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Copper (above left) and Missy (right) had a happy ending! To create more happy endings for homeless animals, visit us at www.adoptarpo.org or attend an adoption event!

has been an exciting year for ARPO. We hit our 1000th adoption milestone, and as of October 11th we have adopted 235 animals into forever homes. We have already surpassed our adoptions for 2003 and we still have 2 months to go! Among the 235 were the adoptions of Missy—a 4 year old shepherd mix, and Copper—a 2 year old orange kitty. What is unique about these guys is that both of them entered the ARPO system in the summer and spring of 2002, respectively. Yes, that is right 2002.

Missy came to us as a stray in July of 2002, she was a very sweet girl that was shy but got along with anyone, dogs, cats, and kids. She did have a few quirks, like she scared easily at loud noises or thunderstorms and she liked to bark—what dog doesn't? She would climb chain link fences—she can't help that she is a social butterfly!!

Missy's foster mom noticed that she was panting a lot and was just very irritable, so she took her to the vet. Missy tested positive for heartworm. When Missy first came to ARPO she was tested for heartworm, and it came back negative—but sometimes the test can come back with a false negative—especially if they just acquired the disease. Since Missy was a stray,

we had no idea what conditions she was living in. ARPO immediately began heartworm treatment and she is now heartworm negative.

Finally, in April 2004, Missy found her forever home. She now lives with a family with 2 kids (whom she loves very much) 1 Pomeranian (which she gets along with) and 2 cats (that tolerate her). Her new family says "they can't imagine their home without her". Missy is finally part of a family.....

Copper's story is different. Copper was born in April 2002. ARPO was able to foster Copper's mom and siblings from the time they were a few days old. Copper and his siblings were ready for adoption in June of 2002. Unfortunately, Copper and his sister Daffodil came down with ringworm. They were treated for ringworm but missed several weeks of adoptions.

As the months passed, all of Copper's siblings were adopted, but week after week Copper was passed over—It's hard to say why, but ARPO and his foster mom just knew that his time would come... Finally, almost 2 years to the day of his arrival to ARPO, Copper found his forever home. He now lives in a home with 3 other kitties that he loves to irritate, but they seem to work out their differences. Copper is finally part of a family..... ☺



Look at her Now!

From Roadside to Pampered Pet



Maddie as a puppy, with cast



Maddie as a much-loved pet

She was left to die on the side of an Indiana road, but luck was on her side. When an ARPO board member spotted this critically injured puppy, she was on a path to a new life. Some of our readers may have received letters asking for support for Maddie, whose medical needs were extensive. Thanks to the generosity of ARPO supporters, Maddie is living the high life as a part of a loving family! Maddie is living proof that adoption is the best option! ☺

Addy's Story

Addy was picked up by animal control as a stray back in February. Someone spotted her at the shelter and called rescue to help her. She would most likely have been euthanized, as she was elderly and in pretty bad shape. The vet looked her over thoroughly, and within a few weeks Addy was gaining strength back and was starting to stand up on her own.



After a couple more months of R&R and lots more TLC, we posted Addy's picture on Petfinder. When we first got the inquiry, we hardly believed it!! Someone believed Addy had once been their dog and had been stolen from them ---- 7 YEARS EARLIER! She was guessed to now be about 12-14 years old, and the timing would have been right. This adoptive family came to see Addy and wanted her whether she was their old dog or not! After seeing her, and finding old matching scars, it truly seemed Addy's REAL owners had been found. Addy went to her new (or old) home and became very comfortable with her family.

Sadly, a week later, Addy passed away. After months of mending, it seemed she finally knew she was back home again. She is sorely missed, and we're anxious to see her at the Rainbow Bridge one day. ☹

ARPO Events



Pizza for Pets

On December 14th, do something fun and easy to raise money for homeless animals! Puccini's has graciously agreed to donate a portion of sales on that evening to ARPO. Both the Clearwater/82nd & Dean Road stores AND the Sunnyside & 79th Street stores are participating. Puccini's has lots of vegetarian items and several low carb choices in addition to an assortment of pasta dinners, pizzas, salad, and garlic bread. *Please note that there is no need to inform the counter or your server that you are there to support ARPO - the donation will be given automatically.*

Picture Your Pet with Santa

At the Castleton Petsmart on December 4th, 5th, and 11th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. All pets welcome, especially ARPO alumni!

Home 4 the Holidays Campaign

November 8th through January 2nd. Over 1200 shelters and rescues, with the support of the Iams Company, place thousands of orphaned animals into loving homes so that they can truly enjoy the holidays and live happy, healthy lives with their new families. Please check out www.home4theholidays.com for more information.

Adult Cat Adoptathon

Stay tuned for location and date. We have several adult cats that are in need of forever homes. Our adoption fee for cats 6 months and older is \$30 - so spread the word. Won't you or someone you know open your home to a new kitty?

Board of Directors

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- Jody Leeman, At-large member

Welcome aboard to our new members Cindy, Carrie, Kelly, Pat, and Jody, and thanks to our outgoing members Trish Main and Shannon Bahler for their contributions while on the board.

Thanks

To Don and Barbara Biesterfeldt for their very generous donations Puccini's for donating food for our volunteer meeting
As always, Northside Animal Hospital and Ft. Harrison Veterinarians for all they do for ARPO!!

In Memory

From Jennifer Kiplinger in loving memory of Jasmine, wonderful pet of Kathy McKeen

From Dianna Gilroy in loving memory of her beloved dog Ruggles

From the Bobbets in memory of Phil Watson

From David and Phyllis Feldman in memory of Phil Watson

Virginia Seaton donated \$50 in memory of Phil Watson

From Cheryl Slider in loving memory of Cathy's beloved golden retriever Maggie Josenhas

From Bob and Barbara Biesterfeldt in memory of their beloved Lucy Anne

From Catherine and Henry Krauser in memory of Shirley Ward

E-mail corrections

ARPO is currently in the process of changing its e-mail database, and would like your help in cleaning up what we have now. Please e-mail info@adoptarpo.org if you would like to be deleted or have corrections made to your e-mail address. Please send us the old address you would like deleted or changed, as well as the new one, since we have some addresses that don't have names attached to them. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

We send a volunteer e-mail update once a month. If you are not currently receiving it, then we don't have your address on our list. Please e-mail us at info@adoptarpo.org and we will add it.

Fundraising UPDATE

1st Annual Shop for the Animals

ARPO had its 1st Annual Shop for the Animals on September 30th. We sold Yankee Candles, Tupperware, and jewelry with portions of the proceeds to benefit ARPO. The event brought in over \$400. Thanks to Joyce Yake (Tupperware consultant) and Holly Yorgen (jewelry designer) for their time and effort in this fundraiser.

Garage Sale

Thanks to everyone who donated items and their time for the ARPO Garage Sale. We made over \$700 on October 1st and 2nd despite the weather. Thanks to Joe and Roza Latchaw for allowing us to use their garage.

Fall Bake Sale

This year, our Fall Bake Sale was held on October 23rd at the Wal-Mart Oaklandon. We raised \$625 and Wal-Mart is matching that amount for a grand total of \$1,250. Thanks to everyone who baked - we couldn't have done this without you! ☺

A Family for Me?



Sweet Girl Needs Home

Tigger was found as a stray. Over the months that she has lived in her foster home, her personality has continued to evolve. She likes to be petted and is a very talkative little girl. It takes her awhile to warm to new situations, but she eventually adapts. She came into a home with two other cats, which she can now tolerate. She was thrown out of her routine for a few weeks, but now she is much better. She is bright-eyed and sassy, and she can love on her terms. ☺