



## A Tribute to Michael R. Frey

It is with profound sadness that we announce the recent passing of Michael R. Frey, a devoted member of the Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter Board since 2015. Serving as Vice President for the past several years, Michael was a lifelong advocate for animals and wildlife who left an enduring mark on our community. Michael R. Frey served as the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors representative for the Sully District from 1991 to 2015. He was widely recognized for his kindness and compassion, often welcoming a number of pets—especially Guinea pigs—into his office. Michael worked tirelessly during his tenure to ensure that the county’s animal shelters received the necessary funding to care for the pets entrusted to them. His commitment was particularly evident in his efforts to support the West Ox Road Shelter.

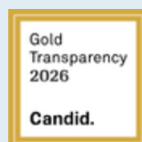
Michael was instrumental in securing the funding needed for its renovation, which culminated in a celebratory ribbon cutting in 2014. In recognition of his dedication, the West Ox Shelter was renamed in his honor in March 2017. Additionally, Michael played a vital role in the team that supported the bond and construction of the Lorton Shelter.

Michael’s love for animals extended beyond his professional responsibilities. He had a special affection for German Shepherds and, later in life, opened his home to the most vulnerable senior pets from the Shelter, providing them with love and safety in their final years. Outside of his work with animals, Michael was a lifelong Phillies fan and an avid golfer. His warmth, friendship, and unwavering commitment to animal welfare touched the lives of many. Michael R. Frey will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His legacy and good works will continue to inspire and benefit our community for years to come.

To leave a tribute, please visit the Fairfax Funeral Home Memorial obituary page by using: <https://bit.ly/4u6lSMr>.



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# SUCCESS STORIES

## Winston (formerly Loki)



Winston (formerly Loki) was surrendered to the Shelter when his previous owner could no longer afford the care needed when he reinjured his leg. Luckily Friends was able to step in and cover the costs for what was now required – a leg amputation. After successfully recuperating in foster, Winston was ready for his Adoption Audition. Lucky for all, he performed superbly and a match was made! His new family has nothing but wonderful things to say about Winston. “He has been nothing but an amazing, very loving puppy; he’s very energetic and gets along with every dog he encounters! We cannot thank you all enough for the donations for his surgery; he is doing very well adjusting to [his] three legs.”

## Pennywise



Pennywise has had a full life’s journey up to this point. He started out as a feral cat in Colorado and was subsequently domesticated. After making his way to Virginia, Pennywise’s owners had to surrender him to the Shelter due to financial reasons. Unfortunately, Pennywise needed full-mouth extractions (which Friends was able to fund). After a full recovery, Pennywise was back on his game and ready for adoption!

In less than a month’s time, Pennywise found his person. “I adopted a senior cat from the Shelter in early December [2025] and he is just perfect,” his new mom gushed. “[After his dental surgery], he is eating steadily now and shows no signs of pain. The facility and staff were amazing.”

## Nudge



Nudge was found as a stray but in general good health during the summer of 2025. At the noble age of nine, Nudge never expressed any stress or aggression at his change of fortune and was quite the gentlemen throughout his evaluations, interactions, and [fairly short] Shelter time.

Armed with a \$500 senior credit to Pender Vet (courtesy of Friends), Nudge’s new family brought him home for his next chapter. “We are so happy with the recommendation from the Shelter regarding a dog that would fit into our family. He was the greatest gift to us and I can never thank the Friends of the Fairfax [County] Shelter...THANK YOU!”

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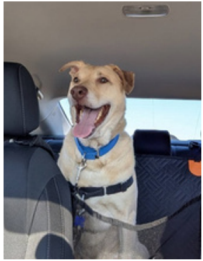
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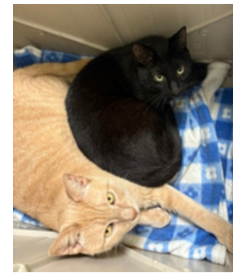
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In 2025, Friends launched a program to support senior Shelter pets. Senior pets are calm yet often overlooked gems who bond closely with their owners. They are ideal for less active households due to their lower energy. Adopting a Friends-sponsored senior pet includes a \$500 credit at Pender Veterinary Centre. Above are the available senior pets. Please note: listings may have changed since publication.

**We are having a "Spring Refresh" Online Silent Auction!**  
**Starting at Noon, April 15<sup>th</sup> and ending at Noon, April 21<sup>th</sup>**



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Friends is the 501(c)(3) nonprofit fundraising partner of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. By funding emergency medical care, dental care, spay and neuter, parasite prevention, and animal enrichment programs, Friends joins in the Shelter's effort to ensure every shelter pet is offered the best opportunity to find and remain in a loving forever home. Thank you for all that you do to make our work possible!

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## Poisonous Plants Warning

Some toxic plants that may pose a risk to curious pets:

- Easter Lily
- Oriental Lily Hybrids
- Star Gazer Lily
- Japanese Lily
- Casa Blanca Lily
- Tiger Lily
- Daylilies
- Sago Palms
- Tulips
- Oleander
- Crocus