

# Story Time with ARPO!

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Dear ARPO Friends:

It's hard to believe, but another year has passed and the time has flown by. ARPO has seen our fair share of unimaginable stories this past 12 months. Thanks to your kind help, we've been able to continue our rescue efforts for some wonderful animals. In sharing their sagas, it helps us revitalize ourselves – as we look back on the last year, we rekindle that drive that leads us into this next year. We so appreciate your support. Without you, we could not continue to help these needy animals.

## Special stories from this past year include:

LUXORA, PEPPY, SANTORINI, & IARIA - "Where are we? It's dark in here! I can't breath!" These things were racing through our minds when "Whew ... fresh air at last!" When the lights came back on, we were looking up from the bottom of a Cinch Sack garbage bag! We'd been thrown out with the trash and a wonderful couple heard our cries and saved our lives! Our awful owners will hopefully be facing neglect and cruelty charges very soon.

TONYA - Luckily I was discovered on a Friends of Indianapolis Dogs Outside (FIDO) outreach day, and my owner agreed to surrender me so I'd have an opportunity for a better life. I was living in a dirt yard full of debris with a yucky 6' trench running through it. That place was not fit for man or beast! Thankfully, I was taken to a nice foster home and quickly learned what luxuries were available to some lucky dogs.



GABOR SISTERS, MCQUEEN, & REDFORD - "Meaner than a Junk Yard Dawg" ... no, that's not us! But we were born to a junk yard mommy. When we began exploring on our own, we got into a bit of trouble wandering a busy street. A nice lady stopped her car and took us to work with her so we wouldn't get hit. She worked with an ARPO volunteer, and presto chango, we were in good homes in no time!

QUINCY & QUEENIE-JO - "Hey, what's this black icky stuff in my mouth?" It's called asphalt! We were thrown from a truck in a CVS parking lot. Smack! Just like that! Luckily a shopper saw it happen and scooped us into her cart. (Queenie-Jo has found her new forever home, but Quincy is the shy one and is still learning to trust people. After such a nasty start, can you blame her?)

DAISY MAY - They think they are "movers and shakers"? What a load of baloney! They moved alright, and left me behind tied to a post in the back yard. My ears were so badly fly-bitten that the ends had turned black and crusty. Now I'm a happy boxer pup spending my days playing and lounging (mostly PLAYING) with my new human and furry siblings.



SPRITE, SWIZZLE, WALLACE, WILSON, EVE, DOOLEY, & O'TOOLE - FIDO volunteers to the rescue again! They gathered up our litter from a street-running feral mommy that eluded all efforts to be trapped. We were rescued so we wouldn't end up like her. We had to be bottle fed from the age of four days old. We're all fat and sassy now in new homes livin' the good life!

Thirsty? How about a little GINGER ALE, SUNKIST, or COCA COLA? We're the drinkables! A Good Samaritan rescued us from a busy loading dock where we no doubt would have been crushed by a big truck wheel! Thank you Good Sam! We're the cutest kittens in town and just finding our furrrever families!



SHOTGUN – I was left in a field to die like my sister. ARPO thought from the looks of my wounds that I'd been shot through the neck so they named me Shotgun. Once the vet took a look, it was determined I might have been speared or gored instead ... not that it was any better! I'm a strong little tyke, though, and was brave through it all. With some TLC, my neck healed up and looks just fine! I'm now romping around in my new home good as new!

MASCOT PUPPIES - COPS episode "Puppies Confiscated in Drug Bust"! Did you see that show?



Well, we weren't actually on television, but Animal Control officers saved our mommy and us from a nasty house and bad people. Mom (Angelina, pictured at left and who is still available!) and all us kids went to live with very nice ARPO families. It was Big Ten time, so we got mascot names like Boilermaker, Cougar, Bulldog and Irish. We've been adopted into great homes and intend to watch the games next spring from the comfort of our own soft doggie beds, not from the shelter kennels!



BINGO, BANGO, & BONGO - Thank goodness there are a few nice people in the world. Can you believe we were taped up in a box and thrown into a busy highway ditch! What gives?? A nice man happened to spot a box moving as he traveled along his route and stopped to investigate. It was a litter of us little beagle boys! Thank goodness he took us to a shelter so we didn't even have to imagine what could have happened to us! ARPO picked us up from there and the rest is happily-ever-after history!

MUNKEE - Mom named me Munkee 'cause I was just a cute little monkey-faced ball of wiggles. A bicyclist spotted me in the middle of a busy street and scooped me out of danger. Thank you kind bicycle rider!!! You're our Lance Armstrong of puppy rescuers!



TRACKER – I almost beat that car.....almost! Unfortunately it was faster and bigger than me, so I lost the race and ended up with a very broken leg. Thankfully someone got me off the streets and took me to a shelter. ARPO took me to see a surgeon and now I have a bionic leg! The doc put in a plate and pins – guess I won't get to go through those security checkpoints at the airport, huh? Oh well, I'm happy and safe in my new home now and running all over the place with my new and improved leg.



Our volunteers and foster homes remain steadfast in our commitment to Indiana's needy pets and are proud that we've been able to place over 2,200 animals in loving homes since we started our journey in 1998. As you know, ARPO operates solely from donations and volunteer efforts, and without your help, this would not have been possible. Your donations, whether large or small, are the lifeblood of our organization.

Please help us continue our quest for a no-kill society. Help us end the horrendous suffering and euthanasia happening daily in our shelters. We must remain committed to aggressive spay/neuter programs and promote ADOPTION versus BUYING when looking for a new pet. Encourage friends, family, and acquaintances to visit our adoption events on Saturday afternoons at the Castleton PetSmart!

We need your help to continue saving these lovable animals. Thank you in advance for your support of ARPO.

Sincerely,

ARPO Board of Directors

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