

Tails of the heart

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THE NEWSLETTER OF ANIMAL RESCUE RHODE ISLAND

A Success Story

Reuben and Tahini would not be here today without our **Bark and Ride transport program**.

Reuben, a 2 year old pitbull, was picked up as a southern stray. His ears had been cropped and were severely infected. He also appeared to have rickets, a disease of the bony growth plate which was evident by his stature and deformed legs.

Tahini was a 5 month old stray who had never been handled. After 6 weeks, she refused to socialize with her caretakers.

Reuben was very sweet and loving, however, his appearance and breed had been a turn off to most people. Tahini's lack of socialization had not moved her out to the adoption floor. **Two very different dispositions, but time was running out and their fate was very uncertain.** Our rescue partner alerted us about these two and we arranged for them to be transported safely to **ARRI**.

Upon arrival, Reuben was a charmer and became an immediate staff favorite. He had a gentle nature about him and would follow staff and potential adopters around for attention. His pictures would soon win over his new owners, who drove an hour and a half to the shelter after recently losing their pitbull of 13 years, and knew they could provide a loving home. Reuben has provided them with lots of love and laughs in return.

Tahini was found to be cat friendly and both staff and trainers immediately began confidence building; all



that was needed was a patient owner and maybe a dog as well to show her the ropes. Tahini picked her person-she bonded with **ARRI** staff member Becky. However, with each new hurdle she overcame, it made it that more difficult for Becky to let her go to someone else. She is now enjoying life in Becky's home, along with both dog and cat siblings. Who knew she would soon be described as adventurous, loving and rambunctious!



Thanks to our **Bark and Ride program**, both Reuben and Tahini can spend the rest of their lives in loving, forever homes the way it was meant to be.

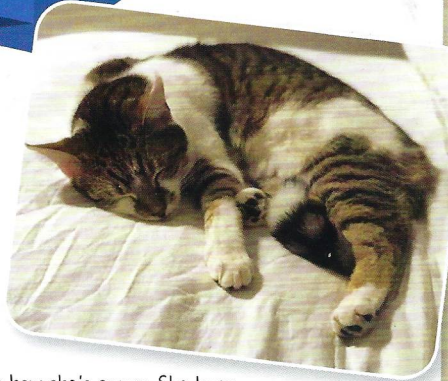
HAPPY ENDINGS



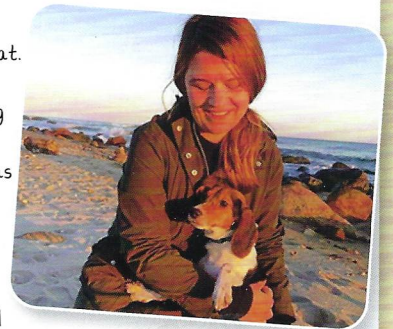
We adopted Lizzy 2 months ago now. She was a whopping 25(ish) pounds when we took her home, and she's now 45! She and her big sister Ruby get along GREAT! Lizzy has the absolute best personality, she might be the perfect puppy! She's gentle and playful, but also lazy (my kind of girl, haha!). Our children are so happy we adopted a little sister for Ruby. Our fur babies are loved so much. We will be forever grateful to you for Lizzy!
- Kimberly



Sunny has affectionately been renamed Rosie Eleanor in honor of Rosie the riveter and Eleanor Roosevelt. She is a wonderful addition to my life. She has kept me sane in all this craziness and she is quite the snuggle bug. Thank you so much for helping me to find her. I have attached a new picture, so you can see how she's grown. She loves to sleep with me and always makes sure she has an eye on me even if I just go around the corner in our studio apartment.
- Maddie



Skipper, who is now Ollie, is doing great. He really loves his new home and wakes us up every morning by licking our faces. He loves his big sister Emma, who tolerates him and who has had a second life due to his energy (she's ll going on 5).



Ollie has come a really long way. He sits, stays, gives paw, lays down and is working on coming when called when outside. He still needs to be on leash and still barks at bunnies, but we're working on it.

He loves the beach, the trails, and misses going to the dog park every day, but hopefully soon. He's a really good boy. We're so glad we decided to take him home.
-Mark and Grace

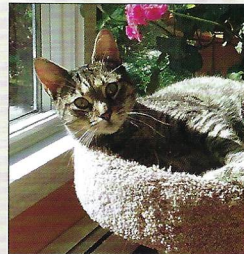
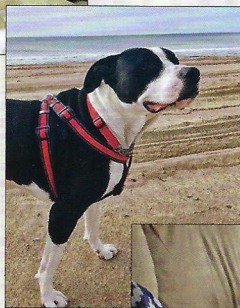


Irwin (who we adopted about a month ago) is doing amazing! He has gotten comfortable and is a great addition to the family. He is so sweet and silly. He is also so unique, he loves to trill and to give kisses! Thank you for giving our family the opportunity to raise this cute kitten!
- Emma



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Thank you to all our amazing fosters who opened their homes during this crisis

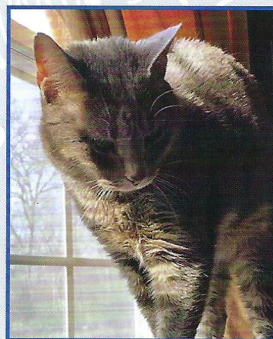
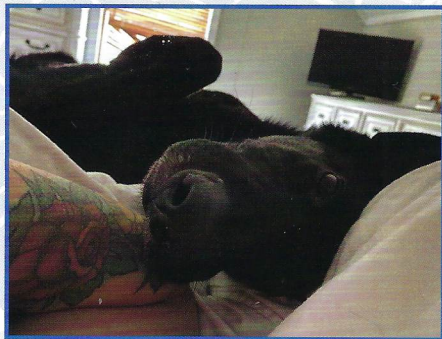


If you are interested in fostering, please contact our Shelter Manager at shelter@animalrescueri.org.

WHAT OUR ADOPTERS ARE SAYING...

This rescue is amazing! The people are extremely friendly and kind. I got my amazing boy **Gatsby** from them less than a week ago and I am head over heels in love with him. I cannot say thank you enough for bringing him into my life.

- Brittenie



Loving our **Cole** who is equally loving our family! Love Animal Rescue RI!

- Samantha



This place is soo great! We found our newest family member here and we were able to take him home New Year's Eve! He is known as Graffiti here but has since been named **Spencer** (5 yr old daughter named him) He is such a good puppy and loves my daughter and very protective already! Still a little shy but is coming out of his shell! He got to meet his new friend Ambar, an English Lab and they had tons of fun together in his new backyard. Thanks to everyone at this rescue for saving these animals, they are angels!

One of my favorite things about this shelter is the way you meet the dogs. You can choose out of their book and then go to the community room and see them. At other shelters, we went into the kennels, and for a 5 yr old, it was scary. For myself, it's not a big issue, but I loved this added gesture as it makes for a family friendly atmosphere and my daughter was more comfortable!

- Amanda



ARRI is committed to the **5 FREEDOMS OF ANIMAL WELFARE**



FREEDOM FROM HUNGER AND THIRST

by ready access to fresh water and diet to maintain health and vigor



FREEDOM FROM DISCOMFORT

by providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area



FREEDOM FROM PAIN, INJURY OR DISEASE

by prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment



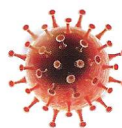
FREEDOM TO EXPRESS NORMAL BEHAVIOR

by providing sufficient space, proper facilities and company of the animal's own kind



FREEDOM FROM FEAR AND DISTRESS

by ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering



DO YOU HAVE A COVID-19 PLAN FOR YOUR PET?

It is **essential** to include your furry family members in all your disaster preparedness and emergency planning.

Prepare a pet supply kit to include the following items:

- The name and contact information for your pet's temporary caregiver. Be sure to include their cell phone number, as well as a backup caregiver in case your first contact is no longer able to help.
- A 2-week supply of food, treats, medications (with directions), and any other supplies necessary to care for your pet. Don't forget cat litter/litter box, puppy pads, and cleaning supplies.
- A crate or carrier to transport your pet, leash/harness, blanket, and toys.
- Up-to-date vaccination records.
- Collars with ID tags (make sure your pet's microchip information is up to date).
- Daily care instructions.
- Contact information for your veterinary clinic.

It's important to plan now, even if you are feeling well.



King of the Road



👑 Who would have thought a cat named Hafez would become king of the road? When Hafez arrived to our shelter, he was very skinny; you could feel his spine and hip bones, and his coat was very greasy. After a trip to our veterinarian, it turned out he was much older than we thought and was anemic with a severe underlying infection.

After a few weeks of treatment and gentle care by ARRI staff, this sweet senior was brought to good health, and not only became ready for adoption but also became ready for what would soon be his next big adventure! That was when one of our ARRI's generous supporters kindly donated a pet stroller, and immediately our staff thought of a plan to give this not very mobile guy some extra enrichment.

Once secured safely in the stroller, Hafez enjoys his daily walks along property grounds, sometimes with another four-legged companion. His laid-back personality is perfect for this, as he is unafraid of sounds and sights along the way. He is now waiting here at ARRI for his purr-fect match to come along, but until then, you can be assured he will be receiving fun "rides" and lots of extra TLC.

Classmates & Coworkers

-ARRI Alumni helping out...



Winston George



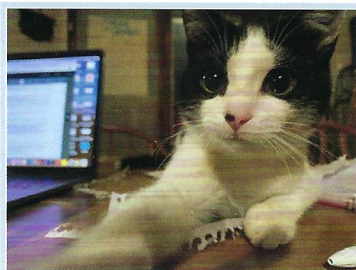
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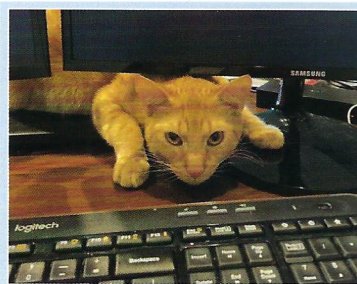
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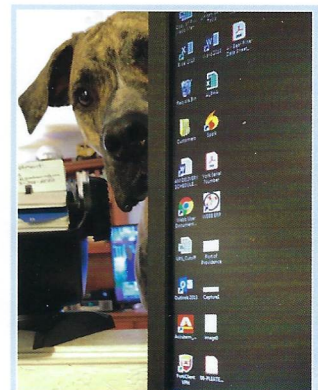
Magna



Fenwick



Morty



Ringo

Tabitha Finds a Home



Anyone that has been fortunate to cross paths with Tabitha has described her as a big girl with an even bigger personality! A queen who enjoys a low maintenance lifestyle but has a high maintenance personality. Her likes include occasional head scratches, lounging in the window, cat nip and clearly one too many treats.

Megan met her match when she was introduced to Tabitha, now affectionally called Lilo after Lilo and Stitch. She was drawn to their very similar personalities: independent females who could happily exist in a world without the other, but probably didn't want to.

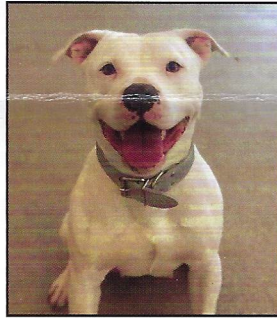
It wasn't long before the queen had claimed her throne in the house. She is still sassy with a lovable disposition, but according to Megan, "they just get each other". Since she's been home, they have made a slow but incredibly strong bond, and now she's Megan's shadow, adventure buddy, and an absolute lap kitty!



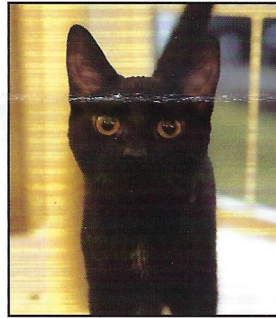
Some of our recently adopted friends from Animal Rescue Rhode Island!



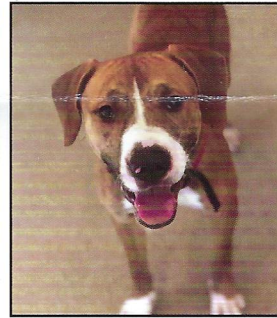
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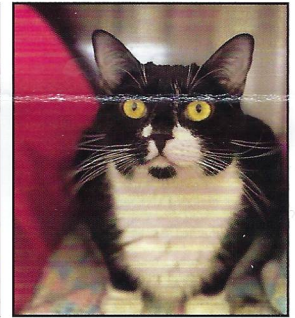
SNOW



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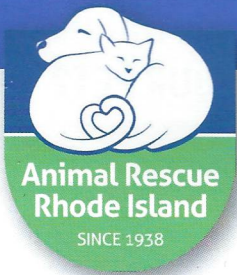
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Lauren and Maggie (formally Cookie) as a puppy in October 2019 when she was adopted, and her recent pictures at 10 months old.

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