



# 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 2023! We started with our Paws for a Cause fundraising event where we showcased several demonstrations related to animal welfare.

We also participated in the 2023 Farm Day Event at the Fairgrounds in Clinton. We got to teach over 325 Anderson County third graders about the importance of pet heartworm prevention. The sooner we can teach our youth about animal welfare, the better off we will be!



And we can't forget our kids in the PAWS group at Clinton Middle School! A great group who supports our rescue and the animals in Anderson County!

## Community Cat Initiative

To date, we have vaccinated & spayed/neutered a total of 591 cats/kittens through our Community Cat Initiative with SARG. And, as part of this program, we rescued and rehomed 148 kittens/cats! For 2023 only, we have vaccinated & spayed/neutered 179 cats/kittens and rehomed 6! 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!**



2023 is in the books and we are proud of what we have accomplished! Thanks to supporters and partners over 700 animals **received help they needed and deserved**. But there is so much more to do and so many more needing help! This is what you helped make possible. Thank you!

## 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 6200 lbs. of pet food from Sept-Dec 2023 (approximately 20,000 lbs for the year), excluding canned foods and treats also

distributed each month. Our pet 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 help low income families pay for vet care, medical treatment and spay/neuter for their pets. In 2023, we paid over \$14,000 to help with medical treatment for 120 dogs and cats in our community (67 dogs and cats from Sept-Dec). **A 30% increase from last year!** 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 128 dogs and cats in 2023 so that they did not have to be surrendered to the shelter (44 dogs and cats from Sept-Dec).



**Come and enjoy local vendors, food trucks, educational demos, adoptions on site through East TN shelters & rescues and more!**



*Contact us if you are interested in being a sponsor or vendor for this event! We have a new "Early Bird" discount for vendors and rescues who apply before 3/15.*

# COMMUNITY NEEDS - MEDICAL TREATMENTS

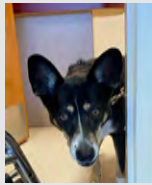
Several of our low income citizens needed a little help to make sure their pets stayed healthy and at home!



**Champ** was surrendered to the shelter after he had been shot in his front leg. Knowing he would need extensive medical care, we pulled him from the shelter and found a wonderful foster

who would give him love and a safe place to heal. His leg was shattered from the bullet and required amputation. True to his name, Champ never missed a beat with 3 legs and is now an active, playful, loving boy! And, his foster knew that he had found his forever home and made it official through adoption! ❤️

**Sugar** is a 14 yr. old girl and is the "service dog" of a low income disabled lady in Anderson County. She is also her best friend and the only



family she has. Sugar was experiencing incontinence but, after a visit to Norris Animal Hospital, she is now doing great! And, she's back home taking care of her mom! 💙



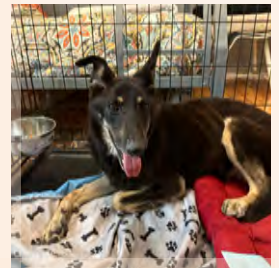
**Max, Bailey and Daisy** were abandoned when their family moved and left them in a muddy, dirty outside pen. Luckily, we found wonderful fosters who were willing to help these poor babies until we could get them vetted and



find forever homes. Daisy is currently undergoing heartworm treatment, but Max and Baily were negative for heartworms and only required vaccinations and basic vet care. It never ceases to amaze us how resilient and how forgiving dogs are! If humans

could be more like dogs the world would be a better place! All 3 pups are now happily living inside with their loving, forever families (2 were foster fails)! 💛

**Macy** is a very special girl who needs a very patient, loving owner. She was rescued from the shelter when she was suspected of having parvo. She didn't have parvo and recovered quickly once she was dewormed. However, she hasn't had anyone to love until now, and she is just now learning how to trust. Her foster mom is amazing and Macy has come so far in learning how to love and be loved, and just be a dog. If you need a special girl in your life, you need Macy! 💛



We also provided Vet Care for 19 additional dogs (Sami, Sarge, Sassy, Molly, Mary Jane, Scruffy, and 13 puppies) and 13 additional cats (Endora, Neyland, Charlie, Little Joe, and 9 kittens).

## 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 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.  
Anderson Farmers Co-op, 110 S Charles Seivers Blvd

#### in Knoxville

Agri Feed Pet Supply, 10621 Kingston Pike  
Agri Feed Pet Supply, 5716 Middlebrook Pike  
Pet Supermarket, Clinton Hwy, 6704 Clinton Hwy  
Powell Pet Food and Supply, 2309 W Emory Rd

**Donate food & supplies from our Wish Lists** at Amazon.com and Chewy.com. Donate food to be delivered directly for our pet pantry!

**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.