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Hello ARF Friends,

NEWS FLASH

Microchip Pilot Program: This week ARF in cooperation with, Grateful Paws, Inc., another non-profit organization microchipped 8 of ARF's animals available for adoption. Grateful Paws has donated the first 25 chips to ARF. When the chipped animal is adopted we will ask for a donation towards the next set of microchips. This way it will not be an extra cost for ARF and we will not have to increase our adoption fee. The cost to microchip a pet at a veterinary office is normally \$35.00 - \$40.00.

ARF and Grateful Paws, Inc., have chosen to use **resQ pet tracking system registration**. The wonderful thing about this web-based microchip program is there is **no fee** to register your pet, and you can update your information anytime you need to, **free of charge**.

We are hoping this program will be successful as it is such a huge benefit to our adopters and to our animals.

SPECIAL THANK YOU'S

A special thank you to Ray and Tony for installing our new bathtub and of course to Gena for supervising this installation. This job turned out to be much more involved and difficult than expected. The volunteers, staff and all our animals thank you so much!

Also thanks to Nan and Patty for helping Susan transport the puppies to Grasonville to be spayed and neutered. We had 8 puppies altered and microchipped on Tuesday.

And last but not least a very special thank you to Trish Bartz. Every Thursday evening Trish voluntarily comes in and takes care of our animals and customers. She has been doing this since ARF opened in May of 2005. It is dedication like this that makes ARF what it is today. Thanks Trish!

FUNDRAISERS



Basket Bingo

What? Longaberger Basket bingo

When? Sunday – April 15, 2007

(doors open at 12:30 pm – 1st game begins at 2 pm)

Where? Kent Island American Legion – Rt. 8 – Stevensville, MD

Admission: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door

20 games – 3 specials – 2 raffles – 50/50 – door prizes

Food will be available for purchase

If anyone is interested in sponsoring a basket, please contact Lauren at 410-643-8700.

CAT SHIFTS

There are still more shifts available for taking care of the cats, they are:

Morning Shift - Wednesday

Mid-day shift - Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

Evening shift - Thursday and Friday.

DOG SHIFTS

The shifts that are available for the dogs are:

Mid-day shift – All day available

Evening shift – Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday

Night Shift – Monday and Friday

If anyone would like to give any of these shifts a try please contact the office.

Saturday and Sunday's have been very busy at our Adoption Center. With taking care of the animals and being attentive to our visitors we are finding it is too much for one person. If anyone would like to volunteer a few hours on Saturday and Sunday to help Nicole, please contact the office.

With our animal increase we will need help with the **transportation of our animals** to their vet appointments.

Our monthly Update will be mailed at the end of each month. If you would like to help **with printing, stuffing envelopes and organizing our bulk mailing** please contact the office



PEANUT BUTTER and Mr. Clean floor cleaner

RAFFLE CALENDARS

Monday, April 17th is the next drawing. 740 Calendars sold. A \$10.00 Raffle Calendar gives you 274 chances to win and you can win multiple times. It is the gift that keeps on giving all year long.

You may purchase your calendars at **ARF's Adoption Center, L & L Liquors and Bev's Grooming**. Also, you can go to our website www.arfusa.org and purchase your calendar through **PayPal** or call us with your credit card information and we will send your calendars to you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 14th – **The opening of the Island Dog Park** – Ceremony begins at 10 AM – Wayne will be doing a demonstration on Positive Reinforcement Dog Training and Allison will do a demonstration on Hollywood Hounds (dog tricks).

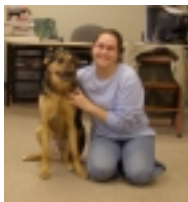
May 20, 2007 – **6th Annual Howard County Pet Expo** – 11 am – 3:00 pm at the Schooley Mill Park. In Highland, Maryland. Rain date Sunday, June 3rd

June 2, 2007 – **2nd Annual Pet Adopt – A – Thon** – 11 am – 4 pm at the Tuckahoe Steam and Gas Show grounds on Rt. 50 in Easton, Maryland

ADOPTION NEWS

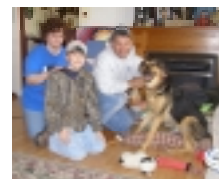


Yep, Petey was adopted!! This time it is for keeps. Petey went home to Tony and Kim Merlo of Chester, Maryland. He has a large fenced in yard to run in and he is also enjoying sleeping in bed belly up with Kim and Tony. Way to go Petey, you deserve the best!



Ronnie moved to his new home on Sunday. He is now living in Delaware. To the left you will see Nicole and Ronnie. This is Ronnie's farewell picture. There were many tears shed especially by Nicole when Ronnie walked out of the center one last time. Everyone grew such a special bond with him even Caroline. He will be missed greatly!

To the right is Ronnie's new family. Ronnie found the perfect loving, caring family for him! He will be going to the beach regularly which is only 2 miles from his home and this summer he will be doing lots of camping.



We've already received an update on Ronnie, see next page.

Dear Susan, Nicole and everyone @arf,

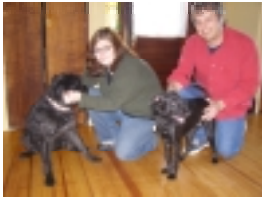
It's still only the first day for Ronnie in his new surroundings, but I think he's doing just great. I think he's already adjusting well. He's entertained us with his toys. He's already torn the stuffing out of a new one and then brought me the squeaker from it. He loves his new yard!! Boy, he can run like the wind!! He's played tug of war with little Ross more than once. We all absolutely adore him! We are going to leave him for a little while today to go the store. We have gone outside a couple times and he was so worn out he didn't even notice we were all gone. Hopefully he'll be ok while we are at the store. I called my supervisor at work and she is going to let me leave work at 11:30 and return about 12:30, so I can come home and let him out and check on him. I don't want to leave him his first day alone for so long. I may do the same on Tues too. He seems to be very adaptable, so I think he'll get used to our routine just fine. For the first hour today he paced around the whole house just investigating and I do think he was searching for you. After you left he was a bit upset and kept going to the door, we just sat on the floor for awhile and then went about things and he then he was fine.

We have a few questions. Has he been microchipped? We are seriously thinking about investing in one. We don't plan to lose him, but we would have a better chance of retrieving him in case he did get away. Also, how is he with a bath? If you don't know about the bath, no big deal. I also, figure if he was microchipped you would have told us, so we figure he's not.

Thank you so much for giving us this opportunity to add Ronnie to our family....he's just a joy!! I have to say it was love at first sight for me and my son said, "Mom, he's just the best dog, I love him!", with the biggest grin I might add!!

We will keep you updated as much as we can.

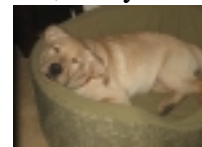
Sincerely, MaryAnne Hicks



Louise (left of picture) also went home on Saturday. She is now living in Baltimore, Maryland and sharing her home with another dog that looks just like her only smaller.

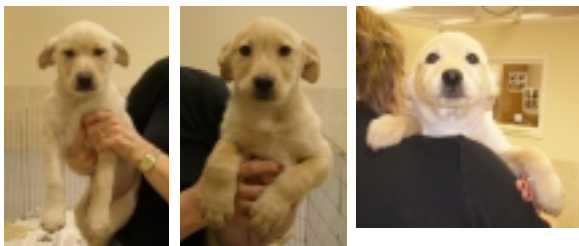


Walton now Khalil moved to his new home in Baltimore, Maryland on Saturday. Below you will see an update on his progress.



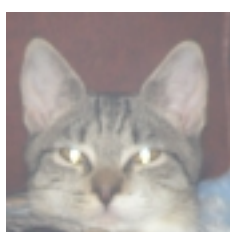
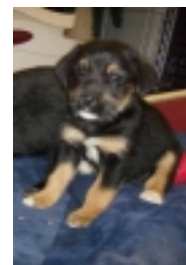
HI TO ALL OF YOU,

WE JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR WALTON. WE HAVE CHANGED HIS NAME TO KHALIL AND HE IS DOING SO WELL. HE IS ALREADY WALKING ON A LEASH AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD WITH US AND HE IS DOING WELL WITH GOING TO THE BATHROOM OUTSIDE. LAST NIGHT THERE WASN'T EVEN AN ACCIDENT IN THE KENNEL. HE IS A GREAT DOG AND WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH!!!! LOVE, JUSTIN, HEATHER AND KHALIL



(Left to Right) Daytona moved to Boyds, Maryland. Goldie moved to the Trimpert family in Stevensville, Maryland. This wonderful family volunteers for us on Wednesday evening. And Sandy moved to Parkville, Maryland.

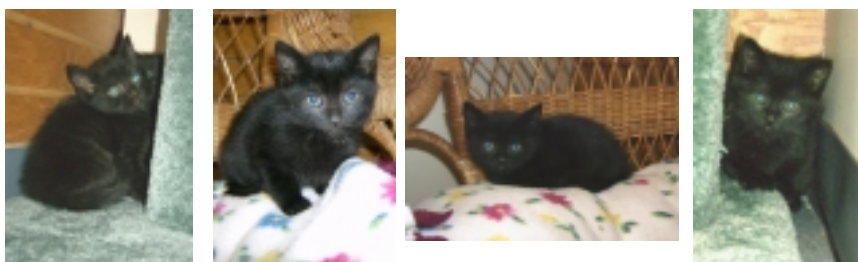
Wayne and Nicole took Lillian to her new home on Saturday morning. She is now living in Grasonville, Maryland.



Roger's dream finally came true! He moved to his forever home on Wednesday evening. Roger grew up at the center and had many difficulties with upper respiratory infections. He finally has a clean bill of health and was waiting patiently for his new family to come along. Well, they finally did and Roger is now living in Grasonville, Maryland sharing his home with one other cat. The Center isn't quite the same without him but we sure do wish Roger the best. He deserves it!

CAT/KITTEN NEWS

These four 8-week-old kittens are new to ARF's Adoption Center. They are scheduled to be spay/neuter next week. Please come by our center to give these sweet kittens a warm welcome. They will be ready to go to new homes next week.

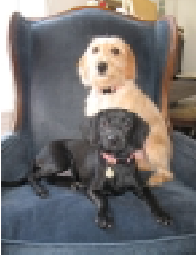


NOTES FROM ADOPTIVE FAMILIES



Hershey wants to say hello to all of ARF's staff, volunteers and members. Ken & Cathy Gregoire adopted him from ARF last summer.

More notes....



Hi Susan!

Lila and Daisy are the most wonderful puppies anyone could ask for! We can't thank you enough for helping us to find the perfect dogs for our family! They are having a ball playing outside with Polly and Carrie! There is a consistent game of tag in our back yard!

Lila is a very smart dog! She is a good listener and loves to show all she knows! She is very attentive, very curious, and loves to play fetch with whatever you throw! She sleeps at the foot of Carries bed every night. They are the best of friends.

Daisy is the cuddly one! Any available lap will do! She loves to follow us around in the kitchen and throughout the house! You can truly have a great conversation with Daisy! She looks at you like she is answering you or giving sensible advise! I don't know how she does it, but she helps me prioritize me day! Polly has done a terrific job on training Daisy. They are two peas in a pod!

Lila and Daisy are such blessings to our family and we thank you with all of our hearts!

Kim Matthews

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