Kallie, posing for her picture.



Zeek & Meeko, at their new forever home (Thank You Matt)



Mr. & Mrs. Monahan with Sage in her new home (above). Their former Bosler dog was a deaf Great Dane named Zeuss (right).



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Winter 2020 Newsletter

Hello Friends! Wishing you the best of the season and Happy Holidays!

I think God has watched over me for years. I've been on my own since 15 after my dad committed suicide. I got married when I was 16 and had an abusive husband for 6 years. Was single for the next 9 years. Married again for 6 years to another abusive husband. He said, "if you bring home another dog or cat I'm leaving." Well, I brought home 2 that night. I told him if I knew you would leave, I would have brought 10 home last month!

I took in 13 homeless people. Unfortunately, they were not nice people-thieves, lazy, drunks, drug addicts, etc. I called the police to remove one couple, and called a taxi to remove the woman. The police asked who paid for the taxi, and I said I did. The woman asked the policeman if she could get a beer before leaving, after driving a car through my fence and hit a cat house, ruining one whole side. She was drunk.

Another woman called and said she was homeless and needed to find a place to put her two cats. I told her I would take them. She drove up in a Jaguar (poor soul). I also gave her a place to stay and get on her feet. The Bank was taking the Jag. I told her no men. The next day I went up to the cabin and knocked on the door. She opened the door and said be quiet you'll wake up my husband. I told her to get him out. Apparently he was living on his boat in Webster, MA, was drunk and fell off boat and drowned. One day my friend was coming up to get some dog food at the cabin and saw some photos on the



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table. She recognized the husband-He had purchased some paint where she worked and stiffed them for \$20,000. Small world.

The struggles continue rescuing animals today...

Vet bills are impossible to afford--it takes about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour to neuter a dog. At one time it was \$60-100. Today all vets are \$400 and up. Crazy! 3 of our horses have Cushings Disease-medications are expensive! Where are the Dr. Jeffs to really care and help people and their loved pets?

The virus has hurt donations, people just don't have money to spare. At one time we would get free food. Now we have to buy it-No more freebies: Years ago I worked for a vet for 4 years. I took home 200 animals that were going to be killed for crazy reasons: I wanted a smaller dog; cat is too old; I wanted a kitten. The vet I worked for was very mean and would lie to people about everything: We had to cut payroll and are using volunteers; Water system had to be replaced; Now car trouble. Most people don't have a clue what you do to save an animal. However, I will never give up saving animals 24/7, even after 45 years-starting with a chicken coop.

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More Success Stories (I love these!)

About one year ago, I received a call to take in 2 cats. The woman was having some problems and I was to keep them until she could find an apartment that would let her have cats. I had them for one year when she called to see if I still had them, her son was very attached to Zeuss. Yes, I did. Well they came up, and when Zuess heard the boy's voice, he jumped off the loft and into the boy's arms—a happy ending. Animals never forget.



Rebecca Halle & her son, holding Zeuss

Another story... We received a call from a 92-year-old man. It was very sad-his best friend, his dog, had died. No shelter would give him a new dog because of his age. I asked him where he lived and I would bring him a dog (he had a fenced-in yard and lived next to a vet). If he passed, we would take his dog back. When I arrived he was on an exercise bike. He loved the little older Keeshound until he died 3 years later.



So many stories. Someone is following me around... This story is one I can never forget. One day I was going to the dump, and the vet after. Then I had changed my mind and decided to go to the vet first and the dump.One month before I had placed a little dog (Peanuts) with one of my board members.



While on the way to the vet I saw a man on a motorcycle with a dog. I asked him, "where did you get that dog?" He said the dog had been around for a few days and didn't belong to anyone, so he was going to California and taking the dog with him. I said, "oh no, that's my dog Peanuts!" I called my board member, asked her where Peanuts was and she said she brought her to the vet (which was about 2 houses away). I went to the vet, showed the receptionist Peanuts and asked if she recognized her. She said someone had thrown her in the door and left, then the dog ran out. I called this board member again. I was then told the dog was urinating in the house so she was going to have her put to sleep (nice board member). Had I not changed my mind to reverse my trip to the dump, I never would have seen Peanuts ready to go to California. It was one split second and she would have been gone on the motorcycle.

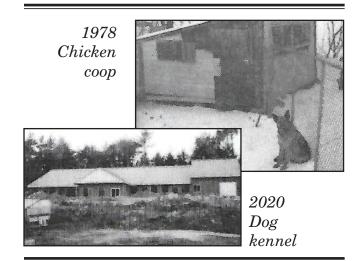
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Goodbye to Our Friend, Paul Salvas

Paul passed away in Florida, at age 89. I knew Paul for 35-40 years. He has always helped the shelter and will be missed beyond words. He was a very kind and giving person.



Gone but never forgotten.



One More Anecdote...

I remember a story I like to tell people; a man and his son were walking to the ramp on a lake with the grandfather in a basket. The little boy asked his father, "why are we taking grandfather to the lake?" His father said "He is getting old and is no use to us anymore." He threw the grandfather in the lake. Then went to throw in the basket. His son said "father please don't throw in the basket." The father said, "why?" His son said, "I want to save that for you when you get old."

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