

## AC ARF – Anderson County Animal Rescue Foundation saving lives, serving community

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Education

We had several opportunities for our educational outreach programs in 2022! We started with our Paws for a Cause fundraising event where we showcased several demonstrations related to animal welfare. We also participated in the



We also participated in the 2022 Farm Day Event at the Fairgrounds in Clinton. We got to teach over 325 Anderson County third graders about responsibilities for pet ownership. The sooner we can teach our youth about that, the better off we all will be!





And we can't forget our kids in the PAWS group at Clinton

Middle School who work with us to not only learn about animal welfare, but also contribute to helping the animals in our community!

### **Community Cat Initiative**



To date, we have vaccinated & spayed/neutered a total of 351 cats/kittens through our Community Cat Initiative with SARG. And, as part of this program, we rescued and rehomed 148 kittens/cats! For 2022 only, we have vaccinated & spayed/neutered 173 cats/kittens and rehomed 54! We appreciate our partnerships with SARG and HSTV to be able to continue our progress to help community cats in our area. PLEASE SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR PETS! Paws up to our TNR partners and caretakers!

2022 was a very busy year and we are proud of what we have accomplished! Thanks to supporters and partners approximately 700 animals **received help they needed and deserved.** That is an increase of almost 30% from 2021! This is what you helped make possible. Thank you!



This is AC ARF's signature program that serves low income Anderson County senior citizens with pets. In 2022, in partnership with SARG, we supported over 350 dogs and cats belonging to low income senior citizens in Anderson County through our For the Love of Pets Pantry program. Through this program, we distributed approximately 21,000 lbs of dry pet food in 2022, excluding canned foods and treats also distributed each month. This was an increase of 21% from 2021. Our pet pantry program

For the Love of Pets Pantry

is a staple of our community and is appreciated by so many who just need a little help to ensure that their loving pets are healthy, happy and at home where they belong! These pets are family to their owners and, for so many, the only family they have. Please see how you can help by donating pet food to our pet pantry in the "Ways You Can Help" section of our newsletter.

## Adopt/Rehome/Rescue/Vet Care

We have helped low income families pay for vet care and medical treatment for their pets. In 2022, we paid over \$10,000 to help with medical treatment for 122 dogs and cats in our community. This is over double the number of pets helped in 2021. Many of these animals would not have survived without our help and the help of Clinton Animal Hospital! In fact, we couldn't do what we do without the help and support of Clinton Animal Hospital! **Thank you!** We also found new homes for 29 dogs and cats so that they did not have to be surrendered to the shelter





Come and enjoy local vendors, food trucks, K9 demonstrations, adoptions on site through East TN shelters & rescues and more!



Help us raise funds to help our community pets & their people!

# **COMMUNITY NEEDS - MEDICAL TREATMENTS**

#### Several of our low income citizens needed a little help to make sure their pets stayed healthy and at home!



Nova was a stray who had wandered up to a business looking like she needed help. She was in labor, but no one knew for how long. Knowing that she wouldn't survive if left alone, Nova was rushed to CAH where

she underwent emergency surgery to remove her 10 dead puppies, then spayed and given antibiotics to ward off impending infection. Nova was adopted by her rescuers and is now living happily in a warm house with a family of her own!

**Mr. Tuffie** is an adorable little kitten who was found without a mom and in dire need of help. His rescuer bottle fed him and nursed him back to health. We



pitched in to help with vaccinations and treatment for his ear infection and ear mites. He's now doing great and is being fostered until he finds his forever home.



**Hockey** belongs to a low income family in Anderson County. After suffering a fall, Hockey lost the feeling in his back legs and could no longer use them to walk. While he scoots around happily in his home, we wanted to see if we could help. X-rays revealed no broken bones, so he is on steroids to see if he can regain some feeling and use of his legs. Please send positive thoughts & prayers for Hockey as he continues treatment!

Zelda belongs to a low income family in Anderson County and she is the light of her mama's life! Zelda accidentally got out of an open door and went down to the road to investigate. Unfortunately, she was hit by an oncoming car before her owners could get there to retrieve her. She was taken to Clinton Animal Hospital where she was treated for a broken



leg. Luckily, no other injuries were found! She is now at home where she is recuperating and being spoiled rotten!

We also provided Vet Care for 13 additional dogs (Freya, Bella, Gemini, Aqua, Charlie, Willie, Skylar, Tiny, Angel, Rambo, Boo Boo, Onyx and Cooper) and 16 additional cats (Stormy and her 4 kittens, Moonshine and her 5 kittens, Sky, Tiger, Simba, Cat, and Beans).

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.

## WAYS YOU CAN HELP

#### 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 Anderson County

PetSmart in Oak Ridge, 203 E Main St. Clinton Animal Hospital 730 N 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.