

Construction has begun on the shade structure for the outside dog runs, August, 2018. We raised \$5,000 from general donations and then received 2 very generous donations so that we could complete the project ASAP. The dogs all love their outdoor runs and it just gets too hot in the Oklahoma sun for them to use them much over the summer. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

1 Construction will also begin by September first on a large outside dog play area that is connected to the building. We do run the dogs at the ARF Park whenever possible, but it is hard to get away on days where we are short on volunteers. With the connect play area the dogs will get much more grass running time.

### Blessing of the Animals 🦆



Sunday October 7th St. Luke's Episcopal Church in partnership with Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) of Bartlesville will hold a "Blessing of the Animals" event. The event is open to the public and will take place at the ARF Park starting at 2pm. The entry fee will be donations of dog and cat food for our pet food pantry. Of course monetary donations will also be accepted.

In the case of inclement weather the event will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. More details will be reported in the Examiner Enterprise, on ARF's Facebook page, and on St. Luke's website as the date gets nearer.

This is an on leash event for dogs, harness & lead for livestock, and any small pets need to be in a pet carrier.

In October people all over the world will be celebrating the feast day of the Patron Saint of Animals, Saint Francis of Assisi. It's customary that in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, animals are led to churches for a special ceremony called the "Blessing of the Animals." Blessing of animals can be either of the animal or of the human-animal relationship, and can apply to pets, other companion pets, agricultural animals, or any other animals which humans depend on.



We are in need of dog walkers & huggers. There might also be some cleaning here and there. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old or be accompanied by an

adult.

#### **JUNE Adoptions**

Cats: Athena, Susie Q, Cleo, & April

Dogs: Daisy, Mercedes, Darcy, Simon, Blossom, Petey, Jelly Bean, Pascal, Andy, Lily, Joey, Bunny, Ducky, Wendy Dae, Amy, Sheldon, Lucy, Ethel, Gizmo, Java, Georgia, & Gus

#### **JULY Adoptions**

Cats: Calliope, Tanner, Tiffany, Smudge, Dublin,

and London

Dogs: Hank, Rio, Damoo, Jethro, Mocha, Penny,

& Dixie

## Adoption & Occupancy

#### **AUGUST Adoptions**

Cats: Terra, Mazie, Sunflower, & Copper Dog: Chad, Logan, Sophie, Henry, Rascal, Willie, Waylon, Reba, Tess, Ginger, Grace, Kelly, Sitka, and Arlo

#### **ARF Occupancy**

Felines: 37 Canines: 29

In Foster Care

Felines: 1 Canines: 6





# Seniora Partners Animal Rescue Foundation of Bartlesville

Here at ARF of Bartlesville we believe that Senior Citizens should have pets and that Senior Pets should have owners. Our Senior Partner program strives to make this happen for both seniors over 65, dogs over 7, and cats over 10. Senior pets should not have to live out their twilight years in a kennel and senior citizens should not be deprived of having a furry companion, if at all possible.



#### Forever Foster Homes for Senior Pets

When a senior animal has a guesstimated lifespan of less then 1 year they may qualify for a Forever Foster Home. In a Forever Foster Home the senior animal has essentially been adopted, but ARF shares in some of the medical expenses for the remainder of their life.

#### Ask us about becoming a **Forever Foster Home for Nanook**

Nanook is a 12+ year old Border Collie. He is a calm guiet soul who just wants a carpeted floor and a bed to call his own. He is housebroken and gets along with other dogs. He pays no attention to cats. He is currently being fostered by one of our volunteers. He is on medication for a thyroid problem and pain medication for arthritis in his hip. Nanook definitely gets his playful moments where he prances around, but then it's nap time.

We always seem to have a small elderly dog or two in our care all the time. These small dogs usually come from a home where the previous owners have passed away or gone into assisted living. They are normally calm little lap dogs that are often housebroken. Please come in and visit us to see what we currently have. They are adopted quickly and we are unable to keep a call back list of people's needs. It's just too time consuming for our volunteers to handle.



## **Betty-Jane**

Betty-Jane has been associated with ARF since it's beginning. But, she just started volunteering weekly in the last year and a half. She is a daily cat side volunteer and also runs the reception desk one day a week. She currently owns 2 cats, but has owned German Shepherds in the past.

Betty-Jane's current ARF project is to try and find a home for Misty. Misty found herself at ARF after her owner, Susan Welsh (operated the Squirrel's Nest rescue in Nowata), passed away. The other cat from the same household was already adopted so Misty is alone. She has a room of her own at ARF because the open cat room is too traumatizing for her. She isn't used to 40 cats running around together and gets scared.

Save ARF printing & postage costs by viewing our newsletter online at ARFOK.org. Email us at ARFOK@sbcglobal.n et if you wish to opt out of mailings!



We are now accepting applications for dog volunteers. This may include cleaning dog runs, walking dogs, training basic commands, and taking groups to run at the



# Heartfelt Rescue Stories





## Courage

Courage is a sweet Black Mouth Cur. He was rescued from an abusive situation where he was being smacked on the snout or head everytime he would lift it off the floor of the car. The wife was trying to make up for the abuse by overfeeding him table scraps. He weighed 86 lbs when he came to ARF, but should weigh more like 50. He has lost 10 lbs so far. He gets along with people, kids, and dogs. He appears to be housebroken because his kennel is always clean in the morning when we come in and walk him. He walks really good on a leash.

## Nelson

Nelson and his mate were found dumped with a blanket on a road south of Bartlesville. His mate had been shot and killed. The good samaritan, Linda that stopped gave Nelson some food and water, but could not get him to come to her. Linda's husband went and picked up the body of the female and took it to their vet to be disposed of. The hope was that it would encourage Nelson to leave the area. Sure enough the next day he jumped right in Linda's car. He was literally covered in 1,000's of ticks. Four ARF volunteers pulled ticks for 2 hours and didn't make a dent. He had a deep gash on his head that was infested with flies and turned out to have a bullet lodged under the skin. The vet treated it and quarantined him for 10 days. After being fully vetted he came back to ARF. He is a gorgeous 2 year old American Staffordshire Terrier. He weighs 70 lbs now and is very playful.



## Sputnik-



Sputnik was found south of town wandering alone. He was in horrible shape with red scabbed skin all over from a flea bite allergy. After several baths and allergy treatments he is doing much better now. He loves to be held and will follow you anywhere. He only weighs 7 lbs and is about 10 years old. Being tiny he has many years ahead of him. He would love to find a retired person(s) that is home a lot. He also loves car rides and is housebroken.

#### Join our 5 acre Dog Park

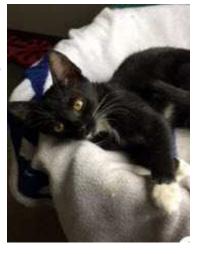
A \$50 annual donation for your family's dogs and an application is required. Plus a one time \$10 FOB deposit. You can get an application at the Sanctuary or online at www.ARFOK.org

You can feel secure in the knowledge that all dogs are up to date on shots. And that any aggressive behavior from dogs or owners will be dealt with quickly.



## **Icee**

Icee found herself stranded on a semi truck trailer that was delivering to the Walmart Distribution Center. It was a dry food truck which means the temps got up in the 90's. After sitting on the truck lot for 24 hours the truck was backed in to a refrigerated freight door to be unloaded and then loaded into a Walmart truck. When they opened the door the tiny kitten ran across the dock into the freezer room that has 100's of pallets. The kitten was spotted a few times in the next two days, but wasn't caught until she was near death. The DC managment called ARF and the kitten was rushed to the vet's office. Dr. Newby was able to warm the kitten inside and out even though she was so cold her body temp wouldn't even register. She stayed the night at the vets and then came back to ARF and will soon be available for adoption.





Christie Byrom

Autumn Cosby

Brenda, beloved cat of Yvonne Walters

Frankie, beloved cat

of Debbie & Jimmy Munsell Vicki Adams, Kay Housman, and Diana Kirkman

Peggy Kuhn, wonderful volunteer and friend of ARF's

Kristi Kier, Vicki Adams, Diana Kirkman, Kay Housman, Howard & Jayne Ferguson, Sheila Taylor, Debbie Munsell, JoAnn Pavné. Robert & Donna Clark. Helen Morgan, and Sarah Winn.

Fluffy, beloved ARF office cat

> Vicki Adams and Kay Housman

Ginger, beloved ARF cat of Mary Lou Burdett

Missy, Tiggy, Monroe, Sasha, and Dollar Gary & Judy Kreps

JoAnn Payne

Sassy, beloved cat of Frank and Nancy Vanduker Sami, beloved dog of Diana Kirkman

Diana Kirkman, Vicki Adams, Kay Housman, Howard & Jayne Ferguson,

Shelby, beloved Golden Retriever of George & Keely James

Bob & Yvonne James







#### **YEAR TO DATE 341** dogs & cats have been sterilized at ARF's Spay/Neuter Clinics

Our on site Spay/Neuter clinics have been filling up fast. The next clinic is October 13. You must register and prepay in cash to hold a spot.

Dog surgery includes rabies shot if needed

less then 39 lbs \$60 40 - 89 lbs \$70 \$80 90 lbs on up

Cat surgery includes rabies shot if needed \$45 There may be added costs such as if the females are in heat, already pregnant, or if other shots are requested. Call 918-766-0991 for more info

#### **Heartworm Preventative Costs** vs Treatment of a Dog with Heartworms

Treatment entails injections and oftentimes hospitalization is required. Recovery can take up to a couple of months. The American Animal Hospital Association places the average cost of preventative for dogs at \$5-15 per month, and the cost of treating a dog with heartworm at \$400-1,000.

If you live in Bartlesville and follow Facebook I'm sure you have heard the story of Chubbs. He is a yellow labrador that went missing last year on December 5th. His family would not give up looking for him and posted his picture on Facebook almost weekly. Then a miracle happened and he was picked up in Guthrie, Ok with a traveling companion, Clarence. Chubbs is now safe & sound at home, but Clarence is heartworm positive. He started treatment the first week of September and has to remain calm and stress free for 6 weeks. He loves for people to visit and sit with him on his new bench. So please stop by and relax for awhile with Clarence.

PLEASE SHARE!!! Chubbs has been missing since December 5th and we have reason to since December 5th and we have reason to believe he was stolen & from the Bartlesville/New Harmony area. He is a 3 year old in tact male yellow lab. He did not have his collar on at the time. His family is desperate to find him!!



He picked up Clarence as a traveling companion somewhere along the way.

Chubbs was found in Guthrie, OK and is back home!



#### To Become a Volunteer, Member, or Contribute to ARF of Bartlesville

Animal Rescue Foundation of Bartlesville is run by volunteers and completely funded by donations ARF is a 501 (c) (3) organization and donations are Tax Deductible! OK D.O.A. S 19

| Membership:  | I would like to contribute: |
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| ☐ Regular \$20 Senior (55+) Studen                       |                             |
| ☐ Lifetime Pet \$10 Cat Dog                              | Spay/Neuter Clinics \$      |
| □ Other  | ☐ ARF Vet bills \$          |
| I can Help with:   | ☐ Food/Litter/Supplies \$   |
| ☐ Fund Raising ideas/committees                          | ☐ ARF Park \$               |
| ☐ Special Events   | ☐ Memorial \$               |
| ☐ Foster Home for Dogs                                   | ☐ Senior Partners \$        |
| □ Other (please specify)                                 |                             |
| I would like to sponsor Year (\$200)  Name:              | From:                       |
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| City:  | State: Zip:                 |
| Email:   | Phone:                      |
| Bring your cans to the "Can Kennel" at ARF. It's located |                             |



Bring your cans to the "Can Kennel" at ARF. It's located on the east side of our driveway. 399519 US Highway 60





## **Employer Contributions**

Many employers such as ConocoPhillips and Phillips 66 will match their employees or retirees contributions. Please check with your employer to see if they match contributions.

Many employers such as Walmart contribute to non profit organizations on behalf of their associates volunteer hours. Please check with your employer.

## **SPECIAL THANKS**

## **Wish List**

Paper towels
AA & AAA batteries
Clorox Wipes
Litterbox deodorizer
Dog Food
Cat Food
Plastic Dog Houses
Dog Volunteers

**All of our Vounteers** 

Concern

**Mutual Girls Club** 

**Scott Van Horn** 



Hopestone Cancer Support Center
Downtown Bartlesville
Individual & Table tickets available
call 918-766-0991 for tickets

