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LIAM THE LIONHEARTED A VICTIM OF DOGFIGHTING

Dog fighting used to be a dirty little secret until Michael Vick, one of football's star players and multi-millionaires, brought this depraved and sadistic "sport" to the nation's attention. Just like serial killers and child molesters, most of us try to convince ourselves that dog fighting couldn't happen in our neighborhood.



Liam Before



Liam After

But as Adele learned, it can literally be closer than you think. When she heard the sound of dogs fighting in her Inland Empire neighborhood, she went to look for its source. Startled, she saw two men taking turns having their pit bulls attack and fight a terrified German Shepherd pup. Adele realized that this poor dog was being used as bait to train fighting pit bulls. Frightened herself, she boldly yelled at the men that she had called the police. They quickly fled and the injured dog ran into the woods. Adele called her friend Robin for help. Through their tears of anger and sadness and the dog's cries of pain, the women continuously talked to the dog on the way to the veterinarian, willing him not to give up.

His wounds were so bad that the veterinarian had to literally dig into his injuries to clean them, but the dog, now named "Liam the Lionhearted," never protested or struggled. A call to Actors and Others to help pay for the emergency medical treatment was not only immediately -- but readily -- answered!

Thanks to the courage of Adele and Robin, and because of the generosity of animal lovers like you, Liam received the life-saving treatment he required. He patiently endured several surgeries to repair his gaping wounds, as well as daily wraps to protect his neck. In spite of what he had endured, Liam was gentle and affectionate. We are happy to report that he has made a full recovery and is now part of a wonderful family with a little boy of his own! Your gifts of Hope and Love make such happy endings possible.

It is estimated that 40,000 people are involved in organized dog fighting and that more than 250,000 dogs die each year in the United States alone. Dog fighting is illegal in all 50 states and 48 states have also made it unlawful to be a spectator. Recently, Assemblymember Pedro Nava introduced legislation increasing California's spectator penalty from a misdemeanor to a felony. He has our support and you can bet that he has Liam's approval as well!

Kudos also to Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley for establishing and strongly supporting an animal abuse prosecutorial unit that last year filed 116 animal abuse charges and won a dog fighting case against a 42-year old nurse who was sentenced to three years in prison. This important work takes place everyday under the radar of television lights or photo opportunities because Mr. Cooley truly understands that animal abuse is more often than not a precursor to other crimes. In fact, he is sponsoring AB243 written by his supervising animal abuse Deputy Deborah Knaan that will ban Californians convicted of animal cruelty from owning pets up to life.

WIN A \$500 SHOPPING SPREE!

We are actively collecting email addresses so that we can move towards a paperless newsletter and help cut down on postage costs. Please help support our effort and at the same time win a \$500 shopping spree at your local PETCO store. The winner will be notified by email and will have five days to respond before another address is chosen. The \$500 must be spent in one visit. Be sure to send us your email address by filling it out on the return mail slip or going to our website www.actorsandothers.com and fill out the request found on the front page. Email addresses received from May 1 though July 4th will be eligible for the shopping spree.



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We invite you to honor and share such a memory on these pages. Birthday wishes or a thank you to a special animal lover or veterinarian are also welcome. When accompanied by a contribution of \$20 or more, tributes or accolades will be printed in our bi-annual newsletter.

**In loving memory of Terry & Byron Haskin,
Phil Silvers, Eve Arden and twin-sister Susan
Tobias**

Sally Tobias

In memory of Josh

Bob Dix Brimmer

In memory of Doris Magro

Randall Gollard

Raul and Julia Montalvo

In memory of Connie Thomas

Karen Jensen

Vivian Sogoian

In memory of Mary Flint

Betty Denny Smith,

Women of the Motion Picture Industry

**In memory of Baily, Actors and Others pet
therapy dog**

Lora Kerman

In memory of Alex and Sandy

Linda Ainsworth

In memory of Kit Kat

Pete Hogenson

In memory of my best dog, Tyra

Helen Evers

In memory of Linda Merkin

Sheryl and Jack Levine

In memory of Deborah Dawson

Leonora Horwin

**To Barbara and Richard Elzer, In blessed
memory of your beloved furry child, Maggie**

Toni Sherman

In honor of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Giblin

Judy Friedman

A tribute to Adam

Blossom Norman

In honor of Gigi Salter's 13th birthday

Jules and Muriel Moster

In honor of my friend, Jennie Ielmorini

Leona Litzinger

In honor of Betty White

Thomas D. Hawkins

In the name of and in honor of Betty White

Gwen Waggoner

In the name of Ron Corcillo

David Pietsch and Margaret Corcillo

**In the names of Christine Bender and Eileen
Culp**

Jennifer Morgan

In the name of Susan Elkins

Kimberly Pinkstaff

In the name of Mark Fellman

Sherry Wernicke

In the name of Stacey J. Aswad

Rebekah Mahnken

**In the name of Nikki Culpepper and Gary
Fuges**

Jill Baumeister

**In the name of Ralph and Remington
Anderson**

Carol Howell

In the name of Tiffany Granath

Jeff Yanco

**In memory of Aimee's dog and their mutual
devotion in sickness and health**

Cheryl Nelson

In the name of Gwen Howell

Catherine Howell

**Happy Birthday Leroy E. Schafer, D.V.M.
formerly of Pet Vet Hospital, Tarzana. Great
boss, loved being your receptionist for many
years. Where are you?**

Barbara Gavigno

In memory of Maryls Nelson and

In the name of Jackie Butler

Peggy Nelson

**In memory of Barbara Allyne Bennet's
Dog Shadow**

Judith Levitt

To Alex Cohen and Rich Dean

In memory of Bosco

Else and Bruce Duff

To Cory Carter

In memory of Toonces

Else and Bruce Duff

In memory of Berit Beach

Tammy Joslin

In memory of Henry Boetticher

Patricia and William Boetticher

Johanna Unthank

In memory of Lou Maltcheff

In the name of Leigh Platte

Yolande Michaels

**In memory of Reba McEntire,
much adored therapy dog**

Sharon Bivins

**In memory of Al Weissman – a good man who
loved his cat and all animals**

Suzanne McClure

In memory of Kevin Coughlin

Wanda Tomaski

Actors and Others is also very grateful to **Virginia Baptiste, Patricia Bercel, Nell B. McCormick and Tracy Ann Morton** who remembered us last year through an estate or trust bequest. By remembering Actors and Others when they passed on, these dear friends created a loving, lasting memorial to the affection they had for their cherished animal companions, and their commitment to the cause of animal welfare. If you are interested in establishing such a gift to Actors and Others, we will be happy to work with you to see that your commitment and love for animals may live on.

CELEBRATION OF CARING TOAST TO MISS CAROL CHANNING



Lily Tomlin, Bruce Vilanch, Peter Marshall, Florence Henderson, Carole Cook, Mary Jo Catlett, Rip Taylor, Tippi Hendren, Harry Kulligian (Carol's husband), Carol Channing, JoAnne Worley

More than 400 friends and supporters filled the Universal Hilton ballroom at the November 15th Actors and Others' Celebration of Caring fundraising event. There are truly not enough words to thank the PETCO Foundation for its sponsorship of this annual event. Because of their collaboration and generosity, each year we are able to commemorate the accomplishments of Actors and Others and toast some of our greatest entertainers – *like the indomitable Broadway legend and icon Miss Carol Channing!*

Earlier in the year Miss Channing fractured her leg and the Celebration of Caring was her first public appearance since the accident. Actors and Others' president and mistress of ceremonies introduced the star-studded toasters – **Lily Tomlin, Henry Gibson, Florence Henderson, Tippi Hedren, Peter Marshall, Carole Cook, Mary Jo Catlett, Bruce Vilanch, Rip Taylor** and Carol's husband **Harry Kulligian** – who in a spirit of camaraderie all entered the ballroom wearing or toting neck braces, crutches, IV's, walkers, canes and the like!

Among the other guests were our president emeritus *Earl Holliman, Ed Asner, Mary Ann Mobley, Gary Collins, Dick Van Patten, Gary Owens, Abby Dalton, Ruta Lee, Jamie Farr, Jane Kean, Ted Lange, Peggy Rea, Chuck McCann, Ann Rutherford, Bill Hays, Beth Grant, George Pennachio, Linda Breakstone, Leonard Maltin, Jack Riley and Christine Devine.*

Each toaster took to the microphone and humorously shared a story or two about how Miss Channing had affected their own lives, including our president and mistress of ceremonies, **JoAnne Worley** who talked about how she had been Carol Channing's "Stand By" when *Hello Dolly!* opened on Broadway.

Paul Jolly presented the Award of Caring to **Paula Kent Meehan** for her love of all animals and her lifelong commitment to their well-being. Ms. Meehan's compassion is unmistakable to anyone who knows her, and we are privileged to call her our friend and pleased to honor such an extraordinary woman.

A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO THESE SPECIAL FRIENDS



D.E.L.T.A./Leo Grillo
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Earl Holliman
Laura Lizer Word
Jay Aldrich
Dr. Joyce and Page Layne Miller
Sherry and Skip Miller
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Erlyn Joy France
Jackie Joseph Lawrence
JoAnne Worley
Universal Studios
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Willging Art Services



JoAnne Worley, Harry Kulligian, Carol Channing



Lily Tomlin



Paula Kent Meehan

SUCCESS IS NOT A DESTINATION, BUT A JOURNEY

With your encouragement and support, Actors and Others has been diligently working these past 38 years to help animals in need. With you by our side, we will continue to provide a comprehensive “stimulus package” including subsidizing spay/neuter surgeries and emergency veterinary medical treatment, promoting humane education, championing pet assisted therapy in hospitals and similar facilities, providing direction in the care and protection of feral cats, offering state-wide referrals of affordable spay/neuter surgeries through www.spaycalifornia.org and supporting animal welfare legislation. Nothing will diminish or destroy the spirit of caring that built Actors and Others and that everyday reminds all of us that it is more blessed to give than receive.

YOUR DONOR DOLLARS AT WORK FISCAL YEARS 1999-2008

PETS/PEOPLE PROGRAMS	NUMBER HELPED
Dog Spays	27,713
Dog Neuters	20,946
Cat Spays	42,871
Cat Neuters	29,916
Bunny Spays	472
Bunny Neuters	568
Pet Assisted Therapy	198,497
Humane Education	44,069
TOTAL SPAY/NEUTER SURGERIES	122,486



The American Institute of Philanthropy gives high marks to charities that spent 75% or greater on their charitable purpose. Over the years, Actors and Others has consistently met that threshold, and our last reporting showed that 90% or 90 cents of every donated dollar goes directly to helping animals and their guardians!

When you contribute to Actors and Others you can be confident in knowing that your hard earned dollars are being utilized wisely. In addition, you can be secure in knowing that we work very closely with our financial advisors, Smith Barney, to incorporate both our shared principals of animal welfare and cautious investment strategies to ensure long-term viability and achievement.



Now you can contribute to Actors and Others every time you shop online through PetGive.com. PetGive.com has teamed up with hundreds of retailers like Best Buy, Toys R Us and Barnes and Noble and hundreds of pet charities like Actors and Others to turn your everyday shopping into a charitable contribution to help end the euthanasia of so many discarded animals. It's free to register and with each purchase, a portion of the sales total will be donated to Actors and Others. So, sign up today at www.PetGive.com, select Actors and Others for Animals, and start shopping. It's the “purr-fect” way to stretch your dollar and say you care!



In yet another example of how Actors and Others continues to be progressive and proactive in its drive to help guardians spay and neuter their pets, our latest program SpayCalifornia continues to shine! SpayCalifornia.org has averaged 2,000 new visits and referrals per month. Starting in January, 2009 this number jumped to an incredible 3,000 per month! A state-wide referral network/database, SpayCalifornia.org connects pet guardians throughout the State of California with participating programs and veterinarians offering low cost services.

A HORSE IS A HORSE OF COURSE, OF COURSE UNLESS IT'S AN ACTORS AND OTHERS PET THERAPY VOLUNTEER



Life in an assisted care facility or convalescent hospital can be very isolating, confining and forlorn for the too often forgotten seniors and seriously ill who reside there. For nearly 20 years now Actors and Others has helped thousands of such patients experience the dramatic effects a pet can have on their well-being and happiness. Currently, we have 20 volunteer teams visiting 18 facilities including the world famous Grossman Burn Center at the Sherman Oaks Hospital.

One of our newest teams is actress Hunter Austin and her 1-1/2 year old miniature horse named “Willow.” Hunter was involved with Actors and Others as a young child and remembered us fondly. Through our Pet Assisted Therapy Program, Hunter and Willow are

now visiting the residents of Isocare Convalescent Hospital in Glendale with rave reviews. When he enters a room, there are smiles all around, and when he puts his head in the laps of welcoming seniors, kisses and hugs abound!

