



Facebook fans weighed in on our question from the January/February issue:
How is your dog a hero for you?

LAURA GROOMS: I am on oxygen 24/7. At night, when I'm asleep, if my oxygen tube comes off, my dog, Sinker (a Maltese mix), wakes me up to let me know. He is my soulmate.

DOROTHEA WITHAM: I too am on oxygen 24/7, and I have to wear a mask at night. Sometimes the mask comes off, and my 11-year-old dog Mushka comes over to me and takes his nose and starts pushing me and whining a lot. I do wake up pretty fast and realize that the mask had fallen off. He will then go right back to the end of the bed and go back to sleep.

FLORENCE A. MOKRIS: My little guy, a Westie named Buddy, is the best watchdog a girl could ask for. He even challenges the animals he knows on TV—tee hee!

KATY LYNN: My dog Bella is always there for me and is always by my side when I feel like I need to cry and let all my troubles out. I would do anything to save her, because she has done so much just by sitting next to me! ♥

SHARON KILBY: My two dogs Rizzo and Blaze would go to my work and spend time with individuals with disabilities. Often you would find Blaze on the bed of one individual, and Rizzo would go and give kisses to all. They were not trained to do this; they did it because they never judged what a person looked like. All that mattered is that the person felt love and companionship. ♥ Rizzo passed away Dec. 14 due to a brain tumor.

JANNA ARTHUR: My dogs are my heroes because they love me unconditionally. When I cry, they lick my face; when I am cold they snuggle me. They make me laugh all the time and give me an hour of exercise each day!

CATHY L. VON HAARTMAN: My dog, Bailey, was a hero to me because she was the second pet dog to undergo an allogeneic stem cell transplant six years ago (the donor was a relative), and the first dog to take part in tumor vaccine therapy after she relapsed. Though she died five years ago, most likely because it took me so long to track down her relatives for a match, she did not go into a second remission from chemo before the transplant. In her memory I formed a charity, Comet's Tale, to set up a donor registry for pets.

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CORRECTION: On p. 26 of "Nose on the Range" (January/February 2012), we incorrectly identified the mountain bluebird as a western bluebird. We apologize for the error and are brushing up on our birding skills.



Cover to Cover

Just writing to say how much I've enjoyed the January/February issue of All Animals. The cover photo is just priceless. I don't know who looks happier, Adam Parascandola or the dog. I also enjoyed the "Savory Venture" item on a new meat substitute. I'll be watching for it at my local Whole Foods.

— CHRISTEE KING, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Squirrel Savers

I enjoyed your article about animal rescue after Hurricane Irene ("Into the Disaster Zone," January/February 2012), but you need to let your readers know about the non-hands-on

work you did as well. I volunteer for Wild Baby Rescue, a nonprofit wildlife rehabilitation center in northern New Jersey, and The HSUS was kind enough to purchase us a large container of powdered squirrel formula to use with the 100-plus baby squirrels we took in who had been orphaned as a result of Hurricane Irene. The HSUS's gift was very unexpected and greatly appreciated, allowing us to help even more baby animals.

— JESSIE VELLEKAMP, VERONA, NEW JERSEY

Faithful Reader

Wow. Wow! Wow. I just finished reading "Faithful Following" (November/December 2011) and ... wow. I've been looking for an avenue to bring the ministry of humane leadership to my church, and I thought the only way would be to start a program from scratch. Imagine



my surprise—and elation—to learn that The HSUS already has such a program in place! I'm beyond excited to order some of The Humane Society's program materials and start getting ideas on how to put my money where my mouth is. Kudos for printing a story that broached an often polarizing topic—religion—and emphasized its unique position in engaging the

mission to make this world a better place for all creatures. Whether you are Christian or not, you can't deny that, with numbers in the hundreds of thousands, church congregations can play a vital role in spreading the word.

— L. DAVIES, CAMARILLO, CALIFORNIA

Sharing the Wealth

In your September/October 2011 issue, someone wrote about how they take their All Animals issues to the vet clinic after they are done reading them. I actually bring them to other places, i.e., hospital waiting rooms, doctor's offices. I feel that pet owners who are in the vet clinics already have a great deal of love for their animals and are most likely aware of many of the issues. I like to think that I am spreading knowledge among people who may not be so aware. Just a thought.

— NANCY WICKSTER, WESTCHESTER, ILLINOIS



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