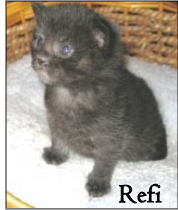


Dear ARPO Supporters:

It's been a stellar year! We're proud to say by the end of July 2011 we've taken in nearly as many animals as we did in ALL of 2010! We're hitting a new record for ARPO. Unfortunately, even with that success, there are hundreds more calling on us to help. We want to take a moment's PAWS and share with you some of our most memorable TAILS from the last several months....some happy, some sad....but all worth telling.

Unexpected Deposit

Imagine sitting at your desk last winter (hard at work, of course) and momentarily gazing out the window. In the snowy bushes just beyond the glass you see a cat. This cat is acting strangely. You realize it is in some sort of distress and go to investigate. Realizing she is about to give birth, you bring her inside and put her in a box in a quiet bathroom. Thankfully, you reach the vet in the nick of time where she gives birth to two beautiful kittens, a boy and a girl. What a wonderful surprise!



Refi

This is exactly what happened to an ARPO foster mom last February. Remember how cold it was then? Sadly, the little girl, named Cash, died a few days later, but the boy, named Refi (hey, they were nearly born in a bank!) grew up strong and healthy. He is now snug and happy in his forever home. Mom "Allegra" is still looking for her forever home.



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Here's a story you likely haven't heard before! Little Bingo Joe was in the vet's office for a routine neuter surgery, and a brief exam revealed something suspicious in his abdomen. While he was under sedation, the vet opened his tummy to find a 9" hair comb! While tasty, it's obviously not an ideal chew toy, and proof positive that puppies will put ANYTHING in their mouths ... and swallow it! Thankfully, the comb was removed and he recovered without incident. Bingo Joe is one lucky little fella! Here's the happily ever after part: Bingo was adopted and is in his forever home!



Sit



Stay



White dogs are often deaf. It turned out this was the case with Bonnie Lynn and four of her six pups. Getting adopted from a shelter is difficult enough without adding deafness to the equation. ARPO rescued Bonnie and her newborns and put them in safe, loving foster homes. They thrived in foster care (some even considered fatties!) and soon were ready for adoption.

ARPO is proud of the extra steps we take to ensure our pit bull puppies are raised with loving care, are well socialized, and attend training classes, assuring they become good ambassadors for a breed that gets more than its share of bad raps.

Bonnie Lynn and all but one of her kids have been adopted. Our little gem, appropriately named **JEWEL**, still awaits her new family. She's shown here in a cute puppy pile. Check out her pet ad at www.adoptarpo.org for more info. She's eagerly learning hand signals and entertains us at PetSmart most weekends at our adoption events. Stop by and meet Jewel!



BITTERSWEET ENDINGS



ARPO acquired these puppies from our local shelter with hope of saving them. Demodex mange and open sores ravaged their little bodies. Even with our prayers and attentive medical care from our great vet's office, only one little girl pulled through. Jade Marie (upper left pic) is our sole survivor. She's thriving in one of ARPO's foster homes and is ready for adoption. Check out her 'after' pictures in the Available Pets link on our site at www.adoptarpo.org.



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Venus, the beautiful Goddess of Love ... and a bigger love-bug you will not find! She is so people oriented, she greets the UPS guy (a dreaded intruder to most dogs) with happy enthusiasm. She is one of ARPO's long-term fosters, having been in our care for about 2 years. A good samaritan took her in after finding her abandoned in a junk yard. She was so skinny that the 6 puppies born a week later came as quite a surprise!

Venus loves going for walks and is not phased by passing bicycles or joggers. We estimate her to be 3-4 years old and she weighs a svelt 60 lbs. She is not possessive of her food and willingly shares her toys. Going for rides and walks are her absolute favorite things, next to chilling out with her people.

We feel Venus would do best as an only pet. Her forceful, energetic style of play is not welcomed by most dogs. She is also a little too interested in cats to be placed in a home with them. If you're looking for just one loving, loyal, happy dog, Venus could be the one for you! Email adoptions@adoptarpo.org if we can answer any questions for you!

A True Survivor!

Mirabel is an ARPO girl that many of us remember because she was in foster care for nearly a year. She finally met Dana, her perfect match, but we were yet to find out just how perfect that match would prove to be. We want to share this story in honor of the many wonderful ARPO adopters who love their pets.

While making preparations for a big move, Dana discovered Mirabel had jumped her 6' fence and was missing. She quickly plastered the town with lost dog flyers. Joggers found Mirabel the next day lying in an alley in horrible pain, and recognized her from the poster. She apparently had been hit by a car, though she feebly wagged her tail when they approached.

An initial vet exam revealed that Mirabel was not likely to survive her injuries – one collapsed lung, the other damaged, plus the possibility of losing both hind legs. Mirabel amazingly survived her injuries, but still faced the possibility of losing one of her legs. Dana wanted to give her every chance at the best outcome and took her to a specialist. Reconstructive surgery was performed and with physical therapy, she will regain full use of both her legs. She may never run the Mini Marathon, but a little hitch in her get-along is a far cry from near death in a deserted alley.



Yankee Candles Coming Soon!
 Our candle sale is ARPO's biggest fundraiser of the year and is scheduled to run September 10th - 30th. Please email us at volunteer@adoptarpo.org if you'd like to buy or sell candles to help ARPO.



Thank You!

We hope you enjoy reading stories of our triumphs and heartbreaks. Rescuing animals is not always easy, and the stories do not all have happy endings. Your continued support is what gives us the means and the encouragement to continue providing pets a soft place to land on their way to their forever homes. Your donations have enabled us to help an increased number of sick pets that would otherwise have been euthanized for lack of resources to care for them. Through your generosity, ARPO is able to ensure that each cat, kitten, dog, or puppy is vaccinated, neutered, and microchipped prior to adoption. Please help us continue to save these innocent lives.

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