

# Help ARPO save lives



Smith, currently available for adoption (see his brother, Aidan, on the cover)

**Yes, I want to help!**

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# Arpo News

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Bogey (left) and Aidan (above) are two of the wonderful pets waiting to be adopted. To find out more, visit us at [www.adoptarpo.org](http://www.adoptarpo.org) or attend an adoption event!

## 2004 a record year for adoptions!

We had 326 adoptions, which is exactly 100 more than the previous year. The left column shows our adoption statistics since we started, and we have improved our adoptions every year! Currently, our adoptions are running 60% ahead of those completed this time last year.

Success like this wouldn't be possible without the support of our foster homes, volunteers, adopters, and donors. Thanks to everyone for your support in the past and especially in the future. **We hope to make 2005 a record year as well!**

### Adoptions by Year

1998 - 17  
1999 - 130  
2000 - 152  
2001 - 184  
2002 - 191  
2003 - 226  
2004 - 326

2005 (as of 6-7) - 162

**Total Adoptions**  
1525

## It's yankee candle time!

It's that time again! ARPO will hold its 4th annual Yankee Candle Sale from September 1-September 30. All products will be available for distribution in mid-November, so this is a perfect opportunity to do some early holiday shopping for family, friends, and co-workers!

If you would be interested in selling or know someone who would be, please call at 317-774-8292 or e-mail us at [info@adoptarpo.org](mailto:info@adoptarpo.org). Catalogues will be available for distribution in mid-August. All you have to do is take one to your workplace or school in September, collect the money at the end of the month, and then pick up your orders in November and pass them out.

The Yankee Candle Sale has been a very successful fundraiser for us. Last year, we raised \$2900. This year, we hope to do even better, as we have new items for sale from the Yankee Candle collection as well as old favorites. Best of all, ARPO will receive 40% of the purchase price of every item sold regardless of whether it is a candle or an accessory. (This is an increase from sales of previous years.) Please help us continue to help the animals by participating in this event!



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## Working together for Animals

Early this year Indianapolis Animal Care and Control (IACC) was informed by former IACC shelter manager, Dave Wintz, that huge quantities of Iams dog and cat food were available to animal shelters at no cost due to the closing of an Iams distribution center in Cincinnati. Seeking help with transportation logistics, IACC contacted members of **Move to Act**, Darcie Kurtz and Christine Jeschke (also an ARPO board member).

Christine began networking and soon secured two trucking companies offering to donate their services to haul the free food from Cincinnati to Indianapolis at no charge. Drivers Mike Lynn and Jerry Anthony of Hurryin' Hoosier Transport delivered the first two loaded semi-trucks to IACC on March 4th and 9th. Altogether, these trucks delivered a total of nearly 73,000 pounds (or 37 tons!) of food with a total value of approximately \$55,000. This bounty of food will likely be enough to feed all the shelter animals at IACC with high quality food for an entire year.

**Move to Act** arranged for a third semi-truck load of free food to be delivered to Indianapolis by Safeway United Van Lines after Vice President Fred Hart called to donate the transportation. This third load, containing another 35,000 pounds (or 18 tons!) of food with a total value of approximately \$26,750, was delivered to *Move to Act* on March 11. By the following week, they had organized a free pet food distribution day for other regional animal shelters and rescue groups.

**Move to Act** received an overwhelming response to their offer and on March 19 they were able to assist a total of 23 area shelters and rescue groups with our free food distribution program. Representatives from these animal groups arrived from as far away as Crown Point, via pick-up, SUV, and cargo van. ARPO and the animals in our care were a grateful recipient of some of that food. A big thanks to everyone involved! ☺

## special Thanks

Thanks to **Puccini's** for hosting our "Pizza for Pets" fundraiser. It was a great success for ARPO!

As always, thanks to the **Ft. Harrison Vets** and **Northside Animal Hospital** for helping with our animals. We also want to thank **Keystone Pet Hospital** and **Furry Family Veterinary Clinic**

Thanks to **Mike and Julie Wiggins at Party Time Rental** for once again donating coat racks which certainly facilitate our garage sales

Thanks to **Elena Moore** for making the signs for our raffle baskets

Thanks to the following businesses for their donations to our Basket Raffle:

<b>Hoaglin Fine Catering</b>	<b>A Frame of Mind</b>
<b>Wild Oats</b>	<b>Yogi Barbara Kennedy</b>
<b>Three Dog Bakery</b>	<b>Style Salon</b>

## A Very Special Gift

ARPO recently received a \$5,000 bequest from the estate of Shirley A. Ward. Anyone who knew Shirley knows that she was a true animal lover. Not only did she have her own cats and dogs, but she also fed the stray cats in the neighborhood. ARPO was able to help find homes for several of these lucky guys.

Shirley also loved wildlife and fed the birds and squirrels on a regular basis. Once, when she was in the hospital, she called on friends to fill her feeders. She knew her pets were taken care of, but she was worried that the harsh winter would be rough on her bird and squirrel buddies.

Shirley would be happy to know that her bequest comes at a time when ARPO most needs it. Spring is always tight in the budget department. Our phones ring constantly as babies are born and need homes. This year, many more helpless animals will be helped because of her.

*Thank you, Shirley.*

## In Memory

Eric and Julie Smith  
in memory of Bob Freese's beloved cat, Frisky

The Grayson Family in memory of the Payne family dog, Frances

Bob Freese,  
"In memory of Frisky, my faithful companion for 17 years"

Michael Shinn in memory of Snowball

Laura Gonzo and Randy Seals in memory of ZuZu

Helen Zimmerman in memory of "Sweets"  
beloved dog to Joni Downing

Melissa Davis in memory of Thomas,  
beloved cat of Don and Diane Ballard

Tim and Mary Rohrman in memory of Shirley Ward

Denise Benn in loving memory of dear departed Golden Retriever Brodie. "He lived a great life in our home for twelve and a half years"

Joan and Todd Downing in loving memory of Sweets "Sweetie" Downing, beloved pet spaniel of Harrison Downing

Joan Downing in honor of Norman, best friend of comedian Bob Zany from The Bob & Tom Show

Marion Hovermale in memory of his wife, Dixie Contos

In memory of Ning, beloved cat of  
Larry and Rose Mary Barragree, truly "an extreme cat"

### Congratulations to Winners of the ARPO Raffle:

*Heather Pierson - Hoaglin Fine Catering Basket  
Barb Myers - Three Dog Bakery Basket  
Gail Smith - A Frame of Mind Cat Print  
Rocky Hahn - Style Salon  
S. Mendez - Peace of Mind - Yoga Sessions and Accessories  
K. Ray - Wild Oats Basket  
Pam Martin - A Frame of Mind Dog Print*



## A Family for Me?

### Sweet Girl Needs Home

Do you have room in your heart for Rinny? She's a big lover in a fraidy-cat's body. When she was rescued from a local humane society last April, she was so frightened that she would not come out of her crate even to eat!

In spite of the neglect and abuse she may have experienced prior to coming to our care, Rinny remains sweet and eager to please. She does well with cats and dogs, and even though people frighten her, she is submissive rather than aggressive.

Given the time necessary to get to know her new family, Rinny will prove to be a devoted and affectionate companion. She has not been around children, but as gentle as she is, we are guessing that she would be fine with them in a quiet household. Lots of activity with much coming and going would probably be too stressful for her to handle.

Rinny is just over a year old and weighs 40 lbs. Having a crate available to her gives Rinny the security she craves. She will walk on a leash, but her anxiety about being in new surroundings prevents her from being comfortable enough to go potty while on leash, so a fenced yard is a must. If you have the time and patience, Rinny will blossom into a wonderful part of the family!

*Won't you give her that chance?*