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Valerie Pulkys- Dingman has written the Animal Tales column for the Great North Arrow since it's inception. Her byline has included her past and current dogs. Because of her love for all animals and her spiritual connection to them she has chosen to write about animal issues and stories about human – animal relationships. It is her belief that all sentient beings are equal, but as human beings we have frequently chosen to see ourselves as superior and have dominion over the planet and other species, and that this view has led to a destruction of our resources, adverse impacts on all life and imbalances in how animals are perceived and treated by some people. It is her hope that in writing about animals and animal welfare that people become more aware of issues of neglect, abuse or inequity. Also in trying to highlight rescue organizations and report stories of pets' and peoples' deep bonds of love, especially

with 'second-chance' /adoption stories, that more caring people will step up to support some of those organizations, choose to foster or adopt pets from shelters, and improve their relationships with their own pets, as well as the world around them.

Valerie also has studied holistic health and energy healing methods for both humans and animals and hopes to open people up to the possibilities of alternative medicine and inter-species communication for their animals and themselves.

If this column in any way inspires more people to be responsible and kind companions to pets and considerate of wild-life, and to take the welfare of all animals to heart as a cause to fund and stand up for, then writing Animal Tales will remain a joyous endeavour.