

The Merrick Fund Foundation e-Newsletter

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Central Pennsylvania – Are You Ready?

Welcome to the first edition of The Merrick Fund Foundation e-Newsletter. Here you will meet our first benefactor, little Alex, a SharPei-Chow mix who came to the Humane Society as a stray. Alex had serious allergy problems; her skin was mostly open and raw. She also had a thyroid problem and lost most of her hair. She had a serious yeast infection on her skin and we afterward learned she is violently allergic to yeast. The Merrick Fund Foundation paid for the Allergy Profile and once these allergies were addressed she became a pleasant, attentive adoptable pet, no longer itching in agony. Little Alex is friendly with children, other dogs and cats, has the run of the house, is currently being fostered in the Middletown area and can be seen by appointment.



Introducing the Merrick Fund Foundation

Thanks to the caring citizens of Central Pennsylvania, now those animals with catastrophic medical problems can get the

treatment they need. The Merrick Fund Foundation is a special medical fund set up to help with emergency veterinary care and catastrophic medical care for un-owned animals. It is funded solely by public donations and 100% of those donations goes directly to medical care for the animals. Please see the last page of this newsletter. All who donate to the fund and who have an e-mail address will receive future issues of the e-Newsletter. The e-Newsletter keeps donors informed of all those animals who benefit from this fund. Additional levels of sponsorship "open the books", enabling the sponsor to see how much money is in the fund, how much is donated and how it is spent on the animals.

Who is Merrick?

02/28/2007 AP - John L. Shafer said he had no explanation for why he left his 9-year-old yellow Lab, Merrick, to starve to death. Cumberland County Judge Skip Ebert gave Shafer, 31, of Silver Spring Twp., two chances to explain the abandonment before sentencing him to 3 to 23 months in county prison and fining him \$500 on his cruelty to animals' conviction. Ebert called the "long and unnecessary cruelty" to the dog unconscionable. An investigator said Merrick had been without food or water for two or three weeks before he died. Police said Shafer left the Labrador retriever, which had belonged to his father, in an East Pennsboro Twp. apartment after he and his wife separated in April. Merrick escaped from the apartment and was emaciated and too weak to stand when a mail carrier found him June 24, police said. Bees had built a nest in a tumor that bulged from the dog's side. Merrick died as he was being taken to a veterinarian. A necropsy showed the dog died from dehydration and starvation, police said.

Marshall



Meet Marshall, a sweet dog who was tied up and shot at repeatedly. He lost all feeling in his back left leg and subsequently chewed his foot. Homeward Bound Rescue contacted The Merrick Fund Foundation for costs to amputate his leg. He is back to running, jumping and playing with his toys. A friendly energetic soul, Marshall is awaiting his new forever home and a buddy to play with.

un-owned animal in distress being cared for by a non-profit rescue group or shelter. Additionally, the fund helps with catastrophic medical care.

Jersey



Little Jersey was hit by a car. The Merrick Fund Foundation contributed to the costs incurred by the Humane Society for Jersey's hip surgery. Jersey has since recovered and was adopted.

Catastrophic and Emergency Medical Care

Thanks to the generosity of Central Pennsylvanians, emergency veterinary medical care is now available 24x7 for an

Our web site is coming soon!

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In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, The Merrick Fund Foundation is registered as a non-profit corporation and is also authorized by the Department of State to solicit funds. IRS 501(c)(3) status applied for. 100% of the donations are used to pay for medical care.

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