

# Room in Your Heart

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It's been another busy and successful year for WAG, and we are proud of what we accomplished. In 2008, we placed more than 100 animals in loving homes, and, as always, it makes everything worthwhile when we see the happy faces after a successful placement. Thanks to our continued careful screening and foster-first program, we are maintaining our 99% successful placement rate.

We wish we could say that we are getting fewer calls about animals that need our assistance, but unfortunately, during these hard times for so many people, that number has risen again. So we are asking you to support this annual appeal, Room In Your Heart, more than ever before.

As is always the case, the worse the economy gets, the more calls we get. We are now averaging 50 calls a day, twice our usual rate, almost all for surrenders. We are getting calls from people who are living in their cars, calls from the authorities about abandoned animals, and calls from people who are in desperate straits but are still trying to make sure their animals are cared for and safe, even if they can no longer keep them. Coupled with this is the fact that fewer people are looking to adopt animals during these uncertain times. So our program to help animals that need special care or are with us long term, Room in Your Heart, has many more animals than usual, and it is these animals that we are asking you to support right now. Currently, it costs us about \$250 a year to care for a cat, and \$500 for a dog. The more money we take in, the more animals we can help.

WAG has no paid staff; we are all volunteers, so your gift will go directly towards animal care. Please use the attached form to make as generous a donation as you can, or you can donate online at [www.wearewag.org](http://www.wearewag.org). If you could increase your support from last year, we would be so grateful. As always, you can pick an animal to support from the enclosed flyer, or you can make a general donation to the program and let us use it where it is needed most.

As always, your gift of any size is greatly appreciated. We thank you, and the animals thank you.

Sincerely,



Dave Bowers, President

P.S. Room In Your Heart sponsorships make great holiday gifts! Contact us at 529-5443 or at [wearewag@gsinet.net](mailto:wearewag@gsinet.net) for more information.

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## 2008 WAG Annual Appeal: Room in Your Heart

Mail to: WAG, PO Box 572, Weare, NH 03281

To use a credit card, or donate online, go to [www.wearewag.org/donations.htm](http://www.wearewag.org/donations.htm)

Gift Amount:

- \$25.00       Sponsor \$50.00       Guardian Angel \$100  
 Patron \$250       Good Samaritan \$500       Presidents Circle \$1,000       Other \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make  quarterly  monthly gifts. Animal I would like to support: \_\_\_\_\_

This is a gift for: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## ... and there's more



TY is a Room animal because, while he is great with all people and cats, this shepherd-boxer mix is not good with other dogs. This five-year-old is not as big as you'd think based on his parentage—he's about 55 lbs.—but he's very energetic. Thankfully, he is very playful and loves to retrieve, which help him to blow off steam. He had no training when we

got him, so his foster family has been working diligently on basics. While he's very smart, Ty's problem is he loves attention so much, he just wants to skip the training part and get to the praise. But he's already made great progress and would be a terrific companion as an only dog with someone who can give him the structure and exercise that he needs.



MURRAY has been with WAG since her owner had to go into a nursing home a couple of years ago. A beautiful salt-and-pepper calico, unfortunately, her facial markings make her look mad all the time, which couldn't be farther from the truth. This sweet, loves-to-

snuggle beach ball with feet couldn't be nicer. But her age (11) and her desire to be an only pet has made finding a permanent home for her a challenge.

The WAG family lost these Room animals this year. Although they weren't adopted, they were loved and are greatly missed by their foster families:

**JIMMY DEAN** – Quiet black cat

**DEUCE** – Sweet white cat

**FRANKIE** – Frankie was emblematic of everything WAG stands for. This Lab-Shar Pei cross came to us as a two-year old, and he was a handful: he didn't like other dogs, cats, or kids, and this dog, who really was a genius, could escape from anywhere. Nevertheless, he was a sweetheart and a lot of fun, so we worked hard and eventually placed him with a gentleman who adored him and indulged him daily in his favorite activity: car rides. They were inseparable. They had a couple of good years together, and then the man died. WAG took Frankie back and spent the next several years trying to find him another appropriate home. Thankfully, during those years Frankie lived with and was loved by two stellar foster moms, who did so many wonderful things for him, including taking him for those car rides every day. However, finding a suitable home for a Houdini of a dog who needs to be an only pet is never easy, so we never did find another family to adopt him. He died this summer at the age of 17, and he is greatly missed by all of the people who got to know him over the years.

### Old Friends

**A little too temperamental for most people's tastes:** Pumpkin (humongous Maine Coon who's a bit fickle), Lovey-Dovey (deaf white angora with 32 toenails who doesn't like having them clipped), Pattycake (dogs have masters; cats have staff; Pattycake, a Puurrrrsian, has slaves).

**Sweet, but too shy to show well:** Willy & Olivia (orange-and-white angora cats), Gillie and Banjo (orange cats), Joey (black angora), Peaches (calico), Sawyer (black tux), Bam-Bam (Himalayan), Shortbread (orange cat with 32 toenails)

**Special diets make these cats undesirable:** Kramer (double-pawed black-and-white cat), Boris (huge double-pawed orange angora cat).

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HELP US TO CARE FOR AND PLACE THESE FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS.

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