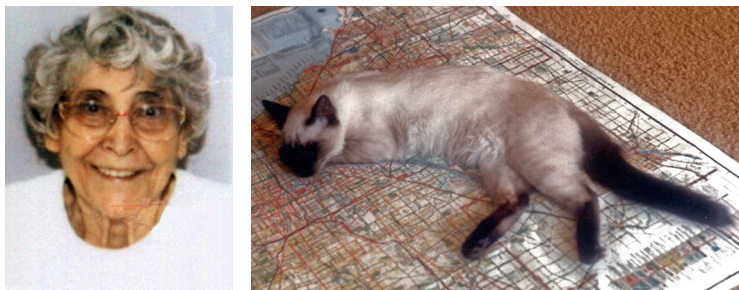




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IN MEMORY OF LOUISE and RIKKI



We shall carry on the tradition of love and compassion to all living beings.

RIKKI'S REFLECTIONS



Hello my friends,

Your wonderful efforts have achieved and accomplished so much this year and have made the world a better place. A better place for the animals, as you share your love and compassion saving life after life. A better place for you and me, as every human brought into the animal rescue world teaches love, compassion and kindness to other humans simply by their existence.

What a year of growth! Despite the tough economy and the many struggles we have been through, when I look back over the year, I am amazed what you have accomplished through Rikki's Refuge! Thank you. Thank you for your caring. Thank you for your love. Thank you for your support. Because YOU are what makes Rikki's Refuge. YOU are what makes it possible. YOU supply the money that is an absolute must have. YOU are the volunteers we couldn't live without. YOU are the moral support that keeps us going, day after day after day after day. YOU are truly a lifesaver!

We began 2010 snowed under! Literally! Very challenging. And YOU came forward to help, bigger and stronger than ever. I am writing this on the first morning of frost this fall, I hope there will NOT be snow on the ground as you are reading this! I am hoping the blizzards of 2010 will certainly be something we look back on for many, many, many, many, many, many, years to come as an amazement to remember.

You're closing 2010 by giving me more and more hope and proving just how much you really care about Rikki's Refuge. So many of you stood up for Rikki's and kept us from going under this fall. Many of you know the devastation we faced this fall; most of you helped.

My identity as CEO of Rikki's was stolen, Refuge financial information and mail was stolen, ¼ of a month's income used to care for the animals gone, stolen from the post office box. The Refuge survives hand to mouth. Each week's donations are all we have. Never anything to spare. This theft created a serious emergency. Thankfully, so many of you wonderful folks wired donations for the essentials. We're still working on catching up the straggling bills. Had you not been there for us, we could not have survived. A great big huge gigantic thank you to Patty, Candy, Cindy, David, Martha, Mike, Jan, Bill, Michael, Barbara and Mary Ann. I hate begging. I especially hate begging while I'm crying. Every one of you understood and did the best you could to help. I will always appreciate that love and kindness and your caring for the animals. Thank you.

I need your help to recover the stolen checks. The US Postal Inspector is seeking proof of stolen checks as evidence to prosecute. Most likely the checks were thrown away. If you sent a check to Rikki's PO Box September 27 - October 5 and it does not have a rubber stamping on the back, "For Deposit Only, Life Unlimited of Virginia, Inc.", notify your bank and Rikki's immediately. If your check

wasn't cashed, I beg you, please reissue it to help the animals during this difficult time.

Credit card donations are listed as "RIKKISREFUG 540-854-0870 VA". If something looks suspicious, contact your credit card company and Rikki's immediately.

I'm begging anyone who can spare just a buck or two to help Rikki's Refuge. Please, it's desperately needed at this time.

Let's make the commitment together, to make 2011 an even better year for the animals!

Kerry Hilliard,
Executive Director
Rikki's Refuge

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