



Animal Friends Update

Summer 2006

AFRP

ANIMAL FRIENDS RESCUE PROJECT

Visit Our New Adoption Center!



The Adoption Center is located on 17th Street in Pacific Grove



Dear Friends of AFRP,

At last... AFRP has a permanent home of its own. Our new adoption center on 17th Street in Pacific Grove opened the first week of May and will celebrate its Grand Opening on Sunday, June 11th from Noon-3:00 p.m. As well as a spacious cat adoption area, dogs looking for homes will be making appearances on a regular basis too. The location also serves as office space for our staff. With our adoption sites at Posh Pets, PETSMARTs in Santa Cruz, Sand City and Salinas and Collier Feed and Supply in Salinas still going strong, and participation in numerous off-site events, more animals than ever will be showcased for potential adopters for their one-of-a-kind furry friend.

As our adoption program grows by leaps and bounds, so does our support from the community along with our vision of what can be accomplished on behalf of homeless cats and dogs in Monterey County and beyond. Recently we received an unexpected, generous gift from the Estate of Patricia Law in honor of her cat, Pip. The AFRP Board placed the funds in a restricted account, the start of a building fund for a full-service adoption sanctuary. The adoption sanctuary we envision would include an adoption center and clinic on site, and perhaps a mobile spay-neuter clinic that could provide low-cost services to more remote, underserved areas.

Please come visit our new adoption center in Pacific Grove. We know the adoption center will make a huge difference in the lives of countless homeless cats and dogs looking for that special, loving home of their own. Also, we are confident that, with your help, our dream of a adoption sanctuary and spay-neuter clinic will soon be realized.

Sincerely,

Carie Broecker
Executive Director

Join the Fun!



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: 320
Dog Adoptions: 150
Total Adoptions: 470

Total Adoptions Since 1998:

8,221!!!

Meet the New Staff

This year has been a year of change and growth for AFRP. In addition to our new adoption center and office space, we have added two brand new full-time staff positions and one part-time staff position.

Dana Karstensen-Bryan is our Volunteer Coordinator and dog intake manager, Laurie Cashman is our Adoption Center Manager, and Lynn Riddel is our part-time Salinas Program Manager.

Dana, Laurie, and Lynn will enable AFRP to continue growing and running smoothly. This means more cat and dog lives saved in the years to come!



Laurie and Tangerine



Dana with her pooches



Lynn and Socks



Mission

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

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Volunteer Coordinator:
Dana Karstensen-Bryan
Adoption Center Manager:
Laurie Cashman

Happy Tails!

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



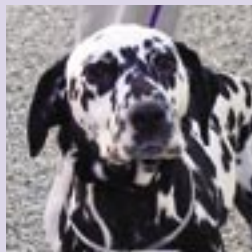
Guinness, an 8-month-old black cat, was hit by a car and taken to the Monterey County Animal Shelter with a badly injured leg. Guinness was transferred to Dr. Tom Boekbinder at Carmel Holistic Vet Clinic in an attempt to save the leg, but the nerve damage was too severe. Guinness had his front leg amputated, but it didn't seem to bother him a bit. He recovered quickly and was adopted to a loving family in San Ramon.



Danny, a one-year-old Toy Spaniel mix, was found as a stray and taken to the Monterey County Animal Shelter. Danny was diagnosed with cerebellar hypoplasia; his rear legs could barely support his small body. In his foster home his legs grew stronger, and he was able to chase after a ball and play with other dogs. Within three weeks he met his new family with four beautiful daughters. When they first met, Danny gave the girls kisses as they hugged him. It was love at first sight.



Nike, a friendly orange tabby with six toes on each foot, was found as a stray. When he was tested for FIV at the shelter, his test came back positive. Luckily, AFRP was contacted, and we took Nike into our adoption program. Nike spent several months in AFRP adoption centers, foster homes, and even enjoyed being the AFRP office cat for a while. It was all worth the wait because Nike finally found a family that adores him.



Gilbert, a young Dalmatian, ended up at the Salinas Animal Shelter. He should have had any easy time getting adopted but, he came down with kennel cough that turned into life threatening pneumonia. Shelter staff contacted AFRP to take over Gilbert's care and he was rushed to the emergency clinic. Later, in his foster home we discovered Gilbert was deaf! This fabulous dog was adopted to a family with another Dalmatian and is now having the time of his life.

Volunteer Spotlight - Camae Pollock

Camae Pollock's entrance into AFRP's volunteer program began innocently enough. She adopted an AFRP kitten from the Santa Cruz PETS MART about a year and a half ago, and started making regular trips to visit the other cats there still waiting for homes. While there, Camae met volunteer Annette Zoll, who quickly persuaded her to become an official volunteer.

Camae jumped right in, fostering kittens, cleaning cat cages and helping with weekend adoption days. She was hooked! Her enthusiasm was fueled by the rewards of helping animals, and she soon expanded her commitment by developing relationships with shelters from Salinas to San Jose in order to rescue more animals in need. It wasn't long before she started rescuing and fostering puppies too.

"When you release your foster animals to their new homes . . . that's just priceless," says Camae. She readily admits that being a foster home has changed her life. In return, she has changed the lives of the many homeless dogs and cats she has nurtured and placed in loving homes. Without her efforts, their fates would have been much different.

In just this past six months, Camae has offered a safe haven to over 20 puppies and 40 cats and kittens who were in need of temporary foster care. With a commitment like that, we can only imagine how many more lives will be saved by Camae, and the many other dedicated AFRP foster volunteers like her. Thank you Camae!



Camae with Shelby and Cobra

If you are interested in experiencing the satisfaction of helping homeless animals, please consider becoming an AFRP volunteer. Give us a call at 831-333-0722.

FIGHT OR FLIGHT (Leash Aggression) Part 1

By Barbara De Groot, From the Heart Dog Training and Doggy Daycare

So there you are walking along with your wonderful dog, enjoying the walk, loving the beautiful scenery, and thinking about summer and out of the blue that lovely dog you were just admiring turns into Cujo. What the heck! You quickly scan the horizon to see what's brought on that behavior and sure enough there comes a dog. You knew it would be a dog because this has happened several times before. So what's happening?



Why can friendly dogs be aggressive while on leash?

It is commonly thought that most organisms have 5 primary responses to external stimuli: fight, flight, freeze, fool around and faint. For most predatory animals fight and flight are their two most commonly used responses. Quite often these dogs are great in an off leash situation but when on a leash turn into a mindless, growling, lunging, tooth baring animal. Oh yea, that's right they are animals, and as such are governed by behavior an animal understands, but wait, we are animals, too. Think about how you feel when you enter a very small room with lots of people verses entering a very

large room with lots of space and just a few people. Which are you more comfortable in? In a lot of respects that's what's happening to your dog when on leash; he is limited to what his response can be, if he wanted to leave the area he can't because of the leash, if he wants to go forward and greet he may not be able to because of the leash. This scenario is called "leash aggression" and it is very common.

So how does one deal with this behavior? As mentioned in several previous articles socialization is so very important. When dogs meet they don't want some other dog they just met to jump on them or mount them; that's just RUDE. But if that keeps happening they begin to question your leadership skills and they then need to be sure another dog doesn't overwhelm them so they begin to take charge of the situation. The way he sees it is the best way to take charge is to prevent the situation. And so it begins....more on how to handle this all too common problem, check out part 2 in the next newsletter.

Wish List

- Air purifier/cleaner for our new cat Adoption Center
- Collapsible wire dog crates
- Cat Carriers (all sizes)
- First Class and Postcard Postage Stamps
- Cat Litter
- Small and Medium dog Collars
- Leashes
- Sponsors for our "Looking for a Home" animal ads
- Foster homes for dogs, cats, kittens and puppies
- Kong Stuffin' Paste

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.

2006 Photo Contest!

It's time again to get your cameras out and capture a great photo of your animal friends...

Categories are: Best Cat • Best Dog • Best Duo or Group

Prizes: Best Dog - \$100 Cash

Best Cat - \$100 Cash

Best Duo or Group = \$100 Cash

Only \$10 per entry!

Submit photos by mail to:
Animal Friends Photo Contest, P.O. Box 51083
Pacific Grove, CA 93950

Email digital photos to: info@AnimalFriendsRescue.org. AFRP can also be reached at 831-333-0722.

Please include your name, address, and phone on back of all photos (and self-addressed, stamped envelope if you



want your photos returned). Donations can be made by check or credit card. Winners will be notified before August 31, 2006. AFRP will have the right to use all photographs submitted for AFRP marketing materials. Multiple entries are encouraged. Only \$10 per entry and all proceeds benefit AFRP. Bribes are encouraged! Entry deadline is July 31, 2006.

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Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Photo contest entries _____ x \$10= _____

Bribe amount _____ Total enclosed _____

Check VISA/MC Card No _____ Exp. Date _____



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since 1998!**

Looking for a Special Home

Tangerine

Tangerine is the perfect name for this citrus-colored 12-year-old kitty. Though considered a senior, Tangerine has a zest for life and a very lively personality. She takes an inexpensive thyroid medication every day but otherwise is in great health with a slim feline physique and a soft, thick coat. Tangerine gets along great with other cats, and loves every human she meets. She's very grateful for every friendly scratch on the cheek and every offer of a warm lap to curl up on for a cozy cat nap. She sure would love to have a family of her own again!



Lester

Lester came to us from the Salinas Shelter, where his exuberant puppy energy was just too daunting for many prospective adopters. A gorgeous 40 pound, one-year-old boxer/terrier mix, Lester has expressive brown eyes and an ever present doggy grin. His enthusiasm for everything life has to offer is obvious! Lester has now graduated from obedience school, and has perfect house manners. He loves kids and would be a fantastic dog for an active family or someone who needs a running partner. Because Lester has been waiting for a home for so long, he is a Compassionate Choice dog, his adoption fee waived to a loving home.

