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## LILY TOMLIN JOINS BOARD OF DIRECTORS



We are happy to announce that actress and comedienne Lily Tomlin has joined Actors and Others' Board of Directors. Throughout her extraordinary career, Lily has amassed numerous awards and entertained on the stage, big screen and television.

Starring alongside Actors and Others' president JoAnne Worley, Lily introduced her indelible characters of Ernestine, the irascible telephone operator and Edith Ann, the

mischievous six-year-old child, on *Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In*. She has starred in a number of television series including *Murphy Brown*, *The West Wing*, *Damages* and most recently *Malibu Country* and guest starred on numerous shows such as *Desperate Housewives* and *NCIS*. Her movie roles include *9 to 5*, *Tea with Mussolini* and last year's *Admission*.

Lily has been very active in promoting the protection and care of domestic animals and wildlife alike. Concerned about the number of animals being euthanized each year because of the lack of available homes, Lily shares our mission to curb the pet overpopulation problem by supporting spay and neuter surgeries as the only permanent solution.






## NEW WEBSITE DESIGN



2013 was a very productive year at Actors and Others. In addition to modernizing both our logo and offices, in late summer we launched our new website design. Easier to read and navigate, the website provides information needed to learn about our organization in general and our programs and services in particular. For those interested in seeing an actual spay/neuter surgery, videos are included, and for those seeking emergency veterinary medical assistance, an application for help is accompanied by comprehensive guidelines. And our own Betty White is featured on the home page promoting spay/neuter in a short public service announcement. All of this, of course, in addition to continuing to provide crucial care for companion animals. Please stop by for a visit at [www.actorsandothers.com](http://www.actorsandothers.com).

## A LOOK BACK AT 2013

It has been said that success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out. For 43 years now, with your confidence and support, Actors and Others has steadily worked day in and day out to help animals and their guardians with a variety of fundamental services. We remain steadfast to our core mission of curbing the pet overpopulation problem by providing financial subsidies to affordable spay/neuter surgeries. Over the past few years, our emergency medical assistance program has grown exponentially in conjunction with the economic downturn suffered by so many. Together with our humane education and pet assisted therapy programs, Actors and Others continues to be a central resource.

	DOG SPAYS DOG NEUTERS	3,503 2,546
	CAT SPAYS CAT NEUTERS	2,389 1,821
	RABBITS	60
	PET ASSISTED THERAPY VISITS HUMANE EDUCATION STUDENTS	24,130 6,185
	MEDICALS	533

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## PET THERAPY GOES HOLLYWOOD

Actors and Others has been at the forefront of establishing many programs to assist animals and people alike. In 1989, before animals visiting patients in medical settings was widely accepted, Actors and Others began its popular Pet Assisted Therapy Program. All of us as pet guardians know the pure joy of sharing our lives with companion animals, but often overlook the physical as well as mental health benefits they provide. But for patients isolated in a hospital setting, those benefits can be vital to their well-being. And for veterans of war, they can be a lifeline.

We'd like you to meet one of our volunteer teams – Claire and her movie star partner Bonny. Bonny got her start in acting after she was adopted by Performing Animal Troupe when her previous owner needed to get rid of her and was going to take her to a shelter. Just days later she was cast in the movie *Seven Psychopaths*, where she worked closely alongside actors Colin Farrell, Sam Rockwell, Christopher Walken and Woody Harrelson. Claire worked on the movie for three months, in which time Bonny became very comfortable with the chaos of being on set and the process of meeting new people. The calm demeanor that served her so well while shooting the movie is what makes her a great therapy dog. Bonny enjoys visiting veterans at the VA Sepulveda Ambulatory Care Center, where she gets lots of loves laying on laps and getting cuddles.



Claire and Bonny at VA Hospital

## OFFICER OTTO IS ALIVE BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT



Each day we receive many applications seeking help for a sick or injured pet companion. We do our best to help as many pet guardians as possible, and join in the joy of those we are able to see return to good health. We were very happy to be able to help Officer Otto who was shipped out of Los Angeles ill and in need of critical care and share his guardian's story with you, because it is only with your continued support and generosity are we able to provide such assistance.

*We acquired a rescue dog, Officer Otto, that unknown to us was critically ill. His name was selected because he was found under a car in a parking lot in Southern California by a police officer; also fitting – as I'm a cop and medic of 32 years.*

*Immediately upon taking him into our arms from the disgusting transport vehicle that delivered him to us, we knew he was sick and took him straight to the vet, who gave him a once-over, prescribed antibiotics, and said he was good to go. Only having him with us for three days, we knew something wasn't right and took him to an emergency vet. He was immediately placed in ICU and diagnosed with coccidian, pneumonia and extreme malnutrition. Within hours we were told he was critical and would most likely not survive. I don't recall exactly how long he was in, 10-12 days or so.*

*Without your generous support, and that of two other organizations, there is no way Otto would have survived; we were out of money and had max'd our credit resources and the clinic was refusing to provide any treatment without payment up-front. We would have never put him down; as a medic I would have done everything possible at home, but I work on people, not animals; this little guy needed the doggy ICU. I would be anything to save our animals – I don't accept no and I don't give up ever!*

*I am incapable of expressing our sincere thanks to you and your supporters for helping; because without it, this would have had an entirely different outcome. Collectively, your organizations epitomize the highest ideals of compassion, caring, community spirit, and above all else, love for animals.*

*Again from our hearts, THANK YOU!*

Robert M.





# “BEST IN SHOW” CELEBRATION OF ANIMALS



JoAnne Worley, Jim Piddock and Fred Willard

On September 28, 2013 Actors and Others held its major fundraising event celebrating the pets that share our homes and our hearts. Presenting a parody of the hit movie, “Best in Show,” celebrities competed against each other for the Blue Ribbon by showing short videos of their pet(s) and then taking to the podium to campaign on their behalf. “Best in Show” stars **Fred Willard** and **Jim Piddock** reprised their movie roles as commentators of the competition, observing and providing comic repartee on each entry.

By a show of audience applause, the winning trophy went to “Maggie” and her guardian **Bernie Shine**, who wowed the audience with their nightly bedtime routine of washing Maggie’s face, brushing her teeth and flossing (with Bernie’s help).



Bernie Shine and Maggie



Michael Burger

Returning host Michael Burger welcomed the crowd of over 350 guests. In addition to **Bernie Shine**, the celebrity competitors (all winners to us) were **Susan Sullivan, Ed Begley, Jr., Tippi Hedren, Leonard Maltin, Chuck McCann, Allie MacKay, Jay Johnson** and **Ruta Lee** (substituting for an ailing **Connie Stevens**). And once again the **Four Plaids** provided some musical interludes.

Because we were honoring pets, we thought it would be nice to give our supporters and friends an opportunity to have a photo of their pet in a “Photo Pet Parade” to be shown during the event and featured on our website. We have left those photographs up on our website and encourage you to view all of the wonderful animals that share our lives. As we know, pets earn the title “Best in Show” each and every day by just being themselves!



Tippi Hedren, Jim Piddock, Jay Johnson, Fred Willard, Susan Sullivan, Chuck McCann, Leonard Maltin, Ed Begley, Jr. Allie MacKay, Bernie Shine

Among the other guests were **Actors and Others’** president emeritus **Earl Holliman, Loretta Swit, George Pennacchio, City Attorney Mike Feuer, Carolyn Hennesy, Jane Kean, Kelly Lange, Wink Martindale, Ann Cusack, Charlotte Rae** and **James Van Praagh**.

The **2013 Betty White Inspirational Award** was presented to the **Search Dog Foundation** and the **Awards of Caring** went to **Kathleen Riordan** and **Bonnie Garner** for their lifetime of work on behalf of animals.



Loretta Swit with Officers Bobby Monahan and Hunter

There are not enough words to thank the **Petco Foundation** for its key sponsorship and long-time friendship. Sharing a commitment to enhancing the lives of companion animals, the Petco Foundation is always there in times of disaster, and helps countless animal welfare organizations in all 50 states.

## OUR DEEPEST THANKS TO ALL OF THESE BLUE RIBBON WINNERS



- D.E.L.T.A./Leo Grillo
- Eugenia Riordan Mule
- Sherry and Skip Miller
- Gail Campbell-Blue
- Jay Aldrich and Bob Dugan
- Dr. Joyce and Page Layne Miller
- Mary Willard
- Paul Mitchell and John Paul Pets
- Pet Flys
- MVP – My Valuable Pet
- Stella & Chewy’s
- Peter Lamas
- Stuart Ross
- Roger Befeler, Scott Dreier,
- Phil Gold, David Humphrey
- Greg Wilson
- Larry Fazio
- Robin Art Chocolate
- Art on Glass by belinda
- Willging Art Services
- Art Alisi
- Harlan Boll
- Primary Color
- Dream Fish, Inc.
- iMagic
- Jackie Lewis Productions
- Mary Ann Magana
- Q Theory
- Susan Rosenberg
- Glenn Schwartz
- Luis Solivan
- Michael Stern
- Word of Mouth

# MEMORIALS, TRIBUTES AND CELEBRATIONS



Jackie Joseph Lawrence

*Memory... is the diary that we all carry about with us.*  
~ Oscar Wilde

We invite you to honor and share a memory on these pages. Birthday wishes or a thank you to a special animal lover or veterinarian are also welcome. When accompanied by a contribution of \$20 or more, tributes or accolades will be printed in our newsletter.

**In Celebration of Jackie Joseph Lawrence's 80th Birthday**  
Judy Chaikin, Jerry Gelb, Karen Leonard, Brian Frobisher, JoAnne Miller, Kathy Lander, Tom, Tina and Thomas DeBone

**ACTORS AND OTHERS FOR ANIMALS** – In memory of our dear friend Jean Kern

**ANITA WHITE** – In the name of Shadow

**EDWARD AND RAY LABOWITZ** – In honor of Fred Wolf

**LYDIA DANIELSKI** – In the name of Justin Aldrich

**ANONYMOUS** – In the names of Rockie and Adryan

**DAVID GRAHAM** – In the name of JoAnne Worley

**CHRISTINA MERRICK** – In memory of Monte

Magnificent Pyreneese

**MERRY KNOPFF** – In memory of Petey and Britta

**TONI SHERMAN AND DON** – To Robert Shabkie and

Dan Kough in memory of Bartlett

**MARY AND FRED WILLARD** – To Mulburger family

in memory of Spanky a much loved cat

**RET TURNER** – To Rachael and Stanley in memory of

Kelly your beloved companion

**CAROLE JUNE GRANT** – To Pauline and Greg

Morrison in memory of Salsa

**NEAL JANO** – In memory of 5 pets with God

**NANCY POSNER** – In the name of Robert Dugan

**CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING LA** – In honor of JoAnne Worley

**BARBARA AND GARY MARSHALL** – In honor of Beatrice Freedman

**PAMELA RYAN** – In memory of Evelyn Gordon

**JAN LANDSTROM** – In memory of Evelyn Gordon

**JILL ROUMELIOTIS** – Thanks to Kenneth Dolin

**PEGGY GRIFFITH** – In the name of Katherine Bard

**PETER REYNOLDS** – In memory of Robert Collett, D.V.M.

**DAN GOGGIN** – Happy Thanksgiving to

JoAnne Worley

**DANIEL TIRMAN** – Merry Christmas to

Nick and Stephen

**KEN KLASSER** – In memory of Lorraine Klasser

**APASARA NICOL** – In the name of Sabrina Wilkerson of Foster Mamas

**JEFF AND NANCY GRAFF** - In memory of Elvis Presley

**LORETTA TAYLOR** - In memory of KC

**In Celebration of Jay Aldrich's 70th Birthday**

Deborah A. Pictruska Nathan, Nicolasa Nevarez, Diane Goodman, Thomas Rogillio II, Patricia Lawless, Greg and Koko Witz, Barbara Awerkamp, Stephanie, Henry and Sabrina Parke, Caren Palmquist, Donna Waisner, Raymond Pearson, Jr., Richard Follett, Mary Louise Rowsell

**In Celebration of Jay Aldrich and Robert Dugan's Wedding**

Lydia Danielski, Susan and John Randi, Jan Murree, Sonia Flaum, Peggy and Robert Bock, Frida Zelker

Actors and Others for Animals is deeply grateful to **Lionel Tollemache Harris and Joan Green Harris** who remembered us in their Wills. By doing so they created a loving, lasting memorial to the affection they had for their pets and all animals. If you are interested in establishing such an estate plan, Actors and Others will be happy to work with you. These heartfelt gifts allow us to provide more services for the benefit of animals and those who care for them.