



Acrobatics in our garden

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Dear Friends,

If you thought chipmunks don't climb, think again. They go to the very top of a tall tree if they think there is food to be found. This one had it a bit easier; he only had to stretch his body out to the max to get the sunflower seeds. And of course he will not let any birds eat, so I have to put out several feeders and take them all in at night. If I don't, chances are a black bear will take them down and demolish them. What we do for our critters.

Our cats and dogs have a much better and easier life than the wild life out there- all they have to do is eat, sleep and play. Of course that's thanks to all of you who support them. Without you, most of them would have gone to the pearly gates a long time ago. So, once again a huge THANK YOU to all of the following supporters of our animals:

Joe D'Alessandro, Tuftonboro
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Linda Merriam, Dresden
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John Wells received a box of cat toys from Jackie Lowney to sell at his table. At this point I also want to thank our many donors who have send us packages with toys and treats over the years- Reb is very good with our dogs, but I think she is afraid of the phone- she just will not call me to tell me the names of whomever mailed us a package. But whenever we go to the Shelter, I find new toys or treats, so I know the animals do get your care packages, and we all thank you very much.

We received a check from Harry Clark in memory of his parents, Lorena and Harry, Sr.

Bonnie Buckmore collected cash from the donation boxes and John Wells once again set up a table to collect money for the Shelter. John and I had talked about how hard it is to get volunteers, to either help walk dogs or just play with them. Also very important, to take over John's table for a couple of hours on a Saturday or Sunday. If it would not be for our "old" volunteers, there would be no one doing anything with the dogs, or for them.

John Wells said:

"You would not believe the number of people who tell me each weekend that Charley's is just the place they've been looking for and that they will definitely call to arrange a time they can help. They love animals so much that they would do anything they could to be able to do something for them..."

Either they are to scared to call, or our phone does not work, because strangely we never hear from them. Anyway, to all of our supporters a HUGE THANK YOU!

We need a little additional help this month to pay our tax bill: the Town of Benton has sent us an invoice of \$657, which we need to pay by September 30th. So, if you can help, please do. Either make the check directly to "Town of Benton", which means that you can not claim it on your tax-return, or to us, which means I can send you a receipt and you can claim it as a donation. Thank you very much.

And a bit of dog-news: No one was interested in King, until a couple of weeks ago, and then we had two inquiries for him on the same day. So Reb of course wanted him to go to the best home, and King went on a weekend play-date. When Monday came around, King was brought back to the Shelter. He harassed the poor cat all weekend long. So Reb called the other couple who had also fallen in love with King, but it was too late; they had already adopted a dog from the Humane Society. But that was just as well, because the other dog now has a chance of a good life, too. Who knows if he would have been put down, or not? But we do know that King is a lovable dog, but not for a cat-household.

And that's all the news for this month.

I am enclosing three tickets again, if you don't want to buy them, maybe you can give them to someone else, or just throw them away.

Mary's Cat Report follows.

Have a great month of September

Gabriele, Mary, Ted, Eric and Jim

CAT REPORT – AUGUST 2018

If no news is good news, we're doing all right again this month. Everyone seems to be feeling well; in fact, most of the cats do better than I do when the weather is hot and humid. A couple 90-degree afternoons I had to collect cats from the sunny porch one by one and carry them into the slightly cooler house until evening.

When I found myself with an empty and unneeded big cardboard box a couple weeks ago, I remembered the FIV cats hadn't had a box in a while and put it out there. In the dining room, it would have lasted a few days before Lucien and Feather led their friends in shredding it. In the FIV room, Tiger adopted it as his bed and it's still intact, though getting a bit furry on the inside where he sheds. In this weather they've all been shedding; I have mostly bare floors in my house, but when I haven't cleaned for a couple days you'd think I had fuzzy gray rugs everywhere.

The cats got several gifts this month. Shonna Humphrey, who works with our friend Bonnie, brought a whole case of canned kitten food – this house has no kittens right now (knock on wood), but as you've probably noticed we're part of a feline-helper network, so I passed it on to someone with kittens. Pepper Charles and Shirley gave them cat food, and Suzanne Belisle, Kim Doherty and Al Smith sent useful coupons. As always, many thanks!