

## Special Friends Remembered

Don Boblitt in memory of Leo, Jen's first  
Jan & Tim Donahue in honor of ARPO dogs Rico & Holly  
Andrea & Tim Fogarty in memory of our sweet boy Molson  
Ray & Gerrylynn Gibson in honor of ARPO dogs Cleo & Earl  
Andrea Hayes & Jackie McCulloch in memory of Rita Mrozinski  
Debbie & Michael Haynes in honor of the marriage of  
Stephanie Clancy & Ted Corporandy  
Ann & Alan January in honor of Karen  
Andrea Joseph for my love Clio, ARPO's Cavalli  
Rick Klapak in memory of Emma  
Krysi Leganza in honor of my ARPO dog Pepe,  
& our 9th anniversary  
Karen Locke in honor of Roscoe & Lydia  
Jeanne Martin in memory of our sweet kitty Desilu  
Paul Mayhugh in honor of Kathy Sharp  
Naj McFadden in memory of animal lover Zella Cwalina  
Ron & Kay Miller in memory of BJ, Benji, & Snowball  
Patte Owings in memory of our beloved cat Animalia  
Leslie Walsh in observance of Lent  
Jim & Judy Weerts Hall in celebration of the marriage of  
Ken & Michele Lassaux-Harlan

# ARPO

Summer 2010

**Off-Leash**

**Bark Parks**

- ❖ Beech Grove Paw Patch 788-4978
- ❖ Broad Ripple Dog Park 327-7161
- ❖ Four Paws Dog Park  
(Greenwood) 881-4545
- ❖ Eagle Creek Dog Park 327-7112
- ❖ Humane Society of Indianapolis  
Pet Park 872-5650
- ❖ Pierson Bark Park (Fishers) 577-BARK
- ❖ The Retreat (Whitestown) 769-61721

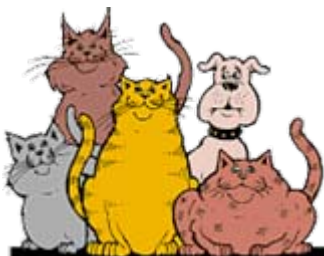
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- Visit us -

**Castleton PetSmart  
Saturday 12-4pm**

I'm a Rock Star looking for a "groupie"! Not to brag, but aren't I just one of the most handsome guys you've ever seen?

At about 4 years of age now, I've come a long way from my shelter days. I absolutely LOVE people and would sure like to find someone to snuggle with on the sofa. My foster mom says I'm a couch-potato-rottie, but she makes me jog with her so that I don't gain too much weight.

Being an only pet, so that I can have all of your attention, would be my dream. I'm doing well on my manners, and I'm a quick learner. You should see me "high five" - I love that one because it means I get a food treat. I am an excellent walker, ignoring everything else but the walk...even on the busy Monon! I'm an easy fit for any lifestyle whether you're a soccer mom with active kids, a jogger, or just enjoy kicking back and watching old movies on Friday nights!

Did I mention car rides, playing fetch, and oh-just relaxing on the sofa (I *really* like that couch thing)? Those are some of my FAVS! It does not take much to wear me out. I come crate trained and house trained, all I need is my forever home. Check out my ad online and let us know if you think we're a good match. Visit [www.adoptarpo.org](http://www.adoptarpo.org) - click on the "Available Pets" link and look for "Rockstar". I'll just sit here on the sofa waiting for your call! (Thanks to Casey Jo for my beautiful portrait!)



**ADOPTABLE**



Hi, I'm Dewey!  
Do you have a cold spot at the bottom of your bed? Let me keep it warm! I'm an adult male kitty looking for a loving home where I can share lots of cuddles. I am front-declawed, and get along with most of the cats in my foster home. I am scared at PetSmart, which could make it a lot harder for me to find a home, so I'm writing to you today to ask for a second chance at a forever family. Do you have time for a sweet and affectionate boy like me?

Check out my pet ad online at [www.adoptarpo.org](http://www.adoptarpo.org) - click on the "Available Pets" link and scan the list for "Dewey".



- Puppy & Dog Collars
- 4' & 6' Nylon Leashes
- High-quality Dog & Cat Food
- Gently used Towels
- Newspapers
- Postage Stamps
- Business Size Envelopes
- Nylabones & Kongs
- Dog & Cat Toys

Many thanks to **"Three Dog Bakery"** for holding their recent Easter Begg Hunt benefitting ARPO. It was an egg-straordinary success!!!



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# The Games Have Ended!

*If you missed it – you really missed something!*

ARPO is excited to report that the **2010 Dog Olympics** was a barking success – our best event yet. Our canine athletes had a howlin' good time. Where else does your dog get praised for running off with your t-shirt, barking his head off, digging for bones, and shedding the most hair?!

Thanks to **Dean Metcalf** of Q95 for giving the play-by-play and leaving us all buckling with laughter. In between events, the pooches enjoyed showing off their tricks and sniffing out the information tables set up by local pet-savvy businesses.

Special thanks goes to our **volunteers** who showed up early and worked hard to make the event run smoothly. Appreciation also goes out to our sponsors – *A Dog Spot, Best Friends Pet Care, Broad Ripple Animal Clinic, Club Canine Doggie Daycare & Boarding, Dogtropolis, for the Dogs!, M&I Bank, Parkside Animal Hospital, Pet Supplies Plus, Three Dog Bakery, & Whole Foods Market.* And much gratitude to *Progressive Design Apparel* for designing our olympics event t-shirt. Check out our contestant/event pics at

[www.adoptarpo.org](http://www.adoptarpo.org). Thanks to all our participants....both human and canine! We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did, and we appreciate your support! *(Take a look at some of this year's olympians.)*

Adoptions to Date = 2,832

## Teach an old dog new tricks - or train that new puppy!

ARPO believes in positive obedience training. We highly recommend training for every adopted dog and puppy. It is a great way to build your relationship with your new pet, whether he/she is a small puppy or an adult. (Local training facilities.)

### Animalia

5607 E. Washington Street - Indy  
(317) 695-5464 or (317) 695-5461

[www.animalia.us](http://www.animalia.us)

### Bark Tutor

2122 Broad Ripple Avenue - Indy  
(317) 259-8336

[www.barktutor.com](http://www.barktutor.com)

### Canines In Action

8810 Southeastern Avenue - Indy  
(317) 966-6635

[www.caninesinaction.com](http://www.caninesinaction.com)

### DogDayz

15310 Herriman Blvd. - Noblesville  
(317) 773-4500

[www.dog-dayz.com](http://www.dog-dayz.com)

### Doggone Connection

"For the Dogs" - 10617 Zionsville Road - Zionsville  
"Lucky Dog Retreat" - 5990 E. 71st Street - Indy  
(317) 298-0992

[www.doggoneconnection.com](http://www.doggoneconnection.com)

### Fetch Dog Resort

4340 W. 96th Street, Suite 100 - Indy  
(317) 491-3535

[www.fetchdogresort.com](http://www.fetchdogresort.com)

### First Friend K-9 Training

12401 Reynolds Drive - Fishers  
(317) 842-4199

[www.firstfriendk9.com](http://www.firstfriendk9.com)

### Indy K-9 Kollege

575 Main Street - Beech Grove  
(317)-787-4500

[www.indyk9.com](http://www.indyk9.com)

### Lucky Dog Retreat

5990 E. 71st Street - Indy  
(317) 849-5555

[www.luckydogretreat.com](http://www.luckydogretreat.com)

### PetSmart

Various locations

[www.petsmart.com](http://www.petsmart.com)



## Spay-Neuter Services of Indiana, Inc.

[www.spayneuterservices.org](http://www.spayneuterservices.org)

*The mission of Spay-Neuter Services of Indiana, Inc. (SNSI) is to eliminate the killing of healthy and treatable cats, dogs, puppies, & kittens. SNSI will accomplish this by providing spay/neuter surgical fee assistance through partnerships with private practice veterinarians and low-cost clinics, collaborating with other animal welfare groups, and promoting humane education.*



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ARPO has been a fortunate recipient of SNSI's generous sponsorship of monthly spay/neuter surgeries. While the economy has greatly affected many businesses, it has also affected non-profits. SNSI has seen a dramatic decrease in donations, and is struggling to continue surgery sponsorships. Please consider adding SNSI to your list of charities to receive donations.



## Four Proven Principles of Housebreaking a Dog of Any Age

Up to 25% of dogs relinquished to animal shelters by their owners end up there due to housebreaking problems. The same statistic applies to dogs seen by veterinarians – 25% of behavior-related visits to vets concern toileting. The following housebreaking principles can be applied to puppies and young dogs as well as adults. First, I want you to know that you can housebreak a dog at any age. Instilling good potty habits from the start in a puppy is much easier than re-training an adult dog, but if your furry friend is older, do not despair. There are three things that will ensure your success as you take on housebreaking challenges, and I can't stress the importance of them enough:

**1 - Consistency    2 - Positive reinforcement    3 - Patience**

**Housebreaking Principle #1: Never leave your un-housebroken dog unattended.** Not even for a minute. If you aren't actively engaged with your dog, having her in the same room doesn't count. Some dog parents believe crates are a bad thing. Not true! The fact is a crate is actually a very natural, normal habitat for a dog, as long as your pup doesn't associate it with punishment. Dogs are den dwellers by nature. Under normal circumstances, they enjoy and will seek out small, safe, warm "bedrooms" in which to rest. If you provide your pup with his own little den (crate), and there's nothing forceful or punishing about his association with it, he'll make it his own. If you're dead set against crate-training your un-housebroken dog, then your only other option is to tether your pup to you so that no matter where you go, she's right there with you.

**Housebreaking Principle #2: Feed your dog on a schedule.** If you leave a bowl of food available at all times for your un-housebroken dog to nibble at, nibble he will. He'll nibble all day and he'll poop all day as well, and it will be next to impossible for you to figure out the best time to take him to do his business. I don't recommend the all-day-buffet method of feeding pets under any circumstances, but it's an especially bad idea with a dog that isn't housebroken. Feeding your dog on a schedule makes elimination more predictable and allows you to exercise more control over the situation. And the more opportunities you give your pup to succeed by relieving himself outside, the faster he'll be housebroken.

**Housebreaking Principle #3: Reward your dog for good behavior.** In order to successfully potty train your dog it's crucial that you reward her for good behavior. It's important to praise her in ways a canine understands. She can pick up cues from the tone of your voice, for example saying things like "That's a good girl, that's really good," in a quiet but loving tone. Almost all dogs speak the language of food, so treats are also a good reward. When your dog eliminates in the right spot outside, praise her with words and give her a treat *within three seconds of the behavior*. Consistency is crucial, so make sure you have treats with you to reward her within three seconds every time she goes in the right spot. After a short time, she'll recognize that she makes you happy when she eliminates outdoors, and in return she receives a reward. You want to reinforce that good behavior every time it happens, and there's no better reward in the beginning than those food treats.

**Housebreaking Principle #4: Don't punish your dog for mistakes.** This can be the most difficult principle to follow, but I can't stress its importance enough. Yes, it's frustrating, disappointing and maddening when a four-legged family member just doesn't seem to want to cooperate with the housetraining program. But in order to successfully housebreak your pup, you must avoid punishment of any kind when he makes a mistake. And he will. I don't know where a "technique" such as rubbing a dog's nose in his excrement originated, *but it's inappropriate, unhealthy, and not helpful in the least*. From your dog's perspective, you're the center of the universe – his loving and kind pack leader. Except every once in awhile, unpredictably, you turn into a scary, screaming lunatic. He may realize the "scary you" comes out coincidentally with a mess on the floor, but he does not connect his elimination behavior to your anger, especially if he made the mess several minutes or hours ago. Even if you catch your pup in the act of relieving himself indoors, anger or force are inappropriate reactions. In short, you cannot punish or frighten a dog into appropriate behavior. The important thing to remember is by the time your dog is relieving himself on your floor, your opportunity for a successful toileting adventure outside has passed. All you can do is clean the mess, review what you could have done differently to avoid it, and rededicate yourself to the housebreaking process. You will succeed! **Stay consistent.    Stay positive.    Stay patient.**

*\*Excerpts from articles by Dr. Karen Becker - [www.mercolahealthypets.com](http://www.mercolahealthypets.com)\**



## **Thank You!**

Your generous contributions and participation in our events continue to inspire ARPO's board of directors and volunteers. Because of your involvement, we have taken 132 animals into our care since the first of the year. We average about 60-75 pets in volunteer foster homes at any given time, and all go to their new homes vaccinated, microchipped, and spay/neutered. We treat common conditions, such as parasites, coccidia, and giardia, as well as more difficult cases of mange, heartworm, hip dysplasia, and parvovirus. We ensure that each animal in our care receives veterinary attention for whatever he/she needs.

This high quality care comes with a price, and that is where you, **ARPO supporters**, come in. Our adoption fees cover less than half of our expenses. The rest comes from people like you ... private citizens who care about homeless animals as much as we do. Thank you for your continued support.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Support ARPO**

**June 26 – Dog Wash**

**@ Whole Foods Market**

**12-2pm – 1300 E. 86th Street – Indy**

**4-6pm – 14598 Clay Terrace Blvd. – Carmel**

**Summer Saturdays - Farmers Markets**

**– Fishers/Binford/Broad Ripple**

**Aug 14 & 15 - Dog Days of Summer**

**@ Mallow Run Winery**

**(Bargersville)**

**(pizza, wine, music, & silent auction)**

**September - Yankee Candle Sale**

**(watch our site for deTAILS)**

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