



Animal Friends Update

Summer 2007

AFRP

ANIMAL FRIENDS RESCUE PROJECT



Eileen with her adopter, Shirley, needed her hind leg amputated because of a tumor.



Martina Shaw, our new Adoption Center Manager.



Visit the Treasure Shop, located at 154 - 17th street, Pacific Grove.



Bobby, a young Chihuahua/Terrier mix, was hit by a car and needed surgery to repair his pelvis and hip. He's recovered nicely and is ready for a home of his own.

Dear Friends!

I am so excited to be a part of this great organization and it is a pleasure to share my enthusiasm with you. The last few months have been busy as we launch new efforts that will make us even bigger and better! This quarter we have launched a challenge grant campaign and celebrated our 10,000th adoption—a huge milestone for our organization. You can read more about this accomplishment in the section below.



Jeanne Huber and Bing.

The money we raise with the Challenge Grant will help us pay for medical expenses that are critical to our being able to help more animals. Thanks to the wonderful veterinarians who give discounts to treat our rescues, we are able to save and place more and more cats and dogs in loving homes.

The Treasure Shop on 17th Street has become a must-visit location among residents and visitors alike. This effort has already surpassed its goals and continues to be a resource for us to help even more animals.

Our work to give dogs and cats a new lease on life and to end overpopulation has built a fire under the community to help us make a difference. We save 1,900 cats and dogs each year and we can ensure this number grows with your help!

Without the support of people like you, these animals would not have the second chance they so richly deserve!

Woof, purr and thank you!

Jeanne L. Huber
Jeanne Huber
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

2007 Adoption Statistics

Cat Adoptions: 305
Dog Adoptions: 110
Total Adoptions: 415

Total Adoptions Since 1998:

10,153!

10,000 Adoptions and Counting!

Animal Friends Rescue Project (AFRP) was thrilled to announce its 10,000th adoption on April 19th at the Adoption Center. Huey, a one-year-old hound mix pictured at right with his new parents Gina and Ray Loftin, was considered unadoptable because of potential medical issues. He was given to AFRP who had him checked out by a veterinarian and placed him in a foster home until he was adopted.

Huey (now named Harley) was given a second chance by the love and commitment of people

just like you that were the key to getting him a loving and permanent home. With help from you and other community members, AFRP continues to rescue the "least adoptable" cats and dogs from shelters and finds them loving homes. Huey and the Loftins thank you for bringing them together!



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Main Adoption Center:
560 Lighthouse Avenue
Pacific Grove
Hours: Tues-Sat 12-5

Treasure Shop:
154-17th Street, Pacific Grove
Hours: Tues-Sat 12-5
Phone 831 333 0491

Mission

We are dedicated to finding good permanent homes for stray, abandoned, and abused companion animals and to ending the overpopulation crisis through focused 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!

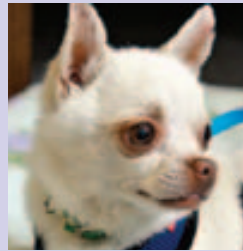
These are just some of the many lives AFRP has touched during the past year, thanks to your support.



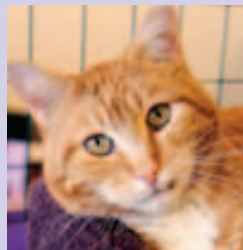
Sasha, a young Border Collie mix, was found on the side of the highway after being hit by a car. The Monterey County Shelter didn't want to have to put Sasha down, and asked AFRP for help. We arranged for the surgery Sasha needed to repair her broken pelvis and dislocated hip. Lovingly kenneled at Casa de Amigos in Monterey, Sasha was soon adopted by a wonderful couple from Aptos, and enjoys each and every day as a cherished member of their family.



Blossom had come into the Salinas Animal Shelter as a stray before she came to our adoption center. She was completely blind in her left eye due to scarring from an old injury. Blossom's physical imperfection didn't prevent her from being adopted by a wonderful couple from Monterey. After losing their beloved elderly cat, they wanted to open their hearts to several adult cats that were being overlooked and needed loving homes. Blossom and her friend Big Gray are happy and very much loved in their new home.



Snowball, an adorable 5-year-old Chihuahua, was a staff favorite at the Santa Cruz Animal Services. The problem? He was snappy and unpredictable—not a good candidate for adoption. They asked AFRP for help, and Snowball was placed in an experienced foster home where he underwent behavior modification. Snowball was soon adopted and is now living in Pebble Beach with a couple who adore him and are committed to continuing to work on his behavior issues.



Chance had been living as a stray with painfully infected teeth and gums. Ouch! No wonder he seemed so shy and withdrawn. We arranged for his extensive dental treatments and soon Chance was feeling better, allowing his true personality to emerge. A gentle, friendly and talkative presence at our adoption center, Chance soon charmed a nice family from Carmel. They adopted him and recently let us know how much they love Chance, and how grateful they are to have him in their lives.

Volunteer Spotlight - Ann de Jesus

Ann de Jesus became involved with AFRP when she adopted AFRP dog, Rosie, in 2005. This experience made her realize that she would like to find more ways to help homeless animals, so she decided to volunteer with AFRP.

Ann began her volunteer work by doing cat care shifts at the 17th Street Adoption Center in Pacific Grove and eventually expanded into fostering cats, kittens, and dogs. Her volunteer work continued to grow and she began volunteering as an adoption counselor and working at offsite adoption events. Most recently, Ann has been walking and transporting dogs in boarding at Casa de Amigos to and from the Adoption Center, Tuesdays-Saturdays.

Some of the benefits of volunteering with AFRP that Ann has enjoyed are the satisfaction of knowing that she is instrumental in helping these animals find loving and permanent homes, the joy of adopting more AFRP animals into her own home, and the fact that her four year old daughter, Kylie, has been able to assist in the care of animals. Kylie feels good about working with adults and helping the animals.

With our busy schedules, Ann's best advice for volunteering is to start out slowly so you don't get overwhelmed. She says, "Do something easy, then add more or change the thing you're doing, until you find something that you really like doing. Always stay in a mode where you look forward to the next time you help out."

Thank you, Ann, for all that you do!



Ann and Kylie with Elmer and Hazel.

Leashes, Not Just for Walking!

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

It usually begins with a phone call asking me how to control a dog's behavior in the house. The answer is very simple -- don't allow behavior you don't want! A dog will only be as bad or as good as you allow her to be. Here's where the leash becomes a very practical tool for training issues inside the home. If housetraining is an issue, confine the dog's movement with the leash until the dog eliminates where you want her to. If your dog runs through the house like a maniac, put on a leash and manage the dog. If door dashing is a problem, keep the leash on the door handle and put it on the dog before you open the door.

Sounds simple, right? Last year I fostered a little Bull Terrier mix named Paris. The first time I brought her home she chased my cats around the house several times before I caught her. That was a wake up call for me! I'm a trainer, and failed to use the leash. Needless to say, my cats were very disappointed in me! From that day on, Paris was on a leash in the house, and we worked on "leave it" every time we walked past the cats. Paris got lots of rewards for leaving them alone. Within a week, Paris learned what was expected of her, and my cats had forgiven me! Paris soon knew her place was on her bed, and I could finally catch up on my paperwork and not worry about where she was, or what she was up to.



Boomer meeting Callie on leash.

It's easy to overindulge a foster dog or an adopted rescue dog. We feel so sorry for them that we actually can "kill them with kindness," especially if we reach the end of our patience and give up on them. Every dog needs rules to follow, no matter what hardship the dog has been through in her past life. When I first saw Paris, she was walking down the hall at the shelter, on the way to be euthanized. It was very easy to feel sorry for this little dog that everyone had given up on, but I knew she would do well if she had some rules to follow. Her training and mine began the day she came home.

With consistent rules, patience, and hard work, even established behaviors can be changed. Try using the leash indoors to manage your dog's behavior, and be sure to seek assistance from a trainer if you feel you are in over your head. Many times, just a few tips can put you back on track. Good luck!

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.

THANK YOU to the following vet clinics for providing pro bono and discounted services for rescued animals with major medical needs:

Agujito Veterinary Clinic, All Pets Veterinary Hospital, Carmel Holistic Veterinary Clinic, Cottage Veterinary Care, VCA Animal Hospital of Santa Cruz.

If your veterinary hospital would like to provide pro bono or discounted services to one or two (or more!) rescue animals per year with major medical needs, please let us know. They can surely use your help!

In Memoriam



Ann Marie Hardcastle

We lost a good friend in April when Ann Marie Hardcastle passed away at her home in Carmel Valley. Ann Marie was a passionate animal lover. She was a dedicated volunteer for AFRP, Best Friends Animal Society and the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Ann Marie saved many lives by fostering dozens of mother cats and orphaned kittens for AFRP over the years, and by helping any animal in need that crossed her path. Our condolences go out to her family and friends. She will be deeply missed.

Share Your Happy Tail - Win a Prize!

Each of the 10,000 animals AFRP has placed in homes since 1998 is very special. Representing more than just a number, every dog and cat has an inspiring story and a unique place in each family. We'd love to hear how your animal friend has made a difference in your life.

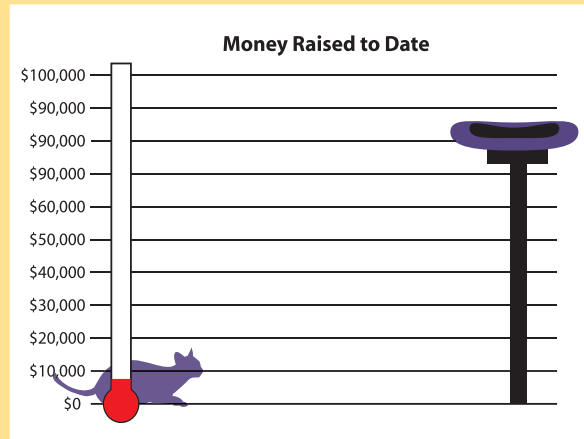


Send us a photo and an essay (200 words or less) by July 31, 2007, and we'll enter your name in a drawing to win an AFRP gift basket and a gift certificate from Posh Pets. Throughout the upcoming year we'll share your stories on our web site.

Mail your photo and story to AFRP, P.O. Box 51083, Pacific Grove CA, 93950 or email your digital photo and essay to info@animalfriendsrescue.org by Tuesday, July 31.

Challenge Grant Update

We are excited to announce a special Challenge Grant fund drive that is dedicated to helping our rescues in need of medical care who might otherwise be euthanized. This is a special fundraising effort to raise \$100,000 in individual or group gifts of \$2,500 or more from our most generous supporters like you. Once this \$100,000 is raised, we will go to the general public to raise another \$100,000 in matching gifts. Your gift can be multiplied and have double the impact! We hope you will join us in making this fund a reality so we can make a real and lasting difference to homeless animals who need and deserve a second chance!



Wish List

- Kitty litter & litter boxes
- Small & large dog collars
- Washable cat and dog beds
- Cat and dog food
- Electric heating pads
- Hand truck or moving dolly
- Veterinary services
- Sponsors for Animal Ads
- Sponsors for Medical Fund



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Read About Blossom's Happy Tail Inside!



Looking for a Special Home

Looking for a dog with intelligence, loyalty and goofy, puppy-like charm?

Rider is a two-year-old Rottweiler/Hound mix. At 70 pounds, he's about the size of a lab. Taken as a stray to the Salinas Animal Shelter in February, Rider was passed over on the adoption floor. The shelter staff knew

Rider was a dog worth saving, and AFRP stepped in to save his life. Currently in boarding, Rider is hoping he'll have a family to call his own very soon. He's completed basic obedience classes, and is eager to learn more! He loves people of all ages and enjoys playing with other dogs. He loves treats and belly rubs! Rider would be a fantastic companion for an active family who can take him for walks, hikes and trips to the beach.



Everyone loves **Oliver**, so why doesn't he have a home? Gentle, huggable and tolerant, Oliver is the ambassador of our Adoption Center. He gets along so nicely with every cat and each visitor, he has the privilege of living free in the cat enclosure. Oliver is about four years old, and other than some

inner ear damage, he's in good health. Oliver came to us with a terrible ear infection that had been left untreated. He spent time at the vet hospital to get the infection cleared up, but his sense of equilibrium was permanently damaged. Oliver now weaves a bit when he walks, and has a permanent tilt to his head, but he takes all that in stride. With his shiny tuxedo coat and perfect manners, Oliver is a true gentleman. Can you offer this special cat the home he's been waiting for?

