



Animal Friends Update

Fall 2004

AFRP

ANIMAL FRIENDS RESCUE PROJECT

Upcoming Events

How AFRP Saves Lives

October 12, November 9
7-8pm. Senior Center
280 Dickman, Monterey

PETsMART

Adoption Events

First Saturday of
Each Month
11am-3pm
Sand City

Petco

Adoption Events

Third Saturday of
Each Month
11am-3pm
Del Monte Center, Monterey

Seventh Annual Holiday Party Silent Auction, Live Music, Raffle, Dinner, Wine

Sunday, December 12
5pm-9pm
Hyatt Regency Ballroom, Monterey
(Look for your invitation in the mail
in November).

Please visit our website for details on
these and upcoming events. Event
days and times subject to change.



2004 Adoption Statistics

(January through August)

Cat Adoptions: 694
Dog Adoptions: 83
Total Adoptions: 777

Total Adoptions Since 1998:

5387!!!

Saving Lives One Animal At A Time... Since 1998!

AFRP—a powerhouse organization that has been saving lives one at a time since 1998! Recently we publicized a number of statistics that we are

very proud to celebrate including our 5,000th adoption and the record number of 1,140 rescues this last fiscal year. These are not just numbers. Each represents a life that has been saved through the cooperative efforts of many caring individuals. Each is a dog tail wagging or a kitty purring who would not otherwise have been spared. Each is a family with a loving pet who would not otherwise have had that unique critter as a companion. And each brings us one step closer to the day when there will be no more homeless pets.

Several exciting changes have taken place in our staff and Board recently that will

enable our rescue of even more animals. Monica Rua, co-founder and past president will be stepping in once again as Board President. Carie Broecker is stepping

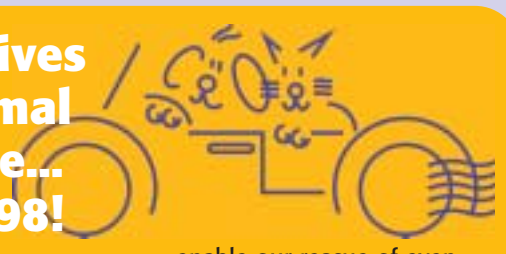
into the Executive Director's job as an unpaid staff position while

remaining as Vice President of the Board. This will free funds to hire two new part-time positions—a Santa Cruz Adoptions Manager and an Outreach Manager.

Let's join hands and paws and make it a goal to rescue 1,500 precious animal lives this next year. Together we are making a huge difference in the lives of homeless animals...one animal at a time.

Sincerely,

Carie Broecker
Executive Director



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Awaiting a special home...



Lily is all dressed up with no place to go! She is a classic black and white "tuxedo" cat with an extremely sweet and friendly personality. She is about 3 years old and has been with AFRP for almost a year. This good natured kitty has been waiting patiently to be adopted by a permanent family. Lily gets along with other cats and dogs and is wonderful with people of all ages. She is generally just an easy going gal. Lily does have "food sensitivities" which means she needs to be fed high quality kibble in small amounts two or three times per day. If she has free access to food she tends to binge and make herself sick! Please contact AFRP if you are interested in making Lily a part of your family.

We are dedicated to finding good permanent homes for stray, abandoned, and abused companion animals and to ending the over-population crisis through aggressive spay/neuter programs.



Happy Tails!

These are just some of the many lives AFRP has touched during the past year, thanks to your support.



by a couple who are thrilled to have her in their lives!

Amy, a three year old Corgi mix, was found in Salinas dragging her back end and unable to use her back legs. Amy was suffering from an old spinal injury and severe arthritis. She was treated with anti-inflammatories and acupuncture and was soon able to walk again. She is still a little wobbly, but little Amy has plenty of goofy, spunky energy to make up for her physical challenge. She was adopted



It took Ama a little while longer to be adopted, but she now has a very happy tail to tell. She's living a life of luxury with a terrific family and a new dog friend.

Ama, a young pit bull arrived at the county shelter with a litter of 8 puppies. Shortly after arriving in their foster home all 9 of them became very ill with a serious viral infection. Unfortunately, 4 of the pups did not survive the illness. Ama and the other four pups were able to make a full recovery after 4 weeks in intensive care. Ama's pups (John, Paul, George, and Ringo) were all adopted right away.



Van Gogh, a mellow gentle cat, came to us with an ear injury. His ear had been torn almost completely off and had to be stitched back on. It was hard to believe he had been in an altercation with another animal because Van Gogh was such a calm, sweet soul. After his ear healed up, Van Gogh was featured as "Pet of the Week" on The Beach Radio Station. He was adopted later that day.



Blossom, a feisty, opinionated, young cat was sleeping in the engine of a car when the owner of the car turned the ignition. Blossom suffered a severe leg injury and lost a great deal of skin. It took several months for Blossom to recover. She was living in the same foster home as Van Gogh (see story above) and when Van Gogh got adopted the new adopters fell in love with Blossom too and took them both home!

Adoption Sites



AFRP now maintains 9 adoption sites in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties. These generous businesses help us showcase orphaned animals for adoption. Our newest adoption partner is:

Critter's Corner located at 15545-C Los Gatos Blvd. in Los Gatos.

View adoptable pets online @ www.AnimalFriendsRescue.org

Volunteer Spotlight

Mother-Daughter Team Diane and Catherine Linder



Diane Linder and her eleven-year-old daughter, Catherine, are enthusiastic AFRP volunteers that truly "go that extra mile." This devoted animal-loving team help with transportation, provide foster care for cats and dogs and visit the local shelter to work with dogs that are awaiting foster homes or adoption. They also take their own adopted AFRP dog, Katie, to work as a therapy dog at a local retirement home.

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Last spring, when AFRP had the opportunity to place several special needs cats into permanent care at Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Utah, Diane and Catherine cheerfully volunteered to make the 30 hour round-trip journey, even though they were not experienced with long distance driving.

"Just because something is difficult doesn't mean you shouldn't do it," says Diane. "In fact, doesn't it seem like the more difficult something is, the more important and worthwhile it is?"

In fact, Diane and Catherine found their first trip to Best Friends to be so worthwhile and rewarding, they made the trip again in July to deliver an Animal Friends FIV positive kitty who was having difficulty being placed locally. They added more mileage in August when they transported the AFRP dog, Chyna, to the San Francisco Airport and facilitated her journey to a loving adoptive family in Canada.

"Watching my daughter grow in her compassion and commitment to the animals has got to be one of the most rewarding aspects of volunteering for Animal Friends Rescue Project," says Diane.

Volunteering together and working toward a common goal, Diane and Catherine believe that showing kindness to animals can build a better world for us all. They have forged a special mother-daughter bond, and created a legacy of love and compassion that will no doubt continue to be passed down to many Linder generations.

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

— Gandhi

Thank You...



Our work is made possible through the efforts of many wonderful people and businesses that are too numerous to name here. Please check out our thank you page on our website, www.animalfriendsrescue.org, and see who enables us to fulfill our mission.

A House Is Not a Home Without a Pet



Anyone who rents knows how difficult it can be to find a decent place to live. Those of us who have pets face a special challenge. The sad truth is that housing issues represent one of the largest reasons companion animals are surrendered to shelters. Planning and better strategies on the part of tenants

and educating of landlords to the positives of renting to pet owners can go a long way toward preventing these often unnecessary and tragic separations.

"It took several months for my dog, Java, and me to find a place to live. Even with the places that accepted pets, I kept hearing the same question over and over, "How big is your dog?" No one wants to rent to someone with a dog larger than 15 lbs. It broke my heart, and at one point I was seriously contemplating finding Java a new home. I have had him since he was a puppy and he's 10 years old now, but I was desperate. Thank goodness I finally found a great place for both of us through a friend of a friend."

If you know you are going to be looking for a home for you and your pets, allow plenty of time for your search. Gather any type of evidence you can that you are a responsible person and your pet is a good canine or feline citizen. Letters of recommendation from any of the following could help: your current landlord, your veterinarian, your trainer, your groomer, a neighbor or two, a pet sitter or dog walker. If possible, bring your pet to meet a potential landlord. Show him or her how well you take care of your pet, bring his or her medical record, and if you have a dog, his license.

Property owners who do not allow pets mistakenly believe that renting to pet owners is too costly and problem-ridden. Studies have shown that pet owners move less often and are usually willing to provide additional security deposits. Proper screening of applicants and specific, signed agreements can minimize the chance of suffering financial loss. Information packets to assist landlords in maximizing profits while reducing risks, hassles and losses from renting to people with animals are available from Firepaw, Inc. at www.firepaw.org. They also offer a booklet on "How to Keep, Find and Enjoy a Pet Friendly Rental."

AFRP has compiled information regarding local pet friendly landlords and property management companies and posted it on our website, www.animalfriendsrescue.org. If you are a landlord or property manager who has pet friendly housing, please contact us at 333-0722 or info@animalfriendsrescue.org and we will list you as a resource on our website.

"Acquiring a dog may be the only opportunity a human ever has to choose a relative."

—Mordecai Siegal



Help Raise Money for the Animals

Generous supporters play a key role in making our annual Holiday Fundraiser a success each year. Thanks to their help AFRP has raised

a total of over \$132,000 at our last six Holiday Fundraisers. All proceeds are used to help with direct animal care expenses such as medical care and spay/neuter costs.

You can help AFRP reach our goal of \$40,000 this year by donating items such as timeshares at a vacation home, weekend getaway packages, day adventures, and gift certificates from restaurants, shops, hotels, or services.

As a donor to the silent auction you and your business will be recognized in all promotional material associated with the event. If you have a silent auction item for consideration please call Carie at (831) 372-5169.



PHOTO CONTEST!

The 2004 AFRP photo contest winners have been selected! Judges had a tough time deciding between all the great photos. Check out the winners and honorable mentions on our web site.

Wish list:

- Advantage flea treatment for cats and dogs
- Cat litter
- Bowls for our adoption centers
- Foster homes for dogs and puppies
- Office Depot gift cards
- Crates (all sizes)
- Copy paper

Prevent-A-Litter Program

Be a real PAL and spay or neuter your animal friend. If you need assistance to alter your pet, give Animal Friends a call at 333-0722 or e-mail info@animalfriendsrescue.org.



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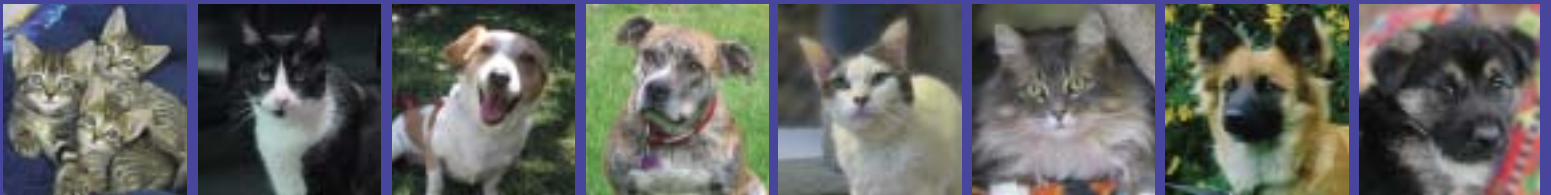
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