Bucciarelli

Libby Cooperman
from Amy McElroy

Ronnie Nathanson
from Anika Torruella

Benjamin Murray
from Beth Aronson

from Carol Weber
from Caroline Allen

from Charles Sumpter
from Dina Recor

from DI Fang
from Dana Reid

from Heather Sheiford
from Jeanne Chambers

from Jennifer Butlin
from Joan Stanley

from Leeza Constantoulakis
from Lori Schroeder

from Marsha Ward
from Mary Bondmass

Libby Cooperman (continued)
from Nidia Gaona

from Robert Rosseter
from Stephane Charreau

from Susan Dugrenier
from Suzanne Miyamoto

from Tara Gattis
from Toni Frazier

from William O'Connor
from Yan Li

Liza Szelkowski
from Cynthia Novak

Lola
from Nancy Anderson

Lucky and Hank
from Jane Strnad

Lucy and Katy Powell
from Linda Powell

Luna and Willow Greenspan
from J. R. Greenspan

Margret King
from Donald and June King

Marie and Jim Middledorf
from Bob Palmateer

Mark, Laura & Stella Davis
from Kevin Davis

Mary Snow
from Darlene Minor

Mason
from We Grow Companies

Maya Kozloski
from Vivian Greenberg

Megan Webb
from Charles and Jackie Cottrell

Michaela Mayer
from Ellen McCrary-Mayer

Mickey
from Helen Davis

Mugsy Morrison
from Rebecca Morrison

Nancy Pierce
from Jan Hart

Natalie St Louis
from Allison St. Louis

Noni and Dean Hill
from Betty Fields Copeland

Olivia Baez
from Donna Baez

Pam Godwin
from Nancy Siegal

Patricia Snead
from Rebecca Newman

Patricia Oldfield
from Jefferey Garber

Peggy Cook
from Bradley Carlson

Pele
from Mary Anne Kruger

Quantico VRE Train Station Kitties
from Kim Logue

Ralph Emerson
from Randall and Theresa Walker

Robert Siconolfi
from Juliana and Robert Siconolfi

Rocky (aka Ben)
from Rafael Maldonado

Ronnie Nathanson
from Steve Weinberg

Rusty Swarthatout
from Katherine Swarthatout

Ruth Arnold
from Sarah Taylor

Ryan Walker
from Randall and Theresa Walker

S. Korean Dogs
from Lisa Schoechele

Sadie and Rapha
from Melissa Hayworth

Sante Weathers
from Stanley Weathers

Sarah Kotulan
from Robin Clark

from Barbara Gholz

Shea and Seaver
from Lyndsey Curtis

Sinead Oconnell
from Sinead Oconnell

Stephanie Pollock
from Paula Mattis

Stitch
from Susan Boyd

Sundae & Camden Black
from Diane Vidoni

Sunshine (adopted 4/14)
from Stephen Nailor

Susan Schwidde
from Charles and Mary Schwidde

Suzie
from Megan Webb

Teddy, Poons, Stuart & Cleo Forbes
from Christina Forbes

The Dogs from Korea
from Susan Sawyer

Tiger & Cleo
from Christine Hogan

Tigger
from Michael Toguchi

Tina Chu
from Kate Julazadeh

Tisha Fitzgerald
from Maria Fitzgerald

Tom & Cindy Schwidde
from Charles and Mary Schwidde

Trixie
from Lynn Chinnaraj

Tykie Tobin
from Barbara Stone

Verne Morland
from Verne Morland

In Memory of

Abby
from Brian and Barbara Mason

Abby Ramsey
from Charles Ramsey

Agnes Woodcock
from Dan Nichols

Anne Dunn
from Michael Cariou

Annie Meadows
from Georgann Meadows

Apollo
from Judi Gillespie

Arlene E. Larose
from Vilma Gonzalez

Armando Ikola Erbisch
from Mary Ann Fletcher

Bailey Ward
from Andrea Brewer

from Diann Hicks Carlson
from Karen Keefer

Banna Powers
from Jim Dorman

from Shanna Duncan
Barnes beloved Dog

from 3rd grade teachers of Tucker Elementary

Beagle Maggie Julian
from Randy Julian

Bear Cat
from James Tuttle

Beau, McGill & Scruffy Guillard
from Linda Guillard

Befke Dering
from Joanna McIntosh

Bella McCormick
from Deidre Schexnayder

Bitty The Cat
from Margaret Hodges

Black Lafond Scott
from Leigh Wieland

Bobby
from Mary Noel

Bobby, Missy, and Ronin
from Timothy Hays

In Memory of

Bode Eiswerth
from Dave Eiswerth
Bogie
from Rebecca de Louise
Bowser McCue
from Heather McCue
Boxter Mullen
from Robert Williams
Brandon Roth
from Donna Krachak
Brian Bradley
from Brian and Elizabeth Bradley
Britt Grouby's Sister
from Les and Susan Ravitz
Buffy
from MS. Bradley
Buster
from Diann Hicks Carlson
Buzz Monnot
from Rebecca Monnot
Caley
from Deborah Shelton
Callie Grafton
from Trudie Williams
Carl Raskin
from Laurie Drysdale
from Rebecca White
Carleton Mabee
from Mary Van Son
Carson Roadcap
from Deidre Schexnayder
Carta
from Page Warren
Cathy Varlas
from Tara Zurawski
Chapin Johnson
from Katherine Johnson
Charlie
from Robert Bovee
Chelsea Wilson
from Meagan Notari
Chewy
from Kent and Leanne Smiley
Chloe Nolte- Hamly
from Paul Kennington
Chloe
from Sherri Pappas
Choo and Truffle
from Francine Rosenfeld
Christie Raukar
from Sheri Moore
from Susan Tarasek
Christine Napoli
from Elaine Ambrosio
from James Briggs
from Marianne Byrne
from Kathleen Harmon
from Nancy James
from Jae Kim
from Graham King
from William and Florence Leaver
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from Jody Tracey
from Thomas Ambrosio
from Lauryl Berg
from Linda Douglas
from Barbara J. Maier
from Theodore Nakata
from Creighton Wilson
Chubby, Baby, and Jack
from Liesl Swogger
Clyde Bear
from Will Daniels
Cohiba Levin
from Lorian Cipolletti
Couch
from Babette Smith
Cuddles
from Bertina Carey

Cynthia Keelin
from Robert Keelin
Deborah Manarin
from Leonard Manarin
Diablo The Cat
from Richard Schwartz
Dolly Kerr Solter
from Susan Kerr
Don Nicholson
from AARP Editorial Media Group
from Hilarie Grey
from Janet Fitzgerald-Wilson
from Kathleen Kelly
from Larry Lipman
from Mary Tritsch
from Nancy Thompson
from Patrick Cobb
from S. Smith
from Sandra Carpenter
from Stacey Swartz
from Susan Crowley
from Susan O'Brian
Doozy
from Robert Hartung
Dublin Sheridan
from Jillian Swayze
Dudley
from William and Barbara Lynch
Dudley Ruiz Fitzgerald
from Leah Yoo
Dunstan Porterfield
from Phillip Terry
Dusty Knepper
from Pet Care by Kaye Brown
Edna Capps
from Martha Ellett
Edna Amelia Capps
from Jill Robinson
Ellen Bancroft
from Andrea Levario
Elsie and Emily
from Ignacio Pessoa
Erin Davis
from Irene Davis
Fanny Klein
from Mary Ann Collins
from Joyce Giuliani
from Lori Neidermeyer
General
from Adele Shapiro
George Slike
from Allegra and Chris Leibengood
Ginny
from Mary Fitzpatrick
from Michael Royal
Gordon Compton
from Mary Grafton
Gracie
from Pamela Corsini
from Elizabeth Davies
from Michele Melita
from Willem Polak
Grover Koutsky
from Thomas Koutsky
Gypsy Robison
from Susan Edenfield
Happu
from Mohammad Jahan-Parvar
Heide & Hideaway Niedermayer
from Jackie Niedermayer
Helen Hurwitt
from Mara Hurwitt
Hercules
from Diann Hicks Carlson
from William and Barbara Lynch
Herschel Booth
from James and Joan Booth
Holly Berry
from Allison Hedges
Honey Bun D'Amico
from Maria Fitzgerald

Howard Mitzel
from Hillary Michaels
Igdie
from Christine Becker
Ike
from Jodi Vittori
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from Rachael Huddleston
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Kobe
from Dean Hill
Kosmo Borena
from Joesph Carena
L.O.
from Melodie DeMulling
Larry Frommer
from Bob and Judy Bregman
from Francis and Susan Mardula
from Daniel and Sandra O'Keefe
from Carlyle and Jane Ring
from WLT and JTT WLT and JTT
from Claudia Hamblen
from Granville Knox
from Jean Smith
Lemmy
from Gregory Sullivan
Lentil Snyderman
from Polina Zhuravlev
Leslie Leinaweaver
from Leslie Leinaweaver
Libby Clemmer
from Lorraine Douglas
from Sally Nist
Lily Longtail
from John Kupiec
Little Man
from Suzanne Elbeze
Lois Walker
from Jane Flinn
Lucky Tan
from John Tan
Lucy Turner
from Carolyn Turner
Lucy
from Judith and Thomas Vitale

Maggie Katz
from Amy Rosenthal
Marvin Metge
from Lois and David Stover-Finkelman
Mary McLean
from Sylvia Oliver
Mattie Sernoff
from James and Joan Waggener
Maurice Silverman
from Linda Loy
from A. Wainwright
Max
from Margaret Hodges
Maxine Flowers
from Abbey Flowers
Maxine Swift
from Scott Rosenzweig
Maxx Miller
from Leland and Ingrid Miller
Maysie
from Margaret Zeigler
Mickey My Bud
from Laurie Koronowski
Miika Roesner
from James and Joan Waggener
Miss Violet
from Samara Ebinger
Mister Mister, Tabitha & Ruble
from Julie Greenwood
Mo Bysse
from Sandra Bysse
Molly
from Charles and Jackie Cottrell
Molly Xia
from Taylor Rosa
Molly & Abby Luther
from Sharon Forsythe Luther
Molly and Bailey
from Frank and Katharine Wood
Mr. Kitty
from William and Shirley Binder
Mr. Lawrence J. Frommer
from Julian and Maureen Witherell
Muffin Caolla
from Fred and Peg Albert
Nancy Sennewald
from Barbara Doornink
Nascar Baby Leith
from Aaron and Nancy Leith
Natasha, Radar, Hunter, Louise & Tut
from Jules Kolberg
Nicholas Buffler
from Trudie Williams
Nicholas (feline)
from Mary Grafton
Nicky
from Konstantin Von Schmidt-Pauli
Nikki
from Helene Safford
Noah
from Nancy Sies
Oliver
from Benjamin Klein
Otto Dunston
from Jennifer Goode
Paco Kitty Brownlee
from Sara Brownlee
Patricia Powell
from Cynthia Powell
Patricia M. Newbill
from Dorothy Lynn Newbill
Patsy Cottrell
from Penelope Cottrell
Pepper
from Joan and Mary Ferrill
Philip Modlin
from Brian and Diana Waller
Pippa Marcus
from Matthew Dubnansky

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Honor Memory Gifts

In Memory of

Punky and Tiga
from Barbara Yost
Reese Stover
from James Lindsay
Reggie Warren
from Andrew & Alexandra Warren
Riley Collins
from Julie Newman
Riley and Tigger
from Jennifer Pipa
Riley; Our Sweet Lab
from Sharon McMichael
Ripley Hamilton
from Ranta Russell
Roberta Ballenger
from James and Sylvia Buchanan
from Alyssa Murray
from Peter and Margaret Van Deman
Rolo
from Timothy Waggoner
Rusty and Coco
from Frank and Janice De Salvo
Ruth Grace Berge
from Woodie and Frances Zachry
Sally Keeper
from James Carlson
Sam Apolis
from Lisa Apolis
Sammy and Petra
from Deborah Brudvig
Scout Cantrell
from Jessica Wallace
Shalena
from Lisa Schoechle
Shelly Tabar
from Donna Geary
Shelly Tabar Kay
from Barbara Yankee
Sherlock Fedder
from Kirk Fedder
Shirley Sharman
from Beth and Jim Rainey
Sid
from Caroline Jackson
Sierra Keohane
from Bryan and Daphne Keohane
Simon and Liza
from Richard and Virginia Fox
Snoopy, Molly, and Misty
from Robert and Patricia Squire
iophie Medvin
from Megan Barnett
iophie
from Sarah Esser

Sophie Hawkins
from Brenda Hawkins
from Michelle Hegadorn
Sophie Preston
from Teresa Preston
Spiegel Sandrock
from Steve Tappan
Spike Brightbill
from William Goolsby
Tabby
from Fern Abrams
Tank Hinkle
from Angela Austin
Tess
from Adam Froemming
Thomas Johnson
from Laurie Drysdale
from Janet Hawkins
Tilley Lindsey
from Hope Nelson
Tillie
from Mary Clarity
Tiny
from Lisa Parkinson
Tizzy
from Hope Barwig
Tom Johnson
from Frank Homburger
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from Joanne Broderick
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from Fern Abrams
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from Joanna and Michael Bopp
Velvet
from Doug and Sue Rose
Vola Lawson
from James Brincefield
from Bill Lyles
from Peggy Oconnor
from John and Bridget Weaver
Wellington McCarthy
from Michael McCarthy
William Martin
from Michele A Kirk
Willy and Shadow Coleto
from Benardo and Cristina Ochoa
Yoshi Malyshev
from Peter Malyshev
Zeus Owenby

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Cat Memorials

Kingstowne Cat Clinic

Ice
Ingus
Jailey
JB King
Ken
Killy
Kutterscotch
Kallie
Katfish
Khairman Meow
Kewbackie
Kloe
Kyna
Krocket & Buttercup
Kakota
K Nino
Kunich
Kinnegan

Goldie
Itsy
Jackson
Jimmy
Josie
Kalima
Kit Kit
Kyser
Lillian
Lucy
Mac
Mack
Milo
Mocha
Monster
Nicholas
Oliver
Pepper

Precious
Psycho
Pudding Pie
Ralph
Sassy
Shadow
Simba
Smokey
Smudge
Sockeye
Sophia
Sweetie Girl
Tigger
Toonces
Torin
Twist
Umi

Sarah's Legacy

Thirteen years ago, a black Labrador named Sarah was hit by a car in Alexandria. She was brought to the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, which is operated by the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, with a shattered back leg. Thankfully, Dr. Jerry Hinn, DVM, now an AWLA Board member, heard about Sarah and offered to donate his services to attempt to save her leg. He reconstructed Sarah's leg with a metal rod.

AWLA staff knew that Sarah would need love and attention to fully recover. They contacted the Cala family, who had been looking to adopt a dog. Bernadette Cala and her three children, ages 10, 12 and 14, met Sarah after her surgery. Cala said that Sarah looked terrible — she had dandruff everywhere and was very skinny. "I was hooked, and we took her home right away," Cala said. She spent many nights sleeping on the floor with Sarah to comfort her during her painful recovery.

Sarah healed fully and became an important part of the Cala family over the next 13 years. Sarah formed special bonds with each of the children. The youngest daughter, for example, would sneak Sarah into her bed at night after everyone had gone to sleep.

Sadly, Sarah eventually became sick with a tumor that had invaded her jaw, and on March 17, 2015, the Calas brought Sarah to Hayfield Animal Hospital to be euthanized. Dr. Hinn, the same vet who had saved her leg over a decade before, performed the procedure. He shared a box of tissues with the family as Sarah peacefully passed away at the age of 15.

Dr. Hinn worked with AWLA to set up "Sarah's Fund," a donation fund to care for animals with severe medical issues. Many animals have followed Sarah's paw prints and have



been healed with donations to this fund. Cala said, "I would encourage others to take on a dog with challenges; you feel their appreciation and loyalty for the care you give." Donations to Sarah's Fund can be made by mail or online to the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria attention "Sarah's Fund".

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Dr. Angelone said. "His skin had been completely torn off the bones of his back legs." Months of treatment, especially painful changing of bandages, were involved in order for the skin to grow back. "Moe never complained — he was so stoic and such a great dog," Dr. Angelone recalled. "No matter what was happening to him, he greeted us every day with a wagging tail." The new, improved Moe has been adopted.

Dr. Angelone's passion for veterinary medicine surfaced in kindergarten, when she declared she wanted to become a vet. After earning a doctor of veterinary medicine degree at Iowa State University, she began to focus on shelter medicine. She likes the AWLA's philosophy: Use the limited resources judiciously with one main goal — getting animals adopted.

That approach worked for Luna, the white-and-black-spotted cat with the shattered leg bone. Amputation of the leg was the only recourse, Dr. Angelone says, and Luna responded beautifully to the surgery, purring her way through exams. After a few weeks' recovery in foster care, her caretakers have invited her to stay — permanently.



A domestic long-haired cat called Topanga sits patiently as veterinarian Kaci Angelone checks her out.



A beagle named Freda gazes into the eyes of veterinarian Kaci Angelone at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter.

Note: Readers interested in helping Alexandria animals with serious medical conditions can contribute to the AWLA's "Sarah's Fund."

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Thank you to everyone who put their soles to good use and gave of their hearts to make our Alexandria's Walk For Animals a great success. We want to especially thank all the volunteers and sponsors who gave of their time and support to make this event a success.



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