

NEWS FROM THE ADOPTION FRONT

Prince's Story

How one family can make a difference in an animal's life

The following story is from a family that adopted a dog from ARPO last year:

You will be glad to know Prince has been such a good dog and the girls just love him. I have to tell you what he did just yesterday. I got up early and noticed the girl's hamster escaped over night. We searched frantically to no avail. Well, Prince sniffed the empty cage then went to the couch and actually tried to crawl under it. I tipped the couch forward to see behind it and took out the hide-a-bed and reached up into the back of the couch several times and found nothing. Prince crawled back behind the couch and stuck his nose up inside and gently pulled out the hamster and gave him to me! That was the most amazing thing I've seen!

We love to get stories from our adopters about how much they love the pets that they've adopted from us. Unfortunately in this case though the story has a down side. Due to an illness in the family, Prince needs to find a new home. The family is heartbroken about this, but they know it's the best thing for him.

Prince originally came from Animal Care and Control as a stray. He was fostered by Stephanie Clancy, who has had her fair share of animals over the years, and she said he was her best foster ever!

UPDATE: As of June 21st, Prince has been adopted again to a wonderful new home and all is well. Please contact ARPO if you are interested in adopting a precious animal into your home.



Prince was a stray but recently was adopted into a loving home.

ARPO Wish List

- Printing Services
- Epson Stylus C82 black T032120 or tri-color T042520 ink cartridges
- Premium puppy, dog, kitten, and cat food
- Dog crates, large sizes
- Leashes and collars, all sizes
- Cleaning supplies (anti-bacterial, multi-purpose cleaner, paper towels)
- Hand sanitizer or anti-bacterial hand wipes

Items may be dropped off at the Castleton Petsmart on Saturdays from 12-4 p.m., or contact us to arrange a drop-off time.

Our Fabulous New Website!

We are so pleased with the new site and very grateful to Stuart Ough, Christine Jeshcke, and Mark LePere for all of the time and hard work that they dedicated to this project. There are lots of new links, a Featured Pet column and it's much easier to navigate without being interrupted by those ads we all love so much. You can also donate online using your credit card!

If you haven't seen it yet, please be sure to visit our new web site at www.adoptarpo.org.

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Honors and Memorials

Elizabeth McDonald has made a donation in honor of Pat Latchaw's 60th birthday!

Susi McGhee has made a donation in memory of Herb Curran.

Shannon Bahler has made a donation in memory of Maverick, beloved dog of Jill Boyer.

Denise and Matthew Benn have made a donation in memory of Aiden, beloved dog of Sally Norcia.

Special Thanks

We'd like to thank Mary Coates for her hard work collecting items for our raffle that was such a success. We raised over \$500 in ticket sales and raffled off several baskets packed full of items from the donors listed below. In conjunction with the raffle we had a bake sale with lots of wonderful donated goodies that raised \$350 for us. Thank you everyone!

Rob Hoaglin of Hoaglin Fine Catering 2625 North Meridian Street

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- Carmel Chamber of Commerce
- ORI.NET
- Tinder's Locksmith Service



Raymond's Story

The story of one dog and his fight for survival from years of abuse and neglect

As an ARPO Board member, I am required every few weeks to take my turn answering our phone lines. Most of the time, I am able to provide help to the people that call. Sometimes, however, a call comes in that leaves me momentarily stunned and powerless. Such a call first brought Raymond to ARPO's attention.

When I heard the voice-mail message about a dog in serious trouble, my stomach turned over. The caller described a situation brought about by outrageous callousness. She had been visiting a rundown property in hopes of buying it when she and a friend heard a dog barking. They followed the barks and found an elderly dog shut in the crawlspace. He was scared, hungry, and blind from cataracts. When I spoke with the caller, I heard more appalling details. Although the medium-sized lab/shepherd mix was estimated to be 10 years old, his owner hadn't cared enough to neuter him. Neighbors said his owner was a recluse, and they never saw the owner or the dog outside very much. Eventually, the owner was evicted from the house. He took the other dog that lived there and even the dog houses of both dogs, but left the feeble, blind dog behind to fend for himself in the crawlspace.

The dog's rescuers couldn't keep him as they already had many other dogs, but they had called everyone on his behalf. Most places they called weren't too eager to work with an old blind dog. The offer of "help" they most often received was to drag the already traumatized animal out of the crawlspace by force and put him to sleep. Finally, they called ARPO. After discussing this case with other board members, we all agreed that we could not turn away from an animal in such dire need.

The dog received the name of Raymond, and we began brainstorming with his rescuers to get him out of the crawlspace. Eventually, his rescuers put light sedatives in his food and whisked him away to Northside Animal Hospital in Carmel for treatment. The news was not good. He was terribly ill both inside and out. He suffered from blinding cataracts, allergic flea-bite dermatitis, coccidia, and worst of all, heartworm. Due to his age, we didn't know if he could survive heartworm treatment.

Also, there was his temperament. He was sedated when he came in. Once he came to, could he stand being kenneled at the vet's? It was so noisy and might be scary to a blind dog. Would he bite out of fear anyone who came near him?

Although we had doubts about Raymond's health and temperament, he surprised us all. Despite his many health problems, the tests showed that his systems were functioning normally for a dog of his age. His heart and lungs were judged strong enough to withstand the heartworm treatment. Best of all, once the sedatives wore off and despite the neglectful treatment he'd gotten his entire life, Raymond revealed himself to be a shy sweetheart who responded warmly to any kindness he received.

Raymond still faces more challenges: recovery from heartworm treatment, neutering, and adjustment to a new foster home. We are still looking for a place for Raymond to call home either as a foster animal or adoptee. Due to Raymond's age and special needs, he will most likely be a long-term foster placement. Because of his heartworm treatment, he will have to be kept quiet and inactive for up to three months. Since Raymond is blind, his new foster home will have to be patient with him while he learns his way around.

UPDATE-Raymond passed away on June 23 from complications due to heartworm treatment. We were preparing to send him to a lovely animal sanctuary for special-needs animals in Montana. We even had a temporary foster home lined up for him while he waited for his transport to come through. He was about to leave the vet hospital that had been his home for the last month and head off to a new life where he would be treated like the grand old gentleman he was. Unfortunately, the very best in veterinarian care was not enough to combat the lifetime of neglect that Raymond suffered. In the end Raymond was safe and dry and fed and most importantly loved. Raymond touched the hearts of all who met him or heard about him. Strangers both here and across the country were willing to open their hearts and homes to him to make the time he had left special. We hope that his story will inspire compassion in those who hear about it.

Raymond was buried in a sunny field with a tree to commemorate his life.

TRAVELLING WITH YOUR PET

Traveling with your pet this summer? Here's some tips to help the trip be a success!

Assess Your Pet

Be honest about your pet's ability to travel. If your pet is very young or old, ill, pregnant, or recovering from surgery, it may be better for all concerned to look into a pet sitter or kennel rather than take a chance of injuring your pet by taking it with you. If you are in doubt, ask your veterinarian. If your pet has not traveled before, you might want to try a short overnight or weekend trip first.

Schedule A Visit With Your Veterinarian

Inform your veterinarian where you will be traveling to and for how long, as well as whether your pet will be traveling by air or car. Ask your veterinarian about any flea, heartworm, or tick risks for areas you will be traveling to. If your pet becomes carsick or restless when traveling, ask your veterinarian about appropriate medications or treatments.

Things To Bring

- A sturdy leash.
- An extra collar.
- An old blanket or sheet for the back seat of your car or wherever the pet's carrier will be secured to make cleanup easier.
- Two old sheets to cover bedding and furniture at your destination.
- Some of your pet's bedding.
- Food. If you do not feed a brand you are certain will be available at your destination and along the way, bring enough for the whole trip. If you feed canned, bring a can opener and spoon.
- Two gallons of extra drinking water from home. When you are down to the last half gallon, begin mixing in equal parts with the water supply at your destination. If your pet is especially sensitive, use distilled water.
- Food & water bowl set.

- Portable water bowl or bottle for use when away from your lodging.
- Treats.
- Toys or chew items.
- All required medications, supplements, and preventatives.
- Tweezers to remove foreign objects from fur or paws.
- Brush or comb.
- Lint and hair remover.
- Baby wipes or moist towelettes to wipe off paws.
- For cats, a full litter pan with extra litter, liners, and newspaper to place underneath the litter pan.
- Waste removal bags.
- Old towels, carpet cleaner, disinfectant spray, and trash bags for accidents.
- First aid kit.
- Flashlight for nighttime walks.

Many pets become separated from their people while

Before You Leave

traveling and often collars are not on pets when they are recovered at shelters. Seriously consider having your pet microchipped - animal hospitals, humane societies, kennels, and shelters nationwide are using scanners that will read these implanted chips and let you be reunited with your lost pet. Microchip procedures are safe, quick, inexpensive, and very common. Your veterinarian can tell you more about this procedure.

Always make sure your pet is properly identified. Get identification with the address of your destination, as well.

Whether going by plane, train, or automobile, train your pet to travel in his kennel. This training will make the entire traveling experience less stressful to your animal, whether across the country or across town. Make sure your kennel is the proper size for your animal. It should be large enough for your pet to stand and turn around in comfortably. Kennels should be properly labeled with "This end up," and "Live animal" stickers if traveling by plane.

Never leave your pet unattended in your vehicle or in the airport.

If traveling by car, try to keep your pet on the same

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TRAVELLING WITH YOUR PET

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potty "schedule" that it is on at home. Stop only when you would normally let your animal out.

If traveling by plane, book direct non-stop flights.

Inform flight attendants that you have a pet in cargo if it is unable to be in the cabin with you.

Bring copies of vaccination records with you, as you never know when you might need them. Health certificates are generally required to fly with an animal on an airline.

Never allow your pet to wear a choke, pinch, or training collar while traveling. Safety collars, which attach with elastic or Velcro, are recommended for cats.

Be sure to clip your pet's nails. Pets with freshly-trimmed nails will be less likely to damage items in strange surroundings and will be easier to restrain if necessary.

Brush your pet to remove all loose hair.

If your pet has fleas, obtain and complete the necessary treatment before traveling to avoid infesting its new surroundings.

For a complete Pet friendly hotel search across the US go to Petsonthego.com and click on hotel search.

Enjoy your trip and your summer!!

ARPO Receives Grants

ARPO has been the fortunate recipient of a few grants this year and we are so happy to be able to help more animals this spring. This time last year we had taken in less than one hundred animals to our system. We are already at 122 as of early June. Without these extra funds we would not have been able to afford to help all of these "extra" animals. It is with great pleasure and honor that we thank the following business' and people.

- **The James M. McFadden, M.D. Fund c/o Naj and Madalyn McFadden**
- **The Golden Light Foundation c/o Cara LePere and Ned Zink**
- **WFBQ/WRZX/WNDE c/o Chris Wheat**
- **Lumina Foundation c/o Jason McBride**

Animal Care and Control and ARPO Join Forces Again!

ARPO and Animal Care and Control are joining forces again in a new foster program designed to help get more animals adopted from their shelter. Anyone interested in fostering for the new program can designate that they'd like to foster animals from Animal Care and Control.

They will then be adopted through ARPO just like the other ARPO animals that come from all over. Foster home requirements for these animals are the same as the ARPO animals. If you are interested in helping save more lives, and you'd like to become a foster please contact us.

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