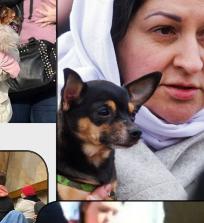
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# COVER STORY



# AN INTROSPECTION, 2022: Perspective changes everything.

....lt's hard to believe

that I began volunteering at the Animal Refuge Center in 1989. I had no idea that the next 30 plus years would be so challenging yet rewarding at the failing miserably to unhook myself and get to the door of the blazing barn just before the roof collapsed. Nothing compared to

the loss of life when 69 cats and kittens perished in that fire. The Animal Refuge Center

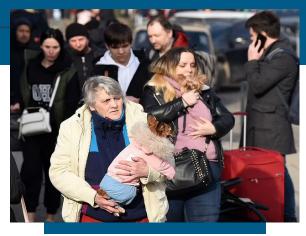
same time. Over the years there were several times when we thought ARC was finished. When a fire raged through our original shelter on January 12, 1993,

it was the worst day of my life. At only 26 years of age, every idea I'd had about saving many lives was at risk. We had no shelter, no supplies, but I'd managed to get 30 sutures on my leg trying to jump the fence,



we felt that ARC was finished, we still had to rebound to rescue and recover the many furry survivors. Our community and Louisville stepped up and helped us continue our mission. Over the next 10 years we had several floods and a tornado that hit

relatively close in Vine



Grove. We were very lucky that we didn't lose any animals to these natural disasters.

Over the years, we've suffered all the usual woes of an animal rescue organization. Not enough donations. Not enough volunteers. Constant surrender of pets from the community. But we always survived with the help of our supporters. And through it all, nobody would have guessed that 2 years ago, the entire world as we knew it would change. Covid-19 brought many challenges, but not one was as complicated as the fundraising.

So here we are 2 years later, and it appears that we have survived the pandemic and turned a corner regarding Covid. The last month has had many of us glued to our TVs and devices watching Ukrainians flee their homes with nothing



# Frightened Ukrainian refugees attempting to get themselves and their pets to safety in uncertain times.

more than a bag or two, children, documents, and in many cases, their pets. Even with the atrocities of this war, many people are attempting to do the right but nearly impossible act of taking their animals with them. On a side note. the Ukraine isn't a part of the world that has the best track record with animals. and yet the best of humanity IS shining through.

So now I ask many of these pet owners here in the United States: Is it really your "last resort" to surrender your pet to an animal shelter? Was your pet too messy? Didn't you have enough time for it? Did it have a medical issue? Let's really look at the big picture. If Ukrainian refugees can drag their pets through a deadly war zone into safety, with little

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of the Ukraine any way that we can. The war in Ukraine has given me a great deal of perspective about animal rescue. The Animal Refuge



States. All I can say to this is that we should help the people and pets Center has been very lucky. We have suffered so many unimaginable losses. What we have been through would

have closed most shelters. And yet every single time—we have bounced back, because of our community and our supporters, so many great people in our corner.

In no way am I comparing the struggles that we have faced at ARC to the overwhelming humanitarian crisis going on in the Ukraine. However. witnessing the strength and resilience of the Ukrainian people, we can NEVER allow the **Animal Refuge Center** to crumble. No matter what tough times lie ahead.

You can make a donation to help ARC continue our life-saving work with the coupon on Page 8.

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# MEMORIALS AND HONORS



### "Our pets are our family — and that makes it so hard to lose them."

Make your memorial donation online at http://animalrefugecenter.org/services/memorials/

#### 11/6/21 - Dear Friends,

Enclosed please find my donation in loving memory of my dear Atlas, a very large and loving dog I adopted from you all many years ago.

I pray you continue to flourish in your wonderful and important mission to save our brother and sister animals.

....While We Have Time. Sincerely, Sue Martin

In memory of Cleo: Thank you for four years of companionship. Your sweet disposition made you a favorite of the entire neighborhood. You were a very good girl and you will be missed. – Mike and Sara Eckhardt

In memory of Luise Weisshaupt – Brenda Tiffany

In memory of Lori – Kelly Harrison RIP, Lori! Thanks to Madge Walker, ARC and Penny & Pam for giving her a wonderful life. XO – Marimac

In Honor of Mary Yunker on her Birthday! – Debra Hutton

Hard to believe it's been 16 years! Thank you! In honor of Dottie's adoption! – Ann Caldwell and Julia Sparks In Memory and Honor of Lois Rapier Sommerfield – Kanan Sheth, Heidi Patterson, from the men and women of Kentucky Labor Cabinet's IT Department, The Bond Family, Lynne Sommerfield Sheth, Jen-nifer Carnivale, Eileen L. Kimmich, Grant from the Paul & Rada Giordano Family Fund

In Memory of Edith H. Lauterbach – Kevin Lauterbach

In Memory of Nick Hoover, an animal lover and resident of Rineyville, KY – Todd Hoover

In Memory of Betty Poor Cox – The Vine Grove High School Class of 1962, Sandy Nichols, Mark Skees In Memory of Betty, loved by Cheryl Finke and Denise Donnelly – Julia Sparks and Ann Caldwell In Memory of my beloved little tuxedo cat, Sunday. I appreciate all you do to help the many animals in need all year long. – Yvonne Morris and her kitties: Dolce, Kipper, Speedy, Grayson and Stripey

In Memory of Betty White – Patricia Slauson-Marcussen



January 17, 2022 - Fans Honor Betty White's Birthday With Heartwarming "Betty White Challenge" As such, the #BettyWhiteChallenge,

which implores people to give to a local animal shelter in White's name, spread on social media, and one meme was so wholesome that the Twitter account @ wholesomeme promoted it to the tune of over 3,000 likes.

#BettyWhiteChallenge Raised A Whopping \$12.7 Million for Animal Shelters and Rescues. White would have been thrilled. The grassroots social media movement to honor Betty White on what would have been her 100th birthday raised a staggering amount of money for animal shelters and rescues, and the Animal Refuge Center is pleased to report we received more than \$1,000 in Memory of Betty White to support the homeless pets of the ARC. In loving Memory of Annie who left us in July, followed by our 20-year-old foster poodle Waffles. He spent the last three years of his life with us. He and Annie went with me to my workshop daily.



They were constant companions and he followed Annie after she passed. Both are together now forever. We are heartbroken and miss them both. – Chris & Jack Smith

Dear ARC,

Happily for them, sadly for us, we wanted you to know that Zelda has gone to once again snuggle and play with her brother Ziggy (and others). For 17 years she and he allowed other cats & dogs to join our family. Because of their tolerant and accepting nature, 10 additional animals found their Forever Home. ...Hope you enjoy this enclosed reminder of how it all started. ;) – Alan & Lorie Homiak

ARC Memorials of Pets Departed: Trooper, Pookah, Paxton, Cagney the Goat, Samson (foster home), Curtis,

Snowy. And to the babies that sadly departed too soon: Helene, Toby, Latte, Habanero, Tiger Lily, Red, Ghost, French Fry, Gracie, Tabby & Blossom





The numbers are in on how many homeless pets the Animal Refuge Center rescued, spayed and neutered and adopted in 2021!

The numbers are as follows:

Dogs

Cats

Incoming: 10	Incoming: 180
Adopted: 10	Adopted: 143

Kudos to Molly Hosken and Brenda Dockins, who trapped 244 Community Cats for spay/neuter and rescued more than 110 kittens to be socialized and adopted into new loving homes through ARC.

In case you missed it online, we had this adorable guy dropped at ARC back on February 2, 2022. Theodore was skinny, unable to walk because he was so covered in feces and matted, overgrown hair that his initial preview photo on Facebook was shocking.

The ARC team jumped into action and Theo was soon diagnosed with diabetes, arthritis and neuropathy.

The incredible neglect Theo suffered was professionally groomed by Gretel Turner-Dick, and now he's a very handsome guy!

Our Community Cats volunteer Molly Hosken put Theo's riveting story to vivid life on a Facebook

post and within 48 hours, all of you--Theodore's Army--raised \$3,300 for his care.

His diabetes and arthritis are now under control and he's scheduled for a much-needed dental, thanks to your help. Theodore is finally on his way to living his best life!



If you would like to donate toward our TNR Program, please consider a donation for Cookie's Legacy. There is a coupon to mail-in a donation on page 8 of this newsletter.

You can also consider a one-time or recurring donation to Cookie's Legacy at our website: http:// animalrefugecenter.org/community-feral-cats/ cookies-legacy/

### ION LENS 5.800 Adoption Fees: \$60 for Cats, \$85 for Dogs All our pets are spayed, neutered, and up-to-date on all shots. 'e°ve Got the Whole Kitten-Caboodless



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Amore is about 5 years old and a huge silly and playful love bug! She's been at ARC for over 3 years now, no clue why.

Amore is a total package pet, loves adventure, snuggles, and when the zoomies hit, watch out! She's up for car rides, walks in the park, or movie night on the couch (with belly rubs of course!). She is a treat connoisseur, and loves a peanut butter Kong!

She would do best in a home as the only fur baby and with older children, absolutely no cats.

Camilla is a beautiful longhaired grey and white girl that is almost a year old. She came to us along with her siblings from a Senior citizen in Vine Grove.

Camilla hid terrified in the garage of the home, and once she went to her foster home she spent most of her time in hiding. It has taken many months of coaxing and socializing but Camilla is now ready to look for her Forever Home. She enjoys being petted, though she may twitch a little; she is still fear-ful and unsure. Camilla's dream home is one with many cat treats and lots of love and patience.

Emmitt arrived at ARC as skin and bones, so we immediately got him into foster where he could get the care and attention a young puppy needs. His foster family is potty training him, and he is doing very well. He is crate-trained and is learning basic cues like "sit", "leave it", "stay", etc. He has a lot of energy, loves toys, and will do best with a yard or

other secure place he can run and play. He does well with kids and and cats. He is very smart and willing to learn!

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Hank, a 90lb chunk of love, is a 6 yr old pit from Davies Co., surrendered by his previous owner who could no longer handle such a big guy due to physical impairment. Hank was scared his first day at ARC but warmed soon to staff and volunteers. We know that Hank lived as an indoor dog his entire life. He loves people and wants to be part of daily activities. He does NOT like to be kept in a kennel so he is out in the yard the majority of the day. He has become fast friends with Keller, our deaf pittie, and they are inseparable.

Beverly came to us with her kittens. They were living under someone's house and the fire department had to help rescue them! All of her kittens have found their forever homes now it's her turn!! Beverly is a sweet girl who loves dark places and lots of pets. She's a talker in the mornings when she wants food, and likes to snuggle up in bed between the pillows. She's still skittish around new people, and has claimed safe spaces in her foster home.



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Adopt her, and you'll never be in the bathroom alone again! :)

Dennis was trapped with his brother, Mr. Wilson, in a TNR program as young kittens. It took some time and patience in their foster home, but Dennis is coming out of his shell, showing his lovable and playful side!

Dennis is a pure lovebug, enjoys sitting in laps and purring as loud as he can! He likes to play with his foster siblings and foster humans. Petsmart adoption center was too stressful for our street rescues to show his true colors. He'd do great in a home with other cats and a family that wants lots of love!

Francesca is an adorable 10 month old girl who came from a Radcliff neighborhood with many Community Cats. Francesca is so sweet that there was never any doubt that she would find a home of her own. She loves other cats and needs a home with feline friends.

In fact, one of her best friends at ARC is Jack, featured on Page 7. Young Francesca loves children, loves to play and snuggle. Take her home and this snugglebug will bring so much love and energy into your home.

Holly is a 50 lbs pittie mix who has been at ARC for over 5 yrs now. She came to us from a high-kill shelter out of Tennessee, very malnourished and fearful of everyone. Holly is very much the couch potato but always up and ready to go for a walk.

Holly needs a patient person to help her feel safe and comfortable. Lots of tummy rubs, treats and car rides will help her to become familiar with a new home and the people. She is comfortable around cats. ABSOLUTELY NO DOGS OR SMALL CHILDREN.







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our "Wild Man". With all that spirit, Jack absolutely needs a home with a playmate, because after he is all played out,

Jack is a real lovebug.

His idea of the perfect Forever Home has a cat tree and tons of cat toys. -

Jack is a young man who came to us as a very tiny kitten with his two sisters. At almost a year old,

Jack is high energy. We call him

Karma is a 7 year old Calico who came to us from the shelter in Owensboro. This beautiful girl enjoys attention but will quickly let you know when she's had enough. Karma likes to do everything on her own terms.

After she first arrived at ARC, Karma had a huge chip on her shoulder. She has finally chilled out and now is a little better around other cats, although Karma would really rather prefer to be Queen of the household.

Karma doesn't think dogs are great. They're just...ok.



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Lizzie, also affectionately known as "Lizard", is a beautiful 9 year old gray and white female at the Animal Refuge Center.

Lizzie enjoys a nice window where she can sun herself. She hangs out with her cousins Cassie, Carlos and Simon as well as her sister Linda. You will occasionally see sisterly spats between them. Lizzie loves attention and CAN be affectionate, but is not big on being picked up. With age she has calmed down. Lizzie's ideal home is one where she can make her own space and relax.

Mr. Wilson was trapped with his brother, Dennis, in a TNR (trap, neuter, return) program as young kittens and placed in foster for socialization. Mr. Wilson began showing his lovable side! He is a bit more reserved than his brother. but enjoys high perches, looking out the window and chirping at the squirrels and birds. However, still enjoys sitting in laps and getting pets, wand toys and pouncing! Mr. Wilson does well with other cats. He seems pretty laid back once he gets the lay of the land.

We would like to introduce you to 2 handsome boys on their 1st birthday! Jet (black) and Rocky (grey) are rambunctious brothers who came to us from a nearby shelter. They are both FELV+. But don't let that stop you from falling in love! They can live a normal, long and healthy life. Both are very loveable and snuggly and so playful. They are all about toys! They may tire you out before they do. Did I mention "handsome"?

If you are interested in adopting, Jet or Rocky, or better yet BOTH! Please go to our website and fill out an online application.

#### Mason was trapped with his brother and sister, Monty and Mango, in a TNR (trap, néuter, return) program as young kittens. They were neutered/spayed and then placed in foster for socialization. Mason was the first to approach people and check out his surroundings. He has overcome his fears and enjoys being pet, on his terms of course ... still a cat! He is very playful and athletic, he loves games where he can show off his ability to jump! Mason may take some time to warm up in a new household. He is good with other cats, unsure about dogs and kids.

Mason's brother Monty warmed up well with his foster family. Now he is a lovebug who enjoys being pet and even asks for belly rubs! He is playful and likes to play with other kitties and toys. He has loudest purring contests with the other cats in the house, and often comes out as the winner!

Monty was at the Petsmart adoption center for some time, but the environment was stressful for him and did not allow him to let his true self shine.

Will Monty be the next member of your family?

Winnie was trapped in a TNR (trap, neuter, release) program and found to be friendly, so she was fostered and made available for adoption! Winnie is affectionate with people she knows and trusts. She enjoys cat trees and exploring high places!

She spent some time at the Petsmart adoption center, but this love was stressed by the bustling environment.

If you are reading this, you are aware of how gorgeous Winnie is! She will be worth the time and patience once she makes you hers!



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MORE THAN animals are euthanized in the United States.

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Animal shelters and dedicated volunteers have been fighting to reduce numbers of homeless pets for decades. Kentucky has come a long way...but when we look at statistics, we still have such a long way to go. We can't change the world. But we can make a difference in our community. Won't you support Cookie's Legacy today?



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# **SPECIAL EVENTS FOR 2022!**

Our special events connect us to the public and help us help homeless pets. Come join us! http://animalrefugecenter.org/events/

### **Paws United Pet Expo**

Saturday, April 23rd. 9-3 pm 2855 Centennial Ave., Radcliff, KY **Car Wash** • Saturday, May 21st, 1-5 pm. Rally's in Radcliff, KY **Animal Refuge Center Yard Sale** Saturday, June 11th, 9-? 308 Linda Lane, E-town **Car Wash** • Saturday, September 10th, 1-5 pm. Rally's in Radcliff, KY **Glendale Crossing Festival** Saturday, October 15th. 9-? Glendale, KY **Christmas Party • Animal Refuge Center** Sunday, December 4, 1-6 pm

**Other Annual Events TBD** 



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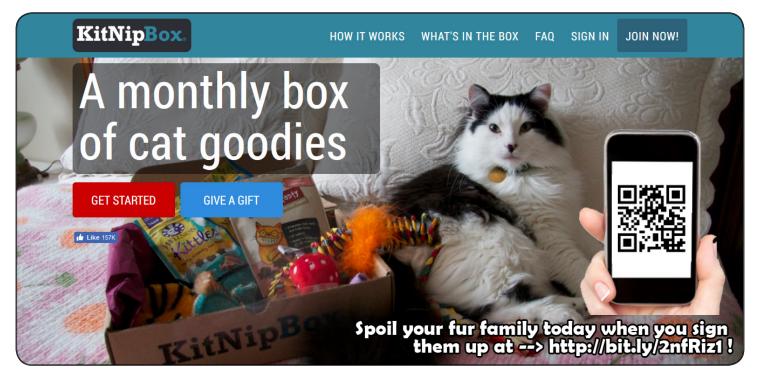




### COME VISIT US AND CHECK OUT ARC PETS FOR ADOPTION!

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# Sponsor Program

Clip or photocopy the coupon of your choice and mail to: Animal Refuge Center Sponsor Program, PO Box 400, Vine Grove, KY 40175-0400. Phone: (270) 877-6064 Email: animal\_refugectr@hotmail.com (The ARC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All contributions are tax-deductible.)

Homeless cats. Homeless dogs. There really aren't enough homes for them all. Streets and shelters are filled with them. And the hard facts are these: Approximately

7.6 million companion animals enter shelters nationwide every year. Of those, approximately 3.9 million are dogs and 3.4 million are cats. Each year, approximately 2.7 million animals are euthanized (1.2 million dogs and 1.4 million cats).

Our role as a No-Kill Shelter has always been challenging. We created the Animal Refuge Center Sponsor Program in the mid-90s, based on programs of charitable organizations, to allow people who wished to support our shelter to pledge \$10 per month toward care and maintenance of the pet or pets of their choice. It was successfully implemented with full intent of overcoming that Number One reason the naysayers said No-Kill shelters would never work: The Unwanted. Some pets come in off the streets and from homes that don't want them. There are reasons why many of these pets will never be adopted.

Some are just very old. Some are crippled. Some are blind, feral, have health problems, some cats contract diseases on the streets, but just need a chance at a life where they can know love. Unless they are absolutely near the end, they come to us. Based on their circumstances, at ARC so many have to learn to give and receive affection.

We can't change the world all by ourselves. It takes one person at a time, each and every day, doing their part, and one by one we will get them home...or make sure their home at ARC lasts them for the rest of their lives.

#### **SPONSOR**

Give someone dear to you the gift of a Pet Sponsorship and they'll receive a beautiful card and sponsor packet announcing your special Gift. Our Pet Sponsorship Program is still ARC's best answer to the never-ending financial struggle we face every day. It is incredible how popular this program is, and how it's become the mainstay of our shelter. For just \$10 per month you're giving an animal of your choice shelter, food and veterinary care. Those who already sponsor at the Animal Refuge Center know the gift of Love costs so little, yet does so much!

Want to save time at the post office? Our Sponsor Program is now online! - Automatic Sponsorship allows you to pay your sponsorship automatically with your Credit Card or Paypal for \$10 a month plus a \$1 online convenience fee. Once you enroll or convert your current sponsorship, it will be paid automatically every month. Sign up today at http://animalrefugecenter.org/services/sponsor-program/ and know that your sponsorship is helping homeless pets, stress-free.



### **SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES**

Simply complete the step-by-step form of your choice below. A Pet Sponsorship is for a full year, or \$120 — equivalent to just \$10 per month. If you prefer to send a check, complete and print the form and send it with your check for \$120 to Animal Refuge Center Sponsor Program, PO Box 400, Vine Grove, KY 40175-0400.

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The Animal Refuge Center is always in need of pet food and supplies! So, if you would like to help out the kitties and doggies they would really appreciate some yummy food! Purina products are preferred, as it keeps tummies happier! Order online from your favorite retailer at our affiliate links (shopping at our affiliate links makes money for ARC, too!!) Walmart https://bit.ly/3qgmiAB Chewy https://bit.ly/3JoHL1M Amazon https://amzn.to/3CUwxzN and have it delivered directly to the shelter:

Animal Refuge Center 185 Basham Trail Vine Grove, KY 40175

--OR—

Bring it by the shelter any day 11:00-3:00 (You can leave it in the carport area, or ring the doorbell and we'll come get it from you)! Your support is greatly appreciated!! THANK YOU!!!



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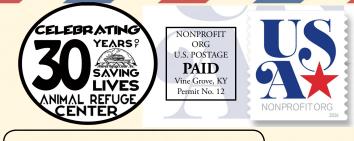
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