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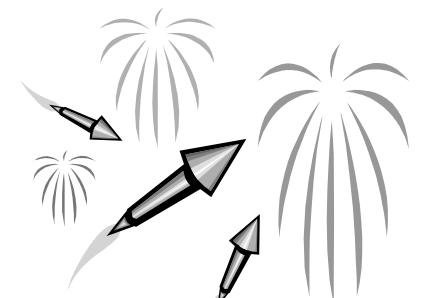
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Sign up to help today!

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Pictured (from left): 1000th Adopters Heather Fincher, Zachary Fincher, ARPO Board Member Christine Jeschke, and Petsmart manager Shawn

## ARPO Reaches 1000th Adoption Milestone

Congratulations to Zachary and Heather Fincher, ARPO's 1000th adopters! They adopted a hound mix puppy named Jason as a companion for their 4-year-old Min Pin, Mac. Petsmart provided a gift basket of dog goodies along with gifts from ARPO. Thanks to Elena Moore for the special signage!

ARPO is proud to have now placed over 1,000 dogs and cats in loving adoptive homes. Through ARPO's efforts, every one of these pets has been vet checked and spayed or neutered.

Because of our commitment to ensure that each pet has been spayed/neutered, potentially tens of thousands of offspring from our 1,000 adopted pets have been prevented. Considering the sad fate of most unwanted puppies and kittens, a great deal of suffering has been avoided thanks to the spay/neuter program.

When adopting our pets into new homes, ARPO is committed to finding adoptive families that are emotionally and financially prepared for the responsibilities of pet ownership. A thorough screening process ensures that all of ARPO's adopters will be responsible pet owners.

Making sure that every pet has a suitable home environment is also an ARPO priority. That's why every potential adopter receives a home visit prior to pet placement. By evaluating the pet's potential home first, we can prevent adoptions that are inappropriate for both the pet and the owner.

ARPO believes that every animal deserves a happy, healthy home of its own.

Here's to the next 1,000!



# Happy Tails



It really makes our day when we hear from our adoptive families! Joyce and Donavon Yake, the adoptive parents of Kamden (left) and Fluffy (right) recently sent us these adorable pictures. They reported that both Fluffy and Kamden are getting along famously with their other pets. They report that Kamden "loves to cuddle, and is still just like a big teddy bear." They closed their message with these very kind words: "We really thank ARPO for all they do, and especially for the pets we adopted from you!!!!" 🐾

# TALENT for TAILS

Several months ago we received an e-mail from Heather Sherman, a student at Fulton Jr. High School. She had a class project to research non-profit organizations in the Indianapolis area. Her group asked if they could come see ARPO in action and see what we do.

We obliged and they came to Petsmart one Saturday afternoon and interviewed a few of us and video taped some of the animals for adoption.

A couple of weeks later Heather e-mailed us again and said that the grade had voted for ARPO as the non-profit group to benefit from their Annual Talent Show! We were so excited to have been picked.

The students organized the entire talent show, raffle prizes, food, decorations and programs. We were impressed!

Several of us attended the show along with an escort from Maddie the puppy who was quite a hit with the kids and parents. We had a great time and bought lots of cookies and watched the talent show.

A couple of weeks later we received another e-mail from Heather asking if we could attend a presentation to receive the check for the money that the students had raised for ARPO. You bet we can!

Our representative Carrie Stark went to the program and here's what she said. "When I got

*there I met all the kids that were involved with this. A photographer from their local paper was there and took some pictures of them presenting me with the check. All the kids seemed very glad that I was there...they all had really big smiles on their faces. I gave everybody a big hug and a big thank you from all of us at ARPO. What I can say is what a great group of kids! I was really impressed with what they did and how much money they raised."*

The talent show brought in \$1600 for ARPO and the students learned a lot about local non-profit organizations.

Thanks again to all of the students at Fulton Junior High School for selecting ARPO as this year's beneficiary. 🐾

# ARPO Events

**INDY'S ULTIMATE GRILL OUT**  
Thursday, August 12, 5:30-8:00 p.m., Pan Am Plaza

**4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PAWS IN THE PARK**  
Saturday, September 11, 8:30-2:00 p.m., Greenfield

**ARPO GARAGE SALE**  
Friday and Saturday, October 1st & 2nd, location to be announced

**PETFEST 2004 FALL ADOPTION DAY**  
Saturday, October 9, Eagle Creek Bark Park

## Kitten Smitten?



Stop by Petsmart on a Saturday & visit Mary-Kate (left), her sister Ashley, and all of the kittens at ARPO. (And we have puppies, too!)

## Thanks

Thanks so much to the following individuals and businesses that donated to this year's spring basket raffle. It was a great success with your help! Thanks also to Mary Coates and Dustie Condon for rounding up the baskets!

Wild Oats Natural Marketplace • 1300 E. 86th Street

Hoaglin Fine Catering • 2625 N. Meridian Street

Heartland Foods • 6815 E. 34th Street

Olinger Distributing Company • 5337 W. 78th Street

Three Dog Bakery • 844 Broad Ripple Avenue

Rob Pallikan, Personal Trainer • 5735 Brouse Avenue

A Frame of Mind • 630 Virginia Avenue

Lenscrafters • 6101 North Keystone Avenue

Thanks to Gene Wagner of Wagner Signs for providing ARPO signage

Thanks to Puccini's for once again donating food for our volunteer meeting

A very special thanks to Northside Animal Hospital and Fort Harrison veterinarians for all that they do for ARPO. We couldn't exist without their generosity!



Playhouse & Retreat

Special thanks to **Dog Dayz Playhouse and Retreat**, located at 15310 Herriman Blvd., in Noblesville, 773-4500. They have been a huge help to ARPO by taking care of a dog of ours while she waited to be adopted. Frisbee was so well taken care of and loved by everyone. You could tell that she really liked being there, too! Check them out at dog-dayz.com and treat your dog to a special day of play or a great retreat while you're away.

## In Memory

In loving memory of Keesh from Elizabeth McDonald

In loving memory of Sophie, beloved kitty of Mary and Ken Coates

## In Honor

Thanks to the following people for making donations to ARPO in honor of friends and family:

The Baranski family in honor of Cory Baranski's birthday

Beth Ann Ross and friends in honor of her birthday

And a very special, and unfortunately belated, thank you to the Haynes Charitable Fund for their generous donation in honor of Mr. Purr, Miss Pitty Pat, and Marmalade, formerly fosters and currently resident family members for life!

# CANDLES for pets

ARPO will hold its 3rd 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. 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 over \$2,600. This year, we'd like to do even better. Please help us continue to help the animals by participating in this event! 🐾



## Good DOG Seeks Home

Hi! My name is Durham and I'm looking for a home to call my own. One cold night in January, some nincompoop tied me to a fence at an Indianapolis school and left me there to practically freeze to death before someone found me! I couldn't sit down or curl up to keep warm ... that was one long night!

Folks at ARPO, that terrific rescue group that took me in, say I might be part Basenji and something else they can't quite figure out. 100% dog, that's what I say! I'm 2 yrs old, weigh almost 50 lbs. and am full of that young dog energy. I soak up all the attention I can get in my foster home, love to go for rides, walks, runs ... you name it! I never argue about what to watch on TV and I don't hog the remote!

If you think you might be able to give me a chance, check me out [www.adoptarpo.org](http://www.adoptarpo.org). 🐾