

For you,
And for the animals that BLESS our lives,
We are THANKFUL!



TOUCHED BY AN ANIMAL
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We INVITE YOU and YOUR FRIENDS
To TOUCHED BY AN ANIMAL'S annual
THANKSGIVING GATHERING
Comfortably in your home this year
with your favorite foods and drinks.
On Sunday, November 29, 2020
Starting at 1:00 p.m.



Livestreaming see links on our website & Facebook

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FOR ALL The ANIMALS and People
Who TOUCH OUR LIVES
and fill our Cornucopia with LOVE,
DELIGHT, COMFORT, HOPE, JOY.



We Are
Grateful, Thankful,
& Blessed.



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**Featuring the PRESENTATION of our annual
CARING AWARD**

**Personal message from Marijon Binder, Founder and President,
Interviews with our STAFF and some volunteers
and spontaneous presentations just for you
of playacting, dancing, comedy, drama,
unrehearsed by the in-house cast of kittens and cats
famously billed as CATS-ARE-PURRSONS-TOO.**

**Please JOIN our ELITE AUDIENCE
Take the BEST SEATS in YOUR HOME
and EXPRESS your HEARTFELT APPAUSE
with a GENEROUS DONATION**

in the enclosed envelope or through our website.



How we wish we could celebrate this very special time of **THANKSGIVING** with you in person at the Holiday Inn as we have so many previous years, enjoying a delicious brunch, showing our current cats and their stories on screen, renewing friendships with guests, and participating in the silent auction of beautifully assembled baskets, donated raffle items and fun games.



Your shared enthusiasm and generous giving provide tremendous **AFFIRMATION** and a strengthening **BOOST** into the coming **WINTER CHALLENGES** for our whole team. For me personally your kind words, suggestions, and personal stories affirm my resolve to keep helping as many animals and their people as we can.



Now in this strange year of 2020 we still **CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING** and **INVITE YOU** to join us.

For every precious little **ANIMAL** in our lives and homes, for each of our **DONORS** and loyal **SUPPPORTERS** who definitely **ENABLE TOUCHED BY AN ANIMAL** to continue saying "YES" to the Animals and People in need of help,
For the kind and caring people who go out of their way to rescue cats and kittens, and persistently make calls until they find us,
For our small staff,
each of whom treats our feline residents with love, respect and individual care, often willingly working harder and longer to meet needs.
For the cats, kittens, and people who are in the **FUTURE** of Touched by an Animal,
For the **GOOD PEOPLE** who will indeed **BE THE FUTURE OF TOUCHED BY AN ANIMAL** with **FRIENDSHIP**, and **FINANCIAL ENABLEMENTS**.



With the deepest feelings of **GRATITUDE** we thank God for these very special **BLESSINGS**. And for the **BLESSING** of **YOU** who are thinking of us now, **YOU** who are sharing in our **VIRTUAL, VERY REAL THANKSGIVING**. **YOU** who have been, and are still, sustaining our work, our Mission, our cats, our continued **FUTURE**, and especially **NOW** throughout the **EXTREME CHALLENGES OF THIS 2020 PANDEMIC**.

LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER
TOUCHED BY AN ANIMAL'S BURGEONING PANDEMIC OF
GRATITUDE, CARING, KINDNESS, GENEROSITY, THANKFULNESS, BLESSINGS.



The Irony of 2020 is that without the usual annual fundraisers that carry us through each season, we have taken in **far more** cats and kittens, and responded to more people in sudden desperate need than ever before.



To date our kitten nursery (from newborn on up) has been a happy playground for almost 100 bouncing youngsters while the birthing cages protected a dozen nurturing Momcats and their broods, and injured and special needs cats recovered in our small isolation room.

Meanwhile our longtime feline residents, boarders, and socialized newcomers enjoy favorite spots in our 2 story house and screened in CATIO.



With just 2 staff persons a day, and 2 working at home with communications, administration, and balancing finances, can you imagine the costs involved?

We really need -and appreciate -your help now more than ever. Please think about the great BENEFIT of your DONATION NOW.

Give it in THANKSGIVING FOR THE ANIMALS WHO HAVE TOUCHED YOUR LIFE AND THE GREATER NUMBER WE CAN HELP WITH THE HELP YOU SEND US.



1. Donations, especially monthly, provide the vet care, food and supplies continuously needed.
2. Adoptions give us space in our home.
3. NETWORKING brings us new friends, donors, supporters.
4. Refer people to touchedbyananimal.org website and share our newsletters, stories.



Donate

Touched By An Animal



WE NEED YOU

Cats-Are-Purrsons-Too

My FALL AND WINTER "TO DO" LIST –YOURS TOO?



In between writing our quarterly newsletters, communicating with supporters, and arranging service help in homes, Marijon has been dedicating time to write a **BOOK** of the stories of **CATS -ARE-PURRSONS -TOO/ TOUCHED BY AN ANIMAL'S 37 YEARS**. Such **BEAUTIFUL CATS -EACH ONE A unique blessing—AND WONDERFUL PEOPLE** gentle and kind to animals, should not be lost in memories! Can you share **your special stories** of your precious pets, and **your association with CAPT/TBA** especially those long ago? Also, are you an avid **Scrapbooker?** Marijon would like to hear from you.

Planning for 2021 – A GOOD YEAR TO COME

A wonderful thing about cats—(I am reminded by my soundly sleeping rescue cat) is that they live contentedly in the **PRESENT MOMENT**, and do not let worries about the future, or even scary memories of their past, disturb their trusting sleep **NOW**.



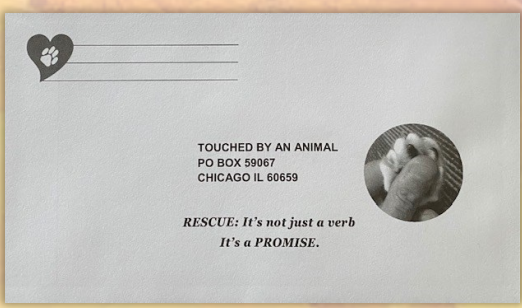
This feline teaching helps me to plan **TOUCHED BY AN ANIMAL'S 2021 CALENDAR**, for surely we can trust that 2021 will be a better year for all of us! One thing we do know is that each month will certainly bring **new opportunities and unforeseeable challenges** facing animals and caring people that our Mission, our staff and volunteers can help – to the extent that timely donations, regular supporters provide. I can't stress enough how important to our budget regular monthly donations are to meet unexpected pop-up needs. No matter the size of each monthly donation, this **steady, reliable income** can make the deciding difference for critical requests coming that month.



We do not send this calendar automatically to everyone – only to supporters who request it. **PLEASE CHECK** the box on the enclosed response card and become a **MONTHLY ENABLER** of **TOUCHED BY AN ANIMAL'S** vital Mission.



DECEMBER 2020						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Hanukkah	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Winter Begins	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa	27
28	29	30	31			
31						



Next on my daily TO DO LIST (actually several times a day!) is to STOP and pet, play with, observe, and listen to my cat/dog. We who are blessed with such companion know that is never "wasted time", but essential to our well-being (and theirs) emotionally, mentally, physically, intuitively – even more so in these trying, stressful times. Just to stop and enjoy, we FEEL our stress levels go down.

TOP of my AUTUMN TO DO LIST is to seek each week some ABSORPTION IN NATURE. The Japanese call this "Forest Bathing." A recent scientific study says that we humans NEED about 2 1/2 hours per week communing with nature. I walk or drive -- slowly – some may bike – through nearby forest preserves, parks, gardens, nature centers, lakefront, dog parks, just marveling at the beauty of trees, birds, ground cover, squirrels, deer – God's creations to show us aspects of "His Image and Likeness." This, of course, leads me to pray, maybe journal, and definitely feel more hopeful and able to ride through the many destabilizing pandemics of 2020 to meet unknown challenges of 2021.



A dog is God's reminder that we do not walk alone!



A meow massages the heart.

Back home, my cats greet me with THEIR "TO DO LIST," top of which is afternoon treats and another brief playtime.

A telephone call interrupts my planned "TO DO" list as someone, and some animals need immediate help-- and a listening, understanding, immediate response. A woman died in her apartment, and her 2 cats have been there alone for a week. The landlord wants to prepare the place for rental. He would take the cats to the city shelter, but cannot lure them out from hiding or put them in "boxes" for transport. I assure him that we will come to get the cats – as soon as I can make several calls to find a volunteer who can do so, or send a staff person as soon as possible. Sadly this kind of call comes all too often.

So please look at your trusting, totally dependent pet and if you have not done so, PLEASE ADD to YOUR TO DO LIST now, MAKING CLEAR PROVISION FOR YOUR COMPANION ANIMAL— in writing—and communicate this to those who can carry it out. Enclosed is a brochure to help you make and communicate your plan.



TO DO NOW -PLAN FOR YOUR PET'S FUTURE CARE



WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO YOUR BELOVED ANIMALS IF YOU ARE NO LONGER IN THE PICTURE?

You can keep your promise to take care of them always. You can reward their gift to you of unconditional trust. You can share forever love by planning now.

Life is uncertain for all of us, no matter what age. Please make a transition, temporary or life-long, easier for your pet and for the person or organization who will welcome your furry friend to a new home.

YOUR FOREVER LOVE LEGACY

Remember **THE TOUCH OF YOUR BELOVED ANIMAL WHEN YOU PLAN YOUR Will, Estate, Trust or Endowment.**

Your future gift can help **TOUCHED BY AN ANIMAL**, continue its Mission and leave a legacy of forever love stories to be told in your name and memory - long after those of your lifetime.

Your loving gift will honor that very special bond between a human and companion animal recognized only by those who have shared it.

Your attorney or financial advisor can help you plan such a legacy gift toward the Mission of **TOUCHED BY AN ANIMAL, INC.** a 501(c) (3) Illinois Not-For-Profit organization. Donations are tax deductible and used solely for the benefit of companion animals.

If your beloved companion animal may need lifetime care as part of your legacy, please discuss this with us in advance.

Steps I can take:

1. Think **FIRST** of asking a trustworthy relative or friend with whom your pet will be more comfortable than in a shelter.
2. Choose a 2nd person or small cage-free shelter after conversations and visit.
3. Draft a written agreement for lifetime care of your pet. Both of you sign it and keep with your Will and valuable papers.
4. Designate an amount of money to go with your animal friend to whoever takes over its lifetime care. Realize its health care will be more expensive as it ages. Be as generous as your funds allow.
5. Make sure the funds are immediately accessible . Your pet's healthcare can't wait for probate!
6. Keep vet records, vaccine certificates in a file that is easy to find so it can go with your pet.

My Pet Is Home Alone!

IN THE EVENT THAT I AM INJURED OR UNWELL, PLEASE CONTACT THE PERSON LISTED ON THE BACK OF THIS CARD, SO THEY KNOW TO CHECK ON MY Pet



MY NAME

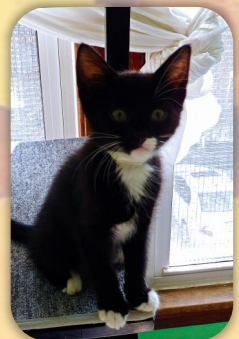
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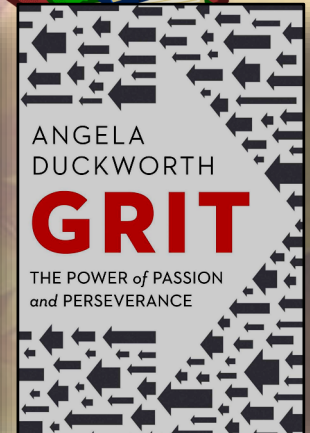
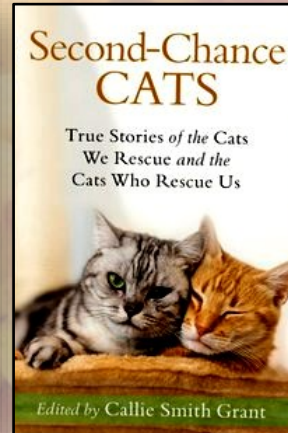
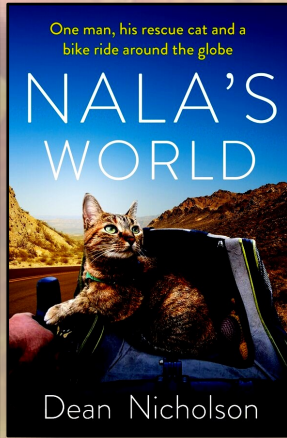
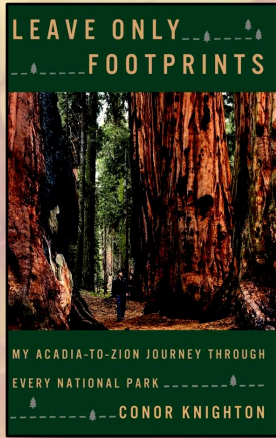
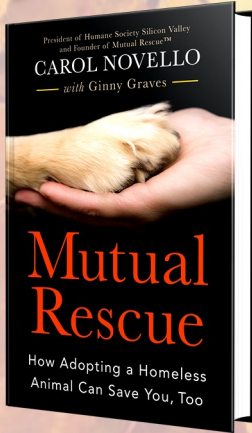
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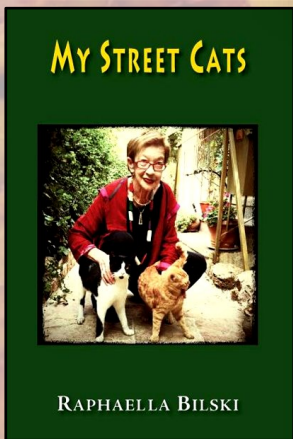
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My current TO DO READING LIST – You might like these too!



Order Mutual Rescue from Touched By An Animal for \$20 plus postage or free pickup.



My Street Cats offers a rare insight into the lives of community of street cats in Jerusalem, their personalities and social behavior spanning over 14 years. Profits go to research for Feline Infectious Peritonitis. About the Author: "I'm a political scientist, teacher, writer, and previous adviser to three of Israel's Prime Ministers: Yitzhak Rabin, Yitzhak Shamir, and Shimon Peres."

Fun to Do: Bake treats for your pet's Thanksgiving

Kitty Kisses

"A SPECIAL TREAT FOR THE SPECIAL FELINE FRIEND IN YOUR LIFE. THESE LITTLE KISSES WILL SURELY MAKE YOUR CAT HAPPY."

Preheat oven to 350°F
Mix ingredients in a small bowl.

- Cat Nip 1 TSP
- One 5.5 oz. Can of Cat Food, Tuna, or Chicken

Puree until smooth

Spoon into a resealable bag and cut a small hole in the corner.
Squeeze 1/2 inch kisses onto a parchment lined baking sheet.

Bake for 15 Minutes

Let cool and store in an airtight container.

Yummy!

Cheesy Dog Treats:

- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 cup all purpose flour
- 1/4 cup nonfat dry milk
- 2 teaspoons garlic salt
- 1/2 cup water

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
- Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- In a large bowl, mix cheeses with oil.
- Stir in flour, dry milk, and garlic salt until blended.
- Add water and knead until dough comes together.
- Roll dough on a lightly floured surface to 1/4 inch thickness, and cut out treats using a cookie cutter.
- Repeat until all dough is used.
- Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, or until treats are golden brown. Allow to **cool thoroughly** before serving to your four-legged friend.