

The Gas Chamber How Daniel The Beagle's Miracle Survival Helps Others.

For many people "gas chambers" represent an awful, desensitized form of killing. Many do not realize that such organized killing still occurs today. Each year, millions of animals are euthanized through this brutal process. Rarely has anything breathing survived a gas chamber but in October 2011, this improbable survival story became a reality for Daniel the Beagle in an Alabama gas chamber.

Through improbable odds, Daniel was still wagging his tail after the gas chamber that he was locked in killed eighteen other dogs. The animal control officer, lacking the heart to make a second attempt, agreed to put Daniel up for adoption. Daniel was quickly spirited to a foster home in Tennessee where he was named after the Biblical survivor of the lion's den. Next, with the help of Pilots and Paws, New Jersey based Eleventh Hour Rescue brought Daniel to New Jersey where the Dwyer Family of Nutley adopted him into a forever home. Daniel has taken nicely to the fun-loving life of a dog living in a home with four other dogs. However, Daniel has also become quite the celebrity with appearances on local, national, and worldwide news outlets, highlighted by an exciting appearance on Anderson Cooper Live! Such renown has brought Daniel the opportunity to make a difference. Daniel's adorable face and affable personality have made him a hero dog to thousands of his other canine brothers and sisters as he has become an advocate for shelter adoptions and anti-gassing laws in various state legislatures.

There is no doubt that when a miracle happens in any form, good can come from it. Senator Andy Dinniman made that important decision for the state of Pennsylvania. He had already introduced a bill that was in process but needed to be made law within the year it began.

Daniel attended a rally in November of 2011 to help Senator Dinniman gain the additional support he needed and "Daniel's Law" to legally ban the use of the gas chamber was a reality in the state of Pennsylvania.

<http://www.danielthebeagle.com/2011/12/press/a-victory-for-pennsylvania-animals-%E2%80%93-daniel%E2%80%99s-law-advances/>

<http://www.ecorazzi.com/2012/10/23/pennsylvania-to-end-use-of-gas-chambers-in-animal-shelters/>

One important step in the process was to demonstrate that the cost to use the gas chamber is in fact more expensive than humane euthanasia.

When a need arises to serve society, different roles emerge. If a living individual, who survived an abusive situation, is presented to the public, the matter gains strength. Daniel has provided that strength to the efforts in several states to ban the use of the gas chamber and will continue to do so.

There are several groups that are working hard to ban the use of the gas chamber for killing companions animals in our country. Many of them oppose using the word, "euthanize" since it translates to "good death". One group that we have worked with is called "Take Action".

<https://www.facebook.com/TakeAction.BanAnimalGasChambers/?fref=ts>

Take Action has the most accurate map of our country of which states have pursued law to ban the gas chamber. They are always following what each state is doing with their legislative efforts and offer support when necessary.

There have been an abundance of online petitions to obtain enough signatures for a national ban of the gas chamber.

It is important to note that although the use of the gas chamber is an inhumane way to end an animal's life, others such as heart stick have also gained attention because of Daniel's story. Additionally, in other talks I have given, puppy mills and responsible pet "ownership" have also been raised as issues. Daniel has inspired so many people in acts of kindness to animals and to humans as well. I am still inspired when I receive a note from a person who explains how Daniel's story changed their life.

Like any other positive influence, a miracle story must continue to be promoted in a positive way for changes to happen. Keeping his story active on Facebook and other media is one way for this to be accomplished.

In your efforts to help animals in need throughout our country, I invite you to contact me to promote Daniel's story to assist the good you will do.