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Wish List

MOST URGENT NEEDS:	ONGOING NEEDS:
Canned Cat Food	Dog & Cat Toys
Canned Dog Food	Liquid Laundry Detergent
Potty Pads	Bleach
Small Dog/Cat Beds	Mr. Clean
Small & X-Small dog Harnesses	Paper Towels
Dog Leashes	Cat Litter
Garden Rakes	Fleece Blankets

Please also see our Wish List on Amazon.com

Monetary donations are always appreciated.

- **BY MAIL:** Animal Refugee Response
11767 Candy Lane
Lower Lake, CA 95457
- **ONLINE:** animalrefugee.org/donate (through PayPal)
- **BY PHONE:** (510) 230-3758 or (707) 330-3747

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Interesting ARR Statistics

In keeping with our mission of strictly NO-KILL, Animal Refugee Response takes in animals in dire circumstances. Focusing on Contra Costa and Lake Counties, we provide a safe place for dogs and cats of two types. First, we take in treatable and manageable medical cases, elderly and disabled animals that have no where to get the care they need and to live out their lives in a loving place. For one reason or another they are considered unadoptable. These are our "residents". Second, we take in healthy animals who through no fault of their own are in danger of being euthanized. They are however adoptable. These are our "visitors".



Apollo's Journey

Wandering aimlessly on the streets of West Contra Costa County, precariously close to oncoming traffic, the frightened white Spaniel mix

the right thing. She spent two weeks posting and networking to try to find his owner. No one came forward. So she called Animal Refugee Response, and after more outreach efforts were exhausted, the dog made the two and a half hour car ride to our facility.

Interestingly, about 98% of our "residents" come from Contra Costa County. The story of the latest one appears to the right
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Our Community, Our Cats

In her lifetime, a single cat can give birth to about 180 babies. The toll it takes on her body is high. Calcium deficiency, anemia and infected uterus are some conditions she can suffer and die from. Further, as each one of her offspring matures, they too will reproduce, increasing the density of cats competing for a home and food, and fighting preventable disease.

Instead of turning our backs and saying, "It's not my cat," we can become part of the solution.



After spaying our own cats, we must turn our attention to the free-roaming cats in our community. There are free and low cost spay/neuter programs out there, and people who will trap and transport. Together, our efforts can stabilize the cat population, and improve the quality of life for these creatures who share our planet.

It is a cycle that we as evolved people can stop.

was successfully coaxed to the safety of a good samaritan's car using with her own dog's treats. Clearly relieved to be inside, the dog sat quietly in her back seat and absorbed the pets and treats she gave him.

She considered if she should have left him to find his way home, but when she noticed the white film covering his eyes, she realized he was totally blind, and she knew she had done

He was quite thin, clearly a senior, not neutered, but he was very happy to have a warm place to sleep and people to care for him. He had obviously been someone's pet. But how and why he became separated remains a mystery.

We named him Apollo. His vet visit revealed terrible teeth that had to be treated right away. At the same time he would be neutered. But most surprising, it turned out that there was a chance that his blindness could be corrected!

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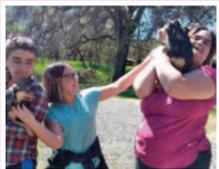
Phoenix, who survived life-threatening burns as a young puppy. Grandpa, a happy and confident 17 year old cat, and



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Recent Adoptions



Jasper & Jingle

This bonded sister/brother pair of Jack Russells

found a home together with Adie and her family of Fort Bragg. What an amazing gift this was to these dogs!

East

Daniela saw little East online and travelled all the way from Dublin with her father to adopt him. The puppy has bonded deeply with her.



Olive

When little Chihuahua mix, Olive met Virginia he melted into her arms and it was love at first sight. The pair is looking

forward to a happy life together.

Primo

The Riley's adopted an adorable white chihuahua to join their other little one in Fort Bragg. The whole family is enjoying daily walks on the beach.



Dmetri

A beautiful apricot colored Chihuahua mix, Dmetri was chosen by the Hutchinsons to be a companion to their Corgi mix.



Not only do the two dogs adore each other, but they love their people too! Its one big happy family.

Cerebellar Hypoplasia in Kittens

Kitten cuteness is hard to ignore, but when one is born with a condition called Cerebellar Hypoplasia (CH), it can make us feel sad and helpless. Although present at birth, the condition becomes noticeable as kittens reach 2 - 4 weeks old and first start to move around. While their litter mates are batting at each other's tails, or learning to jump out of their enclosure, kittens with this condition exhibit wobbly, unsteady movement. They may stand with their legs far apart, sway when they move, lift their legs high up when walking, and nod or shake their heads continuously. CH affects motor skills.



Cerebellar Hypoplasia is a condition that affects motor skills

need help getting to their food, or just their bowl to be stabilized. It does not prevent cats from understanding that its time to go to the litter box—they just may need a box with high sides to keep the litter in the box when they cover what they've done.

Just as other cats love purring in your lap, napping next to you on the couch, and showing their affection demonstratively, Cerebellar Hypoplasia cats do too. In fact, it is said that what CH cats lack in motor skills, they make up in affection. So, rather than feeling sad for them, be amazed and inspired by their ability to live a rich and happy life. They don't want your pity, just your love.

Most kittens with severe cases will not survive the first few weeks of life, but those who manage to find their way to nurse and to the warmth and safety of their mother can live a normal lifespan. Surviving CH kittens will not worsen or improve for the rest of their lives. Most learn to cope remarkably well with their condition. CH is not painful or contagious.

The condition is most often caused by a virus contracted by the mother while she is pregnant, but can also be caused by malnutrition or poisoning of a pregnant cat. Some or all of a litter may be affected to varying degrees.

While kittens with this condition were routinely euthanized in the past, many vets are now encouraging people to embrace these cats as special needs pets.

The condition does not prevent affected cats from understanding that its time to eat—they just may

and inspired by their ability to live a rich and happy life. They don't want your pity, just your love.

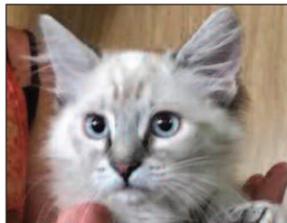


New ARR T-Shirts

ARR's new t-shirts are here! When you order a shirt, you will be supporting our medical fund to treat dogs and cats with serious illness and injury who are out of options. To order, send a \$25 check to ARR Shirt, 11767 Candy Lane, Lower Lake, CA 95457, or order through our website: animalrefugee.org/donate.



"Resident," Kriss was a bait dog left for dead in Contra Costa. Badly injured, one of his legs could not be saved. He is still traumatized.



"Visitor," Lexi from Lake County was adopted shortly after she was available for adoption.

ARR Statistics

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side of page 1. Equally interesting is that about 95% of our "visitors" come from Lake County.

Further, 0% of adopters come from Contra Costa County, and 3% come from Lake County. The majority of our adoptable animals (visitors) find loving homes in Sonoma, Mendocino, Sacramento and El Dorado Counties, with a surprising number going as far away as Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and Shasta Counties.

Finally, even though most of our resources are used to care for animals from Contra Costa and Lake Counties, only 15% of our much appreciated regular donors are based in Contra Costa, and 7% in Lake County. Most of our regular supporters are based in other California counties, and outside of the state. These donations are what allow us to save animal lives.

Strong-Willed Dogs Left Together Unsupervised



back down, it can be very, very bad, leaving one or both with often life threatening wounds.

It is nice to think that this would never happen under your roof, but think again. Dogs, like people have distinct personalities, moods and tolerances. Left unsupervised, two dogs who are both strong willed, both in a bad mood, and both short on patience on any given day will make their own rules. Without your supervision, presence, influence and intervention, they can hurt each other, and you can be you with an emergency vet bill. Further, more often than not, one or both of the dogs are surrendered as "vicious,"

a label that can easily fast track the dogs to euthanasia.

As a responsible owner, it is your job to supervise their interaction, set limits, and keep them safe, even if it means separating them while you are gone. It is your responsibility to set your dogs up for success.

Apollo

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The vet observed a cloudy film over the lenses of Apollo's eyes. But, she was also able to determine that underneath that film, both of his eyes were responsive to light. Apollo was referred to an animal eye specialist.

Seeing again would be such a gift to this dog! His quality of life would increase significantly. But before Apollo can undergo eye surgery, our task is to help him gain some of his weight back, since his teeth are no longer causing him pain.

In the next issue of this newsletter, we will be sure to share an update.

More Adoptions



Sugar

A sweet one year old petite black cat, Sugar was adopted by Glenn to be his buddy and totally indoor

cat. Sugar thinks her new friend is the cat's meow.

Junior & Joey

Junior was adopted by Mary and her kids. They



liked him so much they came back and adopted his brother, Joey. The two are being cared for very well.



Alaska

15 pounds at 8 weeks old, young Mastiff, Alaska found a great home with Ryan. He has already

taught her to ring a bell when she has to go potty outside.

Caroline

The Hambergren family wasn't concerned that Caroline was a little smaller and a little slower than her siblings. They love her so much and she is doing very well in Volcano.



Dakota

Young mastiff, Dakota was adopted by the Carlson's to join their family. Dakota will have lots of room to

run to her heart's content at her new home is Sacramento.