



ARF News

Your humane society

Animal Rescue Foundation, Inc.

December 2007

Dear Santa Claws,

All we want for Christmas is a warm, loving home with lots of toys and people who will take good care of us for the rest of our lives.

Thank you!

The Animals at ARF



Take a loving friend home today—dog or cat, you can't go wrong

We have several beautiful, loving dogs and cats, puppies and kittens, waiting patiently for someone to open their hearts and their homes to beloved new pet. Wouldn't it be **terrific** if all of these precious babies could go home for Christmas this year?

Those who have adopted will tell you that dogs and cats have added tremendous joy to their lives. Visit us today to find a friend for life. ARF's adoption hours are Mondays and Thursday – Saturday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. WE make appointments, too.

Home 4 the Holidays Adoption Campaign—2007 Update

Home 4 the Holidays is a national campaign that encourages **responsible pet adoptions** around the holidays. ARF participates in this campaign and it has always been a success for our animals. Although we still discourage and refuse to adopt pets as gifts, we hope that the holidays will find many of our precious babies in good homes with generous and loving people who will care for them for life.

All dogs and cats available for adoption are pictured and described on our website at <http://animalrescuefoundation.org>. Take a look for yourself and be both a Santa Claus and an angel this Christmas.

Santa Paws Wish Tree

A **big thank you** goes to the Milledgeville Mall and Maggie Stalnaker, Mall Manager, for allowing us to have our Santa Paws Wish Tree at the mall again this year. This is a great way to help the animals. We also have one at ARF and we have an interactive tree on our website. Please stop by our trees—virtually or in person, to see how you can make this Christmas merry for our dogs and cats.



ARF completes dog run addition

ARF's dog run addition is finished, and we have a house full of happy canines. Some additional fine-tuning needs to be done on the runs, and once that's completed, we can continue on our other renovations. These include redoing a room for use as a cat isolation area.

Here's a look at the dog runs:



Each dog run has a Kuranda dog bed for the puppies and dogs to sleep on.

The floor is beige and the walls are medium blue with a stripe of beige in the middle of the wall.



Clicker Training our Dogs

Thanks to a grant from PetsMart, we have three people who train our dogs by the clicker method. Hurb Ingles taught Senior Caregiver Kandis Sawyer and two volunteers, Pavielle Ludlow and Julie Paschall, to be trainers. The goal of training our shelter dogs is to increase their chances of being adopted. Many of these dogs came to us because they were uncontrollable. With clicker training, these dogs now are great companions.

Who We Are

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

***Checks, payable to Animal Rescue
Foundation, may be mailed
to the above address.***

ARF Seeks Special Volunteers

Dog Walkers

Many of our adult dogs are housetrained and would love to go for a walk, and our puppies need to learn how to walk on a leash. **You** can find a friend at ARF's adoption center who really appreciates your time and at the same time, be successful with your New Year's resolution to exercise. **These friendly dogs need you.** Come walk a dog at ARF today.



Cat Socializers

Our cats would love to play with you or be a lap kitty. Our beautiful and loving cats need people to help them perfect their good manners.

**Play time makes our animals more
"adoptable."**

Call 454-1273 for more info.

Come by ARF this holiday season and tell our wonderful caregivers how much you appreciate them. They work very hard and love our cats and dogs.

ARF's Christmas Wish List

This Christmas, we hope you will remember ARF when you are out doing your shopping. In addition to the always welcome cash gifts, the dogs and cats at ARF would appreciate:

- Rolls of paper towels
- New cat and dog toys
- Pet taxis - medium, large and XL
- Garbage bags
- Unscented clay litter
- Laundry detergent
- Dish detergent
- Bleach (for laundry)
- Copier paper
- 6-foot long web leashes
- Harnesses for dogs - all sizes
- Collars for dogs - all sizes



Your time!

- Volunteers to help weekdays during the hours we're open—11 until 2 Mondays and Thursday through Saturday.
- Help with paperwork, reception, cat socializing, dog walking.
- Assistance with fundraisers and special events.



Budget Update

We are busy working on our budget for 2008 (remember, most of the money we have comes from your donations and our fundraisers).

This year began the three year increase in minimum wage. On July 24, 2007, the hourly wage increased to \$5.85 per hour. In July, 2008, wages will be \$6.55 per hour. In 2009, wages will be \$7.25 per hour. While we feel this is wonderful for all who are paid minimum wages, it does put ARF and our budget in a financial crunch.

Our Christmas Wish List is a *shelter needs list* for the entire year. Donations of these everyday essentials can help us save money that can be used for veterinary bills and to pay our caregivers.

“We need volunteers to help with all areas of the shelter, but paid employees are a must,” says President Bobbie Thompson. “Our animals require care on a regularly scheduled basis, and that requires a dedicated, paid staff.”

Fundraising

We are always looking for new ways to raise much needed funds as operating expenses for the shelter. Tell us your ideas and give us a hand with our fundraisers.



It's Membership Renewal Time!

It's time to renew your membership for 2008.

A membership form is included with the newsletter. Please give generously.

**You can also renew online:
<http://animalrescuefoundation.org>
and click on PayPal**



Upcoming Event—Hold the Date
“It’s Reigning Cats and Dogs”
10th Annual ARF Auction
Saturday, March 8, 2008
at the
Milledgeville Country Club

Tickets are \$35 and include heavy hors d’oeuvres.
Tickets are available at ARF, Animal Hospital and Lakeside Veterinary Clinic.
Buy yours now—you don’t want to miss this important event.

Buy a Brick Campaign



To celebrate our upcoming 25th anniversary, we have reopened the *Buy a Brick* campaign. Brick forms are available at ARF and on our website <http://animalrescuefoundation.org>. Bricks are only \$75 each, which includes engraving. We also have two beautiful granite benches available at \$500 each, which also includes engraving. You can see the benches at ARF, in the Commemorative Garden. Buy a brick today to memorialize a special pet or loved one.

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