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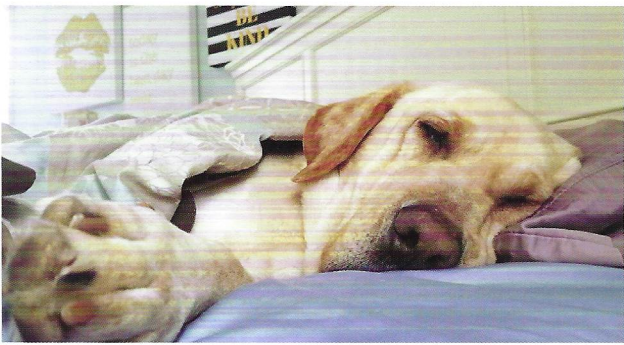
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Major Deserved a Better Life...

Major came from a life of breeding and neglect. His entire life was lived outside in a pen, never to have known the warmth of indoors or the love and devotion of a family. Luckily, an alert outsider had noticed Major, his mate Rosa and daughter Victoria living in horrid conditions and alerted authorities.

Immediately after rescue he was brought to the vet for evaluation. He was found to be high heartworm positive, was bald from years of fleas with no treatment and was extremely emaciated. His skin was very tough and was compared to that of an elephant by his rescuer. It took a total of 2 months to rid his body of parasites and another 2 months to pack on weight, so much so he is now affectionately known as "Major Chunks".



Despite his horrific past, his spirit has never been shattered. He has been adopted locally to a loving family where we are told he is making



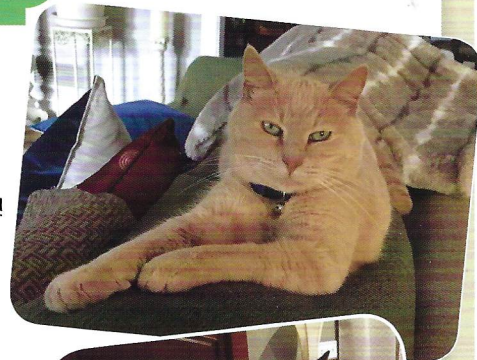
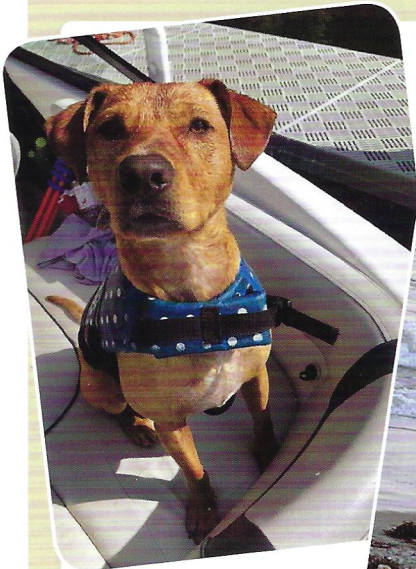
them laugh nonstop. He has learned to retrieve the neighbor's dog's toys and bring them back home and will howl when he hears a siren on TV, a great party trick we are told the kids like to show off every chance they get.

His family has said he is an 8 year old puppy learning everything he can from his four legged brother. According to his mom Erin,

"He is sweet, snuggly and very proud of himself when he learns something new. We are looking forward too many more years of spoiling him and letting him live the good life!"



Happy Endings



Hi Guys! Big updates:
I have fallen in love with the car,
beach, lake and hiking!
And I still find some time to cuddle my pawrents
- Love Opie aka Gawain

Orlando the Cat Dog!
Orlando has been with us for 10 months and he is living his best life! He took awhile to find a home he approved of but we seem to fit the bill, he certainly reigns over his kingdom.

He loves his big brother Seamie, our German Shepherd, they like to cuddle but only when Orlando allows it. He is very goofy and loving and can talk up a storm. His days are spent hanging on the deck in his catio or lazing on the hammock in the window, he likes to go for walks with his harness and leash. He is a force to be reckoned with but we love him to bits!

- Ann Marie



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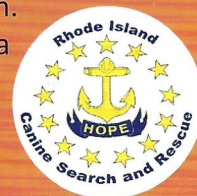


Charlie & Leila

On May 4th, ARRI alumni **Charlie** was officially certified with the RI State Police in live find. He now joins his older sister Leila who is also certified in live find. According to his handlers Sandi and Patrick Musard, "It has been a long challenging road, but we are very proud of Charlie and his achievement and continue to work hard to further his nose work".

Charlie's Tip:

Before going into the woods or hiking, make sure that someone knows where you are going and what time you plan to return. Always be prepared by carrying a whistle, water and a trash bag to stay dry should it rain. If you become lost, find a comfortable place to wait. The searchers can find you faster if you do not move around.

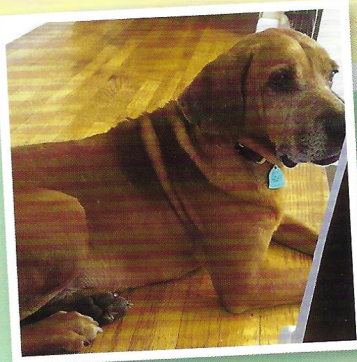
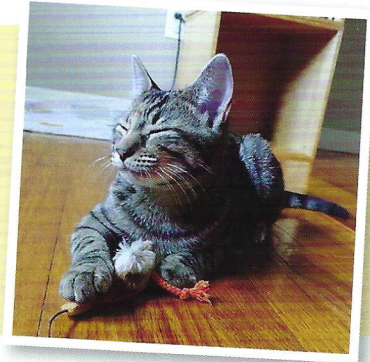


We are very proud of you Charlie, keep up the good work!

What our adopters are saying...

The staff here are caring, helpful and friendly. They even gave us a sample bag of kitten food for our new kitten! I love the little cards they have on the kennels to say the cat's temperament, it helped us with picking our kitten out so much faster! And the lady playing with the cats through the doors of the kennel was insightful and so helpful! (pic of **Nissa** - formerly known as Claire)

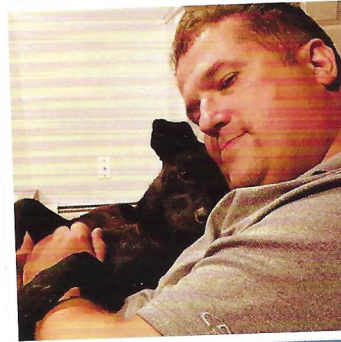
- Amber



My family adopted **Huck** in April. With this being the first dog for us, we couldn't be happier! ARRI was transparent about all parts of the adoption process and called within

the first week to check in on how we were all adjusting. When I get asked about Huck, I always make sure to mention where we adopted this sweet, well-tempered, old redbone coonhound!

- Audrey



The staff was super friendly and informative!! We adopted **Shadow** today and has fit in perfectly with our family!! Thanks again!!

- John

HELP US DRIVE ADOPTIONS!



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Become a Foster Hero

When ARRI resident **Brenda** was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer, volunteer Joan Valade didn't hesitate to step up to the plate to provide hospice care for her. This opportunity provided Brenda to live out her life in a happy home and to experience finally having a loving family. She showed Brenda what true love is.

At 9 years old, Brenda was abandoned in an apartment by her owners and brought to ARRI by her landlord. Joan provided her medical



care and when the time came to let her go, Joan was with her and even opened a spot in her garden for her final resting place. Every animal deserves to spend their last days outside of a cage and surrounded by someone who cares. Thanks to Joan, Brenda was given this opportunity and we couldn't be more thankful for her kindness. Fortunately, most fosters end in adoption but occasionally end of life care is needed. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a foster, please contact ARRI Shelter Manager Jennifer Gebar at jgebar@animalrescueri.org.



CHAINED NO MORE

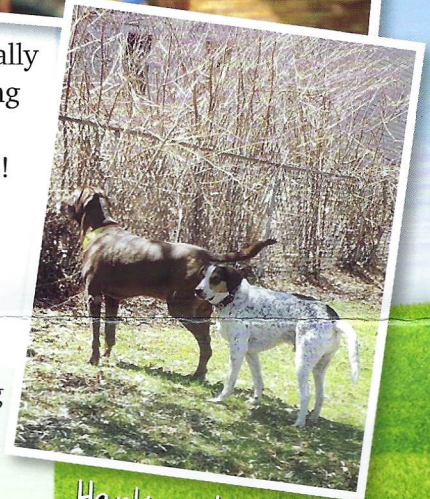
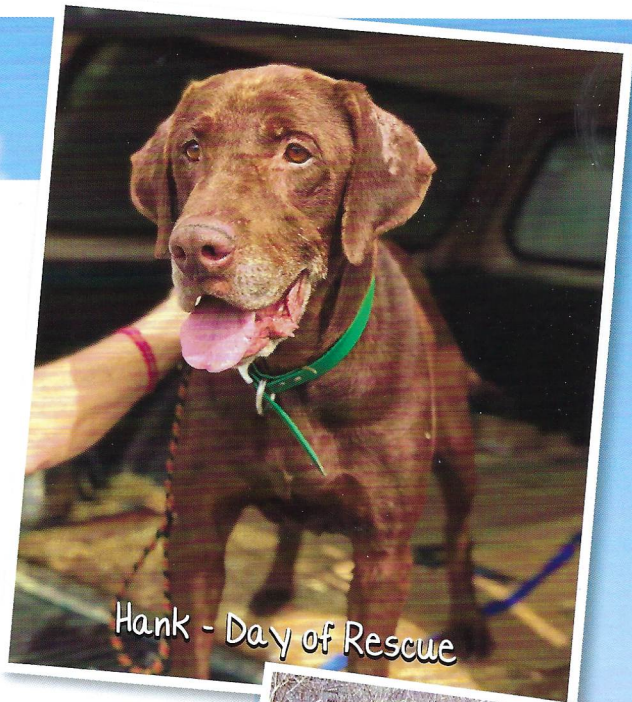


Hank spent 7 years of his life chained to a tree until neighbors convinced the owner to relinquish him. Thankfully he was rescued, because he was heartworm positive and suffered from a painful anterior cruciate ligament rupture. If left untreated, it

almost always leads to progressive osteoarthritis and is extremely debilitating. Upon rescue, he was very thin, scrappy and had severe fly bites to both ears.

Unfortunately, chained dogs are very prevalent in the south. Dogs are naturally social beings and thrive on interaction with humans and other animals. Being chained in one spot for hours, days or even months can cause immense psychological damage, often not reversible. However, Hank was determined! He spent the next 10 months recouping both emotionally and physically, while he learned to socialize with other dogs.

Hank now shares his home with Kim and Todd, as well as his best friend and canine companion Wyatt. Thanks to this family's kindness, Hank will never know the isolation of the outdoors ever again. Just a warm and loving home, soft bed and an endless supply of tennis balls. Both Kim and Todd feel very fortunate to have Hank in their lives and we have no doubt the feeling is mutual.



Hank and his brother Wyatt



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- Microchips last a lifetime, there is no need to replace after a certain amount of time.

If you adopted a pet from ARRI, no need to worry because your animal is already chipped. You just need to make sure that your registration is currently up to date in case of emergency and have your veterinarian check the chip from time to time to make sure it hasn't malfunctioned. Finally, always have a tag on your pet with its name and phone number as the primary way of returning your lost pet to you.

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



Grace



Craig



Cookie



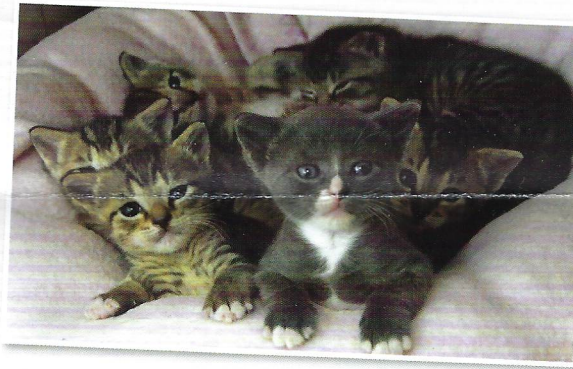
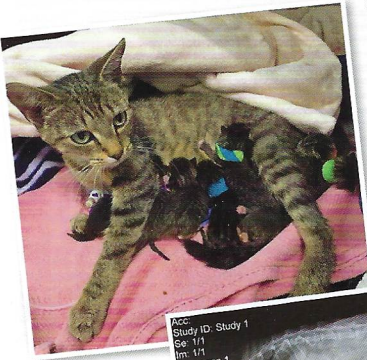
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**STAFF AND DOCTORS ARE AMAZED,
KELLY ANN GIVES BIRTH TO 11!**

Thanks to the wonderful care received at South Bay Veterinary Clinic and Ocean State Veterinary Services and after care by ARRI staff, Kelly Ann and her babies are thriving!



- Kittens hit 4 week milestone

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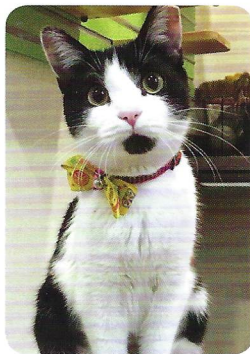
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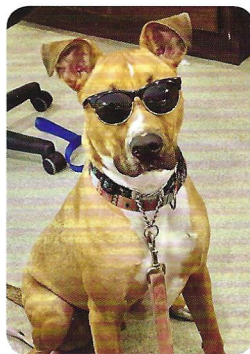
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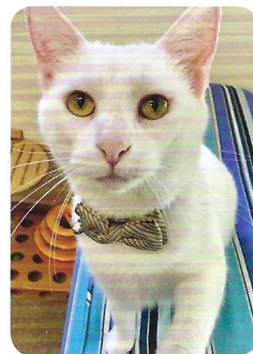
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