



Animal Friends Update

Winter 2005

AFRP

ANIMAL FRIENDS RESCUE PROJECT

Upcoming Events

How AFRP Saves Lives

Feb 8, March 8, April 12, May 11
7-8pm, Monterey Senior Center
280 Dickman, Monterey

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

Good Old Days Celebration

April 9 & 10
9am-5pm
Information Booth and
Adoptable Animals
Downtown Pacific Grove

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



2004 Adoption Statistics

Cat Adoptions: 1272
Dog Adoptions: 142
Total Adoptions: 1414

Total Adoptions Since 1998:

6047!!!

Bringing Animals & People Together Since 1998!

Dear Friends of AFRP,

After the horrific devastation caused by the tsunami in South Asia the world community joined forces to provide relief to the men, women, children, and to the wild and domestic animals whose lives were left in chaos. Our hearts and prayers go out to the victims of the tsunamis, both human and animal, as they face many challenges ahead. It is in times of disaster that our humanity truly shines. It is in times of disaster that our compassion for others moves us into action.

It is this deep compassion and humanity that is at the heart of the work of AFRP. It is compassion for animals that moves our supporters into action and enables AFRP to continue to save lives. With the support of our donors and over 130 volunteers who's lives have been touched by animals AFRP was able to re-home 1,414 stray, abandoned, and abused cats and dogs in 2004 who are now safe in loving,

permanent homes. That is an increase of 420 over the previous year. Our total since 1998 is now over 6,000. More and more kind people are adopting AFRP animals, including those with special medical needs or physical challenges. Our area of influence is increasing, too, with more outreach in the Santa Cruz area and internet adoptions as far away as Texas, Connecticut, Washington, and even Canada!

Through 2005 and beyond, may we continue to bring new life and hope to thousands of cats and dogs who have never yet experienced the joy of a loving home.

Sincerely,

Carie Broecker
Executive Director

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Awaiting a special home...

Ray Charles is singin' the blues because he needs a home. Ray is a one year old blind bull terrier/cattle dog mix. He came to AFRP from the county shelter after being severely neglected by a previous owner. Ray is completely blind due to degenerative retinitis caused by severe malnutrition. Ray is very affectionate and loves to cuddle and give kisses, but he can get stressed in new situations or if there is a lot of commotion going on. For this reason he will do best in a home without children. Ray needs to be adopted by someone patient who is able to put time, effort, and love into training him properly. Adopting Ray would be a commitment, but the love that would be returned would be the greatest reward!



Happy Tails!

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



Faith, a five-year-old German Shepherd, was turned into the shelter after apparently being dragged from a car resulting in burns to her face and paws. All her pads had been completely rubbed off from the injury. Faith was adopted by a couple who took her to live in the Santa Cruz mountains. She healed up well and leads a very pampered life. Her name is now Cassiopeia or Cassie for short.



Beck's story was told in a letter AFRP sent out last September. This ten-year-old cat with diabetes touched the hearts of all who read his story. By word of mouth, Linda Michelle from Ft. Worth, Texas learned of Beck and his need for a home. She offered to adopt him. A few weeks later Beck was on a plane to Texas and recently spent a very Merry Christmas with his new family.



Yoccia, a three-year-old Maltese, was taken into protective custody with Hedwig, a male Maltese, and their three-week-old pup. Sadly, the pup did not survive due to the severely neglectful situation they had come from. Yoccia and Hedwig both found homes quickly though.



Wonder, an 8-week-old Siamese kitten, arrived at the shelter completely blind due to a severe eye infection that had gone untreated. After appearing in an AFRP ad in the Monterey County Weekly, Wonder was adopted by a couple from Monterey who thought a fourth cat would round out their family nicely!

Spread the Word...

If you have family or friends looking for a new furry family member, refer them to our website at www.AnimalFriendsRescue.org



"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."

~ AFRP



"Sponsor Me"

Become an AFRP Sponsor

Sponsor an AFRP Cat or Dog or the Whole Adoption Center!

Check out our new sponsorship opportunities. Our greatest need is funding to care for the animals we rescue while they wait for their perfect home. All sponsors receive a beautiful certificate with a photo of their sponsored animal.

Kitty Condo sponsorships at the Posh Pets Adoption Center are available for \$500 per year.

Adoption Center Sponsorships at the Posh Pets Adoption Center are available at 3 levels (\$250, \$500 or \$1000 per year).

Dog or Cat Web sponsorships are available for \$50 per month.

For more details about becoming a sponsor go to www.animalfriendsrescue.org and link to sponsorship opportunities or call the AFRP office at 831-333-0722.

DAFY Award

Please join AFRP in congratulating Rayne Coleman of the City of Salinas Animal Shelter for being named AFRP's Devoted Animal Friend of the Year (DAFY) for 2004. Rayne is being recognized for her deep compassion for animals, her unwavering dedication and her creative and relentless resourcefulness. This is a woman who does not give up when the welfare of an animal is concerned!

Rayne has worked at the City of Salinas Animal Shelter since 1999. Her title is Animal Services Office Assistant, but she is so much more than that. In addition to her office duties, she also coordinates all animal rescues. Each year Rayne works diligently to send over 700 animals to rescue groups throughout California.

All of us at AFRP are honored to work with Rayne and the entire staff at the City of Salinas Shelter to save as many lives as possible. Rayne was presented with the DAFY Award at AFRP's Seventh Annual Holiday Party on December 12, 2004.



Saving Feral Cats



The feral cat overpopulation statistics are alarming with an estimated 60 million feral cats in the United States. In Monterey County alone approximately 1,200 feral cats are trapped and euthanized each year. When Lisa von Saltza-McElmoyal came face to face with hundreds of cats struggling for survival in her South Monterey County community she decided to do something about it.

Lisa bought several traps and began the full-time job of trapping, altering, and releasing feral cats. She drove at least 80 miles five days a week to get the cats altered, often covering the expenses herself when funding for feral spay/neuters was not available.

Soon people began coming to her asking for help. Some people had as many as 20 or 30 cats on their property that needed to be trapped. Lisa went from backyard to backyard trapping feral cats. Her only condition when asked for help was that she be able to return the cats back to the property after being altered.

Lisa has personally trapped and altered hundreds of feral cats. The positive results of TNR (Trap/Neuter/Release) are seen immediately: no more orphaned, sick, deformed, and dying kittens. After TNR the number of cats in each colony has decreased dramatically. Every spay/neuter counts to decrease suffering for our feline friends.

Lisa joined the AFRP Board of Directors in January 2005. She is now coordinating the volunteer TNR effort for AFRP. AFRP has humane traps available to rent for \$2/day (for TNR only, not trap and euthanize). For more info or to become a TNR volunteer please call (831)333-0722 or contact Lisa through AFRP's feral cat resource page at www.animalfriendsrescue.org/feralcats.

We are looking for safe havens for feral cats. If you have property with a small shelter the cats can use and would be amenable to feeding feral cats released on your property, please contact AFRP.

Lisa and Ebee, her constant companion, even when helping feral cats!



Wish list:

- Kitty Collars
- Large Dog Bowls
- Postage Stamps
- Miele Canister Vacuum
- Cat Carriers (all sizes)
- Dog Crates (all sizes)
- Cat and Dog Food (Wet and Dry)

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Holiday Party Recap



Our Seventh Annual Holiday Fundraiser at the Hyatt Regency in Monterey was an overwhelming success, raising over \$50,000! Guests enjoyed wine, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, over 285 silent auction items, and dancing to the live music of The Dennis Murphy Trio. Highlights of the evening included an upbeat video

presentation featuring many of the animals AFRP rescued this past year. Rayne Coleman from the Salinas Animal Shelter was presented with this year's Devoted Animal Friend of the Year (DAFY) award for her outstanding work on behalf of animals.

AFRP gave away fifty-eight raffle prizes. The lucky Grand Prize winners of the raffle were Christy and Brian Rector of Monterey who will be enjoying a two night stay at the Carmel Country Inn and dinner for two at Patisserie Boiserie in Carmel. The winner of the annual Animal Friends Trivia Contest was the very knowledgeable Leona Kagee.

Thank you to all our volunteers, supporters, and guests who made 2004 our most successful fund-raising event to date!

Also, thank you to the following sponsors for making this important event possible:



For a full list of the hundreds of individuals and businesses who generously donated items to our raffle and auction, please visit the "Thank You" page of our website at www.AnimalFriendsRescue.org.



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