



Animal Rescue, Inc.

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Dear Friend,

It happened in an instant! One moment Candy was there, the next she was gone. Candy, a psychologically damaged ex-puppy mill dog, had been allowed out onto the deck at her home as she had numerous times in the past. This time though, no one realized the gate was unlatched. We believe she walked to the end of her family's driveway, made a left and was swallowed up into a maze of cornfields that stretched for miles, even crossing the state line into Pennsylvania. At that point, her confusion was escalated because the summer's crop of sweet corn had blocked her view of everything that was familiar to her.

For hours, Candy's mom and several friends had canvassed the surrounding area close to her home, calling her name with the hope she'd find her way to us. We continued the search long after nightfall, shining flashlights into heavily wooded areas hoping to catch the reflection of her eyes. Realizing the rehabilitation process to rid her of her traumatic memories of the puppy mill was still a work in progress, we knew she would not voluntarily approach strangers. We ended Day 1 of the search around midnight, mentally planning a

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strategy for the next morning. We couldn't help but wonder how frightened she must be in the darkness.

Day 2 began with hope. Animal Rescue, Inc. made colored flyers with Candy's picture and helped us attach them to every telephone pole in the area. Jane, Candy's Mom, contacted Find Toto, an organization that calls every home in the surrounding neighborhood to alert neighbors of the missing pet. Sightings of Candy were reported immediately. But those neighbors who were kind enough to call reported seeing her the first day she went missing. Unfortunately when we reached those areas, she was nowhere to be found. Day 2 came to an end with no encouraging results. By late evening, no new sightings of Candy were being reported.



Candy during her time at the rescue.

Day 3 began with more searching but hope of finding her alive was beginning to weigh heavily on our hearts. We searched an area where a young man had reported a possible sighting. After spending several hours in the area to no avail, we doubted the dog he'd seen was Candy. How could she have gotten to an area that was almost six miles from her home? That evening at 9:30 p.m., we called Dogs Finding Dogs. This organization is a group of canine search teams with experience in tracking lost animals (and people, too). Within 15 minutes, it was arranged that Lynn and her tracking dog Mabel would be at Candy's home the next afternoon to begin the tracking process.



Some search and rescue teams from Dogs Finding Dogs

Day 4 brought a renewed hope. We felt confident Mabel was our only hope in finding Candy. The hunt began at Candy's home and ended in the area where the young man reported the sighting the previous day. Mabel was hard at work tracking Candy's scent when, to our utter amazement, Candy emerged from a wooded area behind the small housing development! She was alive! She was terribly frightened and ran when we tried to approach her. With Lynn's extensive experience in searching for lost dogs, she knew Candy was already in a survival mode and it would take time and patience to get her to surrender. Jane and Mike, a chocolate Labrador who is also Candy's housemate, were instructed to sit on the ground and let Candy come to them. After

Upcoming Events:

Yorkfest Arts Festival

Aug 27,28

York, PA

New Freedom Days Sept

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New Freedom, PA

Woofstock

Sept 18

Harrisburg, PA

Dogs' Day in the Park

Oct 1

John Rudy Park

York, PA

Dogfest

Oct 15

Reisterstown, MD

Shrewsbury

Fall Days

Oct 15

Shrewsbury, PA

Halloween in the Park

Oct 28, 29

Codorus Park

Hanover, PA

almost an hour, Candy began to recognize Jane and Mike. Still reluctant to get too close, she slowly began sniffing Mike and eventually got close enough for Jane to secure a tight hold on her. At 9:45 p.m., the hunt for Candy had come to an end.

Thank you to all who participated in the search efforts. A special thanks goes out to Alex, Ben and Sam.

And, without a doubt, this joyous reunion would not have become a reality without the guidance and experience of Lynn and Mabel from Dogs Finding Dogs.

If you lose your pet:

1. **PUT UP FLYERS.** Use zip-loc baggies or plastic paper protector sleeves (turn the sleeves upside down and secure the bottom with tape) to protect the flyers from rain or snow and use heavy, clear packing tape to secure the flyers to telephone poles. Nails and staples do not work well. Put a flyer in your mailbox for your mailperson, who can keep an eye out for your pet on his/her travels.

2. **Contact FIND TOTO** on the Internet at www.findtoto.com. For a reasonable fee, they'll begin calling your neighbors between 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., giving them a description of your missing pet and contact information.

3. **Contact DOGS FINDING DOGS, INC.** on the Internet at www.DogsFindingDogs.com or call them at [\(410\) 908-6374](tel:4109086374). They're a Maryland-based organization but also have search teams available in Pennsylvania, Virginia, Delaware and the District of Columbia.

4. **Have pictures of your pet on hand** and also an item that contains your dog's scent.

5. **Call or have a family member call local shelters.** You can get a full listing of shelters at www.petfinder.com. Be sure to include the animal's name, breed, color, gender, spay/neuter status, location and date lost when leaving messages. Call your veterinarian and your local police station, too.

And above all, **ACT QUICKLY.** The sooner you begin the search, the better your chances will be of finding your pet.

Sincerely,

Your Friends at Animal Rescue, Inc.

Meet Nigel



Nigel really wants a home! This young Chihuahua mix would be perfect for a family with mature children or a young, active person. Nigel is always on the go and is just waiting for the perfect, energetic family to match his enthusiasm! This boy is sweet but he doesn't prefer to vie for attention against the other pups. He would probably be fine with another dog, but would most likely prefer to be the one and only. Nigel is good with cats as well. If you're interested in meeting Nigel, stop by during adoption hours or call us at [\(717\) 993-3232](tel:7179933232).

Announcing the Fabulous DDIP Prizes!

1st place:

2 Night Stay at
The Mansion House
Bed & Breakfast
Snow Hill, MD
See its website [here](#).

&

A \$50 gift certificate to
The Hobbit Restaurant
Ocean City MD
See its website [here](#)

Fluffy's Freedom: Is It Cruel to Keep Her Indoors?

The sun is shining, the grass is green and you might be thinking about letting Fluffy out to enjoy these warm days. Some people even think it's cruel to keep a cat indoors, believing it's against their nature, and cats are wild creatures who deserve the freedom to roam outdoors. But it's important to recognize the dangers of letting your indoor feline friend outdoors. Free-roaming cats, let out by their well-intended caretakers, can fall victim to a number of fates.

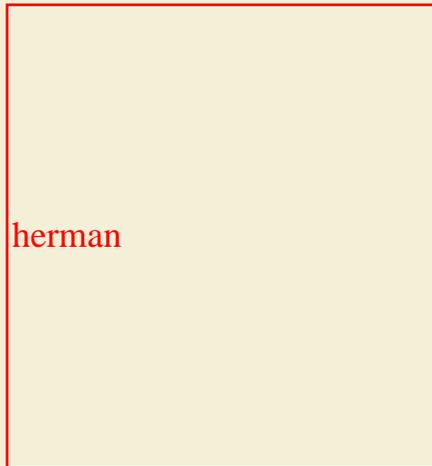
No matter where a cat lives, on a farm in the country or an apartment in the city, being struck by an automobile is a very real threat. Oftentimes this kills the cat immediately, but think of the misfortune of the cat who is struck by a car and can no longer move and is unable to make his way home. He will die either from his injuries or starvation along the side of the road.

While it's true cats are descended from their wild brethren, the domesticated cat of today is far removed from the lion on the Savannah. Unlike the lion, domesticated cats are not at the top of the food chain. In the northeast U.S., many predators consider cats a tasty meal. Coyotes, foxes, eagles, hawks and free-roaming dogs are just a few animals that prey on cats.

In addition to the threat of wild predators, cats can fall victim to inhospitable humans as well. In rural areas cats may be thought of as nuisances and are shot or poisoned. In populated areas, cats and other small animals are often snatched up to be used as "bait" for dog-fighting rings. In addition to being used as bait, stray cats are picked up to be sold to laboratories for research.

There are also threats caretakers may not be able to see. When left outside, cats can be exposed to a number of life-threatening diseases such as feline immunodeficiency virus, feline leukemia, feline infectious peritonitis, distemper, and rabies. Cats may also catch any number of parasites while roaming outdoors, such as fleas, ticks and worms. These afflictions can be transferred to other pets and can ultimately shorten the life of your cat.

Animals who don't suffer an untimely death end up as strays. Cats do not have the innate homing instincts many people believe they do. They can become confused in a neighbor's yard, or cross a street and become disoriented. These cats are picked up by kind passerbys who call shelters and rescues such as Animal Rescue, Inc. to see if they can take them. At least 90 percent of ARI's cat population was considered "stray" on admission forms. We know some of these cats may have had homes and



Herman, an ARI office cat, had to have his leg amputated after a severe infection caused by an animal bite previous to his arrival

2nd place:

A custom dinner prepared in your home by Professional Chef Marty Grams for up to 4 people. Choose from two menus that include an appetizer, entree, side dish and dessert. Chef Marty writes recipes for Food Network, Kraft Kitchens and locally for the Delta Star Newspaper.

3rd place:

Pastel Painting Gift Certificate by Arts d'Tryon See its website [here](#).

4th place:

Gift Certificate from Country Road Photography for a one hour sitting, one free 8x10, and 20 negatives and enhancements.

See its website [here](#).

Want to get in on the action? Join our First Giving page [here](#) and start raising money to win fantastic prizes, not to mention to help animals in need!

had simply gotten lost along their way when chasing a bird or dodging another animal.



Our staff is unsure of what happened to Norris, a kitten who was found outdoors with two severely infected paws. He could have been hit by a car or attacked by an animal, but regardless Norris may have to have one of his legs removed when he's older.

will quickly learn to stay away from the area. If Fluffy is unfazed, add a dash of vinegar to the water - she'll hate the smell and taste. You can also keep a can of coins near the door and shake them when someone enters or exits the door as well as when Fluffy approaches the door. She'll be startled and associate the loud noise with the door.

However, the two aforementioned methods could potentially teach her to just not approach the door while the person responsible for squirting her or shaking the can is near! Remember to be discreet!

A few cat deterrent products are available for purchase as well. One is a "scat mat" which can be placed by the door. The mat gives off a tiny jolt of static electricity, quickly teaching the cat to stay away from the door. Another product is Ssscat! by Multivet. This product can be placed by the door and has a motion sensor that will detect Fluffy upon approach. A warning beep sounds off first, and then a scentless, non-toxic spray is emitted to startle her.

The benefit of the two commercial products is that they are effective even when a person is not around, so instead of learning to hone their ninja-like skills of door darting, cats will learn to completely stay away from the door.

We love our cats like family. They don't realize the potential fates that may await them on the other side of that door, but we do. With that knowledge, it is our

Don't let your cat suffer these fates. Keep your cat indoors and secure her with a "break-away" collar with an ID tag. Having your cat microchipped will also increase her chance of making it home if she's lost. Be sure to spay or neuter your cat (and other outdoor strays!) to reduce the tendency to escape outdoors - not to mention reduce cat overpopulation.

We all know cats can be very persistent when they want something. So, what can you do if Fluffy sits diligently by the door waiting for an unsuspecting person to open it so she can slip out? There are a few things a concerned caretaker can do to deter Fluffy from wanting to go outside.

One method is to keep a squirt bottle or water gun close by. When you see Fluffy slyly approach the door and lay in wait, just give her a quick squirt. It will surely send her flying, away from the door, and if done whenever Fluffy approaches the door, she

Sending out a Special Thanks!



(L to R): A TBB representative presents a check to Grace and Phil for ARI

TBB Global Logistics, Inc. for its generous donation of \$2,436. This money will assist us in giving food, shelter and routine care to ARI residents.

We would also like to thank **Rita's Italian Ice in Shrewsbury, Pa.** for choosing us to be its sponsored shelter for its Dogs Days of Summer event. Sarge, an adoptable Labrador mix, raised \$90.00 for our rescue that night alone, and Rita's will be donating a portion of the proceeds of that evening to ARI.

Shrewsbury Borough, whose \$750.00 contribution will help spay or neuter local cats and reduce the overpopulation issue.

There are many individuals who have made a difference. We appreciate donations large and small, and are grateful for anything from a bag of dog food to a large estate contribution.

responsibility to keep them as safe from harm as possible and not letting them outdoors greatly reduces their chances of getting seriously injured or killed. Indoor only cats live longer and healthier lives than their indoor-outdoor or outdoor only counterparts.

In our next newsletter, we'll cover a few different ways to enrich your home and provide environmental stimulation to keep your cats happy and healthy both physically and mentally!

Missed the Meeting?



If you missed our Volunteer Dog Walking Seminar, don't fret! We'll be hosting another one on **September 10th!**

To sign up for e-mail updates, contact Ashley [here](#).

There are plenty of volunteer opportunities to go around! Want to brush some kitties? Talk to potential adopters? Put your organization skills to work? Download our volunteer [application here](#) and bring it in or fax it to the rescue!

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