



ARF News

Your Humane Society

Animal Rescue Foundation, Inc.

Summer 2010

Urgent: Donate Today!

ARF relies on your support to provide shelter and care for homeless dogs and cats. Because there are no major fundraisers during the summer months, ARF is low on funds during the time when we receive most of our animals. You can make their lives a little easier. In addition to money, the following items are always needed: paper towels, unscented kitty litter, stainless steel pet dishes, large garbage bags, laundry detergent, bleach, and dish detergent. Donations of these supplies help us stretch our money donations.

It is never too late to join ARF. If you are not a member, please join today. Membership costs \$35 for a family and \$20 for an individual. Send memberships and donations to PO Box 1032, Milledgeville or donate online via PayPal at <http://www.animalrescuefoundation.org>.

Greenway Extension to ARF

Heather Langston, PhD, Executive Director of the Oconee River Greenway Authority announced the partnership of ARF and the Oconee River Greenway Authority to extend the greenway and Riverwalk one mile to the ARF property on Wilkinson Street. Langston was able to secure a Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails grant that would create a walking trail along the north bank of the creek that runs behind the ARF property and eventually flows into the Oconee River. The trail, called the Lower Fishing Creek Trail, is the first phase of a larger plan to build the Fishing Creek Community Trail. This active transport trail, when complete, will link the greenway and Riverwalk to the Industrial Park and the Recreational Complex on the west side of town. Plans for the first phase of this trail also include the creation of a dog park behind the ARF property. The dog park will be a fenced in off-leash area for dogs and people to play. The Lower Fishing Creek Trail will link the greenway and Riverwalk to the dog park. The creation of the dog park will give ARF a new field in which to exercise our animals and it will get rid of all that privet! We will be calling on our volunteers to help us clear the area, behind the crematorium, of privet. We will then use an approved for riparian buffer herbicide to kill the remaining roots and plant lots of grass!

Given the popularity of the existing Riverwalk trails, the Fishing Creek extension is sure to be popular with walkers and cyclists. A dog park will be a great asset to our community as pet owners living in apartments currently have no place for their dogs to run off-leash and play.

2011 Pet Calendar

The Animal Rescue Foundation wants to showcase the photogenic pets of Milledgeville and Central Georgia in ARF's fabulous 2011 full-color wall calendar. ARF is now accepting photos of pet superstars. Enter as many as you like, but please only one photo per pet and one group photo per household. The entry fee is only \$15 per photo and all entries must be received by July 30, 2010. Entry forms are available at ARF, Animal Hospital, Lakeside Veterinary Clinic, and online at our website, [animalrescuefoundation.org](http://www.animalrescuefoundation.org). Your participation supports animals waiting for their own time to shine.



***Coming Soon . . . Pet Walk
Saturday, September 18, 2010
At the Oconee River Greenway***



Auction Success

This year's ARF Auction has been deemed a success by those attending as well as the organizers of the annual function. In addition to an evening of fun and fellowship among animal lovers, the event raised a substantial sum of money to support the shelter. ARF cleared approximately \$13,500.00 – remarkable considering the economic challenges our community has faced this year.

The Animal Rescue Foundation wishes to thank supporters who attended, event sponsors, the many businesses and individuals who donated items for both the silent and live auctions, and especially, the tireless volunteers who made it possible.

Shelter Clean-Up Day

On March 20, 2010 a group of faithful volunteers did a great job of cleaning the grounds of the ARF Shelter and Peaceful Pet Crematory grounds. However, this is a constant need. Volunteers are needed to assist with grounds maintenance. If this is an area in which you can be of assistance, please contact ARF. If you belong to an organization which could assist, ARF would genuinely like to hear from you.

Arbor Day

The Animal Rescue Foundation was among local organizations participating in the first celebration of Arbor Day at the Greenway. On a beautiful day in late February, the community gathered by the Oconee River and our volunteers and dogs were there. Volunteers passed out ARF information, humane education materials, as well as fun activity sheets for children. It was a great day for dog and man!

***Peaceful Pet Crematory
721 South Wilkinson Street***

***Our goals are to support the community
of pet owners by providing a much needed
service locally and to help support ARF.***

***Contact Dianne Johnson, Secretary
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Who We Are

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*Your donations are tax-deductible
and are greatly appreciated.*

*Please mail your check, payable to Animal
Rescue Foundation, to the above address or
donate via PayPal from our website.*

*Have you found ARF on Facebook?
Join our group today!*



For Sale

Show your support for the Animal Rescue Foundation and purchase a white-on-black "Adopt a Pet ... Animal Rescue Foundation" car magnet for \$5.

Coming soon . . . more great ARF T-shirts! Watch our website for the arrival announcement and a description of available colors and sizes.

Adopt a Cat!

The ARF shelter currently has a large number of beautiful adult cats for adoption. Because we are taking in so many kittens, we need to find homes quickly for some of our adult cats. We have lowered the adoption fee for all cats over one year old to only \$75. Please consider adding a noble creature full of wisdom and independence to your family. It will love you and reward you with loyalty.



Hot Weather and Animals

Summertime in Georgia is not a good time to take your precious pets with you as you run errands around town. Only a few short minutes in a broiling car can mean certain death for your pet. Likewise, large dogs riding in the back of trucks do not fare well. The truck bed can become so hot it will literally burn the animal's paws. Please be kind to your pet by leaving it at home.

Adoption Day

April 27, 2010 was a great day for three lucky dogs! On that date Animal Rescue Foundation held an Adoption Day at Animal Hospital. While many of our dogs and cats enjoyed the outing and the special attention from volunteers and prospective adopters, three special puppies found their forever homes. ARF would like to thank Animal Hospital for their support; Bruster's Ice Cream for coming and donating half their proceeds; the *Union Recorder* for the article in the morning paper; and Z-97.7 for their live remote. As always, the event would not have been possible without the assistance of many volunteers.

Woof and Meow Notes

Students at Blandy Hills Elementary, John Milledge Academy, and Oak Hill Middle School collected treats, toys, and supplies for ARF this year. Thank you to all students who graced our animals with kindness.

The Animal Rescue Foundation participated in the Chamber of Commerce *Business Expo* this spring. A great community is a responsible community that cares for its animals.

Three pieces of legislation affecting animal welfare soon become law:

SB131 allows pet owners to provide for their animals in their wills and also allows trusts to be set up for a charitable organization including those for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

HB1106 requires all shelters and rescue groups to scan all household pets within 24 hours of receiving the animal. All animals to be euthanized must also be scanned for microchips. This law should result in more lost animals being returned to their owners.

HB788 ensures that "gas chambers" can no longer be used for euthanizing animals in the State of Georgia.

E-Mail Addresses Needed

ARF needs your e-mail address so that you can receive this newsletter electronically rather than through the postal system. This will save ARF a considerable amount of money which can then be used to take care of the animals. Just send us a note at info@animalrescuefoundation.org. You may also contact us through Facebook or our website, www.animalrescuefoundation.org.

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help us weekdays during the hours we are open – 11 until 2 Mondays and Thursday through Saturday. Can you help with paperwork, reception, cat socializing, and/or dog walking? We also need assistance with fundraisers and special events.

Volunteer with ARF and make new friends!

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Kandis Sawyer plays with Libby, one of the many dogs that participated in the ARF Adoption Day at Animal Hospital of Milledgeville. (Libby was adopted a few weeks later.)