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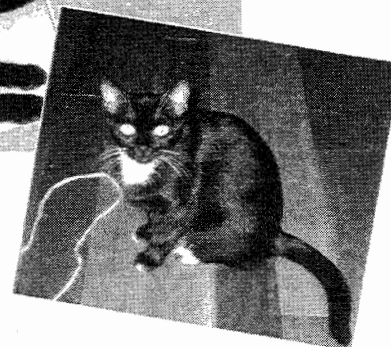
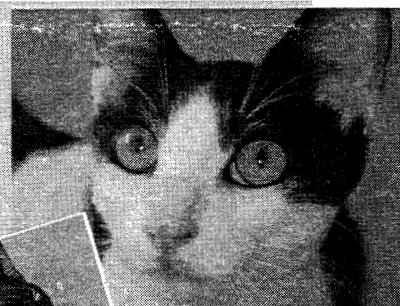
Are you looking for someone to spend the holidays with?

How about one of ARPO's wonderful adult cats? They will keep you warm at night, won't eat all of the good cookies, and, best of all, they offer a lifetime of unconditional love!

All of ARPO's cats are up to date on shots, FEL/FIV Negative, Spayed/Neutered, and microchipped.

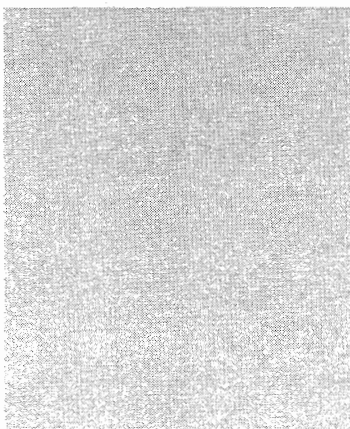
Our adoption fee for these beautiful cats is only \$100

Come check us out—they say wisdom comes with age!



Advantages to Adopting an Adult Cat

- Adult cats are less delicate and better able to ward off potential health problems.
- They are typically completely vaccinated and spay/neutered.
- Adult cats are usually calmer and less destructive.
- Many adult cats are already trained.
- Many of the older cats are accustomed to living with children and other pets.
- The adjustment period is likely to be smooth and fit your lifestyle with an adult cat.
- His or her personality is already known, so there are fewer surprises.
- You also have a very good idea as to what their size will be.



Dog fighting is the most exciting thing going on in my neighborhood

-Third-Grade Student



"Scarface" (left) was one of many Pit Bulls rescued after Hurricane Katrina. This very sweet dog was adopted by a veterinarian and has already started a fabulous new life far from New Orleans

"I go to dog fights to meet girls"

-7th Grade Student

"People fight dogs to make money. It just is and you can't stop it."

-6th Grade Student

Dog fighting is a hideous, vicious, and cruel activity and it is already in your community. Despite being illegal in all 50 states and a felony in 43 states, dog fighting is prevalent across the United States and is growing dramatically.

Dog fighting is the practice of fighting two dogs, usually Pit Bulls, against each other for gambling and entertainment purposes. A dog fight may last for hours and ends only when one dog is no longer willing or able to keep fighting. Dogs that don't die in a fight may die afterward for their injuries, which are rarely treated. Others are brutally killed by their "owners" - starved, neglected, beaten to

death, or even set on fire.

Children are often present at dog fights. According to Anti-cruelty.org, a survey of Chicago's schoolchildren has found that students are almost universally aware of dogs fighting in their neighborhood, with 1 out of every 6 children admitting that they have attended a dog fight.

As the quotes that accompany this article suggest, Anti-cruelty.org confirms that dog fighting promotes crime, such as cruelty to animals, violence to others, theft, drug use/possession/distribution, illegal weapons use/possession, and gambling. It also creates fear in

our neighborhoods of being attacked or killed by dogs, as well as fear of people who use fighting dogs to intimidate others.

Recently convicted dog fighters in Chicago have criminal records that include such significant crimes as assault/battery, arson, weapons charges, burglary, drug charges, and attempted murder.

Fighting dogs are severely abused in order to make them vicious, but they are not the only animals who suffer. Dog fighters steal cats and smaller dogs to be used as "bait" as they train the fighting dogs.

Dog Fighting: What to Look For

- Ownership of several adult dogs and puppies that are confined by thick, heavy chains
- Tires or other items suspended from trees for the purpose of jaw strengthening
- A treadmill, particularly a homemade version
- A "cat-mill" which confines a cat, rabbit or other small animal and encourages the dog to chase it may be present. As a reward for its hard work, the dog will be permitted to capture and kill the confined animal.
- Traffic or groups of people into and out of a residence or other site, some with dogs, especially Pit Bull-type dogs.
- Seeing people gathered in unusual places, such as an abandoned house, empty warehouse, residential basement, and barns.
- Please note that owning a spring pole or a treadmill does not automatically indicate that a dog is being trained for fighting. Some people use them legitimately to exercise their dogs.

Please report any signs of dog fighting activity to local police and animal welfare authorities.

Remembering Best Friends—ARPO Memorials

Haynes Charitable Fund in Memory of Puff and Hershey

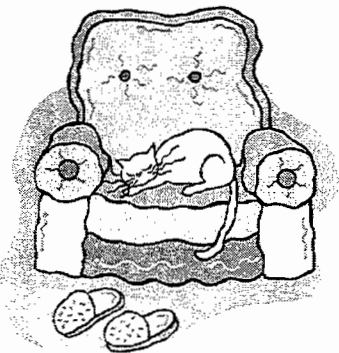
From Charlie and Sara Scott in memory of Nana's dear little Lady

From Amanda Hennessey in memory of Sadie

From Bob and Cindy Stiehl in memory of Lilly

From Margaret Mangus in memory of her sister, Lonna Deery, a true friend of stray and unwanted animals

From Julia O'Brien-Walker in memory of Puff



Get Your 4-Legged Kicks in 2006!

How many of you are planning on making New Year's resolutions this year? Lose weight maybe? How about putting more money in your savings account? The list goes on and on. This year do something that really matters and become a foster family or ARPO volunteer!

ARPO is always in need of loving families to become foster parents to the thousands of animals in need throughout Central Indiana. You can pick how many, what type, and when you want animals. ARPO picks up all the vet bills and what we ask of you as a foster family is to

provide food, shelter, regular transport back and forth to weekly adoption events, and of course lots of love and affection. Email foster@adoptarpo.org to find out more information...there are lots of animals just waiting to bring some joy to you on their journey to a permanent family!

If fostering isn't for you, we can use lots of hands to help in other ways too. Volunteers are needed to help out at our weekly adoption events, usually held at PetSmart in Castleton. Just a few hours a month, a quarter, or a year make a huge difference! We also

have an ongoing need for people who are willing to help out with fundraising – either by selling or buying!! For more information about volunteer opportunities, email volunteer@adoptarpo.org and we'll get you saving animals in no time!

So this coming year, put away that scale and go crazy with your VISA. This year, make your resolution to save the lives of these amazing creatures we're so lucky to have in our world. ARPO and you can make a difference together in 2006.

Livin' La Vida Cocoa!

Cocoa (*at right*) is definitely living the Good Life! We hit the jackpot when her adopters saw her ad on petfinder.com. Yes, they seemed like very good adopters, and would provide Cocoa with a secure, loving home, but little did we realize just what a gold mine Cocoa had landed herself in!

After being rescued from a shelter, Cocoa delivered a litter of puppies, and then was treated for heartworm. She remained a trooper even through all of this and was always a pleasant girl. She didn't meet a stranger, and even loved

having furry foster siblings. In her new home, we hear that dad now treats her to regular jaunts around town AND regular (small) doses of frozen lowfat yogurt!

She loves to ride in the convertible, but says anything much over 30 mph causes too much ear-flapping, so take it slow...a girl can't have messy hair all the time! Cocoa has even earned her very own seat in the family's private airplane, and has been wintering in Florida!

While originally being more of a woman's dog, Cocoa has now

switched her allegiance to her new dad...do we wonder why, with all that yogurt?! She follows him around all the time, whether he's working in his home office or relaxing in front of the TV. They've become inseparable buddies (or maybe it's more like "Daddy's Little Girl"?). Sounds like she's got him wrapped around her little paw!

Thanks, Colin & Caryl for giving Cocoa a WONDERFUL loving home. We're so happy to hear another ARPO animal is living the good life. Cocoa deserves it! And so do you!



Words of Thanks!

Thanks to Trish Main and Amy Barragree for hosting ARPO's Summer and Fall home parties. Many thanks to them and the following ARPO vendors: Holly Yorgen, Mandy Teter (Pampered Chef), Joni Downing (Cookie Lee Jewelry), Joe Moran (prints and cards), Sharen Simmons (Shure Pets). These events raised over \$1100 to help homeless animals!

Thanks to Pam Commons of *A Common Frame of Mind* for donating frames for the Eagle Creek Park photo fundraiser.

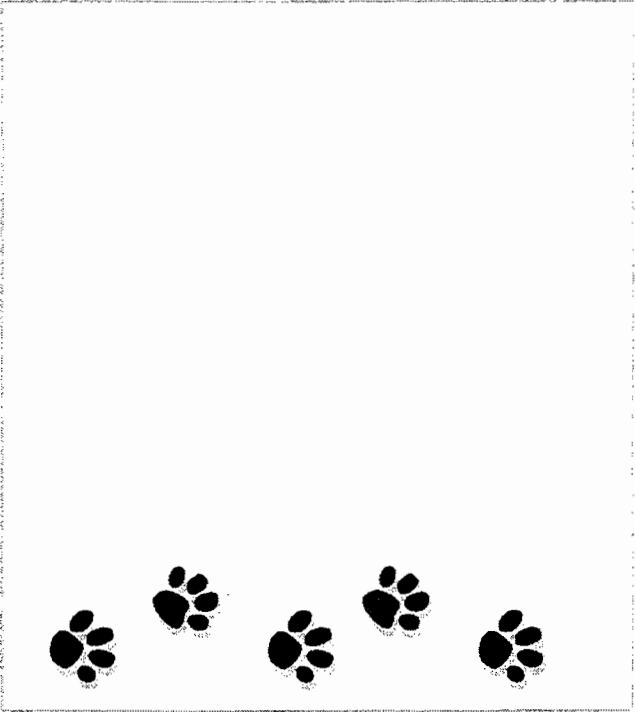
A very special thanks to Stephanie Clancy for her dedication to homeless animals for the past 7 years!! Stephanie was a founding member of ARPO, and has left the board to pursue other interests. Although Stephanie is still fostering and participating in special projects for ARPO, her day-to-day presence is definitely missed.

Special thanks to Cindy Waldrop for all of the work she has done on behalf of ARPO animals!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Yankee Candle sale—we raised over \$5,000 to help homeless animals!

Fall/Winter 2005

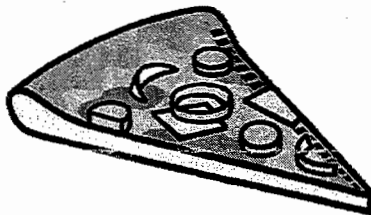
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We're on the Web!
www.adoptarpo.org



Upcoming ARPO Events



Puccini's Pizza Night!

Please join us on November 30 at Puccini's (82nd and Dean, and 136th and Meridian in Carmel) for Pizza, Pasta, and more. A portion of the proceeds will go to ARPO. Dine in or Carry Out, and there is no need to inform the server that you are participating in the fundraiser.

Home 4 the Holidays

From November 7th, 2005 through January 6th, 2006, more than 1,600 animal shelters and rescue groups around the world, including dozens of Indiana groups, will join paws for Home for the Holidays 2005. Home 4 the Holidays is an international pet adoption campaign designed to match orphaned dogs and cats with loving families, so that they don't spend the holidays in shelters. The goal is to send more than 250,000 dogs and cats to homes this holiday season!

Baja Fresh

Join ARPO at Baja Fresh, 7305 E. 96th Street on December 17th from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will go to help the homeless animals in Indiana. For more details and a coupon, please visit www.adoptarpo.org

Santa Pictures!

Will be offered at the Castleton Petsmart on December 3rd and 4th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Proceeds benefit ARPO.

