



AC ARF - saving lives, serving community

Anderson County Animal Rescue Foundation

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FEATURE:

SHADOW AND HER NEW LIFE OF SERVICE



Shadow was rescued from a life of living on a chain without adequate food or shelter. Even through this, we knew Shadow was special and could make a difference for someone. So AC ARF contacted Train a Dog Save a Warrior (TADSAW). This is a wonderful organization that works to train service dogs with veterans with specific needs and, at no cost to the veteran.



Shadow was accepted into TADSAW's program and is now progressing in her training to become a Certified Service Dog for a very special veteran who suffers from PTSD. The veteran and his family are so grateful for Shadow, and Shadow is very happy to have a family who loves and takes care of her. Truly a win-win for all and a testament to how rescues networking help those in need.

FOR THE LOVE OF PETS PANTRY



For the Love of Pets Pantry is a needs-based pet pantry helping keep low income seniors and their pets together, and reducing the number of animals surrendered to shelters.

AC ARF partners with SARG, local rescues, businesses and vet clinics to collect and distribute over 1000 pounds of dog and cat food **every month** (not including canned food, treats and other supplies). The program currently supports over 60 low income seniors and 200 pets. We are thankful for all the volunteers and students who help keep the pantry going.

The Covid19 epidemic has affected our food supply and we are running low. Please let our seniors know we have not forgotten them and their pets by donating online through our Facebook page @ Anderson County Animal Rescue Foundation or by sending a check payable to AC ARF to PO Box 181, Clinton TN 37717. Thank you.

EDUCATION:

AFTER SCHOOL TRAINING CLINTON MIDDLE SCHOOL



On Mar 5 we held our first class "Caring for Homeless Cats" for an after school program at Clinton Middle School, and talked about the needs of community cats. We helped them build outdoor shelters for homeless cats; the shelters will be distributed to low income seniors feeding homeless cats.



AC ARF plans to conduct monthly classes and workshops at Clinton Middle..



UPCOMING EVENTS

Anderson County Pet Expo – April 22, 2020 at Museum of Appalachia
Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details!

We are planning for our next Annual Pet Expo in Anderson County. Interested in participating this year? Call Katrina at 865-414-2491.

OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

We use training modules and workshops to help educate kids on the importance of animal welfare, nutrition, preventative care, etc. In March we began a series at Clinton Middle School (see p1). We also work with our county seniors with pets, providing support and guidance on pet care and responsible ownership, as well

PET SAFETY NET PROGRAMS:

Helping pet owners experiencing challenges care for their pets.

Retain / Rehome

This quarter we rehomed 11 pets, including Shadow, adopted and now in training to become a Certified Service Dog for a veteran (story on p1). Shadow is now a happy and healthy girl with a purpose. Just look at her smile!



For the Love of Pets Pantry - AC ARF continues to distribute over 1000 pounds of pet food monthly to low income seniors. We are so grateful to our partners helping gather donations. AgriFeed Pet Supply, Clinton Animal Hospital, Clinton Farmer's Co-op, Norris Animal Hospital, Petsupermarket, Southern Bank of TN and Take Charge Fitness - we couldn't do this without you!

PET SAFETY NET

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Retain / Rehome

Transport - 9 puppies were transported to two different locations via GoNorth this past quarter, and are already in their forever homes. Thank you GoNorth for giving so many dogs their freedom ride to a happy life in a loving permanent home!



AC ARF found a loving home and provided health care for Maggie, a cat discarded by her previous owners.



RETAIN / REHOME

Health Care

Two of our Pet Pantry's low income seniors had pets needing surgery; in January, Gracie's ACL was repaired and in February Abby's mammary tumors were removed. Both dogs are doing well and back at home with their loving families!



Spay/Neuter/Vaccination

Spay/Neuter/Vaccinate - AC ARF is determined to do all it can to ensure that all pets are altered and vaccinated. In partnership with SARG, the 2020 **TNR Low Income Clinton Senior Citizen Initiative** will focus on trapping community cats being cared for by our low income senior citizens so they can be spayed/neutered/vaccinated and released back to their homes. We have identified over 40 cats that will be part of this initial program. **Many thanks to AgriFeed Pet Supplies** for helping sponsor this program with cat traps.