



Tattle Tails Animal Rescue

BECAUSE A NEW FOREVER AWAITS



Dear Claudine,

Imagine you walk outside one afternoon and in the distance you hear a soft meowing.

At first you aren't concerned. After all, there are an estimated 185,000 feral cats in Baltimore.

But the meowing gets louder as you walk down the front steps towards the street. More urgent.

You can't see the source. Not yet anyway. But you can sense it is an animal in need.

You take a few more steps towards the road and the wailing grows louder.

Parked cars line the street. You crouch down hoping to see little eyes peering back from underneath one. But all you see are puddles of water from melted snow.

You are just about to walk away when another cry comes from under your old Volkswagen.

You look again. Nothing.

The animal issues another loud cry. And this time you have no doubt where the sound came from.

You pop the hood of your car.

At first you can't see anything, so you use the flashlight on your phone to look inside.



All you see is lots of dirty metal and machinery.

You shine the light down between all the heavy metal. Two little green eyes peer back.

You try to slide your fingers down to reach the animal, but the space is too tiny for human hands.

The little kitten cries again.

“It’s okay little one,” you say, trying to reassure it. “I’m going to get you out of there.” But panic is starting to seize you.

Who can you call to help save this poor baby?

Think. Think.

You look up at the sky. The sun is starting to set and a chill is filling the air. More snow is coming tonight.

You dial animal services—but all you get is a recording.

Now what?

Another cry wafts from under the hood, softer now.

The sweet kitten is sounding weaker.

I wish I could tell you that this story is the work of fiction. But it isn’t. This scary incident actually happened. And it was Tattle Tails Animal Rescue that came to the rescue of this tiny kitten.

If you’d like to see more about this rescue just go to our website, www.tattletailsanimalrescue.org.



The good news is that after 7 hours of being stuck among all that machinery and heavy metal, little Patience was finally pulled free.



And it was the support of people like you that made that rescue possible. Your support of \$25, \$50, \$75, or \$100 can ensure that the next time an animal is in need, Tattle Tails Animal Rescue will be there to respond.

Unfortunately, this is just one of many rescues that Tattle Tails Animal Rescue performs everyday. In a city with thousands of homeless dogs and 185,000 feral cats, there is always a furry friend in need.

Having worked as a rescue coordinator for another local animal welfare group, I knew there was a need for more help for the abandoned and abused animals in Baltimore.



But in so many of the cases, the rescue was just the beginning of the story.

Many of the animals in need of rescue were also in need of expensive treatment for:

- Parvo - \$1,200
- Orthopedic surgery for injuries suffered while being hit by cars or mauled by other dogs - \$2,500 +
- Severe Malnutrition from years of neglect or abandonment - \$2,000
- Mange and Systemic Infections from skin disorders left untreated - \$3,000
- Neurologic disorders from being beaten and abused - \$7,000

Vet bills could easily run \$10,000 for one individual case. And the rescue I worked for didn't have the money for such expensive treatments.

That's when I decided it was time to start my own rescue. In 2011, my friend Melody and I started Tattle Tails Animal Rescue, to give homeless and injured animals in Baltimore another shot at a new forever.

I have to admit it was slow going at first. Finding animals in need of help was the easy part. But finding the money to pay for their care was a lot harder.



But that's where people like you come in.

Little by little our community heard about our rescue and all of the animals in need.

At first it wasn't much—a few dollars offered, here and there. Sometimes people brought us bags of dog food, or old blankets to wrap our rescues in to warm their bodies and fill their bellies.

Other days stuffed toys and animal crates showed up on our doorstep just when we were about to lose hope.

Slowly people spread the word about our work and about our needs.

And it's been the support of generous people like you that has allowed us to raise the money necessary to save and treat these suffering animals. Animals like Patience.

When little Patience was finally pulled free from under the hood of that car, the damage to one of her hind legs was obvious. It was mangled. Doctor's thought amputation would be necessary.

But because of people like you, Patience got the specialized care and treatment she needed to heal her leg, without having to have surgery.



Patience in her new home

Here she is running around on all four of her healthy legs, and enjoying her new family!

I know little Patience is grateful we were there for her when she got stuck inside that car machinery. And so are we.

And with your support of \$50, \$75, or \$100, Tattle Tails Animal Rescue can go on saving the lives of abandoned and injured animals in Baltimore.



But there is still so much more work to be done.

We have only saved a small percentage of the thousands in need.

There are still so many more lives to be saved. Everyday more animals are abandoned on the streets of Baltimore. The need for rescue and intervention is never ending.

Your contribution can provide lifesaving care for homeless and injured animals:

1. **\$25 can provide vaccinations for 2 puppies**
2. **\$50 can spay or neuter two feral cats**
3. **\$75 can provide medicated baths and antibiotics for a dog with mange**
4. **\$100 can feed a mama dog and her puppies while she is nursing and get her babies their first shots**

It takes so little to make a huge difference in the lives of these animals.

We are all that separates them from the horrific fates that await them. But with your help we can give them the second chance they deserve.

For little Patience, it took one small group of people who were simply unwilling to give up. She is forever grateful, as are all the other animals we are able to help, with the support of people like you.

And just like Patience, we are forever grateful for your generosity and support.

With love and hope,

Tory

Tory Blake

Tattle Tails Animal Rescue



P.S. Your generous contribution of \$25, \$50, \$75, or \$100 will ensure that Tattle Tails Animal Rescue is always available whenever an animal is in need whether they are stuck in car machinery, or left on a street corner. Rest assured Tattle Tails Animal Rescue will be there.