



# AC ARF – Anderson County Animal Rescue Foundation

*saving lives, serving community*

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## WORKING TOGETHER

This is a story about a dog who was left to die on the side of the road, the people who worked to save him and the community who came together to make sure he lives the life he deserves!



This is Sully, He was just a baby when he was found in a ditch on the side of the road by a passerby.

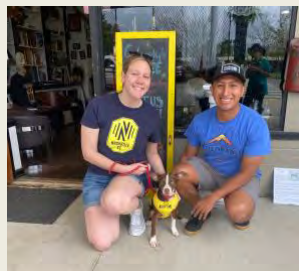
Knowing he would not survive if left there, Sully

was rushed to Clinton Animal Hospital where they immediately started treatment to save him. He was cold, lifeless, infested with fleas and parasites, and had severe mange. But they didn't stop there. They kept him until he was healthy! They fostered him in personal homes of CAH employees. They loved him. They gave him a chance. This is Sully now.

But the story doesn't end there! Sully needed a home of his own. His perfect home with his perfect family! We worked with CAH and our community to find them. A very special lady started



taking Sully to Carden Farm Dog Park to help his social skills with other dogs as well as to show other dog lovers what a sweetheart this baby was! And, it didn't hurt that he got to run off some of his newly found puppy energy at the park! Sully made lots of friends, and he also found his perfect family. Their dog needed a brother and Sully was the perfect fit! So, the happy ending to this story is just getting started! Sully found his



perfect family and he is living his best life! And all because so many in our community decided to work together to make this one puppy's life a little brighter! Just think what else we could do if we all work together?

*"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."*

--Henry Ford

**2023 is continuing to be very busy! We're continuing our For the Love of Pets Pantry program and community cat spay/neuter programs with SARG as well as providing vet care and pet help to other low income citizens in Anderson County. We want to keep our community pets out of the shelter and at home where they belong! We've also worked on rehoming pets, when necessary, to provide a safe and loving home for those in need.**

### For the Love of Pets Pantry

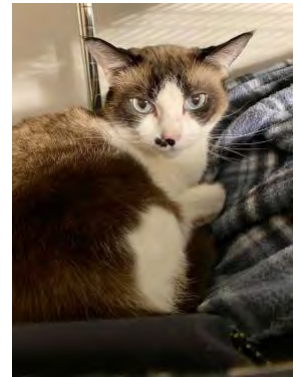


This is AC ARF's signature program that serves low income Anderson County senior citizens with pets. In partnership with SARG, we support over 350 dogs and cats belonging to low income senior citizens in Anderson County each month. Through this program, we have distributed over 5900 lbs. of pet food from May-Aug 2023 (over 12,600 lbs YTD), excluding canned

each month. Our pet pantry program has become a staple of our community as we continue to add new families in need each month. These pets are family to their owners and, for so many, the only family they have.

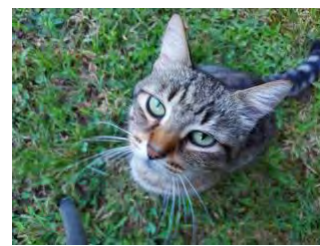
### Adopt/Rehome/Rescue/Vet Care

In May-Aug 2023, we sponsored required medical treatment for 32 dogs and cats in our community. These pets belong to low income citizens in Anderson County who needed a little help in making sure their pets received the care they needed! We also found new homes for 10 dogs and cats so that they did not have to be surrendered to the shelter.



### Trap/Neuter/Return

In May-Aug 2023, we spayed/neutered/vaccinated a total of 72 cats/kittens through our Community Cat Initiative with SARG. This was a 63% increase from the first four months of this year! And, as part of this program, we rescued and rehomed 16 kittens/cats! 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!



# COMMUNITY NEEDS - MEDICAL TREATMENTS

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



**Barto's** owner brought him to CAH because he was losing his hair due to excessive fleas. He also had a swollen ear causing much pain and discomfort.

She couldn't afford to pay the vet bill and her request for CareCredit was denied. CAH referred her to us and he was treated for fleas, given antibiotics for his skin and had surgery to repair an aural hematoma on his ear. He is now back at home enjoying his retirement years as he should! ❤️



**Cole** was rescued from the railroad tracks behind Sweet P's Snowcone Shack in Clinton by a kind soul. He had tremendous damage to his tail, was covered in fleas and ants and was lifeless. He was taken to CAH and diagnosed with a broken pelvis and other lacerations which were infested with maggots. He was treated at CAH for several days before going home with his rescuers to

heal. He is on seizure meds, but is otherwise healthy, neutered, and finally at home with his rescue family who adopted him as their own! ❤️

**Patches** was an older fellow who had an extremely large tumor on his back leg. He was taken to CAH for surgery to remove the mass. It turned out that the mass was too large and had too many blood vessels to remove safely, so



Patches was sent home with meds for pain. When it was time, his owner called us and we paid for Patches to cross the rainbow bridge safely, humanely and with his owner holding him as he crossed. Rest in peace sweet Patches. ❤️

**BEFORE:**



**AFTER:**



**Maxx** and **Blue** were surrendered to AC ARF after their owners lost their home in a fire. In addition to being homeless, both dogs tested high positive for heartworms. The living conditions for these boys was deplorable and we knew that we had to help. The owners were not in a position to care for them, especially with their poor health condition. They agreed to surrender them to us so that we could provide heartworm treatment, vaccinations, and neuters when they are healthy enough. Both boys are in excellent foster homes where they are going through heartworm treatment, getting lots of love and learning how to enjoy the benefits of living inside with a family. ❤️

We also provided Vet Care for 10 additional dogs and 17 cats and helped to rehome 4 dogs and 5 cats. A big Thank You to HSTV for help in rehoming!

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

**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, 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, 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

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.  
PetSmart Oak Ridge, 203 E Main 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 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. Contact us if interested and we can help!