



# Animal Friends Update

Summer 2008

# AFRP

ANIMAL FRIENDS RESCUE PROJECT

Total Adoptions Since 1998: **11,616!**

### 2008 Adoption Statistics

Cat Adoptions: 276  
Dog Adoptions: 88  
Total Adoptions: 364



"A Table Affair" fundraiser in Pebble Beach, celebrating AFRP's 10 years of saving lives.

Dear AFRP Supporters,

Ten years ago this June, a handful of people had a dream. AFRP founders Monica Rua, Kelly Lehrian, Dave Lehrian and Lee Hulquist wanted to ensure a different destiny for the homeless pets crowding local shelters. They wanted to find loving, permanent homes for the adoptable dogs and cats that would otherwise be euthanized at local shelters. They wanted to make a positive difference and provide a service that could galvanize our community.

Today, over 11,500 adopted dogs and cats later, the dream that started as a makeshift rescue group out of a garage has blossomed into an organization that has provided hope and life for thousands of homeless cats and dogs. AFRP is strong and growing with hundreds of dedicated volunteers, a wonderful adoption center in Pacific Grove, and several satellite locations. We now have a dream to add another adoption center in Santa Cruz!

In this issue, we celebrate our past and look to the future. Twenty-one junior volunteers represented AFRP in the Pacific Grove Good Old Days parade in April-- young people who will continue to advocate for animals as they become young adults. Lola the skateboarding bulldog led the parade and delighted the onlookers!

We have several upcoming events planned in celebration of our 10th anniversary. Enjoy music, beer, wine, food and raffle items at AFRP's Paws for a Cause at Hidden Valley Music in Carmel Valley July 19th. We'll also be holding an Open House June 5th at our AFRP Adoption Center in Pacific Grove, sponsored by the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce. Join us for a gourmet picnic on June 21st at San Saba Vineyard in Carmel. Remember to check our web site for a complete schedule of upcoming events!

The AFRP board and staff joins me in thanking you so very much for your continued support and love for our animals. Together may we continue to dream and manifest a more loving reality of hope for homeless cats and dogs!

Alexandra McCabe  
Executive Director



Lola the bulldog, skateboarding in the Good Old Days Parade.

## 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](http://www.AnimalFriendsRescue.org)

## Volunteer Spotlight Monica Rua & Carie Broecker

Many nonprofit organizations start with one or two consummate volunteers who set the tone and pace for all those who follow. For AFRP those special volunteers are Monica Rua and Carie Broecker.

Monica is one of AFRP's founders and Carie started as an AFRP volunteer in 1998. Through the years they have each served in many capacities including grant writing, fundraising, fostering sick or injured animals and mentoring staff and volunteers. They were co-executive directors until AFRP was able to hire a paid director.

Monica recalls meeting Carie for the first time: I'll never forget during the first months of AFRP when Carie walked into my garage for a volunteer interview. I asked her what type of volunteer work she was interested in and she said, "Everything!" Well, she was true to her word and has volunteered in every capacity possible.

The two women have natural leadership qualities and amazing problem solving skills. They both agree that neither of them could have done for AFRP alone what the two of them



Carie, Scott, Monica and John with Spunky, Sunshine, Max and Yappy.

were able to accomplish as a team. Many miracles have happened thanks to Carie and Monica's drive and determination.

Carie and Monica truly do represent the heart and soul of AFRP's mission. We thank them for leading by example. As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of AFRP, we also celebrate Monica and Carie and all they have done to help make AFRP the successful lifesaving organization it is today. (Of course they both want to thank their husbands for all their support throughout the years. The support and talents of the men behind the women have been vital to AFRP as well!)



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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: Mon-Sat 10-4  
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.

## Board of Directors

**President:**  
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# Happy Tails!

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



**Buttercup**, a senior Chihuahua, was used as a breeder in a puppy mill--and then was discarded when she got too old to produce puppies. She was left with a myriad of health problems: arthritis, a heart murmur and dental disease. But despite spending most of her life unloved and neglected, Buttercup blossomed in the warmth of her loving foster home. Buttercup's story touched the hearts of Jim and Dasha of Prunedale. They feel honored to be providing Buttercup with a loving home for the rest of her life.



**McGregor**, a gentle giant of a Maine Coon mix, came to us from the San Jose Shelter. At 22 pounds, McGregor dwarfed the other cats at the adoption center. Sadly an untreated case of severe ear mites had reduced McGregor's ears to crumpled shreds. Nancy, a volunteer with Maine Coon Adoptions in the Bay Area, was looking for a cat with an outstanding personality and unique looks. McGregor fit the bill, and Nancy reports that he settled into his new home enthusiastically--always ready for his next meal and happy to serve as a giant paperweight on her desk!

**Have you adopted an AFRP dog or cat?** We would love to hear how your animal friend is doing! Happy Tails are posted on our web site regularly. Send a photo and update to [info@animalfriendsrescue.org](mailto:info@animalfriendsrescue.org), or mail to AFRP, P.O. Box 51083, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

## Looking for a Special Home



**Bambi** is a sweet 8-9 year old Miniature Pinscher mix. She has an easygoing personality and always seems to have a happy doggie grin on her face. Bambi gets along nicely with other dogs of all ages, and ignores cats. She has some vision loss and takes a daily pill for her heart, but is otherwise in great health. If you are not able to adopt but would like to foster Bambi, please call 831-333-0722.



**Hope** is a small, quiet 8-year-old calico. Hope had surgery several years ago to remove part of her right ear due to skin cancer from excessive sun exposure. She is doing great, but does need to be an indoor-only cat--no more sunbathing for Hope! Hope loves people and enjoys curling on your lap and snuggling on your shoulder. She would prefer to be your "one and only" kitty, but tolerates respectful dogs.

## LIFE LINK Saves Lives

The AFRP van, nicknamed the "Rescue Waggin'," was on the road nearly every week in 2007, transporting nearly 400 at-risk dogs from local shelters and taking them to animal welfare organizations throughout Northern California. Though AFRP was able to take over 600 dogs into its own adoption program in 2007, more dogs needed help. That's where the Life Link Transportation Program came in. By partnering with similar organizations in other cities, we have been able to dramatically increase the number of animals we can help.

Our networking efforts have paid off, and now several groups AFRP regularly partners with, including the San Francisco SPCA and the Milo Foundation, make regular trips to Monterey County Animal Services and Salinas Animal Services in order to evaluate and pull dogs for their organizations. This enables the AFRP Rescue Waggin' to transport even more animals to other groups, where they get a second chance to find adoptive families.

With gas prices on the rise, we are in need of prepaid gas cards and donations to keep our Life Link transportation program thriving. With your help, we can continue to go that extra mile for dogs and cats that need our help. Let us know if you would like to become involved with this lifesaving program!



# Animal Friends Rescue Project Paws Fur the Cause Raffle

Prizes include: 2 nights at Carmel Country Inn, One week at Reno timeshare, \$100 Gift Certificate to Passion Fish Restaurant in Pacific Grove, Whole Foods Gift basket ...*and many other fabulous prizes!*

Drawing will be held at the AFRP Paws Fur the Cause Music Festival on Saturday, July 19 at 4:45PM at Hidden Valley Music, Carmel Valley



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# Foreclosures

Foreclosures are on the rise nationally - a most troublesome and dramatic trend. At the same time, in some parts of the nation pet abandonment is up 50%.

Animal abandonment is a misdemeanor according to California Penal Code Section 597.1, though it is not enforced on a regular basis.

Recently, Beau, a 7 year-old blind yellow lab mix, was reported to animal control by a neighbor in Hollister after being abandoned by his family. Fortunately, the staff at the Hollister Shelter contacted Animal Friends Rescue Project to help Beau so he would not be euthanized. Beau is blind and a little underweight, but otherwise healthy and getting his wag back. Beau really needs a forever home.

The loss of a home can result in tragedy for pets left behind. AFRP as always is here to help. Although AFRP does not take animals directly from the public, there are two programs in place to help. For more information, check out our Stay at Home Rescue Program and Compassionate Surrender Program on our website.

Help prevent pet victims of abandonment and contact your local animal welfare agency if you know of an abandoned pet. **Be an advocate!**



Beau, abandoned in foreclosure, is looking for his forever home.

# HOT DOG? !

By Barbara DeGroot

From the Heart Dog Training and Doggy Day Care

Hot, cold, foggy, rainy. What if you only had one outfit and it was a fur coat? That's pretty much all your dog has. A fur coat without a zipper!

Each year dogs, and sometimes cats, die in cars that owners left for just a minute. Your car can be like a greenhouse with slanted windows and no ventilation. The inside of your car can be 10 to 20 degrees hotter than outside temperatures. Since dogs (and cats) don't sweat, their temperatures can jump 10 degrees in a matter of 2 or 3 minutes, 20 degrees in 10 minutes. Discomfort, panting, whining, foaming at the mouth, convulsions and seizures are all signs of heat prostration, which if not treated rapidly, can kill an animal.

If you find a dog that appears to have suffered from heat prostration, place it in the shade. You can place damp towels over them, but change these often as they may become very hot as heat is lost from the body. Immediately transport to a vet, even if the pet seems better. With quick actions you may be able to save a suffering animal.

Check out [www.mydogiscool.com](http://www.mydogiscool.com) for lots of information and stories. To find an upcoming first aid class, check out [www.fromtheheart.info](http://www.fromtheheart.info).

Have a safe and fun summer.

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Celebrating 10 Years

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**Come Celebrate our 10th Anniversary!**

**Free Admission Saturday, July 19 1-5pm Free Admission**

**Hidden Valley Music, Carmel Valley**

**Music, Food, Beer, Wine, Raffle & More!**

Visit us at [www.AnimalFriendsRescue.org](http://www.AnimalFriendsRescue.org) or call 333-0722 for directions and more info.

See inside for Raffle prizes and tickets



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