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A MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SUSAN TAYLOR



At Actors and Others, you are the folks that we hold most dear. Through your partnership and generosity, you have told us how much your pets have touched your life, and how much the care and protection of all animals means to you.

With so many words in the English language, you would think that there would be more ways to express gratitude, other than “thank you.” If there were, I would use every single one to tell you how much we thank YOU for providing the financial help needed to furnish spay and neuter as well as medical assistance to all the thousands of wonderful animals we have been able to lend a helping hand.

I also want to be sure that you are aware of the huge impact that planned gifts — gifts made through an estate — have on Actors and Others. By providing a charitable gift in your estate, you help ensure that our essential programs and indispensable work for animals will continue. Planned gifts can be made by naming Actors and Others as a beneficiary in wills, trusts, insurance policies and more. If you would like help in establishing your own legacy for animals, I encourage you to talk with an estate planner, attorney, or the person who helped you prepare your Will.

If you don’t have a Will or haven’t made any estate plans, please take the time to do so. No one likes to think of such things, but if you don’t leave instructions, the government will decide what happens with your money, possessions and property after you die.

If you have already included Actors and Others in your estate plans like me, we are sincerely grateful. And as you remember the animals that have made such a positive difference in your life, please consider making a bequest gift that can change the lives of so many.

HUMANE EDUCATION PROGRAM IN LIBRARIES CONTINUES TO SOAR

Children love animals. And so it is very important to teach them a reverence for all life while they are young so that they will grow up into compassionate, caring adults. Actors and Others’ humane education program for young children shows kids through a combination of puppets, group interaction, question and answer, songs and coloring how to treat animals and be safe around them. In addition, the subject of pet overpopulation is touched upon and the need to sterilize pets so that they don’t end up in a shelter. And we are especially happy to report that our Los Angeles public library program has soared in popularity. Aimed at 4 to 9 year-olds, this summer 22 libraries signed up with an average of 50 children and adults.



Stephanie Parke, Actors and Others Staff Member at Chatsworth Library

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SHOP AT PET RESCUE RX AND 100% OF ITS PROFITS WILL COME TO ACTORS AND OTHERS

Pet Rescue Rx is a new online pharmacy for pet medications and supplies which donates 100% of its after tax profits to animal welfare organizations selected by its customers. Licensed in 25 states and growing, every time a customer makes a purchase, they select a group they wish to support. So we encourage all of you to visit, do some shopping and select Actors and Others for Animals. What an easy way to help the animals!

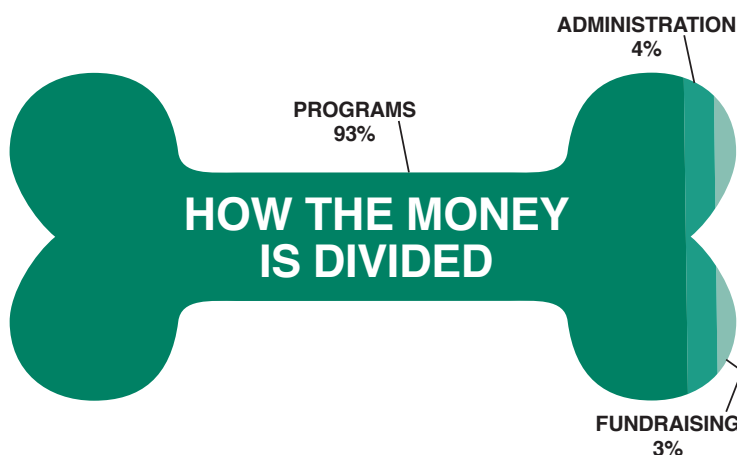
This new philanthropic venture was launched by a Florida veterinarian and rescuer, Glenn Buckley, who wanted to do more to help animals. He was inspired by Newman's Own, whose signature products have raised over \$370 million for nonprofit organizations around the world.

Learn more at PetRescueRX.com and be sure to choose Actors and Others as your charity of choice.



WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

The American Institute of Philanthropy gives its highest marks to charities that spent 75% or greater on their charitable purpose. Actors and Others has consistently met that threshold, and our last 990 reporting, which is available on our website, shows that 93% or 93 cents of every dollar goes directly to our programs helping animals and their guardians!



When you contribute to Actors and Others you can be confident in knowing that your hard earned dollars are being utilized wisely. To help ensure that, we have a Socially Responsible Investment Policy which provides that our financial advisors screen all investments to incorporate our principals of animal welfare and cautious investment strategies.

SHOP AT RALPHS – GIVE A DONATION

If you shop at Ralphs grocery store, you can help support Actors and Others every time you shop. You must register at www.ralphps.com. After you have done so, hit the Community link on the top section and then Community Contributions on the side panel. Our NPO number is 84455. If you have done so, we thank you. **And remember they do require that everyone must re-register each year on or after September 1st.**



HOW YOUR SUPPORT HELPS OTHERS IN NEED

Hello, I am the owner of a Shih Tzu named Eleanor. She owes the next few years of life to you!

Eleanor was found on busy Wilshire Blvd. seven years ago. She was matted and infested, had two mammary tumors, a hernia and had obviously just given birth. A preschool teacher who was a single mother of a two-year-old girl found her. I owned a store in Venice at that time and the first time I saw the dog was a week later when they brought her into the store for me. I don't know why they came to me, but I said yes.

I found a vet who did the surgery, and was told she probably had cancer, and I was prepared to help her die with comfort and love...then the call came. The dog was cancer free!

I renamed her after Eleanor Roosevelt. Eleanor is small and not the kind of dog I have had in the past. She is independent, loyal and still strong. I have been given so many important lessons because of my friend Eleanor. Mostly she has been responsible for introducing me to marvelous people and teaching me that strength has many forms. I lost the store, my great house, my marriage and even my children for awhile. But Eleanor was always by my side, and the promise that I made to her after the vet told me that she had been raised in a cage and used for breeding then thrown out when the puppy mill monsters discovered her tumors, has been kept. I taught her about how to walk on the planet out of her cage and in the process she has taught me the same thing.

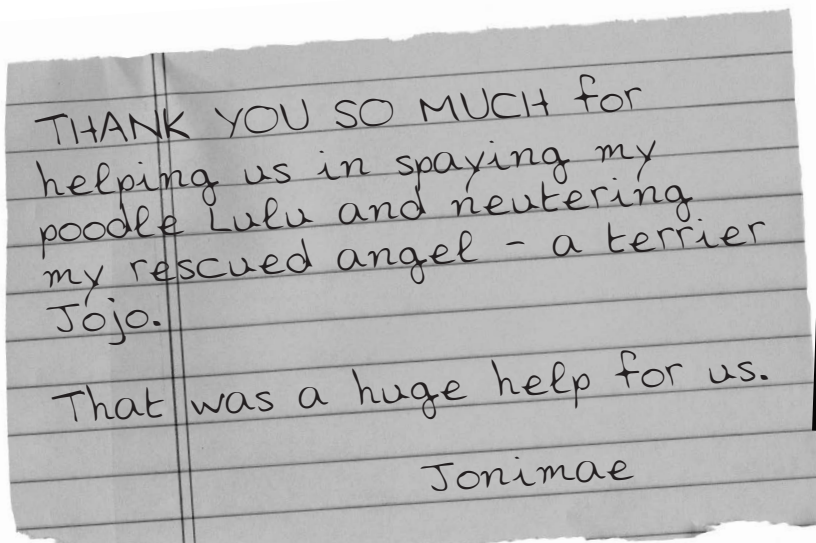


Her new tumors grew slowly. I am a 65-year-old teaching artist for the Pasadena Playhouse and have no money. In the past year Eleanor's tumors grew fast and her energy and sleeping habits changed. And then I found your group!

I really have no words to describe how wonderful this whole experience has been. It's as if the wonderful people in your organization led to more wonderful people all through her examination and procedure. You funded her surgery and the vet reduced the price to allow for that.

Another life lesson from Eleanor: she is here due to the love and dedication of people like you. I had no idea this was even possible. Your good work is alive in my heart, and in the lives of all these animal spirits. Eleanor and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Joan McC



HONOR AND REMEMBER

We are starting something new here at Actors and Others. We thought it would be nice if once a year we set aside a time of year for you, our valued supporters, to honor and remember the pets who have touched your lives. We thank all of you who made a donation in honor of those pets who share your homes today and in memory of those who will always share your heart.



To Auggie, from Mom (Sean)

To Ozzie from Laura Black

To Dolores from Kelly Britt

To Benny Gee my beloved Lab and best friend from Jeffrey Gee

To Gabby and Phoebe from Tim and Tony Sanchez Baldwin

To Bobbie from Marilyn Reynolds

To Griffin, Munchkin and Shazam from Judy Wade

To Topsy McTurvey from Claire a loving Mom

To Lola B. 'Mation from Gary and Cheryl Morenc

To J.B. and Maddie from Sheryl Lorence

To Gabby from Molly and Cy

To Bingo, Agatha, Emily, Etc. from Richard

To Voltaire from Sally Brock

To Tayke and Rhett Buzler her brother of Hidden Hollow from Marline B.

To Spanky, Miss Daisy, Ruffy and Teddy from Jane Allegro

To Samson from Mom (Brigitta)

To Freddy and Bogey from Mom and Barb.

To Pnkn, Tootsie and Happy from Lou Ann Archbold

To MacGyver from Bill and Debbie

To Sandy, Quiny and Brandy from Madeleine

To Bug from Joan Sobel and Jane Putch

To Jake from Mary, David and Kathleen

To Baby Girl from Lisa

To Damitt from Frank Haist

To Harry from John and Linda

To My beloved Dopey, I miss you so much from Pam Rainey

To Brucie and Tuffy Manthey from Mary Manthey

To Joey and Angel from Robbie and Suzanne Curlee

To Betty Boop! from Rob, Linda, Romero, Teddy and Oliver Raznick

To my first dog Kippy from Janice M. Lawson

To Susie and Bucky from your humans (Judith)

To Fuzzy from Helen Manning

To all of our cats who have given us hours of pleasure and affection from Michael

To our beloved "stray cats" who became our house cats from Nancy Griffith

To Pokey, Kathrina, KatiMia, Bear and Ruffian and the many more who have touched my heart from Ruby Jacobs

To Mommy Dog Shot with Litter from Susan White Murphy and Family

To Mimi, Fifi, Bebe, Toulouse, Cheri, Skipper, Sr., Skipper, Jr., Baby Bear, Gigi, Red, Tyger, Spike, Faisue, Lee-Lee, Phoenix and Grey with love from Vanna Salviati

To Taco and 23 years of love from a wonderful tabby orange cat discarded at 10 days who found my heart from S.Eve

R OUR PETS



To Sugar, Chris, Chrissy and Ginger from Marleen

To Augustus and Spartacus, Goblin, Pilgrim, Tiki and Phoenix from Bonnie Snyder

To my beautiful and loving cat family, Samantha, Wendy, Melanie and Tabitha from Nancy Schneider

To Daisy and Toby from Scott and Rozelle Espeland

To Tuppance, Robair and Clisquot from Bob Welch

To Misty, Sabrina, Lemon, Baby, Cinammon, Snowshoesie, Corkie, Smokey, Chelsea, Olivia, Dolly, Chin Chin, Lulu, Massage, Winner, Gotaz, Lawrin, Fluffy, Silky, Tiger, Sheba, Mother Cat, Patches, Blackie, Lucky, Butterball, Gwendolyn, Octaimus and the others from Corbin Russell

To Jack, Arnie, Jill and Sissie from Duska and Ed

To my angel potbelly pig Jake from Marlene

To Caddie and Kee-bar from Robyn B. and Robert Messick

To Tyson, Wuera and Garfield from Sandra Ninan

To my canine best friends Chickie, Honey, Butch and Corky from Joanie Frankel

To Joshua from your Mommy Parent, I love you (Vicki)

To Taffy from Jim and Ruth Erpenbach

To George and Gracie from Anita Swanson

To Max Lizer Word from Mary and Fred Willard

To Taylor from Jean Smith

PITY THE PERSON

Pity the person who never had a pet.

Pity the person who says "someday not yet."

Pity the person who says "it's only a cat."

Pity the person who only thinks that.

*Pity the world that has never known love
of an animal that fits like a glove.*

Pity the people who say only dogs care.

Pity the people who think cats don't share.

*Pity the people who have never been scratched
never left the door to their heart unlatched.*

*Grateful are we who have had this prize
who understand the tears in your eyes.*

*Only time will bring comfort and peace from this.
Take a deep breath and say goodbye with a kiss.*

*Remember the time, the love and the care.
Pity the person who's never been there.*

Tom Williams-2014



ACTORS AND OTHERS FOR ANIMALS REMEMBERS TWO EXTRAORDINARY FRIENDS



Paul E. Jolly

Mahatma Gandhi said that “my life is my message.” This was certainly true of Paul Jolly, board member and friend. Because of his guidance, all of us at Actors and Others are better animal advocates. Paul shared our belief that if we wanted to stop the destruction of innocent animals, we needed to stop unwanted animals from being born by spaying and neutering, which led him to join our Board of Directors in 1989. He remained a vital partner until his death on March 8, 2014.

Paul knew from an early age that he wanted to help animals and inspire others to do the same. He lived this message every day. While waiting to go to veterinary school, he took a “temporary” job at Petco Animal Supplies and never left. In 1999 Paul was given the task of establishing and spearheading the Petco Foundation where he raised more than \$115 million and worked with over 8,000 animal welfare organizations throughout the United States including Actors and Others.

He never let the hard times get him down, nor did he ever complain, even when he was diagnosed and struggled with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis or “Lou Gehrig’s Disease.” Paul cared deeply about his own companion animals and prepared for their care and security when he was no longer able to do so. The one thing he regretted was that he felt he had so many more animals to help.

We are honored to carry his flame lighting our way as we continue to help animals in need.



Paula Kent Meehan

Actors and Others lost another dear friend and long-time supporter, Paula Kent Meehan on June 23, 2014. Dropping out of high school at 15, divorced and a single mother at 17, Paula went on to alter the formulation and marketing of hair-care products as the co-founder of Redken Laboratories. Starting out as an actress in minor roles, allergic reactions to products used in the industry at that time led to partnering with her hairdresser, Jheri Redding, to develop pH balanced shampoos and a marketing plan to sell their products only in hair salons.

In the mid-1960’s, Redding sold his share of the company to Paula, and she went on to make Redken a global leader inspiring a whole new wave of products and other hair professionals before selling the company in 1993.

Always appreciative of her success, Paula was a compassionate and generous philanthropist of numerous charitable organizations. A lifelong animal lover, she provided support to many animal welfare groups, and also founded her own pet

rescue organization called Pets 90210 which will continue her legacy. A lifelong resident of Beverly Hills, in the year prior to her death she donated \$5 million to the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts and purchased both the Beverly Hills Courier and the Fine Arts Theater.

Actors and Others was proud to honor Paula with our Award of Caring for her commitment to the well-being of all creatures great and small. We were pleased to be able to pay tribute to such an extraordinary woman and privileged to call her our friend.



WHY LEAVE A CHARITABLE BEQUEST TO ACTORS AND OTHERS?

The simple fact is that bequests form the financial basis and security of most charitable organizations and are essential for ensuring they can continue their critical work. This is true here at Actors and Others.

You may think that only wealthy people leave money to charity when they die. But that is a common misconception. The reality is that most bequests are made by ordinary, hard-working people who want to make a positive difference after they are gone. Over the years many animal loving, compassionate and inspiring individuals have chosen to leave a charitable bequest to Actors and Others, and we would not be here today without them. Most recently, we are deeply grateful to **Leah Lenski** who remembered us in her Trust. By doing so she created a loving, lasting memorial to the affection she had for her pets and all animals.

Charities play a central role in providing assistance and critical care, and America would not be able to function without them. In 1971 when Actors and Others began its work, 110,835 animals were killed by LA City alone. In recent years those figures are under 25,000. Through our long and aggressive spay and neuter programs, Actors and Others was able to step up to help and played a key role in that reduction. We couldn't have done it without the help from charitable bequests.

You don't have to be rich or famous to make a difference. You can help create a better world by including a charity bequest in your will, and you can make a better life for animals in need by choosing Actors and Others for Animals.

ESTATE PLANNING FOR YOUR PETS



According to the most recent National Pet Owners Survey by the American Pet Products Association, 68% of U.S. households own a pet, which equates to 82.5 million homes. Over \$58.51 billion

is anticipated to be spent on their care, protection and enjoyment. Yet most of us don't plan for our pets' future care if something happens to us.

The HSUS estimates that between 100,000 to 500,000 pets end up in shelters each year after their guardians die or are no longer able to care for them. So an important part of any estate plan is making arrangements for your beloved pet companions.

First, you should decide who will take your pet(s) and provide them with the proper care and love. Then have a long conversation with that person(s) to ensure that they will in fact be there for you if necessary. Getting that commitment in writing is best, including any directives. Then, if possible, put aside an amount of money to help cover living costs as well as future medical expenses. You can either do this informally or California allows Pet Trusts which permit you to appoint a caretaker and leave instructions and funds for their continuing care. As with our own estate planning, it is a good idea to have an attorney prepare these documents for you. However, there is also an affordable alternative that you can do yourself called a Pet Protection Agreement. You can get more information and prepare the agreement at LegalZoom.com.

AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE FOR PETS

Pets are living longer and veterinarians are able to provide specialized care, but it comes at a price. Actors and Others is one of only a handful of organizations that help low income pet guardians pay for emergency veterinary needs but we can't help everyone.

While pet insurance isn't for everyone, it is becoming increasingly popular as a way to provide healthcare protection for the family pets. In California, a bill is making its way through the Legislature (AB 2056) that will require pet insurers to design their policies so that consumers can easily determine the best policy for their needs and budget. Essential information regarding benefits, limitations, deductibles, waiting periods and policy limits will allow consumers to fully understand what is covered before their beloved pet becomes ill or injured. Actors and Others added our support to this bill, and we look forward to it becoming law.



MEMORIALS, TRIBUTES AND CELEBRATIONS

In each Newsletter, we like to chronicle all those who honored or shared a memory such as birthday wishes, a special thank you, or a tribute to a loved one. We invite you to do the same. When accompanied by a contribution of \$20 or more, all such tributes or accolades will be printed in our Newsletter. In addition, when requested, personal acknowledgment cards will be sent to the recipients of your good wishes.

Dan Goggin in honor of Lily Tomlin and JoAnne Worley

Dolly Martin in honor of Big Jo

Kobey Horn to Jackie Joseph belated birthday wishes

Jackie Lewis to Jackie Joseph belated birthday wishes

Dee Dollinger to all the dedicated heroes human and animals

Mary Willard to Sue Taylor in memory of Kelly

Anita and James White to Alan and Annie Broberg in memory of Whiskey

Linda Trujillo for Jagger my beautiful cat

Michelle Mazurki in memory of Helen Metzger

Toni and Don to Susan and Bob in memory of your cherished Nelson

Pam Rainey in loving memory of Cora Jennings

Molly Fredrick in memory of Mickey Rooney and his kindness

Katherine Bard to Tanya and Jim Hull in memory of Willie

Tracy Toner in loving memory of my son Victor and his dearest companion Skeezer

Michael Stern in memory of Paul Jolly

Connie Elliot in memory of Paul Jolly

Connie Tanquary in memory of Paul Jolly

Katherine Bard to Carolyn Fraser in memory of Hank

Robbie and Suzanne Curlee in memory of Angel our sweet little girl

JoAnne Worley to Rose Surber in memory of Buddy

Chuck and Marie Donnel in memory of Betty Cardoni

Barbara Demming Lurie to Erlbaum family in memory of Xena

Katherine Bard to Virginia Johnson in memory of Sneeches

A DOG'S OR CAT'S LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

Before humans die, they write their last will and testament, giving their home and all they have to those they leave behind. If, with my paws, I could do the same, this is what I'd ask...

To a poor and lonely stray I'd give my happy home; my bowl and cozy bed, soft pillow and all my toys; the lap, which I loved so much; the hand that stroked my fur; and the sweet voice that spoke my name.

I'd will to the sad, scared shelter dog or cat the place I had in my human's loving heart, of which there seemed no bounds.

So, when I die, please do not say, "I will never have a pet again, for the loss and the pain is more than I can stand."

Instead, go find an unloved dog or cat, one whose life has held no joy or hope, and give my place to him.

This is the only thing I can give...The love I left behind.

Author Unknown

