

# ARPO NEWS

Spring 2010

## FOR EVERYONE THERE IS SOMEONE

& Farley's story is proof (from foster mom Paula).

**FARLEY** was discovered during a Friends of Indianapolis Dogs Outside (FIDO) Outreach Day. It was the middle of winter and he and two siblings were living on tangled, 4-foot chains. It was obvious that they all needed help, but his sister was in the worst condition with her collar imbedded in her neck. The owner was convinced to give her up, but unfortunately, Farley had to stay behind.

Three months passed before we were finally able to rescue him. By that time Farley's collar was also growing into his neck, but that was the least of his problems. He spent his first few hours in "rescue" at the emergency vet's office diagnosed with tracheitis, bacterial pneumonia, dehydration, and gastroenteritis. The poor boy was skin & bones ... as thin as one could be and still be alive. His cough was so advanced that he couldn't breathe when lying down and he had to be propped up between two chairs to sleep.

A few days passed while I administered breathing treatments and a myriad of medications. Good food was waiting as soon as his appetite came back ... and, wow, did it come back. He started eating everything in sight! Farley learned to play with toys and discovered that he could jump 4-foot (and eventually 5-foot) fences in a single bound! As with many dogs who start their lives off in less than ideal circumstances, Farley was not without his challenges. In addition to jumping fences, he had a bad habit of "marking" his territory around the house. He had his own "greeting" for strangers, and wasn't afraid to use it. His BARK was harmless and harbored no aggression, yet it was not amenable to making new friends. He also wasn't so crazy about having a canine playmate.

The months went rolling by and various applications came in for Farley, but none worked out for one reason or another. Then, as his second summer in foster care was coming to a close, the magic began. A nice couple read his ad on ARPO's website. They applied for Farley and, in spite of all his supposed flaws, fell in love.



The initial visit to their apartment did not go well (who needs the damage deposit returned anyway?), but not to worry! Their new house was almost completed and Farley would

wait. The day after they moved in, Farley joined them. After enduring a few trials, Thanksgiving was the real test ... 17 guests & another dog ... Yikes! I held my breath as I opened the email the next day:

**"We are so proud of Farley. He did great over Thanksgiving and our family loved him. We also had another family dog over. After the initial introduction of barking, both dogs did just fine together. I have to tell you though...Farley is the favorite. Even Jack's brother who owns the other dog admits it."**

I re-read that email when I begin to miss him and fondly remember the snotty-nosed, homely bag 'o bones who was willing to give humans another chance. He was truly a boy worth saving!

**ARPO's Board of Directors and volunteers extend our heart-felt appreciation for your continued support. Without you, our donors & supporters, we would not be able to help the hundreds of pets we take in each year. Your generosity provides the mainstay for our organization.**

**Join us as a member, and help us continue our quest of ending the high rate of euthanasia and pet overpopulation in central Indiana. Your contribution can save a life!**

**To join or renew, simply return the enclosed envelope with your tax-deductible contribution or join online at [www.adoptarpo.org](http://www.adoptarpo.org) via the PayPal link. Just mark the comment line "Membership".**

## Upcoming Events!



Easter Begg Hunt - March 27th



5th Annual Dog Olympics - May 22nd

(Check our site for de-TAILS.)

## Tragedy Turns Triumphant

*Left behind after a tragic crime, **BUFFY** was scheduled to be euthanized the day ARPO stepped in. Adult cats are often overlooked for cute, fluffy kitties, and at 7 years old, she was likely to become a permanent resident of her foster home.*

*Miraculously, a family met Buffy after bumping into her foster mom as she was leaving an adoption event. As they say, the rest is history.*

*ARPO recently received an endearing follow up on Buffy. Her new family writes: She is doing fantastic. She is so fat & we laugh because we never see her eat or go to the bathroom - she always runs like she is embarrassed to be seen eating. She sleeps with us every night and wakes us to get attention. She gets in bed and rolls over on her side so we will rub her. We all love her very much. From now on I will only adopt a full grown cat so I can be sure of their personality. She has been the best cat ever!! We were meant for each other!*

**ARPO extends special appreciation to our terrific vets and their staffs:**



**Animal Medical Center  
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# HANK'S HOME!



Anyone who has been with ARPO very long knows **HANK**. He's the well behaved, "perfect gentleman"

at PetSmart who could never seem to find the right home. Adopted as a puppy a few years ago, Hank was returned twice for various reasons. Being a little headstrong and possessive of his favorite people and toys, he wasn't suited for just any home. As the months turned into years, Hank did meet the occasional potential adopter. But it wasn't meant to be, and he was welcomed back into his foster home more than once.

Then the day came when he met someone new ... a single, mature female seeking a loving companion; an empty nester with no one else at home to compete for toys or affection. It was a match made in heaven! Although she loved him very much, Hank's foster mom knew that he would be much happier with a home of his very own. She waited for that inevitable call saying Hank was on his way back once again. Amazingly, that call never came. Word was that Hank was fitting in nicely and having a great time. Finally, after almost 4 years in foster care, Hank has found his very own forever home!

## Special Thanks

Volunteer of Year = Sean Ferry

Foster of Year = Paula Puntenney

## Remembering Special Friends

Dr. Don & Heidi Adamov in memory of Nikki & Pumpkin & in honor of ARPO dogs Penny & Gypsy  
 Margie Alexander in honor of cats Olivia & Bud  
 Robert Armstrong in memory of Dorie  
 Lori Arnold in memory of Jessie & Keeper  
 Mr. & Mrs. Jim Bagnoli in memory of Sugar & Peter  
 Denise Benn in honor of the ARPO volunteers  
 Barbara Biesterfeldt in memory of Lucy  
 Anne Douglas & Carol Black in memory of Jack, Whitney, & Luke  
 Herb Bobbett in memory of Bob Stiehl  
 John & Lisa Brandt in honor of Karen Frye's work for animal adoption  
 Bernard & Sharon Brown in memory of Kiki  
 Laura & Bill Bush in honor of Max & Cleo (aka ARPO kitties Ziggy & JoJo)  
 Amelda Butler in honor of Naomi's help with rescue dog Callistina  
 Paul & Liz Calkins in honor of Katie Calkins  
 Diane & Steve Castner in memory of Sadie  
 Albert Cones in honor of my best friend Bagel, the beagle-hound  
 Bonnie Cooper in memory of Penny and honor of Erica Cooper, Rocko, Laverne, Major Lee, & Persephone  
 Doug & Judie Cycotte in memory of Chloe  
 Sondra Davis in honor of JoJo & memory of Lacey  
 David & Elisa Deer in memory of Rosebud and honor of George, Lucy, & Daisy  
 Patricia Dewald in memory of Rascal, Happy, Carrie, Whiskers, Max, & Hershey and honor of Tuffy, Jill, Minnie, & Buddy Dewald  
 Mary DeWitz in memory of our beloved companion ARPO "Kitty"  
 Elaine Fetta in honor of ARPO's Karen Frye  
 Sam & Kerry Fletcher in honor of Katie Gray  
 Andrea & Tim Fogarty in memory of Fozzy  
 Donna Frost in honor of Callie (aka Cinder) --best thing I ever did!  
 Ray & Gerrylynn Gibson in honor of Cleo & Earl  
 Jean Gileno-Lloyd in memory of Dot  
 The Gneiding Family in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Rudolph Peters & Molly  
 Jasuti Goss in honor of ARPO caring for my puppy until "we could find each other"  
 Kelly Griggers in honor of McGee  
 Kristina Grimes in memory of Odie  
 Dan & Jenny Hanrahan in honor of our ARPO dog Murphy  
 Debbie Haynes in memory of Precious  
 Kurt & Pat Hertenstein in honor of ARPO dogs Harper & Zoe

## ARPO Established in 1998

2009 Adoptions  
**281 Dogs/Puppies & 53 Cats/Kittens**  
**Total Adoptions to Date 2,712**

John Hoard in honor of Nancy Hoard  
 Anne Jackomis in honor of Carrie Stark  
 Emma Kalinowski in memory of Trevor Atlas  
 Cam Krosnoff in honor of needy pets & those who help them  
 Billie Main in honor of Trish Main's birthday  
 John & Margie Mangus in memory of Cocoa  
 Bryan & Amy Marr in memory of Max & honor of Amber & Micah  
 Pam & John Marvel in memory of Betsy  
 Belinda McConahay in honor of Izaak & Micke  
 Scott & Tina McGinn in memory of Sasha & Chelsea and honor of Bear & Clover  
 Jon & Carol Meeks in memory of Popeye, our wonderful kitty friend for 19 years  
 Michael & Kristine Meiners in honor of Zoe  
 Kathryn Molewyk in honor of Penny Lane (aka Stacey) & Naomi, her foster mom  
 Anne Munsch in honor of Hercules, my ARPO cat  
 Leann Oakley in memory of Ebony & Ivy  
 Janet & Richard Parsley in memory of Mia Wills  
 Jim & Denise Pettee in memory of Chance  
 Jon & Diana Reeves in honor of ARPO kitties Samantha & Hermann  
 Peggy Robbins in honor of the dogs abandoned with the closing of the Muncie shelter  
 Sherry Scherber in memory of Whitney & Brenny  
 Tracy Schluge in honor of Cooper & Buddy  
 Gayle Skolnik in honor of ARPO kitties Sawyer & Kanye, adopted in 2009  
 Michelle Smith in memory of Jack (ARPO's Chakotay)  
 Lindsay St. John in memory of all my pets  
 Beverly Stark in honor of ARPO's Carrie Stark  
 Ken & Laura Stroke in honor of Shasta  
 Dan & Denise Stuart in honor of Molly (Denza), our ARPO blessing  
 Betty Lou Swisher in memory of Tobey & Barney & honor of Betty L. Swisher & Debbie  
 Gary Thomas in name of the Haumesser Family  
 Steve Webb & Diana Timmerman in honor of ARPO volunteers Erica & Shirley  
 Julie Whiting in honor of my ARPO cat Mimi & her foster mom Karen  
 Wanda Wilson in memory of Pepper  
 Anne Wolpert in memory of Motly, Yoda, Pooh, Scooter, Tuffy, Clown, & honor of ARPO's Sunny  
 Ned Zink & The Empowerment Foundation in honor of Carrie LePere's true caring for pets

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