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ETH News

2023 Year in Review

My 2023 Year in Review is now available on the home page of my website.

The review gives the total of my donations for 2023, where my donation boxes are located along with the photos of the animals and a list of the non-profits that I was able to help with the donations that I had received.

Please check it out.

Pet Memoriams

Upload your favorite full color photo of your beloved pet. Write a memoriam in your own words or select a poem from the available list and follow the instructions. Here is the link to create a memoriam: <https://www.emailstoheaven.org/blog/> or visit my website and select "Create a Memoriam" under the Memoriam tab.

Please consider donating. Your support will help fund my Finley's Wish program. Finley's Wish sponsors homeless shelter pets who are seniors, have special needs, a bonded pair or have been at a shelter way longer than normal by paying their adoption fee. You can read Finley's story on my website and view a list of those shelter animals Finley's Wish has sponsored since March 2021. All animals sponsored through November 2023 have been adopted. You can also create a memoriam for a beloved family member or a friend. Thank you for your support.

If love could have saved you,
you would have lived forever.



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Junior Board of Director

I am looking for 2 students who would be interested in joining my board of directors. They would help me with fundraisers for my Finley's Wish Program so I can help more homeless pets. They would also attend board meetings via video and help me search online for sponsors.

The student must be at least 16 years old. If you have a son or daughter/grandson or granddaughter, niece or nephew who would be interested, please email me to schedule a time to discuss my program further with you.

Not only would they be helping a nonprofit but this is something they can add to their resume. I remember when I first graduated from high school and started looking for a job. On the applications that I filled out, it was concerning not being able to list a reference or any experience. I would like to help those who may need a helping hand after graduation by being that reference and listing their work with my nonprofit. All I need is a student who is willing to help me make a difference.

"Finley's Wish is for every homeless pet to find their forever home"



You can visit [Dogzasters.com](https://www.dogzasters.com) for other articles that maybe helpful to you and your pet.

These are two of my pets that I lost in 2023, Roxxy and Tyler. I miss them dearly.

Tyler Evans/Dogzasters.com

Tyler Evans from Dogzasters.com has written 3 articles for my nonprofit:

1. How to Embrace Pet Adoption as a Frequent Jet-Setter
2. The Ultimate Guide for First Time Pet Owners/Expert Tips and Advice
3. Soothing Steps—Finding Comfort After Your Pet's Departure

Please visit my website and click on "About Finley's Wish" and at the bottom of Finley's story you will see a list of articles. Those written by Tyler are listed with his name. Just click on the article you would like to read and the article will open in a new tab.



PETS POINT OF VIEW

My life is likely to last 10 to 15 years. Any separation from you will be painful for me. Remember that before you get me.

Don't be angry with me for long, and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, entertainment, and friends. I only have you.

Talk to me sometimes. Even if I don't understand your words, I understand your voice.

Be aware that however you treat me, I'll never forget.

Please don't hit me.

Before you scold me for being uncooperative, obstinate, or lazy, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right foods, or I've been out in the sun too long, or my heart is getting old or weak.

Take care of me when I get old. You too will grow old.

Go with me on difficult journeys. Never say "I can't bear to watch," or "Let it happen in my absence." Everything is easier for me if you are there. Remember... I LOVE YOU.

I come across a lot of quotes, prayers and other writings on Facebook but this one I feel everyone should read before they get a pet. I used to be a cat/kitten foster mom for a local shelter and I ended up adopting several of my fosters. I also took in strays that someone discarded on my road. I even saw one kitten being thrown out a car window but the car was gone before I got to the top of my driveway to get their license plate. I did find that kitten a home.

Also on Facebook are many stories of animals being rescued from horrible conditions but each of those stories have the same beginning, the animal was either abused or abandoned by its owner. The ones that upset me the most are the animals that are left in their crate without food or water and the owners moved on leaving them behind.

Many of the animals that I have read about while looking for sponsors had their own story to tell, they were surrendered at no fault of their own, their owner had passed away, hoarding situations, or they were picked up as a stray.

When selecting an animal to sponsor, I look for seniors, ones with special needs, a bonded pair or animals that have been at a shelter way longer than normal. Finley's Wish has sponsored a total of 39 animals since March 2, 2021 with a total of \$3045.00 paid in adoption fees.

To the right are my 2023 sponsors. From top to bottom: Jersey, Jeopardy, Tiger, Rubyann, Pixie, Murphy, Benji and Blot. All have been adopted.



Thank
You



2023 United Way Campaign

UPMC Health Plan has their annual United Way Campaign every fall. I ran my final United Way acknowledgement report on January 2, 2024. A big hug and thank you goes out to Amelia, Dave and Judy who selected my non-profit as their charity of choice.



Write an Email

After my husband passed away I found it hard to visit his grave so I wrote to him instead. Each time I wrote to him I wish I could have hit the send button.

When I created my website, my guests can not only create a memorial but they can also write to a loved one. I give them an option to hide their letter, which 8 of my guests so far have chose to hide theirs so I could not publish them on my website. Those letters were heartbreaking. There are other letters on my website you can read which I would like to share one with you below. A student named Claire wrote to her dog Amelia. Another student wrote to his dog on the same day/same time so I am guessing the same teacher helped them both with navigating my website. I wish I knew who the teacher was who helped her students. I would like to thank her for helping them with grieving the loss of their pets.

Amelia

Hi Amelia! It's Claire. My teacher showed me that I can write a message to heaven so I asked to write to you. I love you and miss you. I always know you're there because I feel you next to me. Your pillow and toy are on my bed. They still smell like you.

Love always, Claire

Big Thank You

A big thank you goes out the following area businesses who are helping my nonprofit by collecting donations at their place of business.

Agway in Imperial

Sil's Market in Oakdale

Sincerely Yogurt in Bridgeville



Thank you!

“Kindness is everything, so don’t hesitate to share it. The impact of your kindness will go a long way to bring light into someone’s darkness.”

National Day for Widows/Widowers

Creating a National Day has been a challenge. I started off speaking with my Congressman’s Legislative Correspondent back in November 2022 about this and was told what steps I needed to take to help with the process. I started a Change.org petition to get support and I recorded my progress on my petition. Needless to say, the end result of my efforts was to go through the private sector to create this day. After 8 months, I was told that Congress does not create a national day such as this. So I started researching on line on how to create a national day and with whom. The National Day Archives website gave very detailed step by step information on how to create a national day so I followed the instructions and did the necessary write up that was needed along with the requested photo. My day was approved within 24 hours after I submitted my application. When I was searching online I remember reading that it costs \$495 to list a national day. I was shocked when I received a listing fee of \$1035.70. I emailed the representative back to asked if there is a discount code for

nonprofits. I received a response with a code for 15% off the listing fee. The link that was sent to pay the fee was not a private link so I emailed the representative back but I never received a response. So I began my search for another website to apply. I found the National Day Calendar. I completed their application on October 27th. It stated there is a 6-8 week response time but I never heard from anyone. On December 27th, I called the phone# listed on their website. I spoke with Alice. She said my day was not approved but could not tell me why. She suggested to resubmit, an example given by her, as National Widowed Persons Day. She also stated that my national day is a good idea. They get, on average, over 30,000 applications per year and only approve 20-25 of those National Days. I resubmitted my application on December 28th. I am still waiting on a response. I was told they only notify you if your day is approved.

WHY IS THIS NATIONAL DAY IMPORTANT?

For those husband and wives that lost their lives to cancer (or other illnesses), natural causes, accidents, in the line of duty (military and first responders), 9/11, mass shootings, medical mistakes and COVID-19, we remember those lives lost on the date of their death.

For the husband and wives that have lost their spouse, life after the death of a spouse is challenging and the silence and emptiness is overwhelming. For those who have no one to rely on, we need to remind them that we are there for them, that we care and that they are not walking through life alone.

Brock's Christmas Wish to See Again



My name is Brock. I am a little guy and six years old. I have had a hard and lonely life living in a "holler" in WV, chained to a tree. I have never had a toy or a blanket. My family fed me, but never showed me any love. I am now blind and have Lyme's disease. At Angel Ridge Animal Rescue, a veterinarian will make me better and try to restore my sight. My Christmas wish is to know the love of my own family, and to be able to see the faces of the people who love me. Please contribute to Brock's veterinary bill and eye surgery.

God Bless and Merry Christmas!

Brock/Angel Ridge Animal Rescue

This is Brock and Brock's story. I don't understand why people get a dog if they are not going to make the dog part of their family. And they see nothing wrong with tethering the dog outside 24/7—365 without proper shelter no matter what the weather is like. I don't know what West Virginia laws are on tethering, but in Pennsylvania a dog cannot be tethered outside no more than 30 minutes especially in bad weather. I tried to find the law on Pennsylvania's General Assembly website about tethering to give you more information. I searched with several different words but I didn't find what I was looking for.

With the donations that I received in December, on December 26th I made an exception to donate \$100 through my Veterinary Services Assistance Program to help Angel Ridge with Brock's veterinary bill and eye surgery.

I hope Brock is able to receive all the medical care that he needs and finds a Pet Parent who will make him part of their family. He deserves a much better life moving forward and more.

Pet Loss Support Group

In the article, "Soothing Steps, Finding Comfort After Your Pet's Departure", Tyler mentions joining a pet loss support group. So I started researching and found there are no pet loss support groups in our area. I found tips on how to start a support group. After my dog Roxxy died last April, my other dog Baylee became depressed. She would look for Roxxy, cry when I left the house, lack of appetite and always so sad looking. I would like my support group to be, not only for Pet Parents, but canines as well. I live on a rural road so we don't see too many pet parents walking their dogs. When Baylee does see another dog, her mood changes for the day. She seems happier. Maybe she feels she is the only one. I know Baylee would enjoy going to the group meetings and meeting other dogs. Hopefully it will help other dogs as well. I will keep you posted of my progress.

Meet Buster and Connie. Two sweethearts who are waiting for their forever home at the Butler County Humane Society. Buster is 6 years old and Connie is 14. They are Finley's Wish first sponsors for 2024.

