



Animal Friends Update

Summer 2005

AFRP

ANIMAL FRIENDS RESCUE PROJECT

Upcoming Events

PETSMART Sand City Adoption Events

First Saturday of Each Month
11am-3pm

PETSMART Santa Cruz Adoption Events

Second Saturday of Each Month
11am-2pm

Petco Monterey Adoption Events

Third Saturday of Each Month
11am-3pm

Fountain of Woof Celebration

Saturday, August 27
12pm-2pm
Carmel Plaza
Shopping Center
Fashion Show,
Guest Speakers,
Adoptable Dogs

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

Join us in welcoming our new Executive Director

Dear Animal Friends,

As we move into our eighth year, I want to thank you all for the many ways you support AFRP's rescue work as we strive together for a day when there will be "no more homeless pets." We have saved over 6,500 lives since 1998, an accomplishment we could not have achieved without you.

Our Board of Directors would like to share the exciting news that we now have our first full-time paid Executive Director, Beth Shirk. AFRP has been managed by a hands-on, working board of directors for the last seven years. Hiring a full-time Executive Director will free up the AFRP board to work on additional projects and pursue fundraising efforts to benefit the animals.

The position has been generously funded by the Perrine Charitable Foundation, who share the Board's confidence that Beth's connections and experience will help AFRP raise more funds and ultimately enable us to rescue many more homeless animals.

Feel free to call, e-mail, or stop by to say hello to Beth. She is eager to meet all AFRP volunteers and supporters and see how we can change even more lives together.

Sincerely,

President



Beth relaxing with her dogs Katey and Lucy

2005 Adoption Statistics

Cat Adoptions: 396
Dog Adoptions: 60
Total Adoptions: 456

Total Adoptions Since 1998:

6507!!!

Awaiting a special home...

"I sure do wish I could be somebody's cat." Yeti is a sleek, elegant Oriental short hair. His foster mom reports that he is a delight to be around and gets along with everyone, even dogs! Yeti is having a tough time getting adopted because he tested positive for FIV. All that means is that he has been exposed to a virus that may affect his immune system at some point. Yeti is a young, healthy kitty and deserves to be in a loving home. Yeti needs to be an indoor kitty. He would do well in a home as an only cat, or with another FIV+ cat, a dog, or even a bunny companion. FIV is a feline virus and cannot be spread to other animals or people.

Please contact AFRP to help grant Yeti's wish of being someone's cat.



Mission

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

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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.



Randy, a happy, lovable eight-month-old shepherd mix was hit by a car. Even with a broken leg, Randy had a kiss and tail wag for everyone he met when he was taken to the Monterey County Animal Shelter. The shelter vet put a cast on Randy's broken leg, but he needed to go to an AFRP foster home to recuperate. As it turns out, Randy was a perfect fit for his foster family, and they adopted him!



Belle, an 8-week-old kitten, arrived at the Salinas Animal Shelter with a broken back. We are unsure what trauma she went through that caused the injury. The good news is that with rest and TLC she was able to recover. The sweet and beautiful Belle was quickly adopted when her new mom fell in love with her after seeing her photo on the AFRP website.



Bosley, a young pug mix, was hit by a car and taken to the Salinas Animal Shelter. Bosley's front leg had to be amputated due to severe nerve damage. He recovered quickly and was adopted by a family that adores him. Bosley, now named Zeus, is often spotted trotting along the P.G. ocean path with his new family.



Sparky, a 17-year-old kitty, was surrendered to a vet clinic to be put down when the family she had lived with her entire life moved away and decided they could not take her with them. Sparky was friendly, outgoing, and in excellent health. She was featured as AFRP's pet of the week on The Beach 101.7 radio and was adopted later that day by a Beach listener.

Volunteer Spotlight

Ellen Barlow, Foster Mom

It all started for retired nurse Ellen Barlow about five years ago. She walked into Posh Pets in Pacific Grove looking for a cat to adopt. Instead, she was drawn to the tiny cries coming from a litter of orphaned kittens. Ellen's heart went out to them, and she left that day as a new AFRP foster volunteer with three tiny bottle babies to care for. Her life was changed forever.

"AFRP has been incredibly supportive through each litter of kittens," says Ellen. "Any time I need advice, supplies or vet care for my foster kittens, I always get the help I need."

Ellen serves as an enthusiastic mentor to new volunteers who are learning to care for their own litters of bottle kittens. "You

become their mom," says Ellen, "and they rely on you for everything."

Now each spring, Ellen waits for the call from AFRP that signals the beginning of "kitten season". She sets her alarm for midnight feedings, postpones weekend trips, and concentrates on serving as a surrogate cat mom for her little orphans.

"It is truly an honor for me to be able to care for these tiny, helpless beings and be able to watch them grow into big, healthy, unique individuals that will be wonderful pets for a new family."

We are truly thankful to foster mom Ellen Barlow for helping save so many precious lives.



For more information about fostering orphaned kittens or nursing moms with kittens please give us a call. 831 333-0722 or visit www.AnimalFriendsRescue.org.

We Need An Adoption Van

AFRP has received a \$15,000 matching grant from AT&T Pebble Beach Charities to purchase an adoption van. This much needed van will be used to transport animals and supplies to and from offsite adoption events as well as to transport animals to vet appointments, from shelters, and to adoption centers.



If you would like to help AFRP reach our challenge of raising an additional \$15,000 to help purchase an adoption van, please send your donations to: AFRP Adoption Van, P.O. Box 51083, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

Thank you and thanks to AT&T Pebble Beach Charities for their generosity and support!

"A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself."
—Billings

Wish List

- 🐾 Dog Leashes
- 🐾 Cat Carriers
- 🐾 First Class & Postcard Postage Stamps
- 🐾 Dog Crates
- 🐾 Covered Litter Boxes
- 🐾 Miele Canister Vacuum



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, and see who enables us to fulfill our mission.

Adopting a New Pet?

By Barbara De Groodt, Animal Behaviorist, From the Heart Animal Behavior Counseling and Dog Training

So, after much soul searching and lots of thought you've decided to get a pet. Will it be a fish, a hamster, a cat or a dog? Well, with a fish or hamster it's usually pretty straightforward, but with a cat or dog it can be life changing.



Petunia and her new family

Whose responsibility will it be to care for the pet, and be reasonable, don't expect young children to be responsible. One of the easiest ways to introduce a new pet to the family is to sit down and explain to everyone, children and adults, what this new addition will involve. There will be walks, housetraining, lessons, feeding, clean up and grooming.

You may be thinking we've decided on a cat so there isn't that much work, right? Wrong! There's still exercise, feeding, litter box training, clean up, and grooming.

If children are involved they need to understand that animals have needs, too. They need time alone, pets need respect; they are not toys, and they need some rules to follow, also. Does everyone have a similar concept of what behavior is to be rewarded? A dog should have an area where it can sleep uninterrupted and children need to be taught to respect that area.

Having a pet can teach children how to respect a living being, how to share, and to begin to understand consequences. We use a training axiom in our classes, "don't set your dog up for failure, train for success" and I try my best to live by that. Adopting a pet is a wonderful thing and I hope you have many happy years with your new addition.

Free Animal Behavior Q&A

Third Thursday of Each Month, 6:30pm to 7:30pm
Monterey County Animal Services Center
160 Hitchcock Rd., Salinas
831-769-8850

An open forum for dog owners with animal behaviorist, Barb DeGroodt. *Class is open to people only. No dogs, please!*

First Tuesday of Each Month, 6:30pm to 7:30 pm
Sponsored by Santa Cruz SPCA, Bed and Biscuits, Lori Katz of Kindred Spirit Dog Training, Joan DeNeff and Mardi Richmon of Good Dog

Live Oak Senior Center Annex
1777 Capitola Rd., Santa Cruz
831-475-1580

Dog behavior/training coaching session for people who have adopted a dog from a shelter or rescue group.
For people only. No dogs, please!

Call first, reservations required.



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Spay or neuter your animal friends.**

AFRP's Adoption Center Dream

AFRP has a dream, just like all the homeless cats and dogs we rescue. We are "lookin' for a home". Our dream is to have our very own Animal Adoption Center.

More and more rescue organizations and shelters across the country are moving to "communal living" adoption centers for cats. A number of these adoption centers are in converted homes or commercial properties. Twenty or more cats can be



San Luis Obispo Homeless Animal Rescue Team
(SLO HART) Adult Cat Adoption Room

housed together in a room with cat beds, cat trees, cubby holes, and lots of toys.

The cats thrive in this environment with more space to stretch, roam, climb, play and show their true personalities. In this more natural, home-like setting, cats are less stressed than in cages and better able to "put their best paw forward" when potential adopters come to meet them.

AFRP has been extremely successful operating out of foster homes and offsite adoption centers since we began our rescue mission seven years ago. Foster homes and commercial adoption sites will still be used to rescue, socialize and show a maximum number of homeless animals for adoption. But the addition of our "dream home" would greatly increase AFRP's life-saving capacity.

Currently we are on the lookout for an appropriate house or commercial property



to rent, purchase, or to have donated. Donating property to a non-profit like AFRP can realize significant tax benefits for the property owner. If you know of available properties or would like further information, please contact Executive Director, Beth Shirk at 831-333-0722.