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Your support makes it possible!

Wish List

MOST URGENT NEEDS:	ONGOING NEEDS:
Canned Cat Food	Dog & Cat Toys
Canned Dog Food	Sponge Mops
Potty Pads	Liquid Laundry Detergent
Small Dog/Cat Beds	Bleach
Small & X-Small dog sweaters	Floor Cleaner
Fleece Blankets	Paper Towels
Bath Mats	Cat Litter

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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ARR Dogs Take to the Catwalk

Fifteen dogs from Animal Refugee Response made a special appearance at the recent Animal Coalition of Lake County spring fundraising event, calling attention to the importance of community support for the work of grassroots animal rescue organizations.

Dawning their fanciest attire, the dogs represented the work of Animal Refugee Response, including medical rescue, disabled and elderly, as well as orphaned animals. One by one they were introduced and

the dire situation they came from was briefly described. Accompanied by ARR volunteers, each dog walked (or was carried) across the stage providing a vivid picture of what is possible for animals in desperate circumstances rather than euthanizing them.

The money raised through the event will go to support Animal Coalition of Lake County's own programs to improve the quality of life for animals, including spay and neuter, vaccinations, and food for



ARR dogs appeared to underscore the importance of supporting animal rescue efforts.

Not So Feral Cats

Trap/Neuter/Release, or TNR is a proven method of stabilizing the population of feral cat colonies. But occasionally, there is another benefit. Cats who are not so feral are sometimes trapped too. Although they live within the feral colony, these cats have obviously had some positive experience with people in their past. Their backgrounds are mysterious. Perhaps lost, or dumped. Maybe their person passed away. These are cats who, when



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

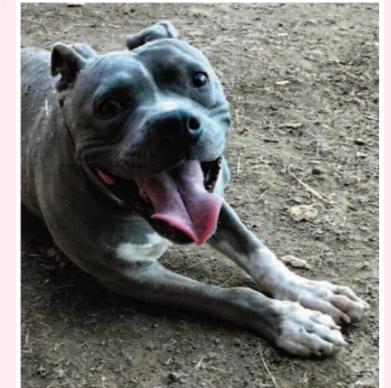


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Vaya Con Dios, Santos

Our wonderful Santos, who came to us as a puppy unable to walk due to hydrocephalus and a spinal deformity, who was collateral damage in a breeding operation, whose life expectancy was no more than six months, who surprised everyone when he learned to walk, climb stairs and run, whose smile was contagious has gone to heaven. A major stroke took him suddenly. He had just turned four years old. His innocence and joy warmed our hearts. He lived his life to the fullest. He will forever be an extraordinary example of what is possible when you don't give up. We will never forget him.



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Recent Adoptions



Jasmine

One of eight Great Pyrenees mix pups, Jasmine was adopted by Tami. The sweet puppy is apparently playing

well with her cats!

Sparkle

Feisty little Sparkle, a lovely calico was separated her mom too young. But now she has a wonderful new family to love her with Janelle and her husband. Sparkle is a happy cat.



Macy

13 year old Macy had few prospects after her person passed away. Then along came Rowena who fell in love

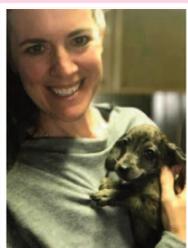
with Macy and brought her home.

Boogie

Young Boogie, one of the most affectionate cats we have ever cared for was adopted by the Knight's to be their one and



only family cat.



Speckles

A rare merle Dachshund mix, there was a lot of interest in adopting Speckles. While there were many good

choices, we chose Karen to be his forever friend.

Where Are They Now?

A segment sharing the stories about the lives of animals adopted from ARR in years gone by, and the special people who care for them.

Pica and Heather

Surrendered as a single orphan, we worried about the little siamese mix. She was much too small to be alone, yet our concerns eased when we observed the little kitten skillfully fend for herself. She seemed to have an inner wisdom about the world.

And then one day she met Heather, a kind and wise person, and the two old souls went home together. They have enjoyed a special relationship ever since.



Pica, short for Piccola, which means "little one" in Italian, adores Heather

As the little cat that Heather named Piccola grew, she enjoyed the freedoms of rural life. She was able to safely be outside during the day and enjoy the sunshine on her back. But every night she returned to sleep with her best friend, announcing herself with a

small meow, then jumping gracefully onto the bed to purr in the arms of Heather.

But one night, she didn't come home. Heather called for her and waited up for hours. But Pica didn't appear. Four days later, the poor cat was found locked in the crawl space under a neighbor's house. She was in distress. At the vet and it was discovered that her kidneys had shut down and were permanently damaged, either from severe dehydration, or from her desperately drinking something bad. Pica now requires a special diet, and fluids to live, and Heather is happy to do this for the little cat with whom she shares such a deep bond.

Catwalk

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the animals of very low-income pet owners. Many people are familiar with Animal Coalition's important work during and after recent local fires, providing for displaced pets and their owners. Our dogs' appearance was very well received.



Rooey, a mobility challenged dog had a great time at the ACLC event

Not So Feral

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released from the trap don't run away as fast as they can, but instead turn to see who released them, sometimes even sitting close and grooming themselves after their surgical ordeal.

Often, they will let you pet them, but not pick them up. These are cats who when brought inside, quickly remember how comfortable the living room couch is. These are cats who deserve, and can succeed in a home. If given the chance they can resume their lives as domestic cats, and someone's best friend.

The Real Aftermath of Animal Hoarding

Like abducted children or prisoners of war finally rescued from captivity, animals saved from hoarding situations face a long journey to really being free. It can take months, even years for survivors to be able to trust, to look forward to the next day, to know joy.

Animal hoarding is defined as the pathological accumulation of animals without even minimal standards of nutrition, sanitation, shelter and veterinary care, often resulting in animal starvation, illness and death.

Hoarded animals adapt to a miserable existence. Constantly hungry, cold, dirty, and severely overcrowded, they endure poor health, sleep in excrement, and walk over the bodies of those

who can't adapt. These animals feel no love or hope.

And if they are rescued, the extent of their victimization becomes clear. They run and hide when approached. They cower and scream when touched. They do not know what to do with a toy, or how to walk on a leash. They pee and poop everywhere. They destroy things.

Not only are animals rescued from hoarding often totally lacking in socialization, many are so physically sick that they are quickly deemed untreatable, as well as unadoptable, and are euthanized. But for organizations such as ours, who do not believe in killing animals, we accept that they will be with us for a

very long time. First, the sad physical manifestations of severe neglect must be addressed, and then rehabilitation can begin.

Rehabilitation takes patience, extreme patience. Animals who have been hoarded, possibly for years, and those born in the hoard are very damaged. We have spent days and weeks sitting across the room from a survivor, talking to them in a soft voice, waiting for eye contact,

or just for the trembling to stop. And when there is a step forward, the next day the same animal might have burrowed a large hole in an over stuffed chair in order to hide inside it.

Each glimmer of progress is cause for celebration, but the trauma the animal has experienced is still inside

them, similar to PTSD. And if, eventually, adoption becomes a possibility, the adopter must be a very patient person, someone who will never give up.

Make no mistake, animals in the possession of a hoarder are in grave danger. They are not pets. They are not companions or rescued animals. They are victims and they need help before it is too late. Authorities should be alerted immediately to intervene, followed by rescues who are committed to work with the animals.

These are not "things" being hoarded. They are living, breathing beings who are suffering everyday their hearts continue to beat.



More Adoptions



Lefty

Lefty had a poor upbringing but bloomed into a sensitive, well behaved, sweet boy. Now he has been

adopted by Donna who reports that she loves him very much.

Samson

Samson was a disheveled orphan when he came to us. But he soon became a handsome and sweet kitten, and now he has been chosen by the Byrd family.



Rusty

Young Rusty, a beautiful and tiny Dachshund mix puppy has been adopted by Bonita and her

very animal-savvy children. Rusty absolutely adores her new family!

Milano

Little Milano was a 2 week old orphan when she came to us. She grew into a lovely young tabby cat and has now been adopted by Lara to be her special companion.



Marilyn

6 month old Marilyn waited quite a while for the right family to bring her home. Now, with Christie and Trish, and their

three other dogs, she has a great home and lots of playmates.