



### **OCTOBER 2023 E-TAILS**

# **A Message From Our Executive Director**



Dear Friends,

Thank you to everyone who joined us at Bark on the Beach! Even though Mother Nature didn't cooperate, everyone had a great time. Our walkers, sponsors, vendors, and other donors collectively made it a huge success for the pets at ARRI, and we can't thank you enough!

Now that fall is here and the back-to-school crush is behind us, we're turning our attention to providing educational programs for children about the animals in their lives. Our trained teachers have been on the road presenting programs from South County to Woonsocket, and we'd love to reach even more groups! If you know a school or library that would like to host a

program, please let us know. Together we can build a humane community by reaching the next generation of pet owners.

In gratitude,

Liz Skrobisch Executive Director

## THANK YOU For Making BARK on the BEACH a BIG Success!



A heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you who suited up to join us at Narragansett Town Beach on a rainy day. More than 100 attendees and over 80 adorable dogs gathered for our 12th annual walk and fundraiser.

A HUGE shout out to our food vendors, sponsors, and event contributors for helping make the event such a special day!

Thank you for your commitment to ARRI. We could not bring happiness to the animals in our care without you!

# Congratulations to our BARK on the BEACH Winners!



Nearly \$41,000 was raised during Bark on the Beach 2023 to help the animals at ARRI! Thank you to everyone who helped make the event so memorable this year!

#### **TOP FUNDRAISING PRIZES:**

Prizes for the top fundraisers this year included a hotel stay at Paws on Pelham and gift cards to Chop House, Wickford on the Water, Rumford Pet Express, Pet Supplies Plus, & Rack Room Shoes.

#### **TOP FUNDRAISERS:**

Dogs (and cats) RULE
The Canine Cuties
ARRI Staff & Volunteers
"Remember Me as Sunshine"
Lisa Helfrich- HomeSmart Professionals
In Memory of Oliver's Gift to Me
Team Lexi
RI Potcakes

Additional prizes were drawn for registration sign-up, "day of" check-in, participation in BINGO, & newsletter sign-up. And the winners were: Erin D., Elaine D., Christine G., Jamee N.



## **Get Your Limited Edition Bark on the Beach T-Shirt!**



Get your exclusive, limited edition Bark on the Beach T-shirt before they're all gone!

T-shirt is a cotton/poly blend in a short-sleeve, crew neck style and comes in a royal heather color. The front features a dog on an Adirondack chair, and our event sponsors are on the back. Available in sizes XS, SM, MD, LG, and 2XL for a suggested \$30 donation.

Interested? Please contact Dawn at 401-783-7606 x 112 or email <a href="mailto:dmelikianneff@animalrescueri.org">dmelikianneff@animalrescueri.org</a>.



This October, we're once again partnering with Subaru of New England for their annual #SNELovesPets Campaign, which benefits shelters in all six New England states by providing an opportunity to raise both awareness and funds. Participating is easy!

During the month of October, post your pet on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or TikTok using the hashtag #SNELovesPets (be sure the post is public for visibility). **For each unique post**, Subaru of New England will pledge \$5 to local New England animal shelters like us, up to \$75,000 total! The goal is to receive 15,000 photos, ensuring each animal shelter will receive \$6,500 - more than ever before!

## Join ARRI's Humane Education Volunteer Team

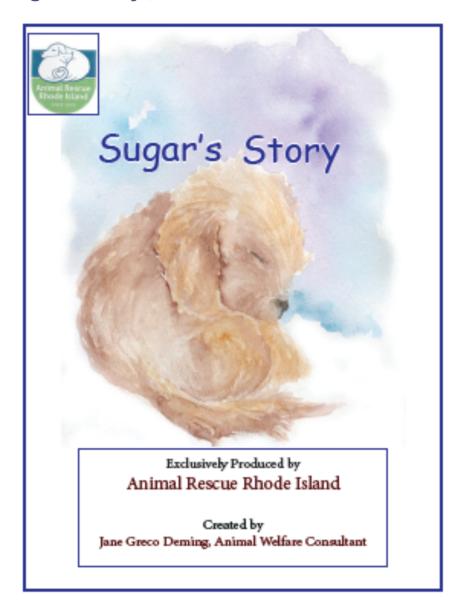


Would you like to be part of ARRI's Humane Education team? Our team is dedicated to strengthening the human-animal bond and the humane treatment of animals by educating the next generation about responsible pet ownership. To learn more about ARRI's Humane Education programs, click **HERE**.

Training is required and will be once a week for six weeks every Wednesday, starting on October 11th and running through November 15th. Class are from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Community Room at our shelter.

**Interested?** Please send a request for an application to class instructor Jane Deming at <a href="mailto:education@animalrescueri.org">education@animalrescueri.org</a>. Thank you!

# 'Sugar's Story', ARRI's New Children's Book



**Sugar's Story**, a book for children ages 8-10, is about a puppy named Sugar who is adopted from an animal shelter by a loving family and then escapes from her backyard. The story takes young readers on Sugar's journey, from a barn to a shelter to a home, and then through

her experience of getting lost and being found. The book is filled with lessons about kindness, love, and responsibility.

**Sugar's Story** was exclusively produced by Animal Rescue Rhode Island. It was written by Jane Greco Deming, who has worked in the fields of animal welfare, humane education, and zoo management for more than 45 years, and was illustrated by Sue Greco, a local independent art teacher.

The book is available for purchase at our shelter, and each copy is \$12. All proceeds benefit the pets at ARRI.

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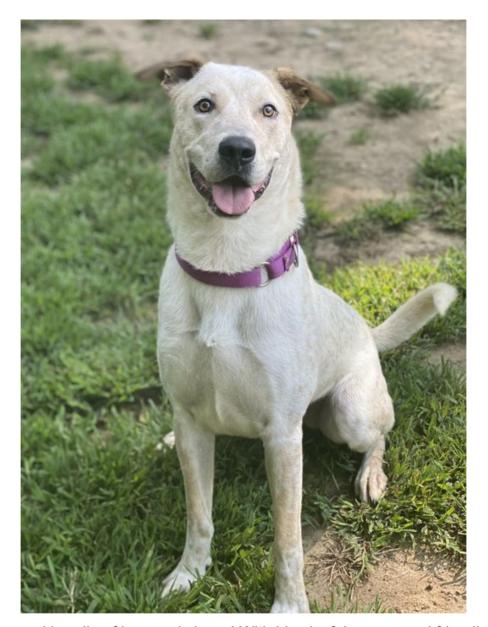
## **ARRI Fundraiser at Rumford Pets on 10/29**



On October 29th, Rumford Pet Express in Wakefield is collaborating with Rebekah Cook, owner of Wakefield's Rebekah Cook Art, for a fundraiser benefiting ARRI! You can create a clay paw print ornament of your beloved pet's paw, just in time for the holidays! Cost is \$30 per person, with a portion of the proceeds going to ARRI.

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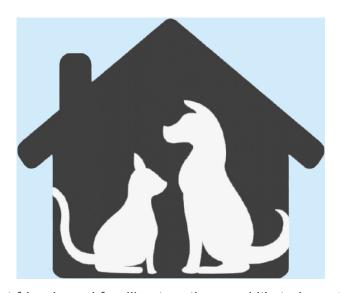
To sign up, please click **HERE**.



Hero is a 60-pound bundle of love and charm! With his playful energy and friendly personality, he's an irresistible companion. At one year old, he's ready for outdoor adventures and gets along well with other dogs. If you're looking for a loving and playful furry friend, Hero is the perfect match for you!

To meet Hero, please complete the adoption questionnaire by clicking here:

Adoption Questionnaire



Our goal is to bring best friends and families together, and it's truly gratifying when we're able to find homes for our furry friends!



Hey there!

We are in love with Jewel, aka Dolly! She is such an awesome li'l cat. She loves to play and is getting more and more cuddly every day. I can't thank you guys enough for connecting her to our family and for taking such good care of her. She really is a li'l doll!

Ruddles is a perfect fit around here! He and my dog Mini are best friends. His name is Dan now. Fortunately, he took to the name change immediately.

Dan is part of the pack now and won't leave my side. Thanks for reaching out, and thanks for my new dog!

#### Samantha

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