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For all the wonderful
work you do!
From Luna and
Odin's Mom

Debra Young
Your Cause
(partial list)

Thank you for your support!

Wish List

Most Urgent Needs:
Blankets (not electric)
Dry Cat Food
Canned Cat Food
Cat Litter
Dry Fod Food
Canned Dog Food
Paper Towels
Trash Bags
Shop Vac

Ongoing Needs:
Small Dog Harnesses
Dog & Cat Toys
Ceramic Food Bowls
Floor Cleaner
Bleach
Mops/Mop Heads
Scrub Brushes
Brooms
Newspaper
Latex or Nitrile Gloves
Liquid Laundry Detergent
Hose Nozzles
Weed Wacker
Wheel Barrow
Electric Drill

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Dinner, Art Show, Dog Demos, Pet Parade, Cakes & Raffles... The Tradition Continues

Tickets are available now for the fourth annual Art By Animals fundraising dinner event benefiting Animal Refugee Response. Join us for a fun-filled evening for a very good cause.

Our shelter animals have been busy creating their newest masterpieces for this year's art show and silent auction.

Members of the San Pablo Police K9 Unit will be back by popular demand. And this year we have a special demonstration of bully training.

We are also excited to feature a festive parade of animals adopted from our shelter along with their new special people. It should be very exciting!

Our cat volunteers are once again presenting a wonderful gourmet cake sale. And there will be lots of great raffles to enter.

This year, dinner will be a tasty chinese buffet, including vegetarian selections.

So, save the date: June 17, and get your tickets now at our shelter, by phone at (510) 230-3758, or online at animalrefugee.org/events. See you there!

Why your donation is so important

Your donation to Animal Refugee Response is what makes it possible for us to continue our vital work, including:

SHELTER & SANCTUARY: Providing a safe place at our NO-KILL shelter for homeless animals including the elderly and disabled.

SAVING ANIMAL LIVES: Facilitating life-saving veterinary care for injured and sick animals in immediate need, and out of options.

ADOPTION PREPARATION: Getting animals ready for new loving, homes with vaccinations, spay/neuter and socialization.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: Making presentations to schools and community groups on current animal issues.

ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS: Spay/neuter, wellness and food assistance for very low income pet owners committed to keeping their pets.

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Girl Scouts visiting our shelter learned about helping our community's most vulnerable animals

Teaching Compassion and Responsibility for All Living Things

One of the most important aspects of our mission is community education. Among our activities, we lead shelter tours for youth groups, and visit classrooms to talk about animal issues in our community. It is our goal to actively encourage compassion and responsibility at a young age, in an effort to affirm what most children know already: kindness and caring for animals are good.

By reinforcing these important values early on, we believe that they will stay with the child as he or she grows, and even extend to other vulnerable populations including children, the elderly, and the disabled.

Ultimately, we believe that by teaching young people to protect those in their community less able to protect themselves, that a kinder and gentler society will emerge.

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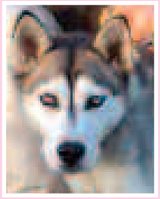
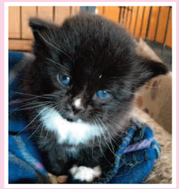
Recent Adoptions



Sheena

Hit by a car right in front of San Pablo Councilman Paul Morris, Sheena was left with a broken hip. Mr. Morris visited her throughout her recovery. Then the Husky was adopted by Kara. Morris will continue to visit.



Katia

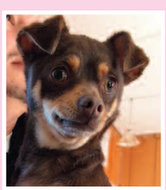
An orphan from the age of one day, Katia had a strong will to live. When she was 8 weeks old she found a home with Taryn.

Geronimo

Geronimo wanted to like people, but he had little experience. Anna decided she would take him home and patiently build a loving bond with him.

Brian

Tiny little Brian came in with three siblings at 6 weeks old. He was immediately outgoing with people. When Danna met him, she fell in love with him.



Cali

Small in stature but big in personality, Cali found a great home with Joe. Now she has a special person of her very own.

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.

Kona & Vince

Vince wasn't looking for a pet. He had enough responsibility. But ARR had no available kennels, and Kona was being released from the hospital and needed somewhere to stay. Vince had trained pit bulls in the past so he reluctantly agreed to keep Kona until a space opened up.

Vince prepared to set ground rules and establish himself as the Alpha, but that wasn't necessary. When he saw Kona it was clear something terrible had happened. Her brown eyes were filled with sadness. Her throat was stitched with purple thread in long lines like train tracks. Her owner had given her up after his other pit bull attacked Kona when she tried to share the coach. Before euthanizing her, the veterinarian called ARR as a last chance to save her.

When Vince met Kona, it was a temporary arrangement. That was six years ago.

Kona came to work with Vince at the print shop everyday. When he was at his desk, juggling customers, employees and vendors, she lay quietly on a blanket in the corner, where she watched everything going on. When he worked in the back of the shop running the press, Kona would follow him, sitting within view of him until he was done. Soon, she became Vince's co-pilot when he made deliveries around town in his truck.

One evening, during the busy season, Vince stayed late to meet a deadline. By 2 am, exhausted but still with work to do, he lay down on the coach for a brief nap. He woke up when he tried to roll over. Something stopped him. He turned his head and saw a pair of brown eyes looking back at him. Hoping for acceptance, Kona had climbed up on the coach as he slept stretching her 85-pound body out next to him. Vince stroked her big head. And he accepted her, telling her. "Yes, girl, this coach is yours!"

A kennel became available at Animal Refugee Response shortly after that. But Kona stayed with Vince. It was very clear that she was not a responsibility, but a permanent part of his life, as he was a permanent part of hers.

Your Donation *continued from page 1*

Animal Refugee Response receives no government funding. We depend on the generosity of those who care.

It costs more than $12,000 per month to operate our shelter, and another $20,000 per month for vet care and programs. Expenses of adoption preparation exceed adoption fees in every case.

The only way we are able to keep working is through grants from animal foundations, which can be few and far between, and, through donations from people in the communities we serve.

It is important to keep this work going. With your help we can. We appreciate every single donation we receive.

Please Give Mom a Chance!

Before picking up infant kittens you find in your yard, **please wait and watch at a distance for mom to return**. Chances are, she has left the nest just to find something to eat, because without nutrition she will not be able to keep producing milk for her kids. Or, perhaps she is looking for a safer, more protected place. And she can only carry one kitten at a time to the new nest.

It is not common for a mother to abandon her kittens. Usually it happens when her nest is disturbed, or she is scared away. So, before you rescue kittens, please give mom a chance to return. **It can be several hours.** These infants have a much better survival rate in the care of their mother.

Adoptions at Pet Food Express

Animal Refugee Response has been invited to do adoptions at Pet Food Express in Pinole. So far we have been there twice and have found homes for several animals.

We will be there again on the first and the third Sundays in May with both dogs and cats looking for loving, stable and permanent homes.

As well as a wonderful new friend, each adopter will also get a valuable coupon for high quality pet food and supplies at Pet Food Express.

When Dogs and Cats Don't Get Along

We've all seen those cute photos of a dog and a cat curled up together like best friends. It is great when this happens but more often than not, a dog and cat sharing the same home can lead to an unfortunate outcome.

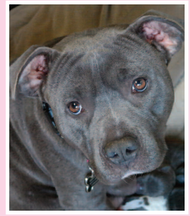
Preditory instincts are strong in some dogs and cats. Even with appropriate supervision and socialization, a constant degree of stress can be present for both species. Often this instinct cannot be overcome, leading to an inevitable encounter that can leave the cat dead, and the dog being looked at as evil, for doing what comes naturally.

Before expecting a dog and a cat to get along, think hard about the personalities and needs of both animals, and about your own responsibility and ability to keep them safe.

Baking for Animals

Tatianna, Ruby and Meera, students at the Berkeley School wanted to do something helpful for Animal Refugee Response so they got to work in the kitchen baking cookies and cakes and held a series of bake sales, raising $268.00 for our organization. Thank youu very much for your dedication to helping animals.

More Adoptions



Freya

Freya, a calm and docile Pit bull came in pregnant and had 7 healthy pups. When they were all adopted, Freya found a wonderful home of her own with Emily.

Susi

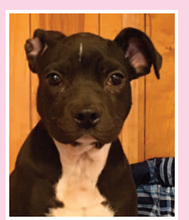
As soon as she was old enough, this lovely and sweet white kitten was adopted by Faraaz and his wife to come home and learn to co-exist with their bird, a intelligent and talkative African Grey.

Tommy

Young Tommy had a bad case of parvo. When he finally got well he was adopted by Martha for her son. Tommy is his pride and joy, and goes everywhere with him.

San Jose 3

Rescued from the San Jose flood by their brave but feral mother, 3 little kittens were adopted by Bobby to join his animal loving family.



Janet

A large and active Pittie pup, Janet found a loving home with Venus where she has room to run and a great family to grow up with.