

**IN MEMORY & HONOR OF
(Remembering Special Friends)**

Carlee Albertson in memory of Ozzie
 Dorcas Albertson in honor of Ozzie
 Shannon Bahler in honor of ARPO dog Major Lee
 Shannon Bahler & Brett McLaughlin in memory of Jake & Abby
 Deborah Blair in memory of ARPO dog Daizy
 Denise Bliss in memory of Steven Rollo Scotton
 Mary Bogeman in honor of Kathy Sharp's birthday
 Ruth Borden in honor of Shannon Bahler's birthday
 Stephanie Clancy in memory of ARPO dog Penny
 Elizabeth Collins in honor of Romo
 Mary DeWitz in memory of Clara Black, beloved of Mr. & Mrs. Gene Black
 Rose Feeney in honor of Kathy Sharp
 Tim & Andrea Fogarty in memory of our beloved rottie Zena
 Susan Ford in memory of Maizie Greene
 Tonya Foreman in honor of Annabelle, my precious ARPO dog
 Jerry Foster in memory of Vern Harvey
 Amy Fredericks in memory of Addie
 Denise Gearns in honor of ARPO dog Major Lee
 Sue Hennessy in memory of ARPO puppy Hoosier
 Kelley Hinkle in memory of Cooper

Lorraine Holland in the name of Linda Swick
 Trish Main in honor of ARPO dog Major Lee
 John & Margie Mangus in memory of Winnie & Gracie
 Jerry & Sherry Marshall in appreciation of Karen Frye & ARPO's help placing rescued animals
 Brandon McCauley in honor of Scott & Kurt Szalay
 Ann Moudy in honor of Kathy Sharp
 David & Barbara Myers in honor of Judith Roland's brother, Major General Leon Babcock, Jr.
 Patte Owings in honor of Animalia & Aurelia Owings
 Charles & Karen Payne in honor of Kathy Sharp
 Olga Pratt in honor of ARPO dog Major Lee
 Jonathon & Diana Reeves in honor of ARPO kitties Samantha & Hermann
 Janet Trotter in honor of Fred & Grace (ARPO's Mouse) the best brother & sister team ever!
 Judith Weerts in memory of Lloyd W. Engle, Jr.
 The Williams Foundation (c/o Warren & Karen Patitz) in honor of ARPO dog Major Lee
 Wanda Wilson in memory of Pepper
 Dave & Lugene Yearwood in memory of Fergette

A Meow Heard Across the Town!!

One warm July morning, an ARPO foster mom was delivering puppies to the Low Cost Spay Neuter Clinic and heard a desperate cry. It sounded like a feral cat caught in a trap giving a deep howling screech. When she approached a cardboard box on the doorstep, she discovered tiny little ME! I was only about 4 weeks old and barely weighed a pound, but I could holler with the best of them. You see, it appeared I'd been caught in a car fanbelt and my right leg was severed nearly to the bone. I was in horrible pain, and boy, was I telling everyone about it!

She scooped me up, box and all, and delivered me to the vet. My leg was too far gone to save, and the vet wanted her to think about euthanizing me. I didn't know what that meant, but mom said NO WAY! She knew I could live a full life with just three legs, and affectionately began calling me Southpaw. After my surgery, she gently dabbed medicine on my shoulder several times a day, and I often went to the vet's office for new bandages. (By the way, all the techies at the hospital just fell in love with me!)

Thanks to ARPO, my life was spared, and I now get around just as fast on three legs as any ol' cat with all four. And I'm a very affectionate guy as a result of all that special handling I got as a tiny one.

I'm now known as LEFTY and I'm happy as a clam in my furrever home that I share with a couple other cats and some dogs as well!

PET PICTURES WITH SANTA



ARPO benefits from Santa pictures

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**PetSmart Castleton (82nd & Allisonville)
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"Southpaw"

Winter 2009 - Happy Holidays from ARPO!



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A Major Journey!

Major Lee's 1st Day with ARPO

Indianapolis Animal Care & Control was notified of a terribly neglected dog living tied up outside without food or water. They visited the homeowners and were told "just take the dog, we don't want him". After arriving at their shelter, a call was made to ARPO to notify us of Major Lee and his condition. And, of course, ARPO went into action. One of our foster moms caught wind of the situation and the mistreatment this dog had received, and stepped up to foster and nurse him back to health.



When our veterinarian first saw Major Lee, he noted severe skin infections and possibly sarcoptic mange. His skin was covered with open sores and was missing a lot of hair...not to mention the sickening odor

emanating from his body. To top all this off, he had a fever of 104 degrees. Major Lee stayed at the hospital overnight for monitoring, and a complete blood work up was ordered, as well as a round of antibiotics. His skeletal, nearly hairless body was emaciated from head to tail.

Due to the poor condition of his skin, it was surmised Major Lee had probably never seen the inside of a home. His near-death condition was one of the worst the vet had ever seen.

After many weeks of medications, special diet, extra feedings, and lots of Tender Loving Care from his foster mom, Major Lee began healing and gaining weight. As his health improved, his true personality began to show. He became playful and, even after enduring severe neglect, he began to trust again. ARPO is proud to say that he's been adopted and is in his forever home being spoiled. Just as it should be...

ARPO works with all areas of the animal rescue community and in multiple ways. We appreciate any resources you may be able to donate: your time, monetary and food donations, and much more. Help us help more deserving animals like Major Lee (& Southpaw)!



Major Lee in his New Home!

Donate via PayPal to lighten our veterinary expenses, send a check to our post office box, volunteer a few hours of your time, or drop off supplies at our adoption events. Our holiday supply wish list includes: high-quality canned and dry puppy food, dry dog food, canned and dry kitten & cat food, gently-used towels and bedding, puppy and dog collars, 4' & 6' nylon leashes, newspapers, postage stamps, business size envelopes, and Nylabones and toys for our furry friends.

ARPO Established 1998 / Adoptions to Date = 2,667!

ARPO would like to wish you Happy Holidays, and share how very grateful we are for our friends and supporters. So far this year we have taken in 285 pets and found great homes for just over that same number. Several of our animals have had major medical issues, either due to neglect, abuse, accident, or genetics. Their medical expenses are covered entirely by your donations, our fundraisers, & adoption fees. Our veterinary expenses so far this year are over \$66,300, and our adoption fees cover less than half of that expense. With your continued help, ARPO will be able to carry on into the New Year doing what we do. As you plan your year-end holiday giving, please consider making ARPO the recipient of your tax-deductible gift. ARPO and the animals we serve thank you for your generous donations, and wish you the happiest holiday season ever!

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