

The Heritage Fund

2017 Annual Drive



AMERICA'S FIRST PET BURIAL GROUNDS
LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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Dear Friends,

On behalf of Hartsdale Pet Cemetery, I would like to thank you for your support in 2016. With your generous contributions to the Heritage Fund, we continued our stated goals of preserving and beautifying the historical and natural treasures that abound in this world-renown burial ground. I am especially thrilled to report that we completed our most challenging restoration to date--the reassembly of our tallest monument for "Grumpy" the bulldog, who was laid to rest overlooking Central Park Avenue in 1926.

Additionally, this year's efforts were significantly aided by two sizeable bequests we received from the estates of plot-holders, enabling us to conduct not one but two marathon sessions of conservation and restoration work for over a dozen historic monuments, as well as providing cleaning and protective treatments for bronze works such as the War Dog Memorial, and a complete resurfacing of footpaths throughout the cemetery. We are humbled by the increasing number of people expressing their support for this kind of work, and who are choosing to join their pets here at the Peaceable Kingdom in Hartsdale as their final resting place. Please contact us if you would like information about human burial or including us as a beneficiary in your will or life insurance policy.



Of course, you already know that this place is more than just a cemetery or a tourist destination--it is a community of caring, like-minded people united by the love of animals. I hope we can count on your continued support so the work to protect this precious national treasure for generations to come can continue. Any gift is truly appreciated and no amount is too small to make a difference.

I wish you all the best for 2017 and look forward to seeing see you here soon for an event, a tour, or just a quiet stroll around the grounds.

With warm regards,

Mary Thurston
Historian

Thank You for Your Support!



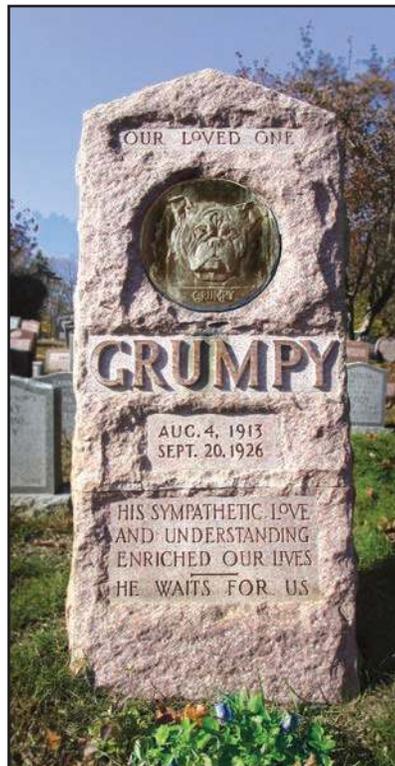
Left: Hartsdale plays host to 100 members of the International Association of Pet Cemeteries and Crematories.



Right: A unique hand-forged Edwardian lot fence is restored to pristine condition.



Below: Early marble monuments are cleaned and conserved.



Above: Once again Grumpy stands tall!



Vintage garden statuary throughout the cemetery restored to their former glory.

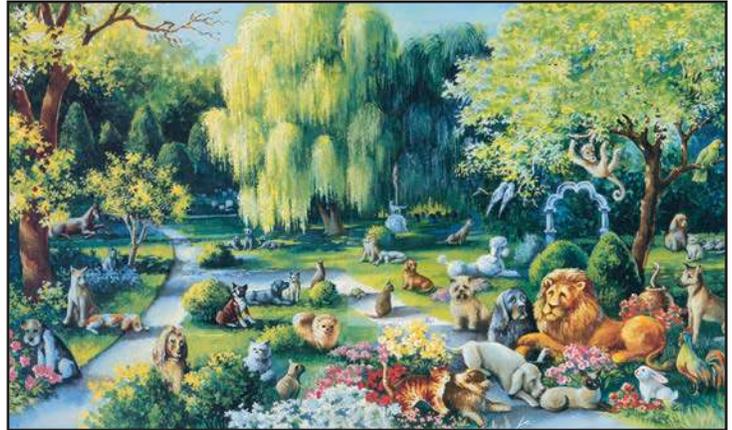
Below: A fine but fragile box crypt is reassembled and restored.



The War Dog is revitalized.



Please Help Us Preserve and Improve Our Irreplaceable Treasure



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The U.S. Department of the Interior added Hartsdale Pet Cemetery to the National Register of Historic Places making it the first and only animal burial ground to receive such distinction as a site of profound cultural significance. With national recognition comes a new level of responsibility to care for Hartsdale's many historic features. The cemetery's general maintenance fund is not sufficient to cover these costs, nor was it designed to do so. Unlike human cemeteries, we are not tax exempt from federal and state taxes nor do we receive federal and state funding. Therefore, we depend entirely on generous supporters like you to protect this legacy of animal history. As a valued member of our family, we ask you to please help us protect and revitalize this precious national asset.

YES, I want to help the Hartsdale Pet Cemetery Heritage Fund!

No matter what size, every gift counts. Thank you!

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