



Janet Kram

July 14, 1961 - February 23, 2020

Janet and her animals became a Big Fix Family in 2009 when the UCC office was my kitchen table. She attended our fundraisers and vaccination events; called me every few days, visited in my home with her old dog, “Annie”, and drove me crazy on a regular basis.

She had no friends that I ever saw; once told me that I was the only person who ever treated her decently.

Janet would manipulate and tell white lies to get what she needed for her animals. I knew that and accepted it, somewhat. And she always wore her “coat of many pockets”. She would leave our office looking like a Mama Possum with babies hanging onto her – every pocket on that big coat would be filled with goodies for her animals and herself, just swinging heavy when she walked.

In later years, she always brought Sherlock and Cookie, both UCC shelter rescues, with her to The Big Fix.

Janet’s health took a turn for the worse in 2019. It was hard for her to drive or take care of business and her pets. She hired a mobile vet to come to her home and treat her animals. That was an expensive disaster! Lots of money for very little vet care, certainly not what she expected. I don’t think she ever

recovered from that experience.

I knew Janet's time was short. I sent her gift bags and treats. I invited her to be my special guest for "Volunteer Appreciation" at Grandson's in December. She asked for some food to take home that day (typical) so I helped her fill a takeout plate after lunch. That thing was packed! And several extra bowls and containers of desserts piled on top. (More than \$17.00!) But she was happy, happy, happy!!!! Said I was the only person who ever bought food for her. (I don't doubt that.) And she was completely overwhelmed with all the Christmas gifts and treats.

I believe that was the last time I saw Janet.

I continued to send food and gifts by the social worker. The last gift I sent was on Valentine's Day. Lots of candy and treats – and a big red heart that said "LOVE".

Janet died alone on February 23 – just her and her pets. Much later, someone showed up and had her taken away. There was no service, no obituary, not even a flower.

I cannot change any of that; I have no rights at all.

I like to imagine Janet at Rainbow Bridge – strong and healthy - laughing and happy as she kneels to embrace her beloved Annie.

I miss her...

Shelby, Director of Unchain Cumberland County

Tribute Wall



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October 09, 2023 at 04:46 AM



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October 08, 2023 at 11:29 AM



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October 05, 2023 at 02:31 PM



“ *I talked with Janet every year at Unchain Cumberland County's Santa Paws event. She would always seek me out to say hello without fail, asking about our cats, telling me about hers. We always made sure that she had someone helping her with her bags and boxes. My husband, Andy, helped her load her car on many occasions and absolutely loved getting to see Sherlock, Watson, and Cookie over the years! Janet loved them all so much, that was apparent. She always had treats in her car for them and they would get so excited when boxes were being loaded into her car, knowing there was probably something good in there for them!!! Holidays can be difficult times for many, especially those without family, so I hope we were able to bring her a little holiday cheer every year. :)*



Adrianna Thimons - June 18, 2020 at 10:15 AM