

Voices From the ARC

"While We Have Time, Let Us Do Good." -- St. Francis of Assisi



Shelter focus

A Quarterly Newsletter For Friends of the Animal Refuge Center, Inc.

The Long Journey Home

A shelter worker lives for moments like this. Sunshine finding her forever home after a year gives us hope that ARC still makes a difference. It's easy to get caught up in the daily grind of cleaning up after animals, medicating the sick ones, making sure everything is in working order, come up with new, innovative ways to fundraise and witnessing first-hand how many homeless and displaced animals need our help. Many times it's very overwhelming because you want to help each and every one, but you have to approach the dilemma using both your head and your heart. Sometimes it feels almost unbearable, when you have to turn a pet away knowing its fate is probably not good. Shelter workers have witnessed first-hand the horrors of abused and neglected animals, and it is for all these reasons that make Sunshine's long journey home such a special moment.

Let's take a moment to refresh our memories in regards to the Chihuahuas. In March of 2012, the Vine Grove police and Hardin County Animal Control entered a trailer with approximately 100 small dogs living in horrific conditions. Most of the 100 dogs remained with Hardin County Animal Control while 18 dogs were put in our charge. It took until the end of September before we had custody and could proceed with adopting them into good loving homes. One of the Chihuahuas lives in the Dayton, OH area, while another one of these little sweethearts has provided companionship to a gentleman that lost his wife and his dog within a few weeks of each other. We receive frequent reports on many of them and they are all loved and thriving in their new homes.

For some reason, Sunshine was the last of the Chihuahuas to get her own home. She's

a member of the Lambert family now, where there is already a senior dog named Dot that they adopted from us a couple of years ago. Young Ms. Lambert holding Sunshine in the photo above was so insistent on making Sunshine a family member that she saved up the adoption fee all by herself! Sunshine loves to curl up with her girls and now her days are filled with hugs and kisses. In 2012, ARC took in 102 cats and dogs that might not have had a chance otherwise. We know that number doesn't hold a candle to what Animal Control takes in and adopts out, but we still are trying to make a difference in our corner of the world. There are times when shelter workers get a little depressed, knowing we can't take in every animal in need.

When I start feeling a little down, I think of that quote out of the Book of Talmud:

"Whoever saves one, saves the world entire."

Even though we can't save them all, we can make an impact on those we do.



▶ Our shelter manager talks about finding inspiration in "small miracles" and never giving up when life gives you burnout.....1

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Memorials

In memory of Salty, greatly missed by his brother Pepper and his extended family. –Jack Sprauer and Nancy Armstrong
 In memory of Atlas. –Sue Martin
 In memory of Sherlock, our cat –Don Chafee & family
 In memory of my kitty Zack –Joyce Pilling
 Very sad about Peach, our sponsor cat. I loved her so much. –Gail & James Wise
 In memory of Whoopi and Gus Guster Gracey, our cats. –Stephen A. Matthews
 In memory of Mama kitty, sponsor cat of Marimac Smythe –Pat McKinney
 Rest in peace, sweet Mama! Going to really miss her! She had so many angels watching over her at ARC! Bless them all. –Marimac Smythe
 In memory of Russell and Alice Homiak – Allan & Lorie Homiak
 In honor of Ashton Sawyer, on behalf of William Sawyer.
 In memory of Fred D. Smith –Milli Morlock
 In memory of Jacques – Cynthia & John Britt, Linda Walls
 In memory of Estelle Mudd, on behalf of her sister Evelyn Sindelar –Beth Caldwell
 In honor of Richard & Freda McAfee and Molly McAfee Stevens – Rudy & Pat McKinney
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In memory of Larry Steen, owner of Best Friend Pet Cremation Services, who crossed the Rainbow Bridge himself in Nov. 2012 –ARC Staff
 In memory of ARC pets passed: Peaches, Mama, Queenie and Clark, the goat. –ARC Staff



On January 12, 2013, the Animal Refuge Center quietly marked the 20th Anniversary of the fire that destroyed the original shelter and killed 69 homeless animals. Time, it seems, does heal, and though time and distance have helped relieve the pain of those old wounds, they are still not forgotten.....

Wish List

- Volunteers
- Financial Contributions
- Pet Food, Pet Treats (Canned & Dry)
- Hay & Straw
- Aluminum
- Purina Weight Circles (Dry Food)
- Cleaning Supplies
- Cedar Chip Bedding

ARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS
 Watch this space for all our upcoming fundraisers and special events.

Auction & Chili Supper to Benefit the Animal Refuge Center
 Thursday, April 18th, 2013, 6-8 pm
 Vine Grove Community Center

Adoption Reunion w/Dog Wash
 Sat., April 27, 1-6 pm.
 Lion's Shelter, Freeman Lake Park

Car Wash
 Sat, May 8th 12pm – 5 pm
 Rally's Restaurant, Radcliff KY

Dog Wash & Blessing of the Animals
 Sunday, August 11, 1-6 pm
 Lion's Shelter, Freeman Lake Park

Car Wash
 Sat, Sept. 7th 12pm – 5 pm
 Rally's Restaurant, Radcliff KY

Autumn Daze Festival
 Pet Show Sponsor
 Sat. Sept. 21st
 Optimist Park, Vine Grove, KY

ARC Open House
 Sun, Sept. 29th, 1-6 pm
Glendale Crossing Festival
 Sat, Oct 19th, Pet Supply Booths
Christmas Party for the Animals
 Sunday, Dec. 1st. 1-6 pm
 At the Animal Refuge Center

Santa Claws – TBA
 Photos of Pets with Santa
 11 am - 4 pm PetSmart,
 Westport Road PetSmart, L'ville

Feeders Supply Meet and Greet
 Every first Saturday, Feeders
 Supply E-town
 11 am - 2 pm

PetSmart Adoption Days
 Every 4th Saturday, Noon - 5 pm
 Westport Road PetSmart,
Adopt A Pet
 Every Sat-Sunday,
 11-4 pm at ARC

For more information call (270) 877-6064
 or check the Special Events links at our website.

RAFFLE WINNER!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR RAFFLE PARTICIPANTS AND WINNERS!

THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO DONATED RAFFLE ITEMS AND ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!!

SHERRY VIZE OF LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY WAS THE HAPPY WINNER OF THE \$150.00 J.C. PENNEY GIFT CARD!



The Animal Refuge Center has many pets in need of loving permanent homes. Adopt or Sponsor a friend today!

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!



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.



NEW SPONSORSHIP

Yes! I would like to sponsor a ___ cat/ ___ dog/ ___ goat. My first month's sponsor fee of \$10 is enclosed. Please send me a photo and background story of my sponsor pet along with monthly sponsor coupons.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone Number _____

GENERAL DONATION

I would like to send a general donation to help ARC in its fundraising efforts to save homeless animals.
 My contribution of ___ \$10 ___ \$25
 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ Other is enclosed.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone Number _____

GIFT PET SPONSORSHIP

I would like to give a \$120, one-year's sponsorship for a pet in need for a special loved one. It's the perfect gift for that someone who has everything! My gift recipient will get a sponsor packet and photo of their new friend. Please send card and gift sponsor packet to:

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone Number _____

PHOTO STUDIO - PET

PICS AND STORIES

Adoption FEES: \$60 for CATS, \$70 for DOGS All our pets are spayed, neutered, and up-to-date on all shots.

We've Got the Whole Kitten-Caboodle!!



Bailey

Bailey is a 9 year old Yellow Lab who came to us in the summer of 2012. Bailey is a wonderful dog who has a large zest for life. After she arrived last year, she was very thin, not spayed and in very poor health. This girl only weighed 46 pounds and had pancreatitis. Now Bailey weighs 57 pounds, is free of pancreatic problems and now is spayed. On top of her good health, Bailey is one of the best dogs ever. She's a sweetheart that would make someone a wonderful companion. Bailey loves to go on car rides. So stop by ARC and let her ride home shotgun.

Buddy is a 6 year old Beagle that came to us with Princess on the opposite page. Buddy is vocal, but not as much as some Beagles out there! He's a great size, not too small and not too big. He does have a hang-up with with small children. He would do much better in a home with older kids or no children. Buddy likes following us around when we're in the Kennel area! Adopt Buddy and let this little guy be your faithful, constant shadow.



Buddy



Buster

Buster is a 4 year old Miniature Pinscher/Terrier mix. He came to us from the Fort Knox Stray Facility. Buster is a high energy dog who's always wanting to go! He's a little love that weighs in at 19 pounds and enjoys cuddling if you can get him to slow down.

Buster is a cutie who needs a lot of your time and energy, but if you're on the move, take Buster home and you can enjoy a partner "on the go"!

Buttercup is a 10 month old orange Tabby that was found on the property of some friends of ARC. Buttercup is a very affectionate little girl that has adjusted to her new home here at ARC. Of course we tell her it is just a temporary home, until her forever family comes along. Buttercup is playful, loving and knows that patience is a virtue. Take Buttercup home with you and make her wait worthwhile!



Buttercup

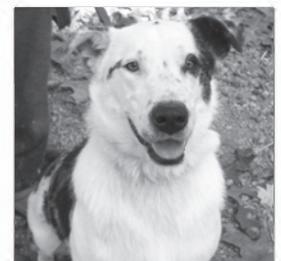


Cooper

Cooper is a 5 year old cat that came to us after he walked into the Radcliff Veterinary Clinic. He was brought to us about 4 years ago. It's unbelievable that a cat with this much personality is still at ARC. Cooper is a man's cat: he loves to follow contractors while they're using saws, bulldozers, nailguns, etc. He's not afraid of anything, but he does respect the power tools. Cooper would make a great mascot for a contracting company. Even if you don't have a lot of tools at home, Cooper is perfectly content just hanging out, watching sports and doing "guy things".

Cosmo is a 1 year old Australian Shepherd mix. She's a big girl with a big heart who loves kids and most of all, playtime. She doesn't know her own strength and can occasionally bulldoze over the tiny tykes. Older children will have an easier time!

Cosmo enjoys a good game of Fetch with her friend Zack and a hug or two from her caretakers. If you can toss a ball around and give her an occasional hug, Cosmo would become your most devoted companion.



Cosmo



Daisy

Daisy is a 2 year old Yellow Lab mix who's a bundle of energy. She is a great family dog . This beautiful girl doesn't know her own strength, so tiny tots are in danger of being run over! However, playing is one of her favorite activities, so she needs active people to keep her busy.

Training is key for a dog with this much energy. Take all this passion for play, add a little discipline, and you have a great loyal companion. You and Daisy will have a recipe for success.

Katie is a 2-1/2 year old grey Tortoiseshell that came from the Fort Knox Stray Facility. This girl is a doll. She's very friendly and loves being petted while snug in her cat bed. Katie loves a warm lap and doesn't mind other cats or dogs, either. A multi-pet household would be fine for Katie as long as there's a warm spot for her to snuggle in.



Katie

PHOTO STUDIO - PET PICS AND STORIES

—And a Doggone Lot More Where That Came From!



Maggie

Maggie is a 6 year old Shepherd/Heeler Mix who came to ARC with Marby. Maggie is the ultimate sweetheart of dogs. She's quiet, loving and really enjoys the company of other dogs. Cats aren't her or Marby's cup of tea, but children are great fringe benefit with Maggie. She presently has a skin issue that can be controlled with medicine. Both Maggie and Marby are crate trained, and feel totally secure inside their safe havens. However, Maggie was turned in to the Fort Knox shelter because the family kept her in the crate ALL DAY. If you have time and lots of love to give, then come to ARC and check out Maggie.

Marby is a 4 year old Yellow Lab that came to us from the Fort Knox Stray Facility. She originally came from the same home as Maggie featured at left. Marby is a sweetie but she's not great with every other dog, so she should probably be the only dog in the home. Marby isn't extremely high energy, either, so small children would probably make her nervous. She is a little on the chunky side, but she likes to go walking, so a household that likes to be active would be ideal. Come look at Marby, take her home and get fit together!



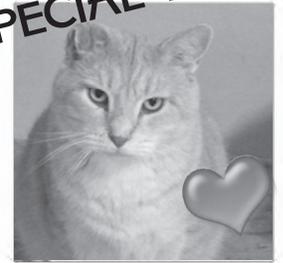
Marby



Morgan

Morgan is a 1 year old long haired orange/white little guy we found at Freeman Lake in Elizabethtown, visiting some folks while they were fishing. Morgan is one of the friendliest strays that we've ever seen. He let us reach down, pick him up, put him in a carrier and bring him to ARC with no fuss. After he arrived, he was thankful for his food and warm bed. Morgan is a sweetie who's grateful for everything, so take him home and let him show his appreciation. You'll be just as happy, trust us.

Mr. Crinkle is a 3-4 year old beige FIV-Feline Aids positive cat who was found in a neighborhood in Elizabethtown. A friend of ARC found him, took him to the vet and placed this sweetheart with us. On top of being FIV+, he has a crimped ear, hence the name Mr. Crinkle. Crinkle loves his roomies and isn't combative at all. He avoids an argument with his feline friends whenever possible. It is unfortunate that there is a stigma attached to these sweet FIV-FelV positive cats. Crinkle and the others try twice as hard to get your attention. Look for love in the right place, and take home one of these sweeties.



Mr. Crinkle



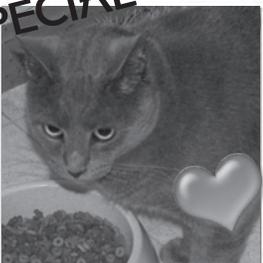
Phantom

Phantom is a 3 year old black kitty with FIV or Feline Aids. He came to us from the Fort Knox Stray Facility. Phantom is very sweet, and we are very happy that we could help Fort Knox put him in a safe place. Phantom loves his roommates and his caretakers. Once again, if you don't have any other cats at home, or you need an FIV Positive companion to one you have at home, then stop by ARC. We would love for our Leukemia or AIDS cats to have a chance to be loved by their own family, just like any other cat. Stop by and give Phantom or another kitty that chance.

Princess is an 11 year old Sheltie/Shepherd mix who came to us with Buddy, featured on the previous page. Their owner has an illness that makes it difficult to care for them. Princess is everything you want in a dog, especially if you want a couch potato. She's extremely chilled out, but don't let her age fool you. She has plenty of energy to run in the yard! Princess will make a wonderful companion. She needs to be brushed frequently, so grooming her is essential. Come visit Princess if you're looking for a furry best friend, and let her show you what a great buddy she will be.



Princess



Roscoe

Roscoe is a handsome 4 year old smoke grey FeLV Positive kitty. He was dropped on our property at ARC. Roscoe loves everybody, his caretakers and his roommates, so he is the total feline package. If you have no other cats at home, then please consider adopting one of these special kitties. In our experience, most of these cats live a normal lifespan; besides, none of us are guaranteed a certain amount of time on this Earth. If you want to share your home and love with more than one of these cats, your adoption fee will be for one cat only. These guys are special...not just "special needs".

Sally is a 2 year old grey/white Tabby. This sweetie is a great cat. She has become fond of the other cats at ARC and she's a real social butterfly. Sally loves everyone and wants desperately to join your family. Sally came to us from Hodgenville, where her background is unknown. After her arrival, we thought she had an old leg injury, but now she seems to have built up muscle tone, and is well on her way to being healed. If this sweet face speaks to you, then adopt Sally and put a big smile on her face!



Sally

SPECIAL NEEDS

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ARC Alumni and Dog Wash Reunion

When: Saturday, April 27 1-6 pm

Where: Freeman Lake Park, Lions Shelter, Elizabethtown, KY

Join us for a celebration with your adopted pet from ARC! Let's enjoy the day sharing stories, photos, baked goodies and lots of fun.

Ongoing activities: **Dog Wash (weather permitting) \$10 Basic Wash, \$15 The Works - Blow dry & cologne**

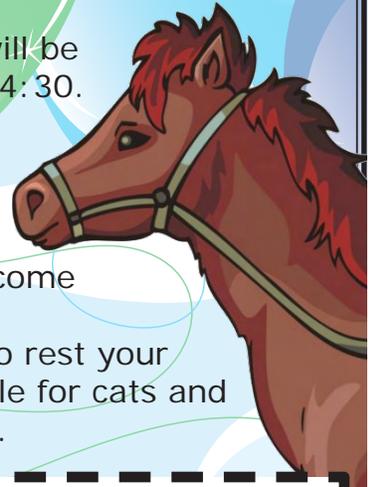
Bake Sale, Pet Supplies, Pony Cart Rides for Children and Adults \$4/ person

The Trick Horse Shows will be at 1:30, 2:30, 3:30 and 4:30.

Donations are welcome!

Whether you have adopted from the Animal Refuge Center or not, everybody is welcome to join the festivities.

Crates will be available to rest your pet. Goodie bags available for cats and dogs attending the party.



- YES! We will be attending the ARC Alumni Adoption Reunion!
- No, we will not attend, but please accept this donation in honor of the event. My donation of \$10 ___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ Other _____ is enclosed.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Clip or photocopy the coupon and mail to: Animal Refuge Center Alumni Reunion, PO Box 400, Vine Grove, KY 40175-0400.



It's Time to Kick-Start Our Pet Food Drive!

I would like to participate with the ARC's Pet Food Drive Program. My contribution of ___\$10 ___\$25 ___\$50 ___\$100 ___Other is enclosed.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Clip or photocopy this coupon and mail to: Animal Refuge Center/ Pet Food Drive Program, PO Box 400, Vine Grove, KY 40175-0400.



For several years now, Science Diet has quit donating pet food to our shelter, so we have to ask for help from our friends! We have inquired about the best price for good quality food. We get a discount for bulk orders of 500 pounds or more, and we use checks from the Purina Pro Club to help with cost. \$12.50 covers the cost of one 16 lb. bag of Purina Food after discounts.

We also get donated food from the KY Cattlemen's Association, Southern States, Kentucky Farm

Bureau and Farm Credit Services to help supplement the food we have to purchase. About \$2,000 in our Food Fund would cover a whole year, so would you please help us reach our goal? If you want to help us, please fill out the coupon and send in your donation, or give online at animalrefugecenter.org via Paypal! Thank you for helping us provide food and care for our homeless four-legged friends.

A Cost-Free Way to Help With Fundraising!



The Animal Refuge Center has been introduced to a new program that we hope will become a mainstay in our fundraising efforts. The Best Choice Save-A-Label Program is another way you, the consumer, can help ARC without spending an extra dime! If you already purchase Best Choice prod-

ucts at your local grocer, then all YOU have to do is remove the UPC symbol, save it and mail it to our program director! For every 1,000 Best Choice product UPCs sent in, our shelter receives \$30. Your Best Choice products are AWG Quality Guaranteed, and often less expensive than your name brands!

Best Choice products can be found in many local stores, like Price Less Foods in Elizabethtown, or Vine Grove IGA. Houchens Stores and JR Foods also offer them as well. To find an exact listing of all grocers that carry Best Choice Products, go to www.awgbrands.com and enter your zip code. When you're ready to mail in your labels, send them directly to The Save-A-Label Program c/o Madge Walker 426 Washington St. Elizabethtown, KY 42701. Clip your UPCs and let's make this fundraiser a success!



WAYS YOU CAN HELP THE ANIMAL REFUGE CENTER WITHOUT BREAKING YOUR WALLET:

1. Recycling - We turn aluminum into cash for the animals!
2. Purina weight circles from dog and cat food bags bring the Animal Refuge Center huge savings on pet food purchases!
3. Purchase a Kroger Gift Card for \$5 - every time you recharge, ARC earns 4% of your purchases!



I would like to participate with the ARC's Kroger Gift Card Program. My contribution of \$5 is enclosed.

_____ Name _____

_____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Clip or photocopy this coupon and mail to: Animal Refuge Center/
Kroger Gift Card,
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Time Sensitive Material!!

**Requested
In-Home 3/25 - 3/29**



**Auction to Benefit the Animal
Refuge Center and Chili Supper:
Thur, April 18th, 2013 6-8 pm**

**Join Us At the
Vine Grove
Community Center
for this event!**



Items for Auction: Baseball cards, coins, table saw, vintage Barbies, Lenox China figurines, Lladro collectibles, collectible German Steins, glassware, working 1982 Atari game system with games, Coca Cola Tiffany lamp, trumpet, etc.

Items that would make this auction a big success: Antique or regular power tools, instruments, saddles, antique farm tools, sports memorabilia, an-

tique toys, working antique electronics; i.e. working 8-Track player with 8-Tracks, guns, gift cards. Any collectibles: stamps, plates, coins, etc. If you have any of these items, please give us a call at (270) 877-6064. We could arrange to pick up items as well.

Go through your barns, garages, etc., and help us make this fundraiser a big success!

Thanks to Steve Walton of Action Auction and Donna Broadway for the Vine Grove Community Center Venue!