

# Tails of the heart

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The Newsletter of Animal Rescue Rhode Island

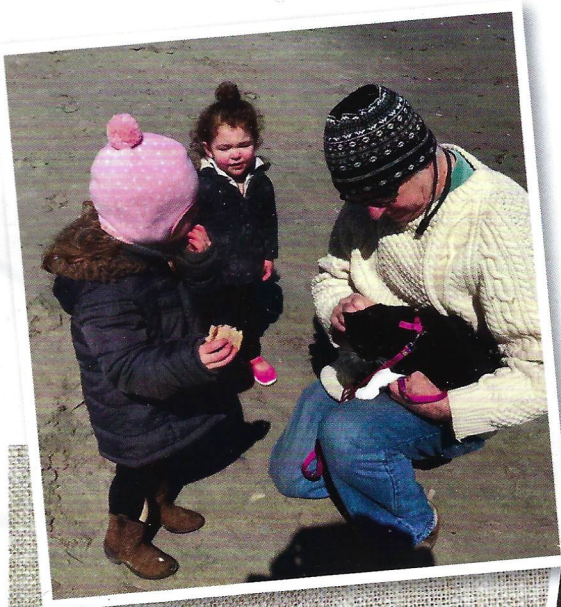
## Mai's Story



Mai, a sweet tuxedo kitten came to our shelter along with her two siblings. At first there wasn't anything unusual with this bunch, just 3 playful, curious kitties that melted our hearts. Sadly, one morning, one of Mai's sisters started to display some unusual symptoms and was taken to our veterinarian, Dr. Bowater. After spending a few days at the vet, and several tests later, her condition declined and she was diagnosed with a terminal illness. Out of concern for their health, the other two siblings were quickly moved into our quarantine area for a month's time, and blood work was run periodically to make sure they were not carrying the same illness. Tests proved to be normal and after a discussion with our veterinarian, Mai and her sister were placed for adoption with the full disclosure to anyone interested that they had the potential to develop the same illness.

In November we met Maureen, a local resident, who was looking for a cat and she immediately bonded with Mai. We explained to her that Mai's sister had passed away after terminal illness, and although her tests were normal, we couldn't be confident that she too would not develop the same illness down the road. Without hesitation, Maureen chose to adopt her anyway. She knew Mai would be harder to adopt, and couldn't bear to see her in a cage and passed over. Mai went home to her new family where she would be spoiled.

Mai's new name would become Poet, as she reminded her owners of a beautiful poem. When Poet started to become symptomatic of the same illness, Maureen was determined to give her the best life possible. She even bought her a pet stroller so she could take her to the beach. Sadly, Poet would only have 6 months with her before her passing. Maureen and family wanted to share her story and tell people to not be afraid to adopt a sick or hard to place animal. According to Maureen, "Poet gave them more than they could ever give her" and they felt truly blessed.





# Every dog is one of a kind

Roxy is a four-year-old coonhound who was rescued through our Bark and Ride transport program. She was originally picked up as a stray in South Carolina where she was at risk of being euthanized.

Roxy appeared to be the victim of what's referred to as freeze branding, a painful procedure that some hunters perform on their dogs to identify them. The procedure typically involves the use of liquid nitrogen, or dry ice, to cool a branding iron down to -400 degrees Fahrenheit. Once the iron is chilled, it's pressed into an animal's skin. Roxy's initials are marked on one of her hind legs. She was very affectionate despite her past and extremely deserving of a loving home.

When Suzannah and her fiancé saw Roxy online they had no idea about her past. They had an inkling that her size, age, and activity levels matched what they could provide for a dog. After meeting her one Saturday afternoon, they both knew that her playful, trusting, and super sweet personality was going to be a perfect fit. They also were not deterred by her size since they were used to having dogs over 90lbs.

Life has been interesting with her so far. It was discovered that she has a few tricks that she has been hiding from us all. Roxy will often stop mid walk, drop down with all four legs up in the air like a possum for a belly rub. She also like to dance. Who knew? She will perform a great two step with her head tossed back in the air, reminding them of the salsa. Finally, she is known as the peacemaker and negotiates at the dog park. This has brought her lots of attention. According to Suzannah, their main priority has been Roxy's health and happiness, over their own wants. She has flourished since her adoption. "Truly we care for her as our own canine child."



Roxy when she was taken in at ARRI.

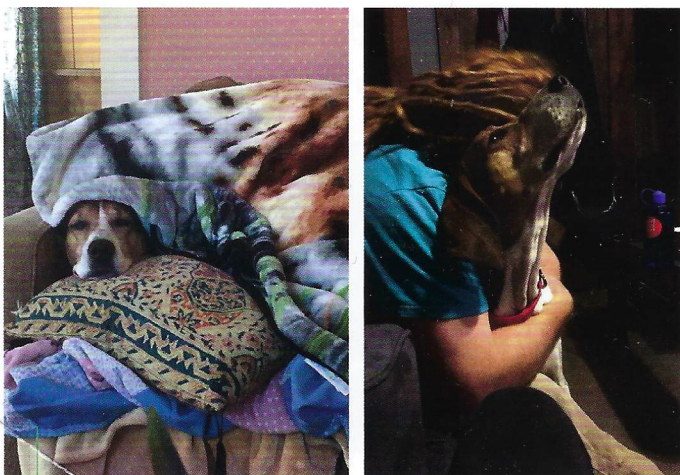
## ARRI Welcomes Kate Richardson as Director of Public Affairs, Development, and Education



Animal Rescue Rhode Island (ARRI) is pleased to announce the appointment of Katherine D. Richardson (Kate) as Director of Public Affairs, Development, and Education. Kate came to ARRI in January 2017, to co-ordinate this year's, Diamond in the Ruff event. She gladly accepted her present full time position on March 1st.

Kate has a rich background and significant experience in the areas of nonprofit management, finance, marketing and sales. Her previous position before coming to ARRI was with the international education program, the Initiative to Educate Afghan Women, where she served as Director of Development and Operations for over three years. Her last position in the financial and banking industry, spanning over twenty six years, was with Citizens Investment Services, Capital Markets Group as Sales Account Manager.

Kate has worked with and volunteered for several local nonprofit organizations as a board member and as chairperson. Please join us in welcoming Kate to ARRI.



Roxy loving her forever home



# Diamond in the Ruff 2017

Animal Rescue Rhode Island extends the warmest thank you to the 160 guests who attended this year's Diamond in the Ruff! Raising over \$24,000, the proceeds from the cocktail party and auction will go straight to helping each and every animal that calls ARRI their temporary home.

Every year at Diamond in the Ruff animal lovers from all over gather together to celebrate the successes of two animal welfare leaders, by presenting our Golden Paw Awards. This year's honorees were Bob Midwood of Golden Dog Training and Susan Parker of Dynamic Dog Training, LLC.

The evening included generously donated food and beverages from our following local sponsors: Belmont Market, Breachway Grill, Coast Guard House, Cool Beans Cafe, Crazy Burger, George's of Galilee, Joy's Chocolates, Matunuck Oyster Bar, O'Neil's Package Store, Phil's Main Street Grille, WBG Fine Catering, and Whalers Brewing Company.



Karin Conopask and Doug Rubinstein with Bob Midwood, one of the 2017 honorees.

## A Sincere Thank You from ARRI to You!



ARRI Board from left Deborah Elliott, Jamie Hansen, Karin Conopask- Executive Director, Kurt Jamiel, Doug Rubinstein- Chair, Rob Procaccianti, Michele Vidmar, Jozy Mainelli.

Also, a sincere thanks to all of our volunteers and generous underwriters: Bartending by Dennis, Flowertyme, J.J. Silvia Auctioneer, Bernard Photography, Lila Delman, Peak Event Services, Peter Delasanta of Carolina Sound, South County Steel, SRI Newspapers, The Independent, and Weedweavers.

Silent and live auction items from this year's event included a week-long stay in the Green Mountains of Vermont, a two-night stay on Block Island at the Blue Dory Inn with round trip ferry service, and even a stay at the Providence

Marriott Downtown with tickets to Trinity Repertory and a ride with a venetian gondolier. Each year brings new fun and new friends, so if you missed out this year, be sure to join us next April for Diamond in the Ruff 2018.

Many thanks to Constance J. Allen.

ARRI was honored to have Mr. Fritz the cat as our 2017 Diamond in the Ruff Mascot.





# PET TIPS

When taking your dog for a walk on leash, take a look at the dog's excitement level before you leave the house. If the dog is all worked up before you go out the door, the odds are he/she is going to pull you out the door and down the street. However, if you can give the dog a little bit to calm down and then have him/her follow you out the door you stand a better chance of having it follow you on the walk. Remember, Calm, Consistent, Confident, Direct Leadership will always get the best out of your dog.

Bob Midwood, Behaviorist  
ARRI K-9 Academy  
and Golden Dog Training

## DOGS and Heat don't Mix!

Dogs that are more vulnerable to heatstroke: Flat-faced • Short muzzled • Seniors • Puppies • Sick • Overweight • Thick-coated

### Heatstroke Signs:

- Excessive panting
- Body Temp. 104°-110°
- Bright red tongue / gums / ears
- Weakness / fainting
- Vomiting / diarrhea
- Rapid heartbeat

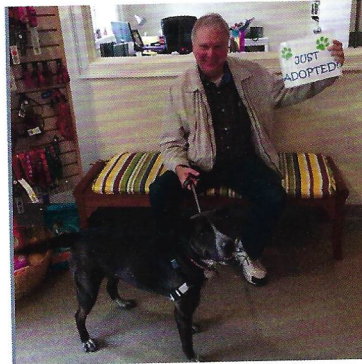


**What to Do:** You MUST cool your dog down as rapidly as possible—Heatstroke is a life-threatening emergency! Don't force your dog to drink. Hose dog down or cover dog in water-soaked towels. Contact your veterinarian immediately!

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Ellen, Jeffrey and Wags



Dennis and Bo



Penny, Cory and Oliver



Susan, Nigel and Adam



Layne, David, Quinn, Kelly  
and Fezzik



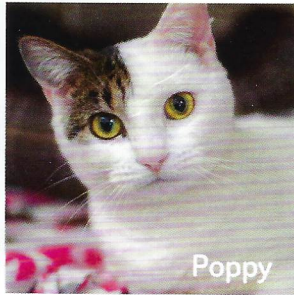
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Some of our recently adopted friends from Animal Rescue Rhode Island!



Prince



Poppy



Sunny



Doodles



Elton

Congratulations,  
Jennifer!



Congratulations to Jennifer Gebar, ARRI's Shelter Manager, who was appointed to the RI Rabies Control Board in April 2017 by Governor Raimondo. The RI Rabies Control Board is responsible for the development of rabies regulations and policies, educational outreach to various groups, and the review of rabies statistical and epidemiological data that is presented by its members or by agencies such as the RI Department of Environmental Management or RI Department of Health. The Board, which is chaired by the State Veterinarian, is comprised of representatives of: RI DEM, RI Department of Health, RI Veterinary Medical Association, the RI Farm Bureau, and a recognized RI humane organization.

Upcoming Events



**ARRI's Annual Cash Raffle**

Now through October 14th

Win up to \$500 cash!!! 2nd prize: \$200 cash!!  
3rd prize: \$100 cash!

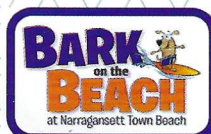
Proceeds benefit Animal Rescue Rhode Island—one of New England's few no-kill animal shelters. Drawing to be held October 14, 2017!

Call 401-783-7606, or visit shelter, 506B Curtis Corner Road, to purchase your tickets! \$1 each; 6/\$5!

**The FurBall - July 14, 2017**

The Dunes Club, Narragansett

The FurBall is Animal Rescue Rhode Island's (ARRI) signature event that helps to raise funds that save lives and find forever homes for abandoned, abused, and surrendered animals. From professional medical care, spay and neutering services, healthy nutrition, and just plain love... these life-saving efforts would not be possible without the support and generosity of people like you. This year's FurBall also recognizes the outstanding contributions of Julia and Brad Boss, our 2017 FurBall Champions. Julia and Brad have helped ARRI build a state-of-the-art facility, educate the community, initiate much-needed fundraising efforts, and have fostered animals in need. Please join us for an extraordinary evening to help our furry friends and to honor two very special individuals. Please visit [animalrescueri.org](http://animalrescueri.org) for details.



**Bark on the Beach - October 14, 2017**

Narragansett Town Beach

Save the date!

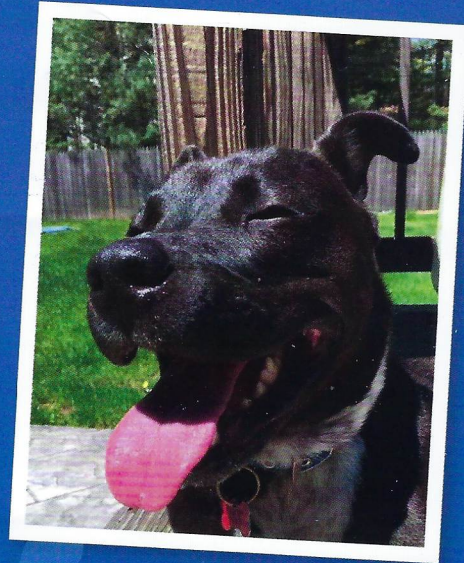


# Happy Endings



"We would like to let you know how Mochi (formerly Moonpie) and Yuki (formerly Hidee) have adjusted quite well to our home. They have found some very good sleeping and bird watching spots. They are very well behaved, Mochi appears to be too smart for his own good. Both love to play and love chasing each other up and down the stairs. Thank you very much for the opportunity to let us adopt these two they are such fun! Thank you for bringing him to us!

Respectfully,  
Kate and John"



"Dalton has settled in as a much-loved member of our family. He is very happy and healthy and runs with me every morning. He misses other dogs so we take him to the dog park 2-3 times a week where he plays with his friends Riley and Sampson. Thank you so much for having a hand in bringing him into our lives! We love him so much!

Thanks,  
Janine "



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