



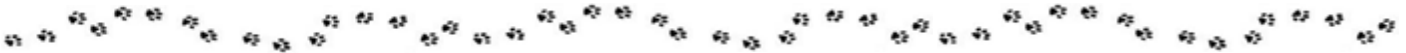
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4th Annual Dog Olympics coming May 30th – Watch our site for de-TAILS!



The Board of Directors and all of ARPO's volunteers would like to extend our heart-felt appreciation for your continued support. Without you, our donors and supporters, we would not have been able to help Joe Louis and the hundreds of other pets that benefited from your generosity this past year. Join us as a member today, and help us continue on our journey to ending the high rate of euthanasia and pet overpopulation in central Indiana.

\$ 25 "Pick of the Litter"

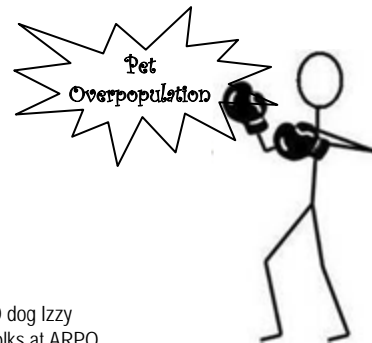
\$ 50 "The Cat's Meow"

\$100 "Best in Show "

Your contribution can save a life!

To join, simply return the enclosed envelope with your tax-deductible contribution or join online today at www.adoptarpo.org under the "Sponsors and Donors" link. Remember to sign up online for e-News as well!

ARPO Established in 1998
2008 Adoptions = 281 Dogs/Puppies & 42 Cats/Kittens
Total Adoptions to Date = 2,406



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

Dr. Don & Heidi Adamov in honor of ARPO dogs Penny & Gypsy
(Gypsy was adopted in memory of our beloved Nikki.)

Liz Araki in memory of Sammy

Leslie Babione in honor of Amanda Hennessy

Janet Baines in honor of Sam, my wonderful ARPO dog

Tony & Colleen Baumgartner in honor of Kellogg

Kim Blanton in honor of Ozzie

Herb & Barbara Bobbett in memory of Bob Stiehl

Leanne Bodick in memory of Toby, Zeus, & Taipei

Steve & Diane Castner in memory of Jim & Mary Castner

Cathy Clager in memory of Jakeup

Stephanie Clancy in memory of Debbie Haynes' kitty Precious

Kimberly Clayton in honor of ARPO dog Rufus

Leah Colville in honor of ARPO dog Paolo

Patricia Dewald in honor of ARPO volunteers & foster families

Dionne Dynlacht in honor of ARPO dog Tipper

The Flynn Family in honor of Maisey, our ARPO dog

Raymond & Gerrylynn Gibson in honor of Cleo & Earl

The Gneiding Family in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Rudolph Peters & Molly

Laura Goetz in honor of Liberty Fund Publishing

The Green Street Gang in honor of John & Laurel Meyers

Kristina Grimes in memory of Odie & Manda

Sue Hart in memory of Lilly

In memory of Chuck Wolfram given by Andi, Joe, Jackie, Colin, Greta,

Flame, Snickers, & Colorado

Suzanne Heitman in honor of Carlie (aka ARPO kitty Daytona)

Kurt & Pat Hertenstein in honor of ARPO dogs Tonya & Leilani (now Harper & Zoe)

Libby Kelley in honor of my wonderful ARPO dog Izzy

Cam Krosnoff in honor of all the wonderful folks at ARPO

Susan & Charles Kueser in honor of all ARPO doggies

Sara & Jake LaForge in honor of our ARPO dog Honey

Diane Lamond in honor of ARPO dog Delta & her foster mom Jody

Lisa Lindemann in honor of ARPO dog Switches

Bryan & Amy Marr in memory of Max and in honor of Amber & Micah

Ron & Kay Miller in memory of Boomer, Snowball, Benji, & B.J.

Anne Munsch in honor of my ARPO cat Hercules

Leann Oakley in memory of Ebony & Ivy

Jean Phillips & Ruth Reichard in memory of Slippers Warren

Olga Pratt in honor of Ozzie

Anita Randall in honor of Lillie the ferret

John & Mary Rinehart in memory of our beloved dogs Chubs & Dozer

Tom & Gina Rosenow in honor of Fergie, our funny ARPO girl, & her adopted sister Annie

Steve Salge in honor of Tom Griswold & Bob Kevoian

Wendy Schmidt in honor of ARPO dog Diesel

Paul & Marsha Servaas in honor of Elle, Dalton, Joey, Molly, Thomas, & Eddy

Beverly Stark in honor of Carrie Stark

Carrie Stark in memory of ARPO puppy Troy

Nancy Stauffer in memory of Pete

Gergory Ullrich in honor of Judy Roland

Kevin & Robin Wachtel in honor of ARPO dog Coley

Judith Williams in honor of Julie Koch

Ann Wolpert in memory of Molly, Yoda, Pooh-Bear, Clown, Tuffy, & Scooter

Karen Yeflich in honor of Gina & Gracie

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_____ \$ 25 "Pick of the Litter"

_____ \$ 50 "The Cat's Meow"

_____ \$100 "Best in Show"

_____ Other contribution

Donate via PayPal. Visit www.adoptarpo.org & annotate **MEMBERSHIP** in the "payment for" line.

Spring 2009

(please cut along line and return in enclosed envelope)



KNOCKED DOWN - BUT NOT OUT !

Can an emaciated, once-prize-fighter standing at death's door successfully rebound and return to the ring?

It appears he can!

For starters, **Joe Louis** had uncontrollable, explosive diarrhea. And as bad as that sounds, it was just the beginning of his problems. Joe was turned over to a local animal shelter. It didn't seem like it at the time, but that was his lucky day. Fortunately, the shelter had a person on file who had been interested in adopting a boxer (and coincidentally was an ARPO volunteer, as well). Although not exactly what she was looking for, this lady took one look at Joe and knew she couldn't turn her back on him. He climbed into her car, and she took him directly to the vet. Even at closing time, one look at the pitiful creature before them, a bag of bones with a runny nose and wheezing with every breath, they made time to evaluate him immediately.

From this . . .



Joe had obviously faced his share of trials and had definitely taken a few hard punches, but no way had he been knocked out! With sheer will and determination, and much tender loving care by his foster mom, he began working his way back into the ring. ARPO's vet had his work cut out for him. We began with the small stuff, like good food to bring him back to his fighting weight and cover his bony skeleton, treating a heavy infestation of worms and other intestinal parasites, and controlling his severe diarrhea. Then came the heavy-weight stuff (pun intended!). As if everything so far hadn't been enough, Joe Louis tested positive for heartworm. It was months before he was strong enough to undergo the treatment, which had to be delayed until Joe was closer to regaining his fighting weight and strength. After a few more months of recuperation, he was safely able to face his last hurdle -- neuter surgery!

What America's Brown Bomber and "*greatest heavyweight champion of all time*" did for the U.S. spirit during World War II, Joe Louis the boxer has done for ARPO. His story and others like him are what keeps ARPO volunteers moving forward, determined to help as many homeless animals as we can, regardless of how much their care might cost. You simply cannot put a price on how satisfying it is to be there for an animal in such dire straits. If a boxer standing at death's door can struggle his way back to defend his place in the ring of life, then we surely can re-devote ourselves to the cause that helped him get there. We strive to be the "heavyweight" in Indy's rescue arena, and hope you'll join us in our mission to **KNOCKOUT** the homeless pet dilemma we still face every day. Please renew your membership today!

And did we forget to mention that Joe Louis is now happily living the good life in his new forever home? Many thanks to his new family for taking such good care of our prize fighter and giving Joe Louis the happy ending he so deserves!



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