

**Story Time with ARPO!**  
featuring  
**Foster Cats & Dogs**



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Dear ARPO Friends:

It's hard to believe time passes so quickly, and it's been two years since our last "Story Time" letter. The number of animals needing our help never seems to diminish. Thanks to your donations and ongoing support, ARPO continues to expand our boundaries of care and increase the number of pets we're able to save.

We want to share a few stories of late, and hope you will once again show you care by giving generously. Indiana's homeless animals are counting on you...and on ARPO. Please know you played an essential role in saving the lives of the little ones listed here (*Cast Members in order of appearance*).

**OCELOT** and her brothers Lynx & Puma were given big-cat names since they were "fraidy cats" coming out of Animal Care & Control. It seemed they had not been afforded much human handling before coming to ARPO, and were scared to be touched. Little Puma is still looking for his forever home.

**SUNFLOWER** - that's just what she is. We knew this special gal needed a special name. She's a one-eyed beauty with cauliflower ears. Standing no chance of adoption from a kennel full of "babies" to choose from, ARPO knew we could find a great home for her. Bloom Where You're Planted is her philosophy!

A long termer, **MAFALDA** nearly grew up in foster care. She strutted her stuff at adoption events weekend after weekend looking for her new family. Little did she know, a volunteer was waiting patiently til the time was right to adopt. Now known as Maya - she's being spoiled rotten in her permanent home.

Tiny little **BRUCE** was nearly mangled by a lawn mower blade. He was taken to Animal Care & Control when ARPO was notified to try and help. Luckily the whopping 1.9# emaciated pup was rushed to our vet. After recovering from dehydration and a severe staph infection, he's now healthy as a horse (albeit an itsy-bitsy horsey!).



The puppies in his litter were mysteriously dying even though momma appeared to be giving excellent care. In an effort to save **LOGAN** from the same fate, he was taken into foster care & bottle fed. Now he is growing like a weed in his new forever home.

**EWOK**, Chewbacca, and mom Yoda were left in a cardboard box on a shelter doorstep. Had workers not found this young family, they would surely have frozen to death. All now live happily in forever homes with caring humans - never to be left to fend for themselves again.



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Overlooked due to his advanced age, **MR. SIMS** was spotted by an ARPO volunteer who knew he had lots of life left to live. Luckily for him, ARPO was just in time – the day before some “old dogs” were euthanized due to overcrowding at the kennel. He’s doing well in his foster home and anxiously awaiting his forever parents who will let him live his golden years in peace without the threat of abandonment just for being an elderly gent.

**YUKI** was destined for death row until an ARPO foster mom spotted this young lady.



Not wanting this single mom and her kittens put at any further risk, she swept them out of the shelter and took them home! Yuki’s babies have all found homes, and now she wants her chance at a happy life. Could that be in your home?

A dehydrated **CORBY** was left at a shelter with a severe urinary infection at the tender age of 6 weeks. ARPO’s vet determined 40% of his bladder had calcified and needed to be removed. This poor little guy is now on incontinence medication for some leakage problems but has the spirit of a winner. His gorgeous little face full of wrinkles says “I’m here...come give me a hug!”

Parvovirus seems to be our nemesis. Nearly her entire litter contracted this dreaded virus, and poor little **GEORGINA** succumbed. ARPO is one of the rare groups that is dedicated to providing this expensive treatment, but unfortunately we’re not able to save all its victims. May all our little lost ones rest in peace.

**MARQUESAS**, Vanuatu, Tocantins, and Palau really are true SURVIVORS! Found abandoned at a local park, it was clear they had never known care. Who would neglect such beautiful pups, let alone dump them out to fend for themselves at such a young age! Overwrought with mange, and clearly underweight, it’s a miracle they survived at all. While one has found his forever home, the other three remain in ARPO’s care gaining weight and continuing treatment for their skin condition.

Abandoned and starving in a junkyard, **VENUS** gave birth to 6 beautiful puppies just days after being rescued. More than a year later, she’s still awaiting her forever home. Even though someone once gave up on her, she hasn’t given up hope there is just the right home out there for her.

Requests for help have escalated since the economic downturn as many families suddenly find themselves unable to care for their pets. We have helped as many as we can, but are limited by our resources, both financial and physical. Foster homes are always in short supply. Please consider housing just one foster animal – you will change their (and your) life forever.

Of course our most urgent need, simply put, is cash. Any contribution, large or small, will help us continue the high level of care that we strive to maintain for the animals. We are proud of our nearly 3,000 pet placements since our journey began in 1998, and hope to hit a record high number of adoptions this year.

*You are our **LIFELINE*** and we sincerely thank you for your kindness as we again ask for your continued financial support.

Sincerely,

ARPO Board of Directors

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