

FORGOTTEN ANIMALS OF LOS ANGELES RESCUE LEAGUE ("FALA") HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER, 2003

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"We will never stop working to help the animals."

ONE OF OUR MANY SUCCESS STORIES



We have a board member who is an actor. He recently appeared in a production at The B Street Theatre in Sacramento. After a performance, he saw a kitten in the parking lot. The theatre staff said the kitten belonged to a homeless woman. The homeless woman had been tying the kitten up in the back of the theatre, each day, in the hot sun. The noose was pulled so tightly around the kitten's neck, he was barely able to move. She did leave food for him, but it was covered with ants. He had no water, so he was dehydrated and emaciated. Our board member scooped the kitten up. One month ago, they left Sacramento to return to Los Angeles. Named "B Street," the now healthy and happy cat has quickly adjusted to his new life in a loving home.

OUR COMMITMENT TO THE ANIMALS IS LIFELONG

We've found many animals new homes over the years. We check in with them all to make sure everything is going well, and we encourage our adoptive owners to stay in touch with us. Recently we found a home for an orange-colored female kitten. Two weeks after her adoption, her owner contacted us because Lilly wasn't eating. We told her to bring the cat back to us immediately. After examining Lilly, we found that the little girl had a sewing needle stuck deep in her throat. We whisked her off to the vet. By this time, unfortunately, she had swallowed the needle and emergency surgery was required. It was touch and go for awhile, but we're happy to report that Lilly has recovered completely.

IN MEMORIAM

Three of our board members suffered very sad losses this year. Charleen Sweeney lost Tony to stomach cancer. Tony was rescued from the streets of North Hollywood in 1990. He was a sweetheart right from the start. His favorite treat was potato chips. Because he was such a great help with all the foster felines, he got the nickname "The Welcoming Committee." He was like a surrogate mother to all of them. Tony was diagnosed in May of this year and died in August. Shirley Russo rescued Alberta and her three siblings when they barely had their eyes open. She bottle fed them every four hours until they could eat on their own. Alberta was at Shirley's side from morning to night, and always helped Shirley deal the cards whenever she played Canasta or Poker. Alberta became ill in August of 2002 and was

diagnosed with lung cancer. She came home and was doing well until April of 2003, when Shirley had to make the decision we all dread. Shirley says Alberta left lots of paw prints on her heart. Heidi Mastrogiovanni lost her boy Gus to a brain tumor. Charleen had rescued Gus and his brother Sam from a backyard in Burbank, and Heidi and her late husband Dennis adopted them as frightened little kittens. "Gussie and I had an incredibly close connection," Heidi says. "When he started acting strangely and losing his hair, the doctors didn't know what was wrong. I sensed that it was something terribly serious. My only focus was to make sure he didn't suffer. He was such a sweet and loving cat. I miss him very much."

WE NEED YOUR HELP

At this festive time of year, we reach out to you because you care about animals. Please help us continue our lifesaving work. It's all about compassion, commitment, and money. Your donation will fund our programs to help animals and the people who care about them. With your donation, we can provide more food and medical care for homeless animals, and we can continue to support spaying and neutering. We can bring animals to retirement homes and hospitals to comfort the sick and elderly, and we can help seniors take care of their own four-legged companions. Because we are staffed entirely by volunteers, 100% of your donation will immediately go to helping animals. A donation in the name of a loved one makes a very special holiday gift. Your donation is tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

DONATING YOUR OLD CAR TO FALA IS ANOTHER WONDERFUL WAY TO HELP US HELP THE ANIMALS - PLEASE CALL (818) 985-8121 OR (818) 762-2225 OR E-MAIL fala-org@sbcglobal.net FOR INFORMATION.

THANK YOU SO MUCH! WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU. ALL OF US AT FALA SEND YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES WARMEST WISHES FOR A JOYOUS, PEACEFUL HOLIDAY SEASON.

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