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ETH News

Pet Loss Support Group Update

Our third support group meeting was held on Tuesday July 30th. We have meetings scheduled the last Tuesday of each month through November. You can find the schedule on the home page of my website. At our July 30th meeting I talked about writing to loved ones even pets and the benefits of writing. Even talking out loud is also therapeutic. We are creating a memorial wall as well.



Singing Voice of a Beagle

I miss my Beagle Roxxy every day. My home is very quiet without her. She had a beautiful singing voice. Even though she was small, she had a powerful voice and she sang for no reason. I decided to do some research on why Beagles sing. This is what I found. They also have video's online that you can watch Beagles singing and the Beagle Buddy Mercury who played the piano.

Beagles are known for their distinctive vocalizations, which can range from a melodious howl to a demanding bark. One of the most iconic sounds a Beagle makes is its howl. This long, drawn-out vocalization can be heard when they pick up a scent trail or when they're left alone for extended periods. While some howling is instinctual for hunting purposes, excessive howling could be a sign of separation anxiety or distress. 🐾 🐾

Additionally, there have been some famous musical Beagles that captured hearts around the world. For instance, Buddy Mercury, a piano-playing Beagle, gained popularity for his musical talents. Sadly, Buddy Mercury has passed away, but his legacy lives on as fans remember his unique performances. 🎹 🎶



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2024 Great Nonprofits Badge

I have been working on getting my 2024 badge since the end of February. You would think that it would be easy getting 10 people to write a review but actually it was a challenge. I earned my badge on June 26th. So I want to say thank you to those supporters who took the time out of their busy schedules to write a review to help me earn my badge. For those who have not written one yet there is still time. You have until the end of the September. The more 4 or 5 star reviews I get, the further up the list my nonprofit moves too which places me in a better position for being recognized by donors. Great Nonprofits creates a top rated list at the end of each review period that they make available to their top contributors.



"When I woke up and realized it wasn't a bad dream, my heart broke all over again" ~ Unknown



IT TAKES SIX MINUTES

Despite the warnings, hundreds of dogs in the U.S. die every year after being left in a hot car. If you are not taking your dog inside your destination with you, PLEASE leave them at home where they are comfortable and safe.

Dogs Die in Hot Cars

DOGS DIE IN HOT CARS

Leave dogs at home, never in a car!



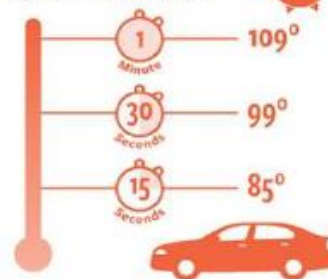
Every year hundreds of dogs die from being left in cars. It can take less than a minute for mild temperatures to become deadly. **Dogs should never be left in cars**, not even for "just a minute", "with the AC on", or "with the window cracked".

Recognize the symptoms:

Heatstroke strikes quickly, and it's a medical emergency that can lead to multi-organ failure and death.

- Excessive drooling
- Excessive panting
- Dry nose
- Vomiting
- Trouble breathing
- Lethargy
- Disorientation
- Unsteadiness
- Muscle tremors
- Diarrhea
- Restlessness
- Seizure
- Respiratory arrest
- Whining or growling
- Discolored gums

On a 75 °F day temperatures can rise dramatically inside a car



What you can do & where

31 States and the District of Columbia have "Hot Car" laws to protect animals, but even where citizens are protected from liability for breaking in to rescue them, law enforcement typically needs to be called first.

You can intervene and may be protected from civil or criminal liability under "Good Samaritan" laws if you live in:



Dogs most at risk are:

- Seniors
- Overweight
- Brachycephalic (flat-faced)



IF YOU SEE A DOG IN A HOT CAR, CALL 911 AND DOCUMENT THE SITUATION

Medicare and Obamacare

In June I wrote to Senator Casey, Senator Fetterman and Congressman Reschenthaler about protecting Social Security and Medicare. I never heard from Fetterman, Senator Casey's responses are always the same but Congressman Reschenthaler told me something I did not know. In his one paragraph he starts off with "As you may know". No I did not know, did you? Obama and Biden should never have touched Medicare to pay for this health care program. These politicians just can't keep taking money from programs meant for others to pay for their campaign promises. They need to put that money back.

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As you may know, under the Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148), more commonly known as "Obamacare," \$716 billion was cut from Medicare. Under the Obama-Biden Administration, these drastic cuts impacted hospitalization, Medicare Advantage, home health agencies, and skilled nursing facilities. I strongly oppose the reduction of benefits like what occurred under Obamacare.

Property Tax Reform –A letter I sent to my State Representative on July 1, 2024



Where is the property tax reform we have been promised so many years ago? I just got my Canon-Mac tax bill for 2024 and they raised the school taxes again. The extra \$130 you gave to homeowners in my salary range for the property tax/rent rebate program doesn't even cover the amount my school taxes were increased too. So where is making the lives of property owners better with this so called "huge" rebate increase when you must use that extra rebate to pay for the increase in school taxes? You politicians promised voters property tax reform just to get elected. It is about time you step up and live up to that promise before more seniors lose their homes to sheriff sales. Even Senator Bartolotta stated in her newsletters about making Pennsylvania a better place to live for seniors. It's about time you made it happen.



Baby Animals



Be kind to all animals



Letter to Senator Bartolotta on June 21, 2024

I am asking that you please move HB1210 out of your committee so that the full state Senate can vote on it.

HB1210 is a crucial bill allowing judges to include companion animals in Protection From Abuse orders (PFAs) in Pennsylvania. As your constituent, I believe it is our responsibility to speak out against any form of abuse, including the use of animals as a means of control and harm.

Currently, Pennsylvania is one of the only states that does not allow judges to include animals in PFAs. This leaves many victims of domestic violence in the difficult position of having to choose between their safety and the well-being of their pets. Seventy-five percent of abused women with pets report a history of their companion animal being threatened or intentionally harmed by their intimate partner, often with chil-

dren present and witnessing the violence over 90% of the time.

HB1210 passed out of the PA House in the summer of 2023 but has been sitting in your Committee since then. This bill must move forward to provide much-needed protection for both human and animal victims of domestic violence.

By supporting HB1210, you will make a significant difference in the lives of animals and ensure that Pennsylvania does not lag behind other states in protecting survivors of domestic violence and their pets. Please listen to the voice of your constituents and take decisive action to pass HB1210. Thank you!

I never received a response. I wonder why? I am guessing it is not a priority to help pets who are victims of domestic violence.



HB2139 Live Pigeon Shoots—Letter to my State Representative Jason Ortitay

On June 24th I sent a letter to my State Representative Jason Ortitay about a Facebook post asking everyone to help get HB2139 passed. This is why:





URGENT: Help end cruel pigeon shoots in Pennsylvania! Live pigeon shoots are barbaric contests where live birds who have been captured, often illegally from neighboring states, are shot at close range. Shooters earn points for each bird they hit, causing unnecessary suffering, often leaving many wounded rather than killed outright.

Despite the availability of challenging clay shoots, Pennsylvania remains the one of the last states where these notoriously cruel events are regularly held.

Please contact your state representative TODAY and ask them to pass HB 2139 to finally outlaw these barbaric contests in Pennsylvania.

I told Ortitay that our government should be ashamed of themselves to allow this cruelty to take place. I never received a response from him on this letter or the letter I sent to him on July 1st on Property Tax Reform. Ortitay is up for re-election in November. I think he has over stayed his welcome and is lacking on his duties. I will be voting for the other candidate this coming election. Hopefully he will do better.

Update on The Keystone's Post on Pennsylvania's Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program. They updated their Facebook post to include widows and widowers over 50. Nice to know that someone finally listened to me. It is sad though that this tax cut is being called the largest in nearly two decades. Your salary range determines the amount you get. For many, that dollar amount came to \$130.00. The maximum dollar amount is \$350.00 which is for those making under \$8000.00. After nearly two decades of no changes to this program, Shapiro could have done better.


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Gov. Josh Shapiro delivered on “getting stuff done” during his first year in office, and that included expanding the Property Tax and Rent Rebate program for the first time in nearly 20 years.

Seniors over the age of 65, widows or widowers over 50 and disabled residents over 18 are encouraged to apply for the rebate through the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue's website, <http://mypath.pa.gov>.



Pennsylvania residents have until Dec. 31, 2024 to apply for their rebates.... [See more](#)

“
We delivered the largest targeted tax cuts for seniors in nearly two decades. We made a commitment and we kept it and we delivered for all of you.”



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**JUST A REMINDER WHEN YOU ARE
ADOPTING A PET:**

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO MEET
THE SCARED ONES, THE SHY ONES,
THE ONES THAT DON'T STICK OUT TO YOU,
THE ONES WITH THE BORING COLORS
OR MISSING LIMBS,
THE OLDER ONES, THE FRAIL ONES.
THEY HAVE NOT GIVEN UP.
THEY JUST NEED YOU.
AND MAYBE YOU JUST NEED THEM TOO.



Life of a Homeless Pound Dog

Now I have arrived at your home,
everything is strange, and I don't feel good.
Do not feel impatient If I don't sleep in my new basket.
Yesterday, I slept on a stone floor.
Do not be terrified if I gobble up my food.
Yesterday, I had to do it to survive.
Do not get angry if I pee on your floor.
Yesterday, it did not matter.
Do not be sad if I am afraid of your loving hand. Yesterday, I did not
have one.
Have patience with me, it's your world but not yet mine.
If I trust you, I can give you the greatest gift I have to give..

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Please never forget, I was a pound dog
All I need is some time to adjust.

"There is nothing more beautiful than a person who goes out of their way to make life beautiful for others" ~ *Silversurfers*

Comical Animals

Something to make you smile.



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