

#### **COVER STORY**



## THE NEVER-ENDING COST OF ANIMAL RESCUE

Over our last 29 years at ARC, we've been involved in several res-

cues. Each rescue comes with different challenges, but at the end of each day, we hope to make a difference in the lives of our furry friends.

Back in February of this year, we received a phone call from Chris, an officer at Hardin County Animal Control, asking if we could help with a hoarder in Cecilia. He stated that this man had at least 30 or more cats that he needed to surrender to the Hardin Co. Shelter. HCAS told him that it was impossible to handle that number of cats and that they would have to be euthanized.

ARC agreed to help. We set out to retrieve the cats from a horrible situation. Upon entering the house, we saw many frightened faces peering at us from out of cabinets, from under the bed and down the hallway. There were a couple of three-legged cats and at least 4 or 5 cats piled on top of each other as they tried to protect one another from us.

The looks of terror will forever be engrained in my mind. Until you look at these inquisitive, happy, beautiful faces in these photos.

In reality there were not 30 cats in this hoarding situation: there were 54 kitties, living in filth. It took us three months and five visits but a couple of workers and volunteers managed to get every single cat out of this house. Every cat and kitten has been given a second chance at life, and these babies are taking full advantage of it.

Adding 54 more cats to our population doesn't come without a price. The cost of taking care of just

one of these cats' basic needs, spay or neuter, vaccinations, Felv-FIV tests, flea treatment and wormings cost \$60 per cat. Multiply that by 54, and ARC spent \$3,240.00 to care for these animals.

That amount does not include food, litter or emergency veterinary care which two of the kitties had incurred. That brought the total up by an additional \$2000.00.

We were able to save these 54 cats and kittens because of your



support. But now we have to ask for your help once again.

We want to continue rescuing animals in need, but in order to properly care for them, we need extra funding.

Some of these kitties' names are: Angie, Bumble, Ralph, Vera Wang, Bugsy, Prada, Cartier, Poindexter, Riff Raff, Scratch, and many, many more. Several have found homes, but 34 of them are still at ARC waiting for their forever families.

For these sweeties that remain with us, please be their hero and give a little extra this month.

--Penny Edwards, Animal Refuge Center, Inc.



"...You keep pushing forward for the sake of the animals. No matter how stressed you get, just look into their eyes and tell yourself that you have work to do."
--Penny Edwards





### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS FOR 2018!**

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

Dog Wash and Blessing For the Animals
Saturday, August 11th, 1-6 pm.
Optimist Park, Vine Grove, KY

**57th Kentuckiana Cat Club Championship Show** September 1-2, 2018 • Kentucky
Exposition Center, West Hall A, 937 Phillips Lane,
Louisville, Kentucky

**Car Wash** • Saturday, September 8th, 1-5 pm. Rally's in Radcliff, KY

Glendale Crossing Festival
Saturday, October 20th. 9-5, Glendale, KY
Auction/Chili Supper • Date and time TBD,
November, 2018.

[We plan to have an Auction to benefit the animals. It will most likely be in November, but date and time are still to be determined. Please take a moment and look around to see if you have any items to donate to this auction.

Please call 270-877-6064 and we will be happy to pick up any donated items. Thank you!]

**E-Town Junior Womens' Holiday Bazarre** November 10-11, Pritchard Community Center, Elizabethtown, KY

**Christmas Party • Animal Refuge Center** Sunday, December 2, 1-6 pm

# WON'T YOU GIVE TO HELP US IN OUR LIFE-SAVING MISSION?

I would like to help	with ARC's life-s	aving efforts.
My contribution of	\$ is er	nclosed.
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Yesl We will be attending the Animal Refuge
Center Blessing and Dog Wash. Our contribution
of \$ \_\_\_\_\_\_ is in honor of the event.

No. we will not be able to attend the Animal Refuge Center Blessing and Dog Wash. Please accept our contribution of \$

Address

City State

Clip or photocopy this coupon and mail to: mail Refuge Center Blessing and Dog PO Box 400, Vine Grove, KY 40175-0400

Choose from our dog wash packages!

**Basic Wash: \$10** The Works (Includes Blow Dry & Cologne): \$15

For More Information, call 270-877-6064

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