



Animal Friends Update

Fall 2006

AFRP

ANIMAL FRIENDS RESCUE PROJECT



Ellie Brookman selling raffle tickets.



AFRP Staff



New storefront adoption center.

Dear Friends of AFRP,

AFRP is now going into our ninth year of operations. It is hard to believe how far we have come in such a short amount of time. AFRP is maturing into a strong organization that is putting roots down into the community to create a solid foundation for the years to come. As we approach our 10th year and 10,000th adoption, we can no longer consider ourselves young or small!

We owe our success to the dedication and generosity of you, the animal loving community. We now have over 250 volunteers, a staff of nine hardworking full and part-time employees that work many more hours than we can pay them for, and an ever increasing donor base.

This year, we were honored for the second year in a row to be invited to participate in the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance raffle for a brand new Chrysler Crossfire. This event helped us raise almost \$20,000 for the animals. Congratulations to Mr. Forsyth (Crossfire) and Mr. Truitt (Australian Cruise) who were the lucky winners at the drawing!

In May of this year, we opened our first permanent AFRP Adoption Center on 17th Street in Pacific Grove. We are now planning yet another move to 560 Lighthouse Ave. in Pacific Grove. The new location is a larger space located on a prime retail corner in downtown Pacific Grove. In addition to housing adoptable cats, the new location will also have space for adoptable dogs to spend the day. We plan to be open by mid October. Please come visit!

Thank you for helping AFRP save lives!

Sincerely,

Carie Broecker
Executive Director



Upcoming Events

Please visit our website and click on the "Upcoming Events" link to view a complete and up-to-date list of our adoption days and fundraising events. There's always something happening! www.AnimalFriendsRescue.org

2006 Adoption Statistics

Cat Adoptions: 893
Dog Adoptions: 329
Total Adoptions: 1225

Total Adoptions Since 1998:

8985!!!

Save The Date - AFRP's Ninth Annual Holiday Fundraising Party

Sunday December 10th from 5:00-8:00 PM at the Hyatt Regency in Monterey. Enjoy wine, dinner, silent auction, raffle, and dancing to the sounds of the Dennis Murphy Trio. Watch for your invitation in the mail in November!

Silent Auction Items Needed!

We are looking for silent auction items to help make our 9th Annual Holiday Party Fundraiser the biggest success yet! This event has raised a total of over \$240,000 for the animals over the last eight years. 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 raising \$50,000 for the animals this year by donating items such as timeshares at a vacation home, weekend getaway packages, day adventures, and gift certificates from restaurants, shops, hotels, spas or other services.

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



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Mission

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

AFRP is a member of the Coalition for Companion Animals (CCA) of Monterey County. For more information about the CCA visit www.CCAMonterey.org.

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Happy Tails!

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



Maximilian, a laid back five-year-old Lynx Point Siamese, came to us from the Salinas Animal Shelter with an injured eye. Max was taken to Carmel Holistic Vet Clinic where they determined the eye needed to be removed. Due to his mellow personality Max became the temporary AFRP office cat after his surgery. A couple with a soft spot for special needs animals saw an ad for Max in the Good Times and adopted him.



Paco, a six-year-old Chihuahua mix with a leg injury and lots of personality, was found as a stray and taken to Monterey County Animal Services. When his foster mom took him to the vet we found out he had been shot with a bebe and his leg may have to be amputated. In the end he was able to keep his leg, but with a permanent bend in it. Paco was all love and kisses when he was adopted by a family who met him at a Petco Adoption event.



Nala, a gentle twelve-year-old kitty came to us from Monterey County Animal Services. Being a senior kitty we were concerned about Nala's health. Fortunately, her blood work showed she was relatively healthy for a senior gal. She did have cataracts in both eyes which limited her vision but that didn't stop her joy for life. A wonderful couple adopted her along with Jingles, another senior cat she was being fostered with.



Will, an extremely affectionate seven-year-old, Yellow Lab, was found in Bakersfield with an illegal leg trap clamped around his left rear leg. He would have been euthanized there but instead a volunteer transported him all the way to Carmel for emergency surgery to save his foot. The surgery was successful, and Will is happy and wiggly on all fours again. He was adopted by his foster family that just couldn't part with him.

Volunteer Spotlight - Craig Higgins

Craig Higgins is a jack-of-all-trades when it comes to volunteering with AFRP. For the past three years, he has worked at adoption events, sold raffle tickets, transported animals to vet appointments and events, walked and exercised adoptable dogs, and has even played Santa at PetSmart.

Dogs have held a fascination for Craig since he was a baby. He grew up with dachshunds, schnauzers, and poodles and currently cares for his adopted poodles, Cosmo and Gracie.

Craig wanted to volunteer with AFRP because of the emphasis placed on helping abused, abandoned, ill, injured, and other needy animals. A part of Craig has always wanted to be a vet and he says, "Working with AFRP is the closest I'll get." Craig enjoys exercising the dogs in foster care as well as in boarding and loves developing a personal connection with them. He wishes that more people would get involved with animal rescue. Even if time is limited, Craig knows firsthand that "any degree of assistance one can give to this very worthy cause is necessary and appreciated."

Craig's words of advice to anyone who has considered volunteering for AFRP: "Take advantage of this opportunity to help animals; you'll never regret it."

Thank you, Craig, for all that you do!



Craig with Cosmo and Gracie.

FIGHT OR FLIGHT (Leash Aggression) Part 2

By Barbara DeGroot, From the Heart Dog Training and Doggy Day Care

The last article left you standing on the street with your dog turning into Cujo because he saw another dog. How do you regain control of your walks with your dog? As with any behavior, you need to break it into small parts before you can begin to correct any of it. Leash aggression is just a snapshot in time: it is a symptom of bigger problems, usually under socialization, improper leadership, and lack of understanding by the guardian. Let's look at each of these causes individually.

Under socialized can mean your dog doesn't know how to act with other dogs on leash, but is fine off leash.

Leadership is a term that is getting a lot of attention these days, but can be misinterpreted. Leadership may conger up visions of rolling your dog over until they submit, scruff shaking or punching them in the neck when they are incorrect in their actions: All of these things have potential of being dangerous to the guardian and very confusing to the dog. My preference is the softer term "guidance" which still infers a sense of responsibility on the guardian's part.

Lack of understanding by the guardian can mean the behavior that led up to this behavior wasn't taken seriously or corrected in a timely fashion. The use of an electronic collar has become common lately and if improperly used can increase aggression toward other dogs and even cause your dog to turn and bite you. This is caused by a very high level of frustration. Electronic collars have a place in some training situations but only in the hands of a qualified person.



Calm, Relaxed leash approach.

The disappointing news is leash aggression is not something that can be corrected in a 300 word article, but the good news is that with a good behavior-based training program it can become very manageable in a relatively short time. It will take time and patience, but IT CAN BE DONE!

Please visit the "Dog Behavior & Training" page on our website (www.AnimalFriendsRescue.org) for a list of behavior and training resources. Visit the "Upcoming Events" page on our website for info about Barb DeGroot's dog behavior question and answer sessions held monthly in Pacific Grove or Salinas.

2006 Photo Contest Winners

Thank you to everyone who entered AFRP's Fifth Annual Photo Contest. Check out the honorable mentions at www.AnimalFriendsRescue.org.

Congratulation to the winners!



Gayle Todd (Best Cat)



Lisa Corona (Best Dog)



Lauren Crux (Best Duo/Group)

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 the thank you page on our website, www.AnimalFriendsRescue.org/thankyou.html and see who enables us to fulfill our mission.

Medical Pet of the Week



It's All New!

Check out AFRP's Medical Pet of the Week and help rescued animals get life saving medical treatment.

To donate to a medical fund for the animal of your choice visit www.AnimalFriendsRescue.org.

Honor Your Animals While Helping Save Others



Join us in creating the

Animal Friends Dedication Wall

At The Raw Connection, 26549 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Carmel

Make an adobe block come to life with the name of your beloved animal *Painted by local artist Linda Mikulich.*

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Read About Will's Happy Tail Inside!



Looking for a Special Home

Alpine is a real character! He is an 8 year old, loving, affectionate kitty with lots of personality, His jaw is permanently misaligned as a result of being hit by a car and not receiving immediate medical attention. He is also blind in one eye and completely deaf, but none of that keeps him from brightening the day of everyone who meets him. Let us know if you might be the special someone Aline has been waiting for.



Chip is an 18 month old shepherd mix who weighs about 50 pounds. He is a well mannered dog who has graduated from basic obedience school. He has also been going to doggy day care once a week since he was a young pup. Chip found himself homeless after the couple that adopted him as a young pup moved away and could not take him along. Chip is energetic, loving, and eager to please. Check out our website for some adorable video of Chip and then give us a call to meet this sweet boy!

