

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to our beloved friend, Esther, on February 21, 2021 only nine months shy of her 100th birthday. She volunteered for Animal Care & Welfare Inc. for 50 years making her our oldest member and she resided on our board of directors until her retirement in 2013. We will always remember her for her love, compassion and dedication to the animals. It was an honor to have known her and we will continue to be enriched by our fond memories of her friendship, humor and wisdom.

According to her family, "Esther was known to carry milk bones in her purse as she was notorious for taking in strays.

She was a gifted and beautiful writer and wrote many wonderful poems and stories. She was an avid reader and read several books at one time. Esther enjoyed gardening, flowers and all the beauty of God's majesty. Through the years, she spent much time in Cambridge Springs on her father's farm after he retired. Creative, friendly, thoughtful and kind, Esther enjoyed being with people. She loved going out for a meal and enjoying the company of those at the table. Esther took pleasure in the simple things of life: a cup of tea with cream and nine sugars, peanut butter ice cream, all sweets, a good book, and a dog in her lap.

All who knew Esther were richly blessed by her long and fruitful life. Although not rich in money, she would always say she was rich in friends...Over the years Esther endeared many and she will be remembered as EVERYONES' Aunt Esther."

We will greatly miss our dear friend Esther, but we know she is in great company now surrounded by every animal she ever saved and loved. Her endearing memory is forever with us and guiding us in our ongoing mission to help homeless pets.