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ARR residents, Ace, a wire hair terrier who came to us as a behavior case from Contra Costa Animal Services, and, Legs, a young Lake County cat who arrived dragging her rear legs but with veterinary treatment is now walking perfectly.

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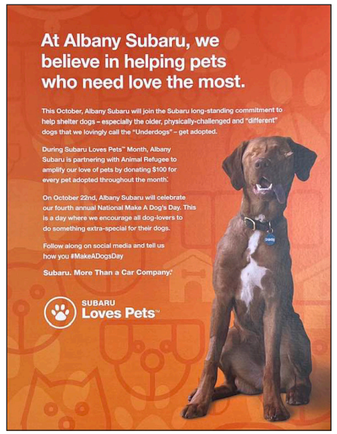
Highlighting Underdogs and Undercats

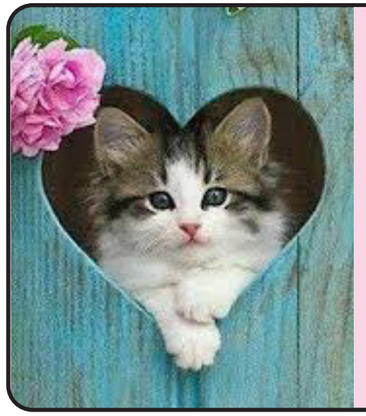
Animal Refugee Response participated in four sponsored adoption events this fall. One of our goals for these events was to include elderly, disabled, and others considered special needs animals among those for adoption. It requires a very special person to take on a special needs animal. It is a serious commitment, but it is immensely rewarding. It just takes a different perspective: Instead of thinking how the animal can make your life better, think of how you can make the animal's life better...forever.

The final event of the fall for us was held at Albany Subaru as a part of the annual "Subaru Loves Pets" national campaign. Subaru promotes adoption of shelter animals each October, especially those with special needs that they lovingly call "Underdogs". This theme is an ideal fit for Animal Refugee Response as a lot of our work is with special needs dogs and cats. Our ongoing partnership with Albany Subaru over the years has been very positive. Each year, we have found great homes for so many animals, and we have been able to bring attention our special needs animals in a very supportive environment.

We are grateful to have this opportunity to introduce our Underdogs and cats, who we know so well as animals who live with adversity, but who amazingly manage to feel joy anyway. Subaru, and Animal Refugee Response encourage you to open your heart to them.



Top: Subaru's table topper for this year's adoption partnership. Bottom: Animal Refugee Response's event display featuring some of our special needs animals.



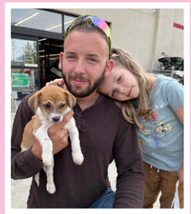
In the Spirit of the Season

When animals find their way to us, they are often in crisis, or on the brink of being euthanized. They arrive orphaned, eldery, sick, starving, injured, disabled, in labor, grieving and traumatized.

We accept these creatures knowing that our work with them will not be to find them new homes right away, but first to stablize their health, then to rebuild their confidence and trust. Ultimately our goal is to encourage joy in each animal. Sometimes that joy is just below the surface. Sometimes it is buried deep. At Animal Refugee Response there is no timeline, no giving up.

Please help us continue this important work. When considering giving this season, think of Animal Refugee Response. Your gift will help us save animals who are out of luck and out of time. We give them a safe place, and the care and love they need to live their best life.

Recent Adoptions



Happy

Little Happy was adopted by James and his daughter. Happy is having the time of his life in his new home where he loves to run and explore with his new family.

Kelsey

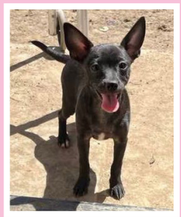
Sergio adopted a beautiful young Siamese mix named Kelsey. She has adapted to her new home well, and has lots of toys to play with and people who love her.

Horace

Horace was adopted by Stacy and Brian and is enjoying a lot of exciting outdoor adventures with his new family. He is feeling very loved and confident in his new home.

Hero

Hero, a happy terrier pup was chosen by the James and his family. It didn't take long for him to feel like one of the gang, and his new family is so happy they adopted him.



Nellie

Little Nellie, a Chuhuahua/Pomeranian mix was adopted by Brandy who reports back that Nellie is fitting in perfectly! Nellie cannot be happier to finally have a family of her own.

The Canine Family Tree

How can it be that these two animals are the same species? Their fur is the same color, but Angel, a young Golden Retriever weighs 80 pounds, and Layla, a full grown Chihuahua weighs 3 pounds!

Like all dogs, both of these girls are decendents of the majestic grey wolf, but since the time dogs were first domesticated at least 15,000 years ago, the canine family tree has developed a lot of branches!

In fact, in the last 200 years, as breeding for specific traits has gained popularity, the evolution of the canine species has exploded in diversity to the point that dogs are now the most varied species of any mammal.

Although these girls differ greatly in size and other physical traits, many of their behaviors are quite similar. They both collect their toys into piles. They both love to ride in the front seat of the car. They both possess the ability to love unconditionally, a quality that make dogs such perfect companions.

Senior Cats for Adoption

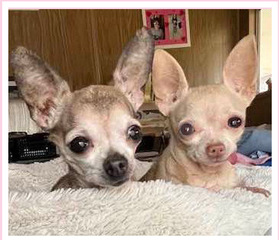
Meatball is a stunningly beautiful long hair cat. At age 8, she is large and healthy. She loves affection and sweet talk from her person. Meatball is looking to be the companion of a loving person who lives a quiet life and has no other pets.

Lisa is a lovely brown tabby with a very sweet personality. She is a healthy, well-mannered 12 year old who has outlived her owner. She is cat and people friendly. Lisa would love a home where she can sit quietly with her person and purr.

Desire is a lilac point Siamese mix with a unique ringed tail. She is a well nourished girl who is 16 years old. Desire is a quiet cat who enjoys gentle people. She loves sitting in a sunny window and is quite affectionate with her chosen person.

BFFs

Rosie was on her last legs (literally) when she came in. At about 15 years old, her rear legs no longer supported her reliably. She was frustrated. Our beautiful Layla welcomed her, sat with her and accepted her. The two seniors became best friends that day.

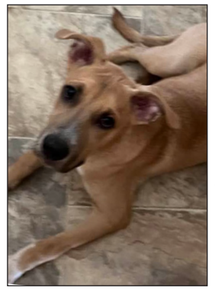


Readers responded compassionately to Rusty's story in the last issue. Here is an update.

Rusty Update

Rusty loves when I hold his head in my hands and stroke his face. He is a gentle boy, an innocent.

At six months old, he is now our tallest dog. He looks forward to going outside with his other big dog friends. Now that he is a little better at walking and running, he tries to keep up with them. Practice is helping immensely.



After a morning of active play, Rusty is quite ready to come inside for some quiet time. He tries as hard as he can to learn things and be like the other dogs. It is a challenge.

We feel Rusty is ready for adoption as a special needs dog. His ideal home would be with someone very loving, patient and positive, and who understands that expectations should not be too high for Rusty. He wants to be a smart and agile boy, but isn't quick to understand specific instructions yet. Patient practice is what works for him. Every skill or command he learns is a breakthrough to be celebrated!

Already a large dog, Rusty is still growing. He does walk well on a leash with encouragement. He is improving everyday. He drinks in affection, and has a lot of love to give.

And what of Scotty, the other dog mentioned in Rusty's story?

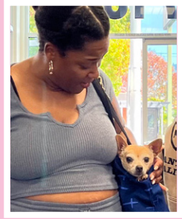
Scotty Abbiati

Scotty, a very cute terrier puppy was adopted by a mother with an eight year old son. Despite my best screening efforts, it was not a good adoption. Scotty was returned a month later, his head hung low. When I took him out of his travel kennel he sat as still as he could, but trembled. He was wearing the blue harness provided at the adoption, but it was twisted tight across his back and clipped to itsellf by a large metal wire. Unable to undo it, I cut it off and then it was clear why Scotty's stance was so strained. The harness was badly embedded into the flesh of his back. Every move he made the harness cut in deeper. I felt at once, anger, sadness and disappointment in myself.

Gently I worked to carefully extract the harness. Finally free, the extent of his injuriy was exposed. A gaping, half inch wide wound stretched across his back. Amazingly, that little dog was so relieved to be untethered, he started wagging his tail from the hips.

Scotty's body healed eventually. Then he was adopted again by a wonderful woman named Lynn Abbiati...an angel, in fact. She dotes on him! She sends regular updates about Scotty's terrific adventures, along side her other dogs. I am so happy to hear about him running free with a full heart, knowing he is so loved, as I always intended.

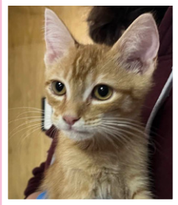
More Adoptions



Diane

Sylvia made an immediate connection with a little 4 year old dog named Diane and adopted her. We had never seen Diane so absolutely happy! She found her perfect person.

Prince



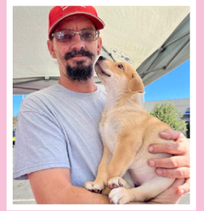
Handsome Prince, a hearty orange tabby kitten was adopted by Danny. Prince is happily getting to know his new surroundings and finding lots of opportunities to play and purr.

Jack & Joline

the Ruegg family adopted a pair of Retriever/Shepherd siblings at 10 weeks old. Their house is now filled with love and puppy energy!

Rascal

The Tamiagni family chose a Scottish Terrier mix named Rascal. The three month old is having the time and his new family loves him!



Julia

Beautiful Golden Retriever pup, Julie was swooped up by Troy. Julie will sooon be taking a road trip to Illinois with Troy. They will have a lot of time to bond and get to know each other.