

# ARPO NEWS

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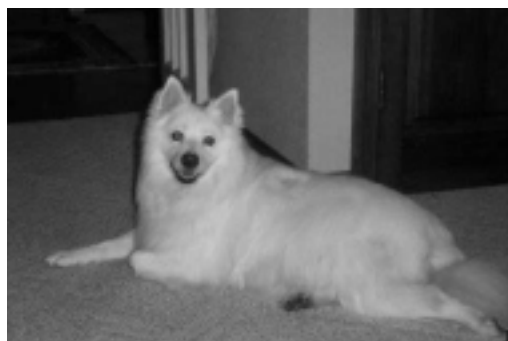


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*Cody (left) and Tigerlily are just two of the ARPO animals waiting for a permanent home. To visit them, go to [www.adoptarpo.org](http://www.adoptarpo.org)*

## Annual Volunteer Meeting

ARPO held its annual volunteer meeting on January 19. A gathering of longtime volunteers as well as some new to ARPO enjoyed getting to know one another over pizza and salad.

We announced Cindy Waldrop as Volunteer of the Year and Jody Leeman as Foster of the Year. Cindy has volunteered with ARPO for over 2 1/2 years. In addition to logging over 120 hours in 2003 at our adoption events, Cindy fosters cats and has begun helping answer ARPO's phone line. Jody has also volunteered for over 2 1/2 years. We lost count of all her fosters in 2003 at over 45 puppies and dogs! Jody has logged over 30 hours at our adoption events in spite of having to work many Saturdays. Congratulations and thank you to Cindy and Jody for their above-and-beyond contributions to ARPO!

Our guest speaker, Warren Patitz, gave an overview of his new initiative regarding the Indianapolis Humane Society. Point your browser to [www.movetoact.org](http://www.movetoact.org) to learn more of this story and how you can have a voice and contribute to help with this

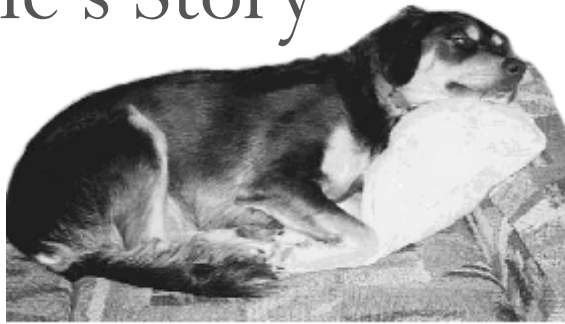
important mission to save from destruction the Humane Society of Indianapolis (HSI) and the 13,000+ animals that annually come through its doors.

The priority of this matter and the impact of this outcome are significant. It transcends the issue of political posturing or indifference. HSI is a crossroad for approximately 13,000+ animals/year in our city. The demise of HSI will mean that 13,000+ more animals/year (1083/month, 270/week) will overwhelm an already overburdened rescue system.

The result will be higher kill rates and further delay for moving forward to embrace aggressive, proactive animal management initiatives proven to be successful in other cities. The ARPO board and many volunteers support Warren's initiatives. Decide for yourself after visiting [MoveToAct.org](http://MoveToAct.org).



# Gracie's Story



We adopted a dog about 1 1/2 years ago, Gracie, and I just wanted to tell you that everyday of our lives we are so grateful to have Gracie in our home.

She is the sweetest, best dog in the world. She has never done one thing wrong, other than run away, which we were warned about!! But in the last year, I think Gracie knows how much we love her and today we can open the back door and she never leaves our unfenced yard.

She has made such a difference in our home and we are so happy that we walked into PetSmart that one day and saw beautiful Gracie! You are a wonderful organization! Thanks again for bringing Gracie to us!!

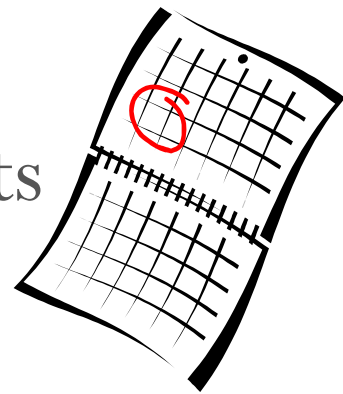
## ARPO FACTS

Here are a few tidbits shared at the annual volunteer meeting that you may not know about ARPO:

- ARPO has adopted out 913 animals since its beginning in August, 1998.
- We adopted 226 animals in 2003, 35 more than in 2002.
- 6 volunteers logged more than 50 hours in 2003 (thank you Leslie Davis, Bob Freese, Cindy Waldrop, Carrie Campbell, Kris Smith, Pam Commons!)
- 2 foster homes cared for 58 cats and dogs (thank you Jody Leeman and Pat Latchaw!)
- ARPO was able to pull 92 cats and dogs from kill shelters in Indianapolis and surrounding counties in 2003.
- Adoption fees only cover about 1/2 of the medical costs for each animal. The rest comes from donations, grants and fundraisers.
- We have an 8% return rate on our adoptions. This is less than the national average of 10%.
- A volunteer follows up to make sure all ARPO adopted puppies and kittens are spayed/neutered by 6 months of age (thank you Kathy McKeen!)

We are always looking for ways to increase attendance at our meetings. Our next event will be our summer picnic, usually held in mid July. If you have any ideas or suggestions for this event, don't hesitate to let us know! And last but not least, our regular adoption events! We are at the Castleton Petsmart every Saturday from 12-4 as well as the second and fourth Saturdays at the Carmel Petco (except holiday weekends). Volunteering for ARPO does not have to be a huge commitment. Just one Saturday a month is a tremendous help in our mission to find loving permanent homes for ARPO pets. Won't you consider joining us? For information about volunteering, contact us at [volunteer@adoptarpo.org](mailto:volunteer@adoptarpo.org) and get involved in helping our wonderful animals!

## ARPO Events



### ARPO GARAGE SALE

April 8, 9 and 10 ARPO Garage Sale, donations can be made at the Castleton Petsmart on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12-12:30. If you'd like to make a donation and these days and times are not convenient please call or e-mail us.

### BARK IN THE PARK

Bark in the Park, a fun-filled, family day catering to man's best friend! April 24<sup>th</sup> 10:00am-2:00pm at Cool Creek Park, one mile east of Highway 31 in Carmel.

### ADOPTIONS

May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> the North Shore Animal League Adop-tathon. We'll be at the Castleton Petsmart both Saturday and Sunday with adoptable dogs and puppies along with the ARPO Bake Sale and Basket Raffle.

## Thanks

The Three Dog Bakery for 2 skids of dog food and treats  
Don and Carrie Stark for their wedding gift donations to ARPO  
Jason and Kelley McBride and the Lumina Foundation  
Girl Scout Troop 1244

## In Memory

In loving memory of Caroline and John Sommers and  
their pet dog Christy, from the  
William F. Peters Family

For Dean Metcalf and Shannon Ross in memory of  
Trevor, the little man in the dog suit,  
from Laura Gonzo and family

From Joan and Todd Downing in memory of  
Trevor Ross Metcalf,  
wonderful pet of Shannon Ross and Dean Metcalf

From Jeff and Mary Kroll,  
in memory of Alf,  
17 years of unconditional love

In Honor of  
Bob Freese, devoted Pet Sitter  
for Julie and Eric Smith.



### Use your empty ink jet and laser cartridges to benefit animals!

Please send your empty cartridges to ARPO to help us earn money to rescue pets. Empty ink jets and lasers can be recycled and re-used. For each recyclable ink jet and laser cartridge you bring us, ARPO will receive up to \$4.00 (\$2.00 for most) for each ink jet and \$1.00-\$12.00 for each laser. It doesn't take long for that to add up!



## Blinded by LOVE

How does a mama kitty, whose eyes are so crusted over she cannot see, nurture and protect her infant kittens? We'll never know for sure, yet that is exactly what Zoe did until being picked up by Animal Care and Control last spring. With some special help from a guardian angel, Zoe came to ARPO. Almost a year later, Zoe has regained some of her sight and is a healthy, little lady. She does well in a foster home with other cats but would do just as well as an "only cat". Visit our website to see what unconditional love looks like in feline form.

## A Family for Me?



### Desperately Seeking FOMO

Copper (*above*) is a strikingly handsome orange male cat who is searching for a "family of his own". He is happily living with other cats and dogs in his foster home. But it's not like having a place of his own. Copper is very social and although he wouldn't want to be known as a lap cat, he does enjoy winding his way through your legs and keeping you company while watching TV. To give this special guy a look, check out the pet list on our website or e-mail us at [info@adoptarpo.org](mailto:info@adoptarpo.org)

**Acquiring a dog may be the only opportunity a human ever has to choose a relative.**

**-- Mordecai Siegal**

# Help ARPO save lives



Yes, I want to help!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_.

Gift Amount:    \_\_\_\_\_ \$15    \_\_\_\_\_ \$25    \_\_\_\_\_ \$50    \_\_\_\_\_ \$100    \_\_\_\_\_ Other

*Please make checks payable to: ARPO  
All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. ARPO is a not-for-profit organization*

## Give an Animal a Chance Today!

The Alliance for Responsible Pet Ownership • P.O. Box 6385 • Fishers, Indiana 46038 • [www.adoptarpo.org](http://www.adoptarpo.org)

*Address Service Requested*



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