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Dear ARPO Supporters:

We would like to once again say "*Thank You!*" The Alliance for Responsible Pet Ownership, Inc. Board of Directors sincerely appreciates your support this past year. Your generous contributions and membership fees have given ARPO the funding to do tremendous things for many of Indiana's lost, abandoned, hurt, and surrendered animals.



Our shining example is Sunshine (Sunny), who was found sitting by the edge of the road next to her dead puppy. She didn't realize that the absolute worst moment of her life would immediately be followed by the absolute best moment. She sat grieving the death of her puppy, along with the heartbreak of having her other puppies stolen from her, and now trying to survive the pain of colliding with an automobile and coming away with a broken leg.

The stars were aligned for Sunny. In the next moment, she would meet her guardian angel. A kind-hearted and very generous lady spotted Sunny and stopped to help. This lady had no idea what she was potentially going to do with the dog since she couldn't keep her, but she knew she could not leave Sunny by the side of the road, especially in her condition. She rushed her to a veterinarian to have the leg treated. Unfortunately, Sunny had many medical worries. Along with needing a cast and facing possible surgery on her leg, Sunny was malnourished, her skin was in bad shape, and she tested positive for heartworm. Her journey to recovery was just beginning.

ARPO was called to help, and while Sunny spent months in one of our foster homes, her true rescuer sponsored all her medical costs from her personal pocketbook, as well as soliciting funds from friends and coworkers. We can't think of too many people willing to spend several hundred dollars on a stray dog, but we were sure glad that Sunny found this one! Without this kind donation, ARPO might not have been able to help save this wonderful boxer. After spending several weeks with her leg in a cast and a few months recuperating from heartworm treatment, Sunny was truly one lucky little girl. Even after all she'd been through, her spirit seemed amazingly unharmed. She's one of the sweetest girls you could ever meet – *truly a ray of Sunshine!* And now, happily, the best part of all -- Sunny has found a permanent home where she resides with two other dogs and a family who recognizes the special spirit of a dog who's been given a second chance in life ... never to be bearing unwanted puppies or left running the streets alone again.

ARPO can only see these happy endings with the generous help of sponsors and donors like Sunny's. It's through your kind contributions (large or small) that we're able to rehome these deserving animals. Please don't let the next Sunny remain on the curb wondering what's happened to her life. Help us help them.

Thanks to your support, our 2006 highlights include:

- Adopted 277 animals into permanent, loving homes – this brings our total number of adoptions to 1,835 since ARPO's inception in 1998 (as of 12/31/06)
- \$62,000 of veterinarian care provided to ARPO's foster animals
- Qualified for the highest Petsmart Charities "Rewards Program" as a result of our adoption policies/procedures using extensive application screening, home visits before placing animals, after-adoption follow up program, and ensuring no animals are released unaltered
- Continued partnership with local veterinarians for discounted services as well as promoting a juvenile spay/neuter program to alter litters of kittens and puppies prior to adoption
- Developed and implemented a monthly e-NEWS mailing to help share ARPO's latest and greatest adventures and events

Unfortunately, we have not "worked ourselves out of business" and it seems the need for our efforts continues to grow. Indiana's stray and surrendered animals are still being euthanized by the tens of thousands, and the need for responsible pet owners has never been greater. Please help us continue our efforts to end this seemingly overwhelming pet overpopulation crisis – sign up as a new member today or renew your old membership! Your membership fee is tax-deductible and will help ARPO continue to chip away at this mountainous task ahead.

\$ 25 "Pick of the Litter"

\$ 50 "The Cat's Meow"

\$100 "Best in Show"

Your contribution can save a life!

To join, simply return the enclosed envelope with your tax-deductible contribution or join online today at www.adoptarpo.org under the "Sponsors and Donors" link.

We thank you for your support, but most importantly, **THE ANIMALS THANK YOU!**

ARPO Board of Directors