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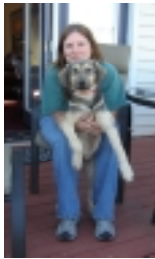
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Hello ARF Friends,

RAFFLE CALENDARS

Monday, May 21st is the next drawing. 742 Calendars sold. A \$10.00 Raffle Calendar gives you 244 chances to win and you can win multiple times. It is the gift that keeps on giving all year long. Call ARF if you would like to purchase a calendar.

ADOPTION NEWS

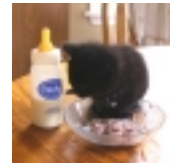


Jennifer and her parents came to meet Cowboy last Saturday. They instantly fell in love with him and couldn't wait for Cowboy to come home. Cowboy moved to his new home on Sunday and is now living in Newark, Delaware.

KITTEN/CAT NEWS



This darling kitty is only 3 weeks old. Talbot County Humane Society called for help as their shelter has become overloaded with kittens. Susan is fostering this baby while she is in quarantine and in the meantime is looking for another litter that is about the same age so we can place her with them.



Four 3-day old kittens also came out of the Talbot County Humane Society. They are so tiny it is very difficult to see them in the picture to the right. Liz (a new volunteer) and Patty are bottle feeding the babies at ARF's Adoption Center before Patty takes them home to foster.



NOTES FROM ADOPTIVE FAMILIES

Hi Susan, Wayne, Patty & John,

I am writing to let you know how well Odie is doing .He has adjusted just wonderfully, he has learned the word “no” very well and doing great with come.

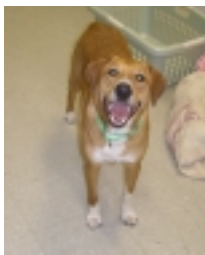
I want to thank you for Odie, he has made my life very happy. We will be to see you soon. Bonnie and Odie

Patty & John,

I can't tell you how many times we said we have got to let Patty and John know how Katie is doing. We have been working on getting her well and planning a wedding for our son that is going to get married on July 7. We are very sorry for not getting back to you sooner. Katie received her second heartworm shot on April 20 and her third and final shot on April 21. She was doing OK, but we noticed a bad gagging cough that was getting worse and we took her back to the vets this past Friday, May 4. He took an x-ray and blood work and discovered she now has a bronchial infection and was running a fever. He gave her two shots and cough medicine and antibiotics that we give her twice a day. He told us we still need to keep her calm because she is not out of the woods with the heartworm treatment. We are going to do everything in our power to see to it that this little girl gets well. She is the sweetest little doggie that we have ever owned and we would not trade her for anything. She is a part of our family and we cannot thank you two enough. She will be spayed once she gets through all of this. Our vet is great and the most important thing to all of us is to get her well. Here are some pictures my son took at Easter because our camera was broke. Thank you from Jim, Edna and Katie

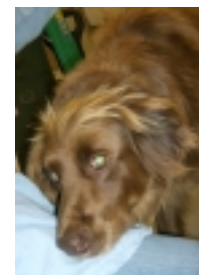


DOG/PUPPY NEWS



Meet Bruce! He came from the Montgomery County Humane Society. Debbie Thompson (volunteer of MCHS) called Susan and asked if we have room for this 1-year-old Foxhound mix. His previous Guardian turned over Bruce to the shelter with his sibling. His sibling did get adopted so Bruce was totally devastated and became very depressed. Well not anymore! He is now living at the Center with a couple of other pups and having a great time until his new family comes along.

Muddy Bear (right) is a 6-year-old Chesapeake Retriever/Gordon Setter. His previous Guardians released Muddy to ARF as he did not always get along with their 2-year-old daughter. Muddy is now living at ARF's Adoption Center while he is being treated for heartworms and lymes disease. ARF's staff and volunteers have grown to love him and found he is so eager to please, loves to go on walks and adores Bruce (picture above). If you have some free time, stop by the Center and take Muddy for a walk. He sure will appreciate it.



FOSTER FAMILIES NEEDED

WANTED!!!

FOSTER CARE PROVIDERS FOR PETS



Fostering offers an opportunity to love and nurture a needy animal without making a lifetime commitment. If you are considering adopting a pet, this could be a perfect trial run! You can watch an unwanted lonely stray transform into a loving, happy and grateful pet. If you want to feel you are making a difference, save a life! While we may not be able to save them all...with your help, we can save one more. Please help us help them...become a foster guardian.

We currently have three shelters contacting us to please take some of the puppies/dogs and cats/kittens they have in their shelters. In order for us to help them we will need foster providers.

For more information please call 410-643-8700.

CAT SHIFTS

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

Morning Shift – Every other Saturday

Mid-day shift - Sunday, Monday and Thursday

Evening shift – Thursday

DOG SHIFTS

The shifts that are available for the dogs are:

Mid-day shift – Monday and Tuesday

Evening shift – Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday

Late Night Shift – Monday and Wednesday

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



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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 19, 2007 – **Kent Island Day**

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

June 16, 2007 – **Art Council Event** – Centreville, Maryland

June 23, 2007 - **Chesterwye Center, Inc** – 4-H Park

If anyone is interested in volunteering for any of these events please contact the office 410-643-8700. The more people we have the more animals we can show.

A SPECIAL REQUEST

Below is a letter from Sue, a long time member of ARF and her father Lee who adopted one of our dogs about 4 years ago.

Hi All, My Father Lee Melnick in Easton had adopted Nikki several years ago. My Father has been rushed to the hospital and is being transported to Baltimore for Bi Pass surgery tomorrow. I have friends as well as my family and I have been driving to Easton to care for her. The problem is she cannot be with any other animals. This was the problem Denise had run into while Nikki was in her care prior to her adoption by my Father. I cannot bring her here because I have a dog and a cat. She is the most wonderful dog, medium size looks like a small Lab. Has never chewed on a thing nor had an accident in the house. She loves people, kids, very sweet temp. except for being around other animals. My Dad is worried to death and said for me to call you guys and see if you can help us in any way? He receives your newsletters and we attend most functions so have kept up to date with ARF. Is there any way she can be cared for by a foster family for approx. 8 weeks? He will have to go into rehab after the surgery, he is almost 81 and it will take some time to recoup from the surgery. I don't know if this is possible but I am racking my brains trying to figure out what to do. We will continue to go back and forth and care for her I just feel badly that she is left all alone now day and night except for a few visits by us and friends that are helping us out. She is so use to Dad being with her 24/7 constant companions as he doesn't go anywhere except to the store and doctor appt. etc. Please let me know if you have any ideas of what we can do I would really appreciate it. Thank you very, very much, Sue

If anyone can help out by being a temporary foster family, please contact the ARF's office, 410-643-8700.

NEWS FLASH

If interested in signing up for ARF's next puppy and adult classes please register soon.

Puppy/Adult class, ages 18 weeks to older begins again on **Monday, June 4th** and **Wednesday, June 6th**.

Puppy classes, ages **10 weeks to 18 weeks** begins again on **Friday, June 8th** and **Saturday, June 9th**.

Allison is also offering a class called **Hollywood Hounds**. This class begins **Saturday, June 9th** for a 4-week course. Sounds like lots of fun!

For registration information you can go to ARF's website www.arfusa.org or contact ARF's office 410-643-8700.

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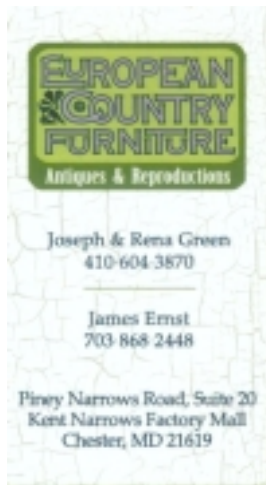
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ARF's foster families put their love of animals into action in a special way. They provide a safe, secure and a stable environment for our animals and most important of all, love and patience. Some of our animals have had rough experiences, and need time and care to learn to trust and enjoy human company again. Some of them need time to heal from injuries or illnesses. Fostering these types of animals isn't always easy; it requires time, patience and the effort to make it work. Our foster volunteers do make it work, they teach these animals to love and trust again. Showing these animals that food is available and that there is a warm place to sleep, creates a confident animal ready to move into a permanent home of his or her own.

Foster homes come in all types; some are large families, small families, couples or people living alone. Some have large homes, and not so large homes. Most of our foster families already have animals of their own. What makes it so special is...they have all decided to make room for an extra dog or cat, or mom and litter, to give these animals time to find a new home that is a good fit.

ARF extends a heartfelt thank you to all of our foster parents, past, present and future. What a wonderful difference you made to the lives of these animals! The Board members of ARF, the staff and the animals you help, are deeply grateful for all you do!

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