

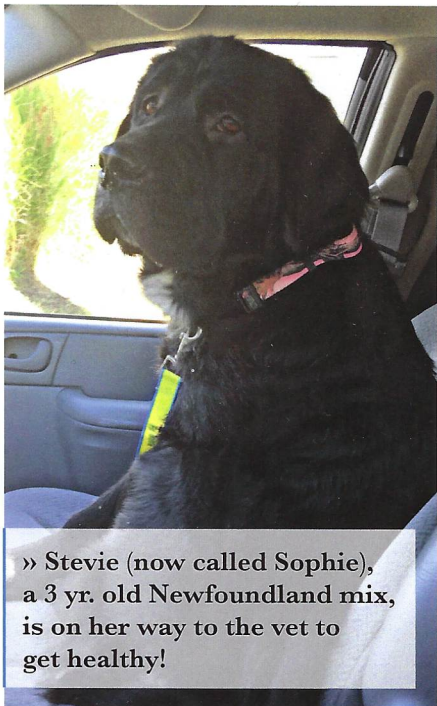
Tails

Winter 2016

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From Despair to Hope

New Beginnings are possible at ARRI because of Your Compassion & Support



» Stevie (now called Sophie), a 3 yr. old Newfoundland mix, is on her way to the vet to get healthy!

Looking at this big beautiful lady today, you would never have imagined that just a short time ago, her life was filled with pain, hunger and confusion. She had a loving family and should have had a wonderful life ahead of her. However, life is unpredictable and, through no fault of her own, her life changed forever.

A kind person who was aware of Stevie's dire situation reached out to ARRI, hoping we could come to her rescue. Working together, we convinced Stevie's owner to let us step in and provide the care she needed to be healthy and happy again, as well as to find her a loving new family. Fortunately, he made the right choice and we welcomed Stevie to the shelter with open arms. To our dismay, she was neither spayed nor vaccinated, was underweight and had a severe skin infection.

Thanks to your donations, the support of Dr. Caroline Bowater of South Bay Veterinary Clinic in Narragansett and DeTails Pet Grooming in Wakefield, we were able to get Stevie the care she needed to get healthy and gorgeous again... She was soon ready to find a new family!

Stevie, soon to be known as Sophie, didn't know how lucky she was when the Santos Family arrived at the shelter looking for a companion for their dog Juno, also adopted at ARRI. She immediately won their hearts and Stevie's life changed again, but for the better this time. This letter from her new mom, Pam, says it all!

I am writing this sitting on the couch and Sophie (Stevie) is curled up next to me. One week in and she is completely at home. She and Juno are best buds. They romp around together wrestling, playing tug-o-war, racing, and generally loving each other's company. Sophie has learned to respect the 3 cats, letting them do as they please without chasing them. She even peeks into the guinea pig cage without barking! Each day we take a long walk on the beach. Sophie runs with Juno, but is always looking back to be sure her human family is coming along. She and Juno have ventured in to the ponds, but are still not too sure about swimming. Both dogs are most connected to me and they move with me throughout the house! They sleep on a cushy dog bed at the foot of our bed, although Sophie would prefer to sleep up on the bed!

I send my best to all of you at ARRI who took such great care of Sophie (Stevie) for all those weeks.

Best — Pam



“Paws to Read” Program Begins

Elementary students hone their reading skills while helping to socialize adoptable pets



*“When a child is reading to an animal,
there is no stress,
no judgment”*

Taking the time to read aloud to their children is something that many parents can't always schedule into their busy lives. For children with learning, reading and language challenges, having the opportunity to practice reading skills aloud is a critical step in improving their grade reading levels, not to mention their self-confidence. 🐾

***ARRI now offers an innovative and no-cost solution to this challenge –
by going to the dogs (and cats)!***

Here's how it works: any Rhode Island school student in grades 1 through 4 can make an appointment to come to ARRI's community room and read his or her favorite book to a cat or dog from the shelter. A volunteer from ARRI is present as a handler to the animal, and parents can choose whether or not to stay in the room. The session lasts for approximately 20 minutes and there is no cost involved.

The plans for “Paws to Read” began several years ago, but the former shelter did not have a suitable space. The new facility, made possible by generous donors like you, features a large community room and cat play rooms that work perfectly for the program.

The “Paws to Read” program is geared for after-school and weekends, so appointments can be made Monday through Friday, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.,

Saturdays from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m., and Sundays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Appointments are based on the availability of volunteers.

Volunteers for the “Paws to Read” program are now being sought. For more information about volunteering, the program or Animal Rescue Rhode Island, visit www.AnimalRescueRI.org or contact Maria Hoey at 401-783-7606, ext. 103 or e0mail MHoey@AnimalRescueRI.org.



Make this Year your Pet's Happiest, Healthiest Ever!

If your pet could write, what
New Year's Resolutions might
top his or her list?

1. I Promise to eat better.

Ask my vet what type and quantity of food is right to keep me healthy and make sure that my age and activity level are taken into account. Always use a measuring cup, referring to the packaging for advice on amounts. Sure, I love table food, but I know it's not all that great for me, so please help prevent health problems associated with it and get me the best pet food around!

Help your pet make 2016
the year they ACTUALLY
fulfill his or her New Year
Resolutions!

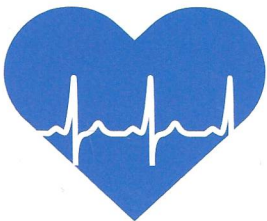
2. I will exercise more.

Imagine, over 50 percent of pets in the U.S. are classified as overweight. I don't want to be part of that statistic. No way, not me! I'm ready for more hiking and jogging. A good daily walk will keep me content and in shape. I'd love more time playing with my toys and bonding more with you, dear master!

Keep chasing balls, tugging ropes and playing with those interactive toys that you purchased for me over the holidays! I love it all! Activities like these stimulate me and make me feel loved and important!

I will now to play each day.

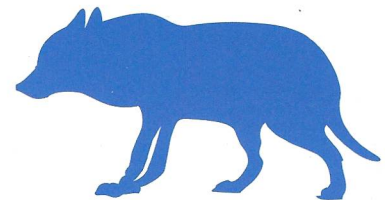
Pet Facts



Studies have shown that people who own pets live longer, have less stress, and have fewer heart attacks.



50% of all pet owners would rather be stranded on a desert island with their pet, not another person.



The dog was one of the first animals domesticated by humans.

I will maintain a grooming schedule.

Ahhhhh, the joy of a daily brushing! It not only feels fantastic and helps keep excess fur from covering your rugs and furniture; it also keeps my coat shiny and healthy. Plus, there's nothing better than the undivided attention. Also, could you please have my coat shampooed and trimmed regularly? Might a trip to the local groomer be in order? Don't forget my teeth either! Good dental health is very important.

G. I promise to stay safe.

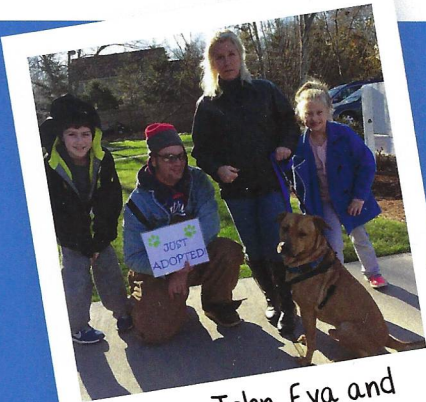
Have you heard the statistics? When left to roam free, more than six million pets die each year! I don't want to be part of those statistics! No way! Not me! Dogs need to be leashed or in a fenced yard whenever outside. Cats are far safer as indoor pets, avoiding the dangers of outdoors including disease, predation and encounters with cars and people who don't appreciate the unique charms of felines. Can you imagine that?

S. I plan to stay healthy.

I hope you will schedule an annual health check with the vet to catch any health problems when they can be treated easily and to make sure all routine vaccinations are current so I am protected from serious diseases.

I will improve my behavior.

Maybe it's time to brush up on my basic obedience skills or learn some new trick! I love the mental stimulation and the challenge and I love acting in a way that makes you and those around me happy!



Hoss + John, Eva and kids, Michael and Hannah



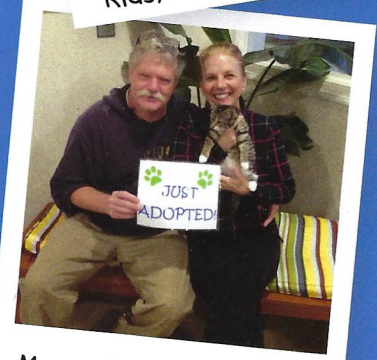
Pumpkin + Adam



Kiah and Gotham + Tim, Ashley and daughter, Nora



Sandman + John, Lorri and kids, Trinity and Evan

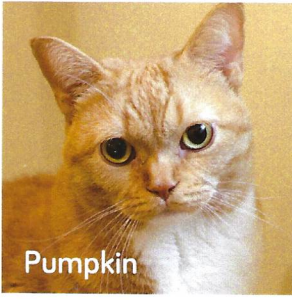


Mya + Pauline and Dean

Your support saves homeless pets and brings families together EVERY DAY, enriching lives and making a difference.

Some of our adopted friends from Animal Rescue Rhode Island!

Photography courtesy of Clara Smart



Pumpkin



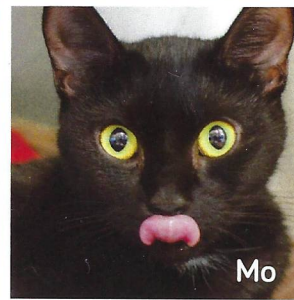
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AT LEAST 70 CATS TAKEN FROM CHARLESTOWN HOME

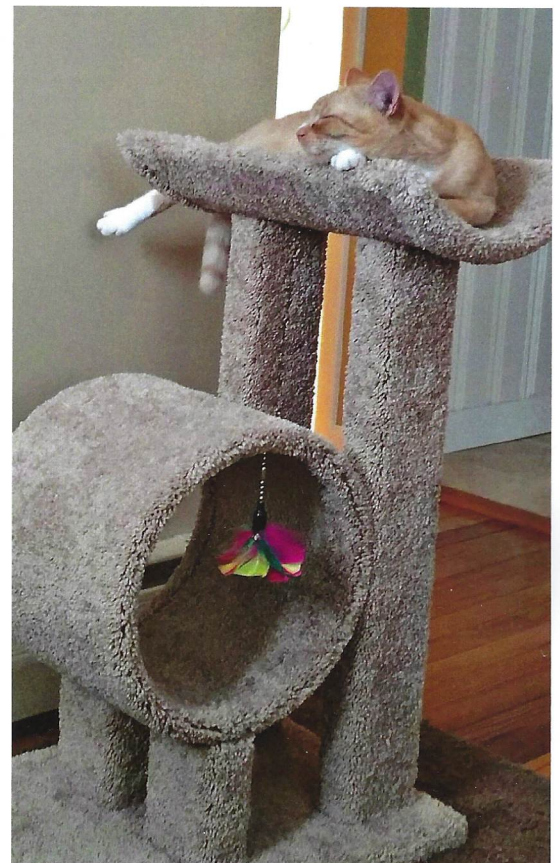
You may have seen this story on the local news or read about it in the newspaper, but did you know that you played an essential role in making sure this story had a happy ending?

When the staff at ARRI heard about this dire situation, we reached out to the Charlestown Animal Control Officer to lend our assistance. A quick trip resulted in four very sick but affectionate cats calling our shelter their new home. All four were unaltered and filled with parasites but their sweet personalities gave us hope that, after some time and TLC, they would all find loving homes.

After almost a month of rest, medical attention and quality care, everyone was ready to find a new home. Milo was the first to find a family who could give him the one-on-one attention he deserved. The chaos of sharing a cramped, filthy

space with 70 other cats is now a distant memory. Little does he know how much he owes to dozens of caring people. From the individuals who reported the situation, to those who rescued him and his companions, to those who cared for them and provided new homes, and to those whose generous gifts made all of this possible, the love and compassion were beyond compare.

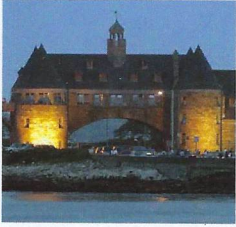
Animal Rescue Rhode Island can continue to reach out to the community to assist in animal cruelty cases like this because of your continued support.



"This is Milo in his new home. We call him Spenser but, whatever we call him, he is the light of my life. I love him so much. Thank you for introducing him to us!"

-Spenser's new mom

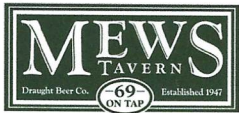
Upcoming Events



Diamond in the Ruff | Friday April 1, 6 - 8 pm

The Towers, 35 Ocean Road, Narragansett

Highlights of the evening include the recognition of Rhode Island's Animal Welfare Heroes, presentation of the Golden Paw Awards, musical entertainment, a silent auction and raffle, and food and beverage tastings from some of South County's finest restaurants, caterers, and specialty drink providers. Tickets are \$40/person; \$75 per couple and can be purchased through www.AnimalRescueRI.org. For more information contact mhoey@animalrescueri.org, or call 401-783-7606, Ext. 103.



Pints for Paws at the Mews Tavern | April 1st to 30th

456 Main Street, Wakefield

Lift a pint or enjoy a signature drink to support the homeless pets at ARRI. This month-long celebration/fundraiser takes place at Mews Tavern, 456 Main Street, Wakefield, and features adoption specials and raffles. Come on down to help the animals in ARRI's care while sampling some of that great Mews Tavern food and incredible selection of beers.

Visit www.AnimalRescueRI.org and ARRI's Facebook page for details.



ARRI's Annual Cash Raffle | Begins March 1st

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 1, 2016, at Bark on the Beach! Attendance not required! Call 401-783-7606, or visit shelter, 506B Curtis Corner Road, to purchase your tickets, beginning March 1! \$1 each; 6/\$5!

Belmont Dollar Days | Memorial Day Weekend

Belmont Market



Shop Belmont Market and support the animals in ARRI's care! Stop by Belmont for your barbeque or picnic supplies and add a dollar or more to your final total. It's fast, easy and helps homeless pets! Thank you to Jack Siravo and the fantastic employees for supporting us year after year!



Whiskers and Wine at the Dunes Club | June 1st

Luncheon Fundraiser with guest New York Times Best Selling Author, Cat Warren. Details to come!



Bark on the Beach Charity Dog Walk | October 1st

Narragansett Town Beach

Details to come!

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Animal Rescue Rhode Island is on Social Media!

Would you like updates on all the exciting things happening at ARRI? Follow us on social media, where we post the latest adoptable animals, happy endings, upcoming events, and all of our PAWSitive news.

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Instagram: [animalrescueri](https://www.instagram.com/animalrescueri)

LinkedIn: Search 'Animal

Rescue Rhode Island'

Facebook: facebook.com/ARLSRI