



# One at a Time: A Week in an American Animal Shelter

## AWARDS, REVIEWS, & ENDORSEMENTS

### Awards & Honors:

ASPCA Humane Issues Award  
 Humane Society of the United States Pets for Life Award  
 Cat Writers Association Muse Medallion  
 Dog Writers Association of America Maxwell Award finalist  
 Humane Society of the United States Compassionate Care Award

### BARK magazine...

"A compelling read... guaranteed to touch the heart of any animal lover."

### Sherman Alexie, author, poet, and director...

"Amazing, heartbreaking, tragic, loving, magical, awful."

### Ed Begley, Jr., Actor...

"Wonderful... so moving & poignant... a very important work."

### Animal Fair magazine...

"...engaging and socially relevant... the emotional impact of this book lingered beyond the cathartic experience of simply reading the book."

### Jeffrey Mousaieff Masson, author of *The Pig Who Sang to the Moon* and *When Elephants Weep*...

"A book like no other - utterly dedicated to telling the truth about shelters, which turns out to be a deeper truth about how we, the public, care or do not care, for dogs and cats. Because it is written from the heart, it is an easy book to read, even if it made me cry, like listening to a sad but beautiful song. This book has the potential to save millions of lives - if only we would read it and open our hearts to its message."

### Berkeley Breathed, "Opus" cartoonist and author of *Flawed Dogs*...

"Millions of healthy, adoptable pets languish and die in our animal shelters every year. This book's powerful message will help end this staggering phenomenon. If you do nothing else this year, please adopt a homeless companion animal from your local animal shelter. The soulmate you

choose will relish their new lifelong relationship with you, and return the kindness a thousand fold."

### Marc Bekoff, author of *The Ten Trusts* (with Jane Goodall)...

"*One at a Time* is riveting, stilling, chilling and intensely motivating. This book shows clearly that each and every one of us can make a huge difference in the lives of these animals. *One at a Time* is a must read - it will change your life. Read it, share it, and read it again and again."

### Animal Sheltering magazine (The Humane Society of the United States)...

"Startling in its honesty, yet overflowing with compassion for animals and the people who care for them, this book is unlike any other that has ever been written about animal homelessness.... It is both a tribute to the deep commitment of the people of the animal protection field and a cry for help to the public."

### Marty Becker, DVM, syndicated columnist, coauthor of *Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul*...

"*One at a Time* is like a Shindler's List for pets. In poignant pictures and tear-inducing text (both sadness and joy!) it personalizes a sampling of the estimated 15-20,000 pets that are euthanized every day in this country and showcases that success at shelters is within our collective reach. Take to heart the message of this one-of-a-kind book, and then take action to help all the hopeful animals that await our rescue."

### John Robbins, author of *Diet for a New America* and *The Food Revolution*, and founder EarthSave International...

"One of the most beautiful books on animals ever produced. This book is inspiring, moving, and sobering all at once. A magnificent work, and one that gets my highest recommendation to anyone concerned about the wellbeing of those animals we call our pets. This book would make a wonderful gift to anyone whose life has been enriched by the presence of a dog or a cat. Really, it is a gift to all who care."

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**AWI Quarterly** (The Animal Welfare Institute)...

"We need to read these stories and understand the reality of pet overpopulation and homelessness. What becomes painfully obvious when considering these profiles is that each and every one of us can make a difference in the life of another innocent creature."

**Midwest Book Review**...

"Presenting the truth of life and death in an animal shelter in unvarnished, uncompromising terms, *One At A Time* is an emotionally moving and profound piece."

**Craig Brestrup**, PhD, author of *Disposable Animals: Ending the Tragedy of Throwaway Pets*...

"We can count them by the tens and hundreds and thousands of thousands, but *One at a Time* reminds us that amidst the mass are individual dogs and cats, each with his own story. Photos combine with text to tell, passionately yet reasonably, their myriad routes to homelessness and the animal shelter, and what we the community must do if the sad parade would stop. This is a fine and powerful book and will surely lead to lives saved."

**Kim Sturla**, Education Director, The Fund for Animals...

"... Read *One at a Time*, it will be a life changing experience. I guarantee you will join with the rest of us and become another voice for the voiceless. My hope is thousands read it so we can stop this insanity."

**Santa Cruz Sentinel**, "*Changing the World, One Pet at a Time*"...

"You will fall in love with each animal profiled here. And whether the animal was adopted, euthanized, or reclaimed, you will also cry. Each profile comes with a lesson still to be learned... Leigh and Geyer believe that, with a strong course of community education, the death rolls at animal shelters can, some day, reach zero. Their book is a step toward that magical number."

**Derrick Jensen**, author of *A Language Older Than Words* and *The Culture of Make Believe*...

"This important, profound, and profoundly moving book is ultimately about love, love for the creatures with whom we share our days. Leigh and Geyer have created a book that both reveals the tragedy of our relationships with nonhumans and the triumphs that these relationships can be. I am deeply grateful to them for making this book."

**Jim Mason**, author of *Animal Factories* (with Peter Singer) and *Unnatural Order*...

"*One at a Time* tells us true stories about the animals at one shelter, how they come and go in our fad-driven, throw-away society. On a deeper level, however, it tells us true stories about ourselves, our nation, our culture. The institutionalized mass killing of millions of 'best friends' each year is a malignancy of cruelty and violence that eats away at our values. How are justice and kindness to mean anything in an America that allows such a thing? Leigh and Geyer have written a wake-up call to us all and it takes courage and compassion to respond. Summon up yours and read this book."

**Ed Duvin**, author of *Animalines*...

"*One at a Time* plants fertile seeds for a new ethic that speaks poignantly to a larger vision of responsibility, accountability, and compassion. It educates and empowers, for although the full magnitude of the suffering is laid bare, so are the remedies. Leigh and Geyer have done their work superbly. Now it's our turn."

**Reader comments**...

"This book can and will change the world."

"Beautifully written ... I felt released after reading, as if finally someone is saying what I have felt all of my life."

"Powerful and disturbing; beautiful and so very sad. Reminds us over and over how precious, innocent and valuable every animal is."

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