

March 2011

Dear Friends:

ARPO's Board of Directors, foster parents, and volunteers extend a very heartfelt "Thank You!" for your 2010 support. Without you, we would not be able to help the hundreds of pets we take in each year. Through your membership fees and generous contributions, ARPO is able to provide medical care, food, and shelter to many of Indiana's lost, abandoned, hurt, and surrendered animals.

In particular, this past year we have seen more than our fair share of animals suffering with parvovirus. This often fatal virus is usually seen in very young, unvaccinated litters of puppies that have not had a chance to strengthen their immune system. The virus renders the pups virtually lifeless while going through stages of vomiting, diarrhea, and lethargy. Hospitalization is almost always required, with fluids and medications given intravenously. As you can imagine, this treatment comes at a high cost. Many shelters and rescues are not able to provide this care and automatically euthanize parvo-stricken animals. ARPO strives to save every animal we take in, and covering the cost of this hospitalization goes along with that goal.

Because of your support, we have been able to treat all our parvo-infected animals and have saved most of them. The litter of puppies featured below broke with symptoms several days after coming into our care, and we were fortunate to save all but one of them. We also saw a very unusual case of adult parvovirus in our little yorkie mix Joanie. Thankfully she survived, and after recuperating in foster care, she's found a new best friend and has been adopted into a loving forever home.



Another threat that comes up all too often is heartworm. Heartworm preventative is often overlooked by pet owners as a non-essential, extra expense. Once contracted, heartworm can be fatal (these are actual worms that grow in the heart – some maturing to 18" in length), and very expensive to treat.



Peyton Mann is an 8 year old stray that passed temperament testing and was ready to be put on the adoption floor at the shelter when it was discovered he was heartworm positive. Since animal control doesn't have funding for such expensive treatment, ARPO didn't hesitate to take him. Peyton underwent successful treatment and he's ready to find his forever home.



Tina Marie is another heartworm survivor and one of the sweetest dogs you will ever meet! She is yet another stray that had likely not seen much vet care. She's feeling great now that her treatment is done. Although very shy when meeting new people, given time to get to know you, she'll be your best buddy.

We are very grateful to be able to afford the care these precious little ones require. The vital role you play cannot be overstated. With the alarming rate of euthanasia continuing across our state, ARPO continues to stand together with other groups in our area to fight for the lives of these abandoned and surrendered animals who would otherwise be out of options. Our adoption fees cover less than half of our total veterinary costs. Your contributions make up the difference. Once again, we are asking for your support to help us reduce the number of healthy, adoptable animals, as well as those with treatable conditions, that are euthanized in central Indiana because they have no place to go.

To join or renew your ARPO membership, return the enclosed envelope with your tax-deductible contribution or join online at www.adoptarpo.org via the PayPal link. Simply annotate "Membership" in the comment line.

Your contribution can save a life!

Our foster animals Thank You!

ARPO Board of Directors



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Two Paws Up!

Adoption #3,000 reached November 2010

1st Place Prize - Move to ACT Rescue Rally
(see our site for de-Tails)

Remembering Special Friends

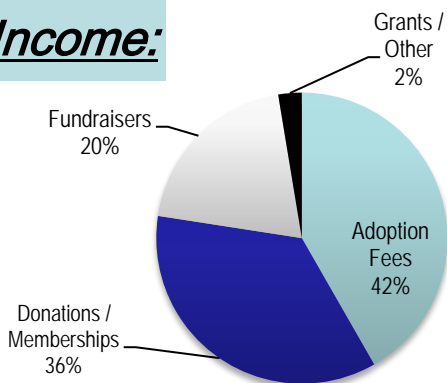
Don & Heidi Adamov in honor of ARPO dogs Penny & Gypsy
Robert & Sonja Armstrong in honor of Dorie (ARPO's Doris)
Lori Arnold in memory of Jessie & Keeper
Shannon Bahler in memory of Rascal, & honor of our son Gregory McLaughlin
Jonathon & Sarah Baumann in honor of "Darcie", adopted July 2010
Doris Benner in honor of Cosmo
Carol & Douglas Black in memory of Jack, Luke, & Whitney
Sue & Tom Brockus in memory of Mike Brockus
Mark & Linda Bruton in memory of Strider & Gabe
Tammy Carlson-Leonetti in honor of Booker
Chris & Jodi Clark in memory of Maya & honor of Chloe
Jaime Coffman in honor of Dave & Susie Strickland's birthdays
Casey Cupp in memory of Murphy
Doug & Judie Cycotte in memory of our beloved kitty Stalker 1996-2010
Jackie De St. Jean in memory of "Pooh Bear" Sierra Scofield & Grandpa "De St. Jean" & honor of Stacey & Eric Scofield
Patricia Dewald in memory of Carrie, Whiskers, Hershey, & Max, & honor of Tuffy, Jill, Minnie, & Buddy Dewald
Mary DeWitz in honor of ragdolls Henry & Katy
Joseph & Dionne Dynlacht in honor of Tipper
Mary Frailey in memory of my sweet cat Pekie
Donna Frost in honor of Callie (ARPO's Cinder)
Steve & Jenni Gabbard in honor of Margo (now Mellow)
Raymond & Gerrylynn Gibson in honor of ARPO dogs Cleo & Earl
The Gneiding family in honor of Rudolph & Christa Peters, & Molly
Kristina Grimes in honor of Webster the Westie
Donald & LouAnn Grossett in honor of ARPO girl Maddie
Kimberly Hall in honor of Ophelia, our ARPO adoptee January 2010
Laura Hall in memory of Helen
Kyle Hendrix & Julie Rhodes in honor of ARPO dogs Nicky & Callahan
Cathy Henshaw in memory of Chelsea
Jay Holsapple in memory of all those who died at Inpls. Animal Care & Control
Jerry & Anne Jackomis in honor of Carrie Stark
Ann & Alan January in honor of Karen Frye
Theresa Jas in honor of Zoey
Kyoko Kawamura in memory of Mimi, Lynn, & Sue & honor of Minnie, Julie, & Winston-Taro
Diana Kelley in honor of Nancy Stauffer
Jacqueline Klapak in honor of Rick Klapak's birthday
Kim Klota in memory of Zeus Thompson
Mary Knous in honor of Artemis (ARPO's Snowflake)
Iva Koeneman in memory of Delilah



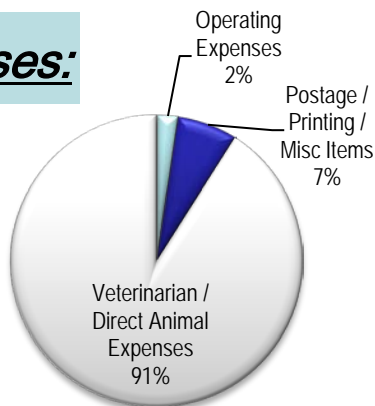
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2010 Financials

Income:



Expenses:



Scratch a Note:

"Wine & Canvas" Night

March 15th — 6:30pm-9:30pm
(more info at www.adoptarpo.org)



Three Dog Bakery's Easter Begg Hunt

Saturday, April 16th
Broad Ripple Park - 1550 Broad Ripple Ave.



Registration: 10:30am Hunt Begins: 11:00am
(proceeds benefit ARPO)

ARPO's 6th Annual Dog Olympics



Coming May 21st
(see enclosed registration form)

Rick & Diane Lamond in honor of Delta (the best dog) & her friend the Beast
Robyn Leeman in memory of Annie, my father's dachshund
Mark & Cindy Leusch in honor of Rocco (ARPO's Bango)
Wendi & Sam Lough in memory of Rudy (ARPO's Zeke)
Mike Lutz & Tina Pedraza in memory of Bear
The McNurlan family in memory of P.K. Robertson, Sandy's forever friend
Kathy & Andy Mehlhop in memory of Buddy (ARPO's Bootsie) adopted April 2004
Kris & Michael Meiners in honor of Zoe
Kerri Novak in memory of Dockers & honor of Bella
Angela O'Neal in memory of Puffy & Sissy & honor of Mazie Marie
Jim & Denise Pettee in honor of Winifred & Horace Pettee
Joellen Reinhardt in memory of Simon & honor of Broc, Odie & Gabbie
Glee Renick-May in memory of Pauley, Muffin, & Piedmont
Karyl Renton in honor of my ARPO dog's Dozer & Sharik
Daryle Roth in honor of Shadow, & Cathy & Paul Holdman's Olive & Cowboy
Jeff & Sarah Ryan in honor of Murphy & Xavier
PJ & Tracy Schluge in memory of Buddy & honor of Cooper
Kathy & Roger Sharp in honor of Sarah Borgman
Marylin & Jack Shepard in memory of Molly & T.C. & honor of all animals who suffer because of human cruelty
Michael Shinn in memory of Princess
Mr. & Mrs. William Smith, Jr. in honor of Julius the cat
Dan & Kayla Sutton in honor of Porter (ARPO's Greeley) he's the best!
Lisa Swarthout in honor of Sondra Davis
Laine & Daniel Taylor in honor of Sawyer & Lily Taylor
Vonda Teets in memory of Kay-Si, Gaby, & Claire
Bill & Debbie Thompson in memory of Mercedes & Lexi
John & Shirley Thompson in memory of Cody, Hjalmar, & Tigger
Alice Tiemann in honor of Buster
Jan Vogt in honor of Hagrid (aka Buddy), a great dog companion
Steve Webb & Diane Timmerman in honor of Erica Cooper
Judy Williams in honor of Julie Koch
Wanda Wilson in memory of Pepper & honor of Poppy

AWARDS

Meow!




Bark!
Bark!

Volunteer of the Year
Andrea Jones

Foster of the Year
Beth Schnepf



ARPO's 6th Annual Dog Olympics

 **May 21, 2011**
(Registration 9:30 a.m. – Events 10:30 a.m.)
 **Broad Ripple Park**
(1550 Broad Ripple Ave., Indianapolis)
 **\$6 donation per event or \$35 for all**

Events:

1 – T-shirt Race

Sprint a short distance with your dog, dress him/her in a t-shirt, and then sprint back to the start line.

2 – Shedding Contest

You have 2 minutes to produce the largest pile of dog hair brushed from your dog's coat.

3 – Pie Eating Contest

You and your dog compete to be the first to consume two pies – one for you, one for your dog.

4 – 3-Minute Makeover

Give your dog the best makeover with the provided materials in 3 minutes.

5 – Obstacle Course

Be the fastest to run your leashed dog through a series of simple tasks.

6 – Bone Finding Contest

Your dog will compete to be fastest to find a dog bone from a pile of straw.

7 – Barking Contest

Your dog will win by being the one who barks the most in 30 seconds.

Gold Medals will be awarded to all winning dogs.

Music, entertainment, & announcements by Q-95's Dean Metcalf.

Water will be provided for the dogs.

Commemorative Dog Olympic t-shirts may be purchased for \$10.



Dogs must be leashed and under close supervision of their owner at all times. Unleashed, uncontrollable, or unsupervised dogs will be disqualified and asked to leave the event.

Proceeds go directly toward veterinary expenses for ARPO foster animals!

Owner's Name: _____ Pet's Name: _____ Pet's Weight: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Events Participating In: \$ _____ 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 All
(please check boxes for the events you are participating in)

Please detach & mail form with check or money order payable to:

\$ _____ + Optional T-shirt (\$10) Kids M L XL

ARPO \$ _____ + Optional Additional Donation

P.O. Box 6385 \$ _____ = **Total Amount** Check Enclosed Pay @ Event
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