

# NEWS FROM ARF



Animal Rescue Foundation

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NYS Shelter Reg. RR164



**DUE TO COVID-19  
PROTOCOLS WE ARE  
OPEN FOR ADOPTIONS BY  
APPOINTMENT ONLY**

WINTER/HOLIDAY 2020

Animal Rescue Foundation is an all-volunteer, no-kill, non-profit organization, founded in 1986 by Barbara Shea. Our mission is to help lost, unwanted, abused and abandoned cats, dogs, kittens and puppies. We hope to adopt them to loving forever homes but, when necessary, we are their forever home. Before being offered for adoption all our pets are vet checked, vaccinated and spayed or neutered. We are funded solely by donations and all donations go directly to the care of our animals.

Properly and safely caring for our animals includes maintaining our facility. We have recently completed the replacement and repair of gates and the fencing in the dog kennels. This was a large expense, in addition to some very hefty vet bills this year. This project was jointly funded by a grant from the Cleopatra Fund of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley and very generous donations from two of our volunteers. We thank everyone involved for their help with this project.

Our next major (and expensive) project is tree removal in the exercise yard. Some trees have already fallen, others need to be cut down, and they all need to be cut up and carted away. Estimates are in the high thousands but with the help of our generous supporters, we're hoping to get this work completed as soon as possible. It's important for the safety of our volunteers as well as our dogs—they're out in the yard every day.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly on a daily basis (especially during this pandemic) to tend to the animals in our care, help to maintain our buildings and grounds, and organize and participate in fundraising events. Many thanks also to all the wonderful and generous people who support our work with donations and sponsorships year after year. Without our network of volunteers and donors working as a team, we could not help all the needy animals that come through our doors. We wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and a happy and healthy (especially healthy) coming year.



# 2020 FUNDRAISING EVENTS



Since we opened our doors in 1986, we have remained an all-volunteer organization. We receive no public funding to operate and the generosity of our supporters through donations and participation at our fundraising events enables us to continue our mission. Covid 19 has caused many changes in the normal operation of our shelter and our fundraising events are no exception. We are hoping to resume normal operations soon. Below is news from our 2020 events.

**March 7th ARF's Penny Social, Memorial Building, Main St., Beacon** This years social was met with a fantastic response from our generous volunteers, area businesses and hundreds of attendees. It was standing room only by the time we called the raffles and we surpassed last years numbers in both attendance and funds raised. Thank you all for making this event a great success.

**March 15th** Many thanks to Vicki McDonald of Guardian Self Storage, for organizing a Food & Supply Drive for ARF at their facilities in Beacon, Fishkill & Wappingers. The drive had to be cut short because of Covid 19 but we thank everyone for the great response. We hope to announce a new drive in the near future.

**May 17th ARF's 5th Annual 5K Run with the Dogs** Because of Covid 19 restrictions our 5K became a *VIRTUAL EVENT* .....and the trophy winners are:

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| 1st Place Male <b>Tim Morris</b>     | 1st Place Female <b>Kathleen Riedy</b> |
| 2nd Place Male <b>John Fallon</b>    | 2nd Place Female <b>Cheryl Kohut</b>   |
| 3rd Place Male <b>Joseph Solosky</b> | 3rd Place Female <b>Teresa Nelson</b>  |

The top fundraiser, **Danielle McKay**, received a 2 Night Stay and Brunch at the Beacon Hotel Restaurant & Lounge. 2nd & 3rd Highest Individual Fundraisers, Jenn Harris and Susan Pagonis each received \$50 Gift Cards from Adams Fairacre Farms. We raised over \$5000 from this event and thank all the participants, supporters and sponsors.



**Aug. 2nd** After a couple of postponements ARF's Rabies Clinic was held at Memorial Park, Beacon from 9am to 1pm providing low cost rabies & distemper vaccines for dogs & cats. Even with masks and social distancing in use, our volunteers and the vet staff moved the line along expertly and efficiently bringing many area pets up to date on their needed vaccines. Another great success! Thanks everyone.



**Sept. 27th Spirit of Beacon Day** entertainment also went virtual this year and the parade was moved from Main Street to various streets in Beacon. Schools, businesses, and non-profits (including ARF) decked out their cars and trucks and drove along 3 different routes for all to view and enjoy. Thank you Linda & Gail for representing ARF in the parade.



## SPONSOR A PET—GET A FREE ARF T-SHIRT

Our sponsorship program gives you the opportunity to contribute to the care of our long-term residents, the ARF All Stars! These pets will most likely live out their lives with us at ARF. Becoming a pet sponsor is easy, although at this time we cannot allow visitors to the shelter because of Covid 19 restrictions. Please visit our website to pick a pet. If your sponsored pet is adopted, you will be notified so you can select another. The suggested sponsorship contribution is only \$10 per month which can be paid monthly or, if you would like a free ARF T-Shirt, in one payment of \$120 per pet (for the whole year).

Funds received in this program will be used for the care of all our residents.

**BECOME A SPONSOR TODAY!** Below are some of the pets in need of a sponsor.



**GINGER**



**MAX**



**DODGER**

**CHIPPER**



**MARVIN & OLIVER**



**TOBY**



# Happy Tails from ARF



**CALLIE** (formerly Bernie) This little lady does it all— kayaking, paddle boarding and swimming to name a few. She likes to sit like a person and also attends ARF events with her Mom, ARF's Donna.



**DINO CARMELLO** So very dapper in his top hat, Dino is happy to share a home with ARF's Teresa & Joe. Lucky boy!

**BELLA** (aka Carmella) Shares much love with her new family who waited months for her to come along and steal their hearts.

**PETUNIA** goes everywhere with her Mom, ARF volunteer, Caroline. Here she pays attention at an ARF fundraising meeting.



Wonderful Mom, **DAYNA**, watched all her pups find their homes. Then it was her turn. She now happily lives with her new family and calls Ct. her home.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ARF is an all-volunteer group and we're always on the lookout for more animal lovers that want to make a difference. Just a few hours of your time each week means so much to our animals. If you're interested in volunteering at the shelter, please fill out an application at [arfbeacon.org](http://arfbeacon.org), send us an email at [arfbeacon@optonline.net](mailto:arfbeacon@optonline.net) or leave a message at 845-831-5161. Please indicate if you prefer working with dogs (18 or older) or cats (14 or older), and when you're available.

For everyone's safety, we currently require masks and observe Covid 19 protocols.

## IN MEMORY

With heavy hearts we said goodbye to some long time residents this past year. **Russo** lived at ARF since 2009 and was a volunteer favorite, **Micah** the "Ambassador of the Blue Room" was always first to greet you, and **Furby** was "Mister Take My Picture" and became ARF's Furby Fridays mascot on Facebook. **Alf** was only with us a short time but he was as special as he was big. Unfortunately, he suffered from seizures that he could not overcome. Our furry friends will be thought of often and missed greatly.



RUSSO



MICAH



FURBY



ALF



If you would like to make a donation or sponsor any of our permanent residents, please use this form.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

**SPONSORSHIP:** \$10.00 per month or \$120.00 per year, per animal

Pet Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle Free Shirt size** (with full annual payment, while supplies last)

Adult S-M-L-XL-XXL Child S-M-L

**SPONSORSHIP Amount** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TREE Fund** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL DONATION** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**You can also donate to ARF**

On Facebook: *Animal Rescue Foundation, Inc (ARF)* (Create a fundraiser)

Thru Paypal: Send payment to *arfbeacon@optonline.net*

ARF website: <https://www.arfbeacon.org/donate-2/>

or Check with your employer to see if they have a Matching Gift program

ARF is located at the end of Simmons Lane, 2 miles south of the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge off Route 9D in Beacon. Due to Covid 19 protocols, we are adopting by appointment only. Apply thru our Website, [arfbeacon.org](http://arfbeacon.org). or visit us on Facebook

