



People Rescuing Animals ... Animals Rescuing People®



Tony La Russa's  
Animal  
Rescue  
Foundation

# 2020 - 2021 Annual Report

Dear ARF Family,

Our happiest moments as supporters, volunteers, and team members are when animals find loving homes. This year we celebrated our 45,000<sup>th</sup> adoption! And there is no bigger celebration than when one of the longest-term guests in our entire 30-year history finds a home after 455 days in ARF's care.

Kirk is that special boy.

This senior pit bull mix has a big head and an even bigger heart. Kirk arrived at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in April 2020. At the time, he was estimated to be 11 years old, and it was clear he had been living a hard life. Kirk was in need of extensive medical treatment, but the municipal shelter he was at didn't have the resources to give him the care he desperately needed, and ARF was asked if we could help. Thanks to your generous support, our veterinary team got right to work. They

removed cancerous tumors, treated skin and ear infections, and eased Kirk's arthritis pain.

Kirk spent a total of 455 days in ARF's care, but only 25 days of that time was spent on ARF's campus. The majority of the time Kirk lived in a foster home with a dedicated volunteer who delivered round-the-clock care and love while he waited to meet his new family.

Thank you for giving animals like Kirk a second chance at a happy, healthy life. No matter how long it takes, every dog and cat deserves a loving home. We are deeply grateful for your steadfast and loyal support.

With gratitude,



Elena Bicker, *Executive Director*



**430**

days of foster care for Kirk



"We fostered Kirk and feel so lucky to have been a part of his life. He warms the heart of anyone who crosses his path. Thank you to ARF for taking a chance on him!"

- Hannah, *Kirk's Foster*

"I am really fortunate to have met Kirk. He has settled in well, and follows me around everywhere like a shadow. I sincerely thank ARF for what you do for the animals, and specifically want to thank you for taking care of Kirk for the past year and a half."

- Rudrasis, *Kirk's Adopter*





ARF continues **Saving Both Ends of the Leash®**.

By pivoting to individual classes, virtual meetings, and eventually small, in-person group training, our Pets and Vets team remains flexible to serve Veterans, while continuing to place emotional support animals and aspiring psychiatric service dogs.

# 44

**Animals paired with military Veterans**

# 164

**Veterans' pets served by ARF's veterinary clinic**



**Dinah & Toulouse • Rescued 9-14-20**

According to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, **2020 was the worst year for wildfires in California's history**. The August Complex fire alone burned more than a million acres across Northern California over the course of three months. With many of ARF's partner shelters directly affected by these blazes, our rescue teams responded to

# 83

**dogs and cats rescued from Northern California wildfires**

save shelter animals and clear space for fire-zone organizations to focus on temporary pet housing and reuniting lost animals with their guardians.



# 1,207

cats and dogs rescued

Throughout 2020-21, ARF's rescue team prioritized animals with medical needs that couldn't be addressed by our partner shelters. **Every dog and cat pictured here came to ARF in need of medical treatment.**

Luau was evacuated from Sonoma County during the Glass Fire. Already battling an infected eye, the smoke exacerbated the infection and the eye needed to be removed.

Dianthus, a senior cat, nearly died at a partner shelter during an operation. She spent three months in an ARF foster home while being treated for kidney disease. With loving care, she made a full recovery and is now in a forever home.

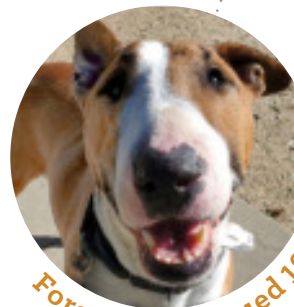
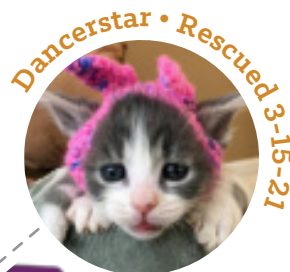
Kringle, a brave 2-year-old Beagle mix, had one of his front legs amputated. His adopters told ARF, "We love him more than you could ever know and are beyond thankful that his journey included us."

# 124

rescue runs

# 22

shelter partners



Volunteer foster families are crucial to ARF's mission. **Fostering increased significantly as shelter needs and medical cases increased**, resulting in 35% more days of foster care.

**69%**

of ARF animals spent time in a foster home

**831**

animals in foster homes

**307**

volunteer foster homes

**23,669**

total days of fostering



Ursa Major • Adopted 7-10-21



Chief • Adopted 3-14-21

ARF's assistance programs increased dramatically with Americans facing difficulties like unemployment and lack of affordable housing. By providing free pet food, low-cost veterinary care, and other types of assistance to underserved communities, **ARF is able to combat pet homelessness at the source** and keep animals with the families who cherish them.

**245**

charitable veterinary exams

**1,898**

spay/neuter surgeries for shelter and community animals

**211,053 LBS**

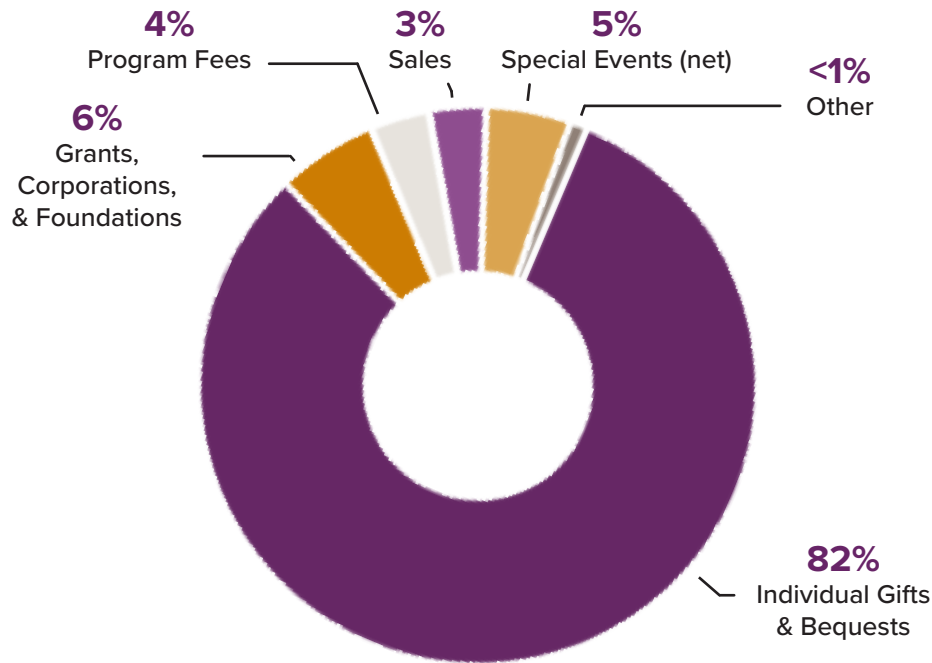
of food and litter donated by  to support struggling families and shelter animals

**321**

families served by the ARF Pet Safety Net

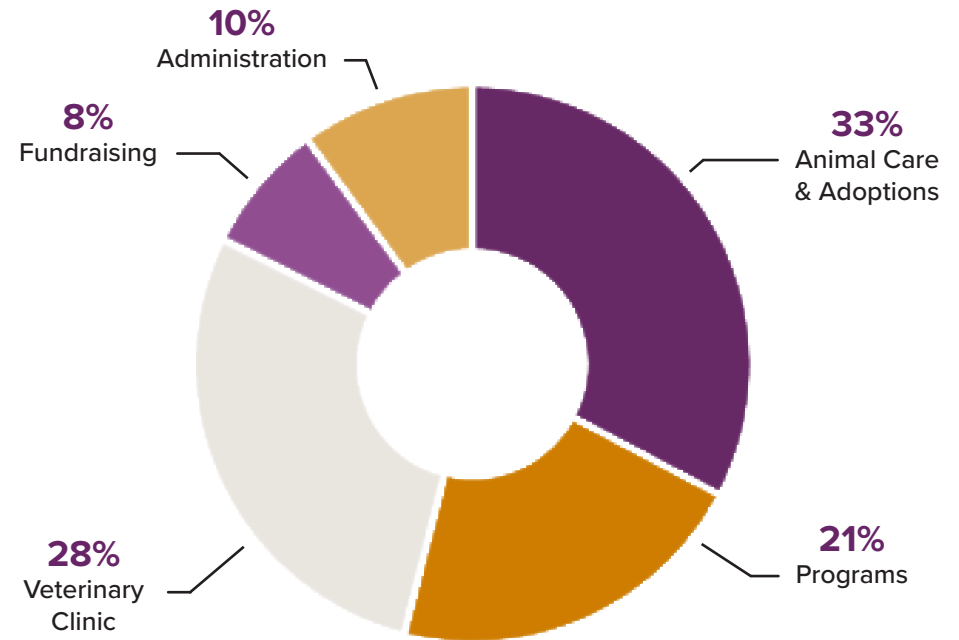


## 2020 - 2021 Fiscal Year Revenue



Individual Gifts & Bequests	\$ 8,590,136
Grants, Corporations, & Foundations	\$ 611,642
Program Fees	\$ 367,918
Sales	\$ 345,339
Special Events (net)	\$ 517,063
Other	\$ 50,883
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,482,981</b>

## 2020 - 2021 Fiscal Year Expenses



Animal Care & Adoptions	\$ 2,196,621
Programs	\$ 1,421,624
Veterinary Clinic	\$ 1,908,616
Fundraising	\$ 503,740
Administration	\$ 676,822
Program Development Fund	\$ 3,775,558
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,482,981</b>



#1 celebrity-related  
charity by Charity  
Navigator



13 years of Charity  
Navigator's highest  
rating (★★★★)



GuideStar's  
Platinum Seal of  
Transparency

People Rescuing Animals ...  
Animals Rescuing People.®

Bryce  
Adopted 3-24-21  
ARF's 45,000<sup>th</sup>  
Adoption!

**1,362**  
pet adoptions in  
FY 20-21

People Rescuing Animals ... Animals Rescuing People®



2890 Mitchell Drive  
Walnut Creek, CA 94598  
(925) 256-1273  
[www.arflife.org](http://www.arflife.org)