



NEWS FROM THE ADOPTION FRONT

Farewell to Founding Member

With much sadness ARPO says farewell to founding member, Debbie Haynes. Debbie, her husband Michael and their cat family will be relocating to their hometown of St. Louis.

Debbie has been a guiding force since the beginning of ARPO. She held the position of Board Secretary for two years and designed and implemented our data base and most of our printed forms. Debbie was also Petfinder Web Site Coordinator taking pictures and writing stories about our pets and making weekly updates.

Debbie has a deep love for all animals but has a special fondness for cats and was a steadfast foster parent. She often fostered elderly and sick cats, as well as mothers and kittens, showing them each the same love she showed for her own pets (several of them ARPO adoptions).

ARPO will miss Debbie's expertise, hard work and compassion to animals.

Wish List

- Premium puppy, dog, kitten, and cat food
- Dog crates, large sizes
- Copy paper, white and colored
- Leashes and collars, all sizes
- Cleaning supplies (anti-bacterial, multi-purpose cleaner, paper towels)
- Hand sanitizer or anti-bacterial hand wipes

Items may be dropped off at the Castleton Petsmart on Saturdays from 12-4 p.m., or contact us to arrange a drop-off time.

Amazing Animal Updates

A couple of our long term foster animals have finally found their forever home. We are so happy for them and very grateful to the adopters for opening their homes and their hearts to these precious pets.

First on the list is Sasha. She is an adult kitty who has been in our foster system since the summer of 2001. She is a rather large kitty and was a little intimidating at our adoption events. She has found the perfect home and we wish her many more happy years.

Next up are Tiny and Daisy. They came to us last spring when their owner surrendered them to a kill shelter and a plea was put out over the internet to save their lives. They are both older dogs and very attached to each other so even finding a foster home was not an easy task. They have now been adopted to a very generous home and are doing very well! Thank you so much to Anne Land for fostering Tiny and Daisy!

Last but not least is Tiny Tim. He came to us as a stray who had been previously injured as a puppy, most likely hit by a car. The injury was never treated and so his leg "healed" itself and gave him very little mobility or use of it. He is now 3 years old and had been using the leg more like a crutch and dragging it most often. Since repair of the leg was not an option we decided he would be better off with out it and he underwent surgery at Northside Animal Hospital. He did so well after surgery he was jumping up 2 days later! He is now back at his foster home and is re-couping for a few weeks. He is very happy and well socialized with adults, children, cats and dogs. He'll be looking for his forever home very soon.

Angie's List Helps ARPO Through Memberships

Looking for a good service provider for everything from accountants to window tinters but don't know how to sort through all of the listing in the Yellow Pages? Then join Angie's List! Angie's List can give you great recommendations for service providers. All company ratings on Angie's List come from members. Companies do not pay to be rated on the List, nor can they rate themselves. In addition, companies cannot remove their names from the List. Members who share their service experiences with Angie's List are

asked to grade their overall satisfaction with companies on an A-F grading scale. When you call or e-mail seeking service providers, you will receive the names of companies that have an overall A or B rating.

When purchasing a membership directly from Angie's List, Please be sure to mention over the phone or write on the application that you heard about them through the Alliance For Responsible Pet Ownership.

In addition to the names of good service providers, you also receive great benefits such as a complaint resolution service (available to members even if the service provider was not a recommendation from Angie's List), a monthly magazine chockful of great consumer information, and discounts for area businesses and entertainment attractions.

ARPO will have Angie's List enrollment forms at our upcoming adoption events. You can also contact us for an application. If you want to purchase the membership directly from Angie's List, please call them at 317-297-LIST or visit their web site, www.angieslist.com.

For every 1-year/\$37.00 new membership that is sold through ARPO or referred to them by ARPO, ARPO receives \$25.00 of the new membership fee. So you can get access to the best service providers in town AND help the animals at the same time!

Meeting Update

Just a quick note to thank everyone who attended our volunteer meeting on Monday night, January 20, 2003. With 32 attendees, it was great to get everyone together and meet face to face. Adoption events can be so hectic, with different board members and volunteers each week. It's really hard to get a sense of the whole organization, especially if you are new to ARPO. This meeting went a long way towards helping everyone feel like they are part of something special.

We presented 2 awards at the meeting: one for Foster Home of the Year and one for Volunteer of the Year. Christine Jeschke is our Foster Home recipient recognizing her untiring efforts for ARPO. She currently fosters 3 cats and a mother dog with 4 puppies! This is in addition to her own crew of 4 cats and 2 dogs. Christine has been with ARPO since April, 2002. Our Volunteer recipient is Bob Freese. If you have ever volunteered at the Castleton Petsmart, you probably know Bob. He is there nearly every week helping to set up cat cages and litter boxes as well as providing attention and reassurance to the cats at our adoption events. He is also our primary petfinder

photographer. Bob has been with ARPO since the fall of 2001.

Many thanks, too, to dog trainer Warren Patitz, our guest speaker. Warren's interest is to help people and dogs enjoy a relationship of mutual trust and respect and reduce the number of abandoned and relinquished companion animals. He provided many things to think about in the way we interact with our pets and answered many questions from our volunteers about their own animal situations. It was a truly interesting exchange that could have gone on much longer than the time we had. Perhaps Warren will be back in the future to give us more insight into the relationships we build with our canine companions.

Combine all this with great pizza and the evening was an unqualified success! For those of you who did not attend, I hope this makes you wish you had! We will be discussing future volunteer activities at our next Board meeting in mid February. If you have any more suggestions as to frequency, location or topics of interest, feel free to let us know. It's not too late to turn in the survey that was sent out a couple of weeks ago. We are always interested in your feedback.

Upcoming Events

ARPO will have a booth at the Earth Day Indiana Festival again this year at the Indiana War Memorial on April 26th from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

We will also have our first ever Cinco de Meow! It's a cat adoptathon to be held the first Friday night of May at the Castleton Petsmart.

Memorials

- Thank you to Judy Roland for her donation in memory of the dog Mr. Kong, companion to Mr. and Mrs. Gail Livers.
- Thanks to the Maddox and Bowman-Butler families for their donation in memory of Julie Rhodes dog Luca.
- Thanks to Mary and Jeff Kroll for their donation in memory of the cat Jack, companion to Demspey Arnold and Angie Carpenter.

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Sniffin' Around

Three Dog Bakery

844 Broad Ripple Ave . 466-1646

Step off of bustling Broadriple Avenue into Three Dog Bakery and the first thing you will notice are the sizeable pastry cases packed with amazing looking pastries - luscious cakes, biscotti, cookies, tarts... As you check

your chin to make sure you're not drooling, you realize that the guy next to you just fed a peanut butter cookie to his Labrador Retriever. Next to him, a boxer is scarfing down a scoop of ice cream. Huh?

Yes, Three Dog Bakery is a bakery for dogs. There is nothing here for us poor two-legged types to eat. Owners Scott and Stacey Petcu will smile sympathetically and tell you that, technically, people can actually eat anything in the store - it's all made from fresh, natural ingredients. In fact, it will probably be healthier than whatever you had for lunch. I can tell you from experience, however, the treats don't taste like you think they will (don't ask). All that really matters is that the doggies love it!

Three Dog Bakery was started in Kansas City in 1989 by two guys who didn't understand why the labels on commercial dog treats read like a chemistry lesson. They set out to make fresh, healthy, all-natural treats for dogs everywhere. They got the scoop on nutrition from veterinarians and the all-important taste testing was done by their three dogs, Dottie, Gracie and Sarah Jean. Since then, the word...er, bark... has spread and new stores have been popping up all over the US and as far away as Japan!

Scott and Stacey gave Indianapolis its very own Three Dog Bakery in February of 2000 and the parade of happy dogs and enchanted owners hasn't stopped since. They bake many of the puppy pastries right there in the store, closely monitored by River, an exacting

supervisor and very friendly Black Lab puppy. They also offer oodles of cool toys, collars and clever accessories. They even have special salmon treats for cats, so no one is left out. Sometimes it seems like the people are having even more fun than the dogs! Scott and Stacey are no exceptions. "Every day when we get ready to go to work," Scott explains, "we know we're going to have a lot of fun. All of the people and pets that come in make our jobs very enjoyable!"

While the Petcu's certainly enjoy their mission of tantalizing canine taste buds - they are forever giving free treats to their canine customers - they are also generous supporters of the animal rescue community through Three Dog Bakery's Gracie Foundation and by providing assistance to local groups like ARPO. Scott and Stacy open their store to rescue groups for adoption events almost every weekend, they have donated hundreds of pounds of dog food, and they share proceeds from sales of Three Dog Bakery items at ARPO special events!

So next time you want to treat your special buddy or want a great gift for a dog-loving friend, be sure to stop in and see Scott and Stacey at Three Dog Bakery. It's a magical place!



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We'd like to thank everyone who helped us throughout the year in 2002. We had a record breaking year in adoptions, a 7% increase from 2001. We found homes for 130 dogs and 61 cats. Thanks to everyone who donated, adopted and helped out at in every way! Please accept our apology if your name is not on this list and it should be. We do our best to keep track of everyone and we'll appreciate the correction!

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