

Happy Holidays & Thank You for Your Support!

Dear NYSHA Supporter,

We want to wish you hope and happiness for the upcoming year, as this stress-filled one comes to an end. During these trying times, we often gain comfort from our loving animal companions and also from remembering those who have once enriched our lives. With those thoughts in mind while sheltering at home, our Board Chairperson constructed a beautiful Rainbow Bridge that leads to the final resting place of his beloved animals. He also created an adaptation of the familiar Rainbow Bridge poem to include all animals. We bring you both, along with pictures of some of our own treasured companions who have crossed over the Bridge.



The New Rainbow Bridge

Just this side of Heaven there is a Rainbow Bridge. On the other side of the Bridge is a place of joy and wonder. It's not a small place. In fact, it's limitless and can be home to all the animals that have ever been born or ever will be born. It's a place for all the pets who have graced our homes with unconditional love. But it's also a place for all the abandoned, abused, and hurt animals – the animals from factory farms, the strays that had no home, for those animals that were hunted, those languishing in circuses, zoos, and aquariums, for those languishing in cages, for those that never knew a kind word or loving gesture.

When animals die, they go to that magic place. All the animals that had been ill or hurt or old are restored to youth and health and vigor. Those that were abused, or maimed, or suffered in despair, are made whole and strong and happy again, even if for the first time, with a happiness far, far greater than the hurt they had suffered in life. All the farm animals and wildlife and marine life and pets and others that never knew peace in life will come to know peace and joy and happiness for all eternity in that place.

There are meadows and hills and streams; there are forests and lakes and blue skies. All the animals can run, swim, and play together. There is plenty of food, water, and sunshine. And all the animals are warm and comfortable. There are no predators and prey. There are no cages and no hunger or thirst, only friendship and harmony.

But for those few animals that shared a home and a loving human family, though they are happy and content being with all the others, there is one very important thing missing; they each miss those that were very special to them in life and had to be left behind. They each miss that special person or persons who filled their heart with love and joy.

And though all the animals run and play together, the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His or her bright eyes are intent and his eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster. You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into his or her trusting eyes, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

And you cross over the Rainbow Bridge to that magic place of boundless peace and love together.

(By H.J. Hovel. Adapted from the original poem "Rainbow Bridge" by an anonymous author)



Muffin



Max



Conrad



Silly Willy



Star



Victory



Rosie



William



Cindy



Barney



Minnie the Moocher



Dennis

We can't do it without you. Please help us help animals with your continued support.

We wish all of you peace and love for the Holiday Season!
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