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# AC ARF - Anderson County Animal Rescue Foundation

*saving lives, serving community*

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**December 2020** - The end of the year is quickly approaching, and this is AC ARF's last newsletter of the year. Covid and the hardships it presented came early and we have all been impacted, including our four-legged loved ones. But even in the midst of the pandemic, AC ARF did not slow down or miss a beat. And our community joined us, stepping up to help us keep up with the immediate needs of our community and its pets. **Paws Up to all of you!**

We are grateful for each and every donation, volunteer and partnership that helped keep us going...and growing this year. Since we don't receive any government funding, what we do would not be possible without your support. Thank you. You made a difference and helped ensure our efforts were successful. Many of you have generously and consistently supported us since our very beginning, and we appreciate your loyalty and commitment to our cause.



*A former community kitten cared for by one of our pantry participants that went to Stray Connection and adopted!*

2020 was a very busy year and we are proud of what we have accomplished. Thanks to supporters and partners 389 **animals received help they needed and deserved.** This is of what you helped make possible. Thank you!

### For the Love of Pets

This is AC ARF's signature program that serves low income Anderson County senior citizens with pets. With support from community, rescues, businesses, organizations and clinics, 324 animals that truly needed help were supported! Thank you! Below is what this program was able to accomplish.

Provided free pet food/supplies to 292 pets belonging to Anderson County seniors (valued at over \$23,500). Provided vet care for 15 dogs, 1 cat and 1 kitten. These pets underwent surgery to spay/neuter, repair torn ligaments, remove tumors, treat for illness and skin conditions, tested and vaccinated. Remember Shadow, Abby, Maggie, Gracie, Trixie, Jasmine, Sasha, DeDo and Rex. Spayed/neutered 16 community cats/kittens; 14 returned to caregivers and 2 placed as barn cats. In total 32 animals in this program received vet care.

### Adopt/Rehome/Rescue/Vet Care

We helped with rescue/vet care for Molly, Shadow, Champ, Grady, Penny, Colt and Kymber, Reba, Luna, Mac, 2 schnauzers, 2 min pins, 2 stray hounds, 2 blue heelers; 3 community kittens and a mama and her 4 kittens. We rescued, vetted and adopted April, an injured an injured Aussie, and helped adopt cats Roscoe/Raphael, Lonesome and Rosie cats. Working together with partners 37 animals were helped, and all are healthier and in homes! **Thank you all!**

### Trap/Neuter/Return

Through our TNR Initiative with Shelter Animals Rescue Group an additional 40 community cats were spayed/neutered. 19 returned to their caregivers, 21 kittens rescued and rehomed. **Paws up to our TNR partners and caretakers!**

### Outreach/Education

This year we offered 4 events to help the public better understand humane values. At the Museum of Appalachia folks learned about Pet Body Language.. At Clinton Middle School students learned about community cats and their needs, and about healthy and safe nutrition for pets. Students participated by making outdoor cat shelters and healthy treats and toys to share.

### FUNDING

We are honored to be recipient of a \$2000 grant from The East Tennessee Foundation. Funds will be used for our For the Love of Pets program This funding is just the boost we needed at this critical time of the year, and AC ARF is so grateful for this award! Finishing strong with your help! Thank you ETF!



### Looking Forward to 2021!

AC ARF is a small but committed rescue. We will continue to grow and develop programs that help our community and its animals. We are already planning for our next Pet Expo, so stay tuned and join us in 2021!

What is your New Year's resolution? Perhaps adding a new furry family member, or volunteering with a rescue? Whatever your resolutions, we hope they include AC ARF! We will be still be here doing all we can for the animals that need us the most, and hope you will join us. We can do so much more we come together!

We wish that you, your family and your companion animals enjoy a happy and safe holiday season and a bright and joyful new year together.

## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

We love our friends at **AgriFeed Pet Supplies**. This community-minded, family-owned local pet supply store believes in giving back. AgriFeed has promoted our Pet Pantry to its customers, served as a center for donations, and donated thousands of pounds of food to the pantry since it first began. AgriFeed, thank you for having a heart for pets and for your commitment to helping us build a humane community.

Hats off to **Pet Supermarket** on the Clinton Highway for hosting a second Food Drive for the pantry in November! The food you and your customers donated this year helped keep the pantry going. Thank you so much!



There are earth angels helping AC ARF. In August, Amber rescued two stray puppies that were just coming down with Parvo. Those of you with any experience with this virus know how serious it is and difficult to treat. The Clinton Animal Hospital helped with vet services at the clinic, and AC ARF with expenses, but these puppies needed round the clock care to survive. Amber nursed Colt and Kymber through the virus and until they were ready to go to the Humane Society of TN Valley and on to be adopted. These were innocent puppies, and it takes tremendous courage to treat, watch their transformation, and then let them go. It's bittersweet. Then Amber found another puppy abandoned and starving. Reba was nursed back to health and transferred to American Cattle Dog Association ready to find her home. Working together saved these puppies and gave them a future. Thank you Amber!



### Partners and Volunteers

We really cannot thank our partners and volunteers enough for their ongoing support. You are amazing! There are so many stories we could tell, but here is one that shows how working together saves lives. It's a story about puppy love, dedication and courage.

## WAYS YOU CAN HELP

We realize there are many wonderful organizations asking for financial support this time of year, but hope there is room in your heart for the dogs and cats AC ARF helps. These pets need us, and we need you. There are many ways to help.

**Donate Funds** Monetary donations are essential to AC ARF. Donations are tax deductible and every dollar contributes to make our work possible. Donations can be made on our website or Facebook pages, or the enclosed donation card can be mailed to PO Box 181, Clinton, TN 37717.

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**Donate Food/Supplies.** Food insecurity is very real in our region. Helping supply our pet pantry ensures that pet owners won't have to make a choice between feeding themselves and feeding their pets.

### Donate at a Pantry Collection Center

These businesses serve as a donation collection center. We are grateful for all donations, including food in damaged or dated packaging, dented cans, and even partially used dry food bags that your pet didn't care for, and we pick up and distribute donations regularly. These businesses also contribute food/supplies to the pantry. By shopping with them you will let them know you also appreciate their support for animals in need.

#### in Clinton

Clinton Animal Hospital 730 N Charles Seivers Blvd  
Anderson Farmers Coop 110 Charles Seivers Blvd  
Norris Animal Hospital, 15-2683 Andersonville Hwy  
Take Charge Fitness, 1921 N. Charles Seivers Blvd  
Southern Bank of Tennessee, 151 E Broad St.

#### in Knoxville

Agri Feed Pet Supply, 10621 Kingston Pike  
Agri Feed Pet Supply, 5716 Middlebrook Pike  
Pet Supermarket, Clinton Hwy, 6704 Clinton Hwy

**Donate food & supplies from our Wish Lists** at Amazon.com and Chewy.com and have your donations delivered directly to us.

**Shop Online on Amazon.** Help by doing your normal shopping at Amazon.com. We participate in AmazonSmile, and when you select AC ARF as your charity, Amazon donates .05% of your purchases to AC ARF.

**Shop online or in person at Kroger** Kroger's Giveback program sends a percentage of the sale when you select AC ARF as your charity, and it costs you nothing.

**Get Social** - Social media is a powerful way to spread information about us. Please "Like" our Facebook page and share our posts. Find us at

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**IRA Charitable Rollover.** Those over 70 1/2 can donate funds from an IRA and save tax. Taxable income is reduced by amount donated. Neither the income amount nor the charitable deduction appears on tax return.