

# Tails of the heart

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THE NEWSLETTER OF ANIMAL RESCUE RHODE ISLAND

## Unconditional Love

Harley arrived from South Carolina this past May through our Bark and Ride transport program. This sweet girl had already had a tough life, at just 3 years old she was found as a stray and had been treated for heartworm disease; she was now ready to come to Rhode Island in hopes of finding her forever home at last.

Shortly after her arrival, Harley developed a cough and labored breathing. At first thought to be a severe case of kennel cough or possible pneumonia she was placed on antibiotics. When her condition didn't improve she was sent to Ocean State Veterinary Services for additional x-rays and an echocardiogram, which is an ultrasound of her heart. It was then Harley was diagnosed with mild pulmonary hypertension, along with a mild heart enlargement. Her clinical signs are likely secondary to continued lung disease caused by the severity of her previously treated heartworm disease. Unfortunately, Harley was a stray, so we do not know how long she carried this disease prior to being found and treated.

At this time, the shelter was faced with obstacles and concerns however, we were not going to give up on her. Harley needed to remain on exercise restriction; short walks and she could not overexert herself playing with other dogs. She also needed to be kept indoors on very humid days. We noticed that too much excitement or severe heat led to her coughing and wheezing, similar to



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asthma in humans. We also did not know her long term prognosis and she would need to be monitored regularly by a cardiologist. Through all of this, Harley was a trooper, now we just needed to find an understanding family so she could live out her life and follow her dream of a forever home.

ARRI staff was determined, but we certainly knew it wasn't going to be an easy task, or so we thought until we received an email from Katherine and Philip. They had fallen in love with her picture and even more so with her personality when they met her, they also didn't turn their back when they heard her story. When told about her unknown



prognosis, they responded with "We will give her the best life for however long she has". When asked why they chose her? Katherine said "Why not, she deserves a home just like any other dog" and Philip had his own health issues so he could relate to her. This happy ending was truly a match made in heaven.



*Harley's first night home*



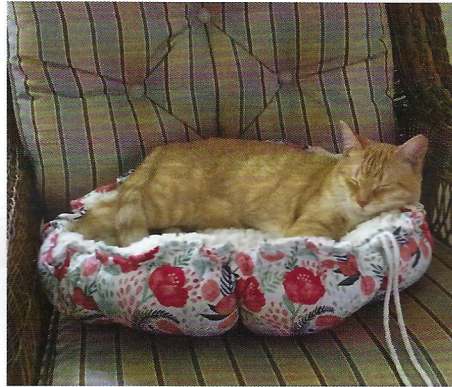
Hi All,

Here is a picture of Axel. He is awesome and loves my dog Drake. He has such a wonderful temperament and thinks he is a dog! I couldn't have found a better fit. I can't thank you enough.

This is my new bed and me with some of my toys. I've taken over in my new home and haven't yet found an open window that I don't love. The big black cat doesn't like me much, but I'm working on her! We pretty much stay away from each other.

Hope you are all well, say hi to everyone for me.

Tom



Lemmy (formerly Mo) wanted to say hi. He's getting to be a big boy, almost one! He loves playing with all dogs he meets and he sure loves squirrels and treats. He didn't dress up for Halloween because he hates clothes. He wanted to say hi to his brothers from his litter wherever they are.

## PET TIPS

**KEEPING YOUR DOG FROM JUMPING ON GUESTS** — To keep your dog from jumping on guests simply put your dog on leash when they arrive so you have control, and instruct your guest not to pay attention to the dog until he/she calms down. This will normally only take a minute or two. Once the dog is in a calm state then and only then do you let the dog say hello.

Bob Midwood, Behaviorist  
ARRI K-9 ACADEMY  
AND GOLDEN DOG TRAINING

BEHAVIOR

**POOP, STOOL, POTTY** — CALL IT WHAT YOU WILL — is a really important indicator to our dog's health and we should all be paying closer attention to it.

How often does your dog have a bowel movement in a day?

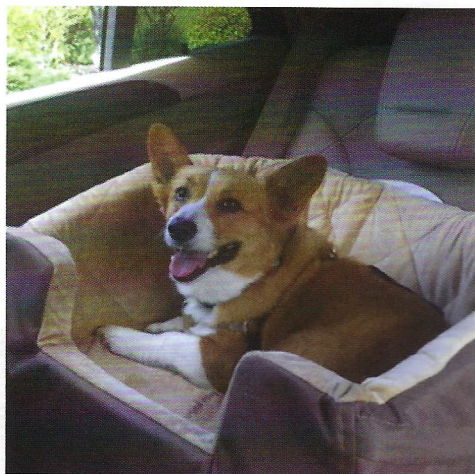
Is it voluminous? Is it firm? Is it more the consistency of soft-serve ice cream? All of these factors are indicators that we should not ignore as responsible pet parents.

Did you know that if your dog has consistently soft-serve type poop— there is a high possibility that his/her anal glands are not getting released appropriately, if at all. The non-elimination of these glands, which are normally expressed during a firm bowel movement, can cause problems for their body and frustrate us with the famous "rug scoot" or inappropriate smelly expression that always seems to occur on our favorite lounging spot. If your dog suffers from soft-serve stool, one way to help their body correct itself (so anal gland expression happens naturally and at the appropriate time) is to add organic, unsweetened apple sauce to their food. In only a few days time, you will notice firmer stool. Make sure to only use organic and unsweetened apple sauce as any sugar or residual pesticides from the fruit skin may worsen the issue.

Johnna Devereaux  
CANINE & FELINE NUTRITIONIST  
AND OWNER OF FETCH RI

NUTRITION

## Happy Endings



Hello Animal Rescue Family,

Precious little Rizzo has become the star of the show around our house. We feel so very happy that she was allowed to come to us. Thank you a thousand times over to all of you! Here is a recent photo of her in her new car seat (so she can actually see out the window) We love her! All our best to you,

Barbara Burke and family



We adopted Luna on 5/22. As you can see she is so comfortable in her home. We are so thrilled to have her as the newest member of our family!



Hi all, it's Brady (RED),

I wanted to let you all know that I had a great first week in my forever home. I met Dexter, a neighborhood boxer, and we played so hard! I go for daily walks and I love walking on the beach so much!! My tail goes right up and I sniff everything! During the day when the humans are at work I'm a good boy and I mostly sleep all day. They say they watch me on camera! In the evening I take allllll the toys out of the toy box and scatter them around me. I started playing tug a little bit with my sister Happy and the humans too. Sometimes I give kisses now! Overall I smile a lot now and I love to do zoomies in the yard and chase squirrels. I can sit and I listen to my new name and I mostly come when called. I'm told in November I start obedience class whatever that means.

Anyhow that's all for now,  
LOVE to you all,  
BRADY



Hi,

I adopted my cat Owen from you guys on Sept. 23 last year. I just wanted to give an update on his adopt-a-versary :) My husband and I love him SO MUCH and he has become great friends with his cat brother Hansel and his black lab sister Pepper. Attached is a picture of our cuddly love bug.

Thanks for all that you guys do at ARRI!  
Nellie K



Hi!

I wanted to share a few pics of Zephyr (Aslan as we renamed him) We adopted him in February and we are in love with him, he's our happiness; he's our joy! We wanted to thank you for giving us the opportunity to adopt and give Aslan a home.

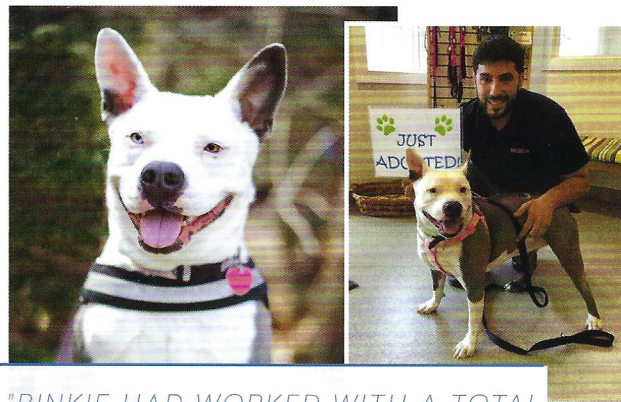
Angela and Edwin

# The Story of Binkie

Binkie has not had the easiest life; she was bounced around from home to home, before turning up in a local shelter with heartworm disease. That was when ARRI stepped in to help. Binkie was transferred to our shelter where she received the necessary medical care she needed at our local vet.

Little did she know there was more good news about to come her way. Susan Parker, owner of Dynamic Dog Training and Paws from the Heart Pet Therapy had contacted ARRI in search of a dog to pilot a new program at a nearby prison. Immediately Binkie came to mind. While recovering from her heartworm treatments, this happy-go-lucky girl became a staff favorite with her eagerness to please and her never ending love of belly rubs.

The goal of this community outreach program called C.A.R.E.S, was



Anthony with Binkie, who he now calls Gracie.

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to serve as rehabilitation for inmates and to give back to the community by teaching inmates love and respect, and in Binkie's case, training skills that will benefit her long term. Susan had initiated the program using her own dog Teddy to iron out the kinks, but this was the first experience with a shelter dog. Our worries were quickly put to rest after Binkie's first visit because according to Susan "Binkie walked

right in like she owned the place", which was no surprise and typical fashion for this fun loving and confident girl. During her time at the prison, Binkie had worked with a total of 5 inmates and earned her B.A. in "My Dog has C.L.A.S.S", otherwise known as Canine Life and Social Skills. This is an educational program for the life of the dog to promote training focused on the use of positive reinforcement and to strengthen relationships between humans and their canine companions. Binkie's time at the prison had come to an end when she was adopted this past May by a gentleman named Anthony, who has since renamed her Gracie and has said "She is the perfect dog", which we couldn't agree more!



Mike, Fatima, Noah, Emma + Charlie



Chatham, Althea, Ashton, Logan + Hunter



Kristen, Rebecca, Bobby, Rylie + Opie



Aly, Nick + Major & Colt



Elizabeth, Morgan + Estaban and Evan

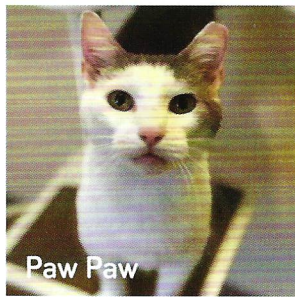


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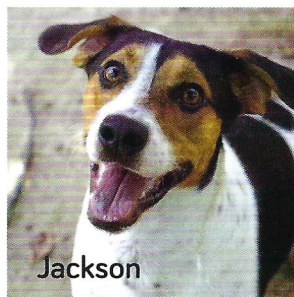
Some of our recently adopted friends from Animal Rescue Rhode Island!



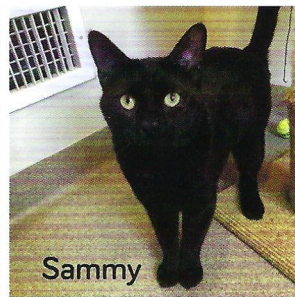
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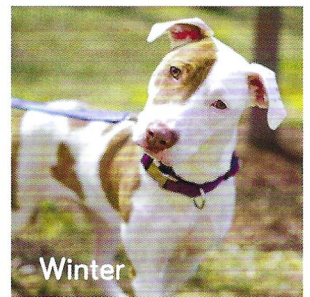
Paw Paw



Jackson



Sammy



Winter

## Join ARRI's Comfort Dog Team!



Does your dog love to meet new people? Do people love your dog's company and gravitate to him/her? Are you interested in taking your dog to more public places?

You and your dog might be good candidates for ARRI's comfort dog team! Any breed, size or age dog can become a comfort dog. All that is required is a friendly personality and some basic behavior skills. Comfort dogs are in demand at schools, rehab facilities, nursing homes and even at airports!

To be certified as a comfort dog, dogs need to pass two classes: Canine Good Citizen (CGC) and Comfort Dog training. Both classes are taught at ARRI by Susan Parker of Dynamic Dog Training. Our next CGC class begins soon.

Call the ARRI shelter at 401-783-7606 for more information or to sign up.

*Pictured above: Annabelle (left) and Max (right) are part of ARRI's comfort dog team.*

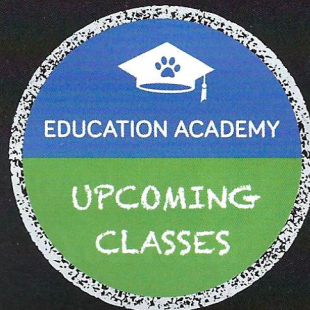
## Upcoming Events



### Holiday Photos at ARRI!

*December 9th, 2018*

Holiday photos of you and your pet, taken with winter wonderland scenery or with Jeffrey, a giant stuffed dog, generously donated by Job Lot! Photography generously donated by Susan Bedard. Proceeds to benefit the ARRI shelter. More details to come.



### Golden Dog Training

- Bringing a Rescue Dog Home
- Puppy Preschool
- Well-Mannered Dog class
- Loose Leash Walking
- Ask The Trainer (Open Session)

*Course by Bob Midwood and Wanda Loedts*

### Dynamic Dog Training and Paws of the Heart

- Trick Dog Class
- Canine Good Citizen Class and Canine Life and Social Skills (C.L.A.S.S.)
- Nose Works

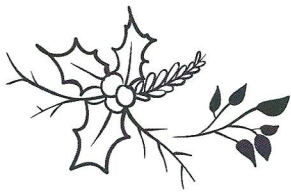
*Course by Susan Parker*



Contact Jennifer Gebar, ARRI Shelter Manager for dates, times and to register

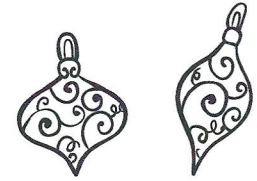
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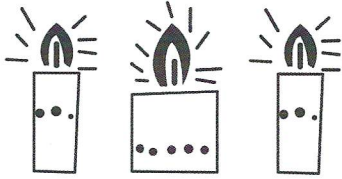


## HOLIDAY TIPS FROM THE ASPCA

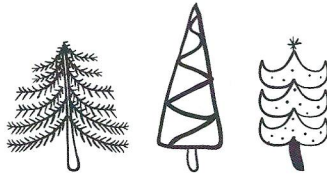
**AVOID MISTLETOE & HOLLY:** Holly, when ingested, can cause pets to suffer nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Mistletoe can cause gastrointestinal upset and cardiovascular problems. And many varieties of lilies can cause kidney failure in cats if ingested. Opt for just-as-jolly artificial plants made from silk or plastic, or choose a pet-safe bouquet.



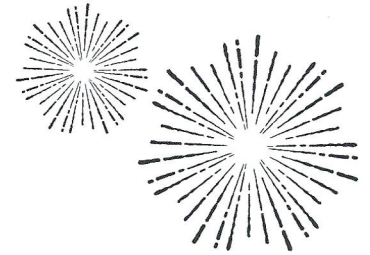
**WIRED UP:** Keep wires, batteries and glass or plastic ornaments out of paws' reach. A wire can deliver a potentially lethal electrical shock and a punctured battery can cause burns to the mouth and esophagus, while shards of breakable ornaments can damage your pet's mouth and digestive tract.



**THAT HOLIDAY GLOW:** Don't leave lit candles unattended. Pets may burn themselves or cause a fire if they knock candles over. Be sure to use appropriate candle holders, placed on a stable surface. And if you leave the room, put the candle out!



**OH, CHRISTMAS TREE:** Securely anchor your Christmas tree so it doesn't tip and fall, causing possible injury to your pet. This will also prevent the tree water—which may contain fertilizers that can cause stomach upset—from spilling. Stagnant tree water is a breeding ground for bacteria, and your pet could end up with nausea or diarrhea should he imbibe.



**NEW YEAR'S NOISE:** As you count down to the new year, please keep in mind that strings of thrown confetti can get lodged in a cat's intestines, if ingested, perhaps necessitating surgery. Noisy poppers can terrify pets and cause possible damage to sensitive ears. And remember that many pets are also scared of fireworks, so be sure to secure them in a safe, escape-proof area as midnight approaches.

**A ROOM OF THEIR OWN:** Give your pet his own quiet space to retreat to—complete with fresh water and a place to snuggle. Shy pups and cats might want to hide out under a piece of furniture, in their crate or in a separate room away from the hubbub.



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