

IN AWE OF ARF'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A Message from the CEO



Greetings, Friend!

Since joining ARF as CEO in December 2022, I have been in awe of this amazing organization's energized and visionary efforts — made possible by supporters, volunteers, and partners like you—to enrich the lives of pets and the people who love them.

Building on more than three decades of lifesaving and life-changing work, ARF has accelerated its response to challenges such as surging shelter populations, spay/neuter backlogs, national shortages of dog training and veterinary care, and the difficulties that confront pet families in a tightening economy. ARF's focus on and dedication to addressing these challenges positions us at the forefront of positive change in animal welfare and how our society will view and care for companion animals for years to come.

COMMUNITY IMPACTS

Nurturing the human-animal bond is at the heart of every one of our life-changing programs.









RESCUE

ADOPTION

PETS AND VETS

VETERINARY SERVICES











VOLUNTEERING

FOODSHARE

ARF EMERGENCY MEDICAL FUND®

PET SAFETY NET

YOUTH PROGRAMS

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ARF was a lifeline last year for thousands of animals and people, and in every case we supported, we witnessed the joy of the human-animal bond. Our FoodShare program distributed over 185,000 pounds of free food and litter to cats and dogs. The ARF Emergency Medical Fund® helped pets overcome seemingly hopeless health crises, while the Pet Hug Pack® delivered healing happiness to those in greatest need at hospitals, schools, and senior centers.

Adoption operations moved to a seven-day-a-week schedule to match more pets with caring guardians and our training program answered overwhelming demand with an accelerated slate of classes. In a particularly proud moment, the Pets and Vets program graduated a new class

of Veterans and their service dog partners in a celebration of ARF's ongoing commitment to those seeking greater stability through unconditional love.

You and other generous supporters made these and many more joyful outcomes possible. Every day your open-hearted giving inspires ARF's staff and volunteers to form, support, elevate, and celebrate the joyful bond between people and pets. Thank you for helping make life happier for dogs, cats, and people!

Sincerely,



Susan Lee Vick
Chief Executive Officer

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On the Cover:
Blizzard, a long-term shelter guest who found his forever home.
Photo Credit: Polina Ulyanova

JOY BEGINS WITH A JOURNEY

Rescue

Every week, our team hits the road to visit overcrowded municipal shelters across the state of California. Before entering our care, the dogs and cats we rescue face an uncertain future, with possible euthanasia for treatable health problems, easily-solvable behavior issues, or sometimes just lack of space.

Take Loki, for example. He was injured in Madera County's North Fork Fire, suffering from burnt paw pads and smoke inhalation - his adorable whiskers were curled up from being singed! But he made a strong recovery and our team was able to find him a new home in no time!

Or Amethyst, a spunky, playful Shepherd mix our team reached days before she was scheduled to be euthanized. After languishing at a Central Valley shelter for months, a few days with our behavior team readied Amethyst for the loving home she yearned for.

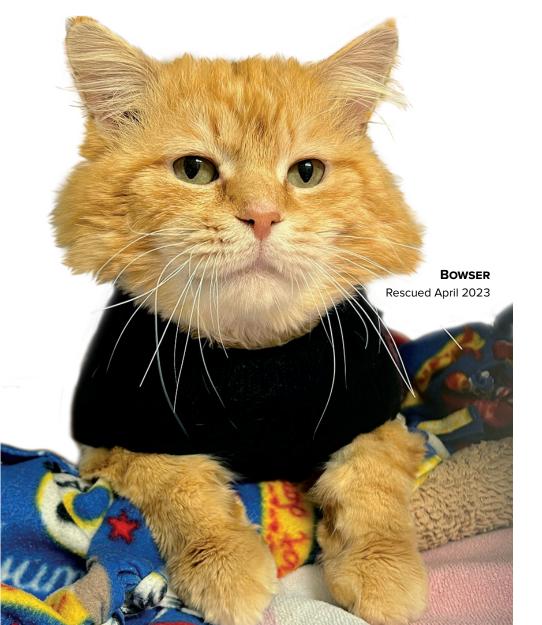
The happy endings to the countless stories like these only happen because people like you care and



THE ROAD TO ADOPTION







We don't always know much about our animals' histories before they enter the shelter. But we do know where they're headed: home!

After entering ARF's Walnut Creek headquarters, every dog and cat receives a check-up in our clinic, where they are fully vaccinated and given any other health care they may need. Next, ARF's expert behavior team assesses each shelter guest, and formulates a plan to work through any issues they may have. Many dogs and cats then spend time in volunteer foster homes to get some extra love and care while recovering from injury, illness, or just stress. Then, finally, they return to ARF ready for adoption.

While we know the day an animal is rescued by ARF is one of the most important of their life, it pales in comparison to the day that dog or cat goes home with their new guardian.

BETTER THAN EVER... BECAUSE WE'RE TOGETHER

Pets and Vets

Pets and Vets had another remarkable year, and one of its most moving moments was the graduation of a new class of Pets and Vets shelter-to-service dog training teams.

The celebration was a powerful and joyful reminder of the transformation this program creates for participating Veterans, their families and friends, and the extraordinary shelter dogs who train alongside them.

Retired Air Force Sergeant Jeff and his service dog Maddie were among the graduating class in January. Their journey through the Pets and Vets training exemplifies the profound ways the program touches lives. Learning to be a service dog and handler as a team gave Jeff the challenge and satisfaction of training Maddie to support his unique needs. With Jeff as her guide, Maddie learned to excel as a psychiatric service dog. This team approach to training deepens the bond between Veterans and their service dogs, fostering pride and a sense of purpose for both.

ARF's Pets and Vets shelter-to-service training program heals and enriches lives far beyond those of the Veterans and shelter dogs participating. Family and friends witness and also benefit from the joyful transformation. "My wife used to say she didn't know which version of me would wake up in the morning," says Jeff. "Since I've had Maddie, that's changed. Maddie's been a life-saver. If I didn't have her, I don't know where I'd be."



THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2023

2023

860
HOURS OF SERVICE DOG TRAINING
TRAINING

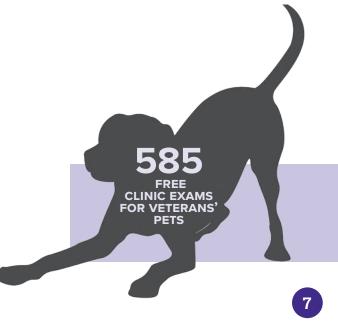


Since the Pets and Vets program was created in 2011, ARF has pioneered innovative solutions to serve Veterans with PTSD and other conditions that can benefit from a psychiatric or emotional service dog. From that time forward, we have enhanced the lives of thousands of Veterans, their families, and their pets through free adoptions, free veterinary exams, and our nationally replicated shelter-to-service Pets and Vets training program.

The coming year will see the launch of new ways to make ARF's support services more widely available to Veterans, including a new foster program that will engage volunteers to help prepare shelter dogs for the service dog candidacy. "We are keenly focused on expanding our programs so more former service members and shelter-to-service dogs can experience better lives together," said Amanda Conlon, Director of the Pets and Vets program. "The need is great and our solution is a win-win for Veterans and shelter dogs. We stand poised and ready to answer the call."

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Jeff, Air Force Veteran, Pets and Vets graduate



How Many Spay/Neuter Surgeries?!

Veterinary Services

This year marks Dr. Heather Budgin's 20th anniversary of caring for patients at ARF. To honor her two decades of service to ARF's beloved shelter guests, we give you a glimpse into her typical day.

6:30 am: No Alarm Needed

From the moment Dr. Heather wakes up, she's in motion. She tends to her dogs Max and Norm and cats Pippi, Louie, and Rocket, and makes breakfast for her children. On the commute to school, they laugh at corny kid-friendly jokes, the best of which Dr. Heather memorizes to share with her team. "Have you heard the one about why the egg hides?" *

8:30 am: The Work Day Begins

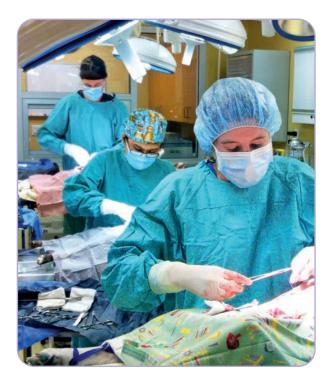
Max and Norm snooze in her office as Dr. Heather attends to presurgical exams.

9:10 am: Shelter Rounds

Dr. Heather and the clinic team members circle with members of ARF's Animal Care, Pets and Vets, Adoptions, and Behavior teams to review the cases for all current animals in the clinic care system.

9:30 am: Surgeries Begin

Dr. Heather diligently scrubs in before her busy day of spay and neuter surgeries, crucial work in preventing the unplanned litters straining shelter systems. In a typical day, she performs about 12 of these procedures.



Across the surgical suite, Dr. Heather's colleagues' are busy with procedures for clients served through ARF's Community Solutions programs including, for example, a hernia repair for an emotional support dog, a mammary mass (breast cancer) removal, and cleaning and extraction of a cat's infected teeth. With surgeries completed, the animals gently recover from sedation and are monitored throughout the day by the clinic team.

After a quick walk and lunch, Dr. Heather completes her medical rounds, checks in with staff, and performs intake exams on newly arrived shelter guests. "The best part of my job is creating a treatment plan for animals arriving, helping them get healthy, and seeing them go to their new homes. There's nothing better than witnessing that journey and joyful ending."

4:30 pm: Homeward Bound

Dr. Heather, Max, and Norm head home for the day, often just for a quick stop before she jumps back in the car for carpool duty.

6:30 pm: Only a Phone Call Away

At the end of a busy day, Dr. Heather is preparing dinner when a text arrives from the foster team. After a phone call to understand the immediate medical concern for an ARF cat, she determines a probiotic will put the cat on the road to recovery and emergency care isn't needed.

The day ends with a walk with the dogs and Dr. Heather's teenage son, followed by story time with her youngest. Before bedtime with her own book, Dr. Heather often turns to a different kind of skilled handiwork as she unwinds from the day with a sewing project.

10:30 pm: So Ends Another Day of Making a Difference

It's lights out followed by a good night's sleep before Dr. Heather begins another day of veterinary devotion to the animals at ARF.

YOU GAVE RITCHIE A SECOND CHANCE

Pet Safety Net



148
EXAMS FOR ARF
EMERGENCY
MEDICAL FUND®
CLIENTS



218,490 lbs

OF FOOD AND LITTER

DONATED BY PURINA
FOR SHELTER GUESTS

AND

FOODSHARE CLIENTS



When a family member passed away, Ritchie's guardian inherited Ritchie and Nicki, an adorable dachshund duo. Soon afterward, it became clear that Ritchie was suffering from advanced gum disease, a painful condition that if left untreated can lead to systemic infections and potentially severe illness and health complications.

The damage to Ritchie's teeth was irreversible and he needed extensive surgery. Faced with the impossibility of paying a medical bill totaling thousands of dollars to remove twelve of Ritchie's teeth, his guardian turned to ARF for help. With assistance provided by our **Pet Safety Net**, a program providing critical resources to keep pets and their families together, and the support of an ARF veterinary partner, Ritchie was able to undergo the needed surgery. His grateful guardian asked, "Can you imagine having to euthanize such a wonderful dog due to lack of financial resources?"

ARF's Pet Safety Net served more than 600 families in Contra Costa County during the past fiscal year. "There's no way I can ever really repay you for the joy and happiness you and ARF have brought us," Ritchie's guardian told ARF. With Ritchie's health and high spirits restored, the bond of this incredible pet family is stronger than ever.

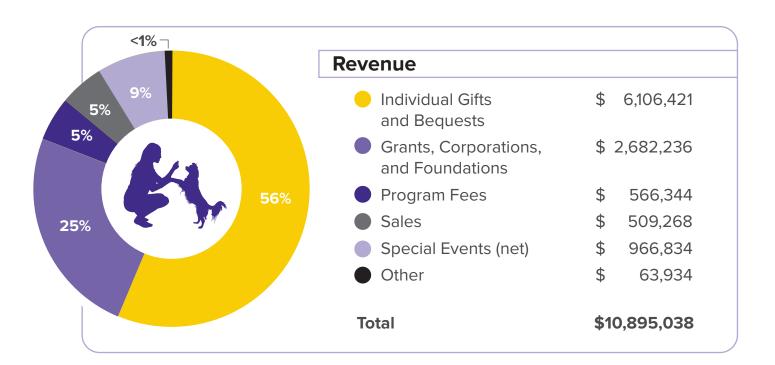
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SPAY/NEUTER SURGERIES
PERFORMED

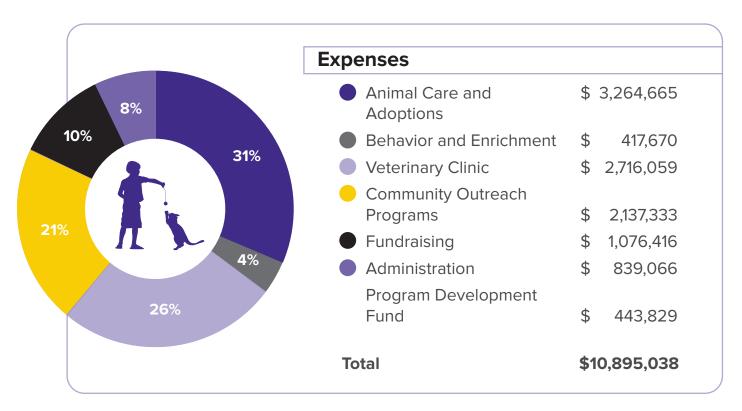
2023

632
FAMILIES SERVED
BY PET SAFETY NET



FINANCIALS (FY2022-2023)





Google Business Rating



Candid Seal of Transparency



Charity Navigator Rating



BIG HEARTS FOR BIG DOGS

"Training builds bonds, trust, and love. It strengthens the connection between pets and their owners."

Maud Goldfield



Maud and Burton Goldfield and their beloved rescued Greyhound therapy dog, Liberty.

It's unusual to encounter someone whose first experience of owning a pet goldfish (who lived to the age of 10) would one day grow into a deep love and fondness for big dogs. That was the case for Maud Goldfield.

Maud and Burton Goldfield began supporting ARF five years ago after establishing their family foundation. One of the main pillars of their philanthropic giving is supporting animal welfare. Their generosity stems from a desire to expand opportunities for others to experience the fun, joy, unconditional love, and companionship of pets. It's also rooted in a belief that we have a responsibility and duty to take care of animals who have come to rely on humans through thousands of years of domestication. "We've made dogs and cats completely dependent upon us," says Maud. "And now, we owe it to them to care for them. They have given us so much."

Inspired by Maud's volunteerism as a dog walker and foster experience with a Doberman from a local shelter who captured their hearts, the couple has made a generous, multi-year commitment to support ARF's training and foster programs with an emphasis on big dogs. "A trained dog who doesn't pull on a leash and is well-behaved is less likely to be surrendered to a shelter for behavioral issues," says Maud. "Training builds bonds, trust, and love. It strengthens the connection between pets and their owners."

"When I see an animal adopted into a wonderful forever home, it fills my heart with joy," says Maud. The couple hopes their contributions will inspire others to support ARF in the vital work of nurturing the human-animal bond and broadening essential services that allow these bonds to flourish.

We are filled with gratitude for the generosity of Maud and Burton Goldfield who support our mission and the unconditional love between people and pets.

ENGELSTAD FOUNDATION INVESTS IN A FRESH START FOR PEOPLE AND PETS

Grooming Academy

Dogs, like people, feel healthiest and best when clean and fresh. People, it's fair to say, feel happiest earning a good wage for worthy work. This past year, those two ideas inspired the Engelstad Foundation to award a \$2 million grant to ARF for the creation of an innovative dog grooming school and salon right on our Walnut Creek campus.

The Engelstad Grooming Academy will provide vocational training to Veterans, survivors of domestic violence, formerly incarcerated individuals, and other community members facing barriers to employment, preparing them for well-paying, in-demand jobs in the pet grooming sector. Academy students will learn by doing as they bathe and groom ARF's shelter guests, making them even more irresistibly adoptable. Academy teachers, meanwhile, will offer affordable grooming services to the community, generating income to fund ARF's core programs.

"The Grooming Academy is another way ARF can provide essential and loving care for animals while focusing on the well-being of humans at the same time," says Rebecca Katz, Chief Programs Officer. "Through the reciprocal benefits of the human-animal bond, we strive to enrich the lives of people, pets, and our communities."

We are deeply grateful for the partnership of the Engelstad Foundation and their shared commitment to the dual benefits of this new program that lifts up both people and animals.

"Being able to support our Veterans, employment programming and our four-legged friends in one fell swoop... it's truly a special moment," says Kris Engelstad, trustee of the Engelstad Foundation. "We commend ARF for continuing to advocate for animals while finding new ways to make our communities that much stronger."

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Kris Engelstad,
Trustee of the Engelstad
Foundation

\$2 MILLION
COMMITMENT TO
CREATE THE
ENGELSTAD GROOMING
ACADEMY



FROM CLASSROOMS TO KENNELS, SUE ANDREWS CAPTURES HEARTS

Volunteering

Sue Andrews' first pet was a stray cat she named "Kitty" at the age of five. Little could she imagine then that she would become a devoted volunteer bringing joy to the lives of shelter animals.

Sue began volunteering eight years ago after retiring from teaching and a methodical search for purposeful volunteer opportunities. "I attended informational meetings, and ARF hit home," she said. "Since then, there have been so many times I've seen all the love ARF puts into the world."

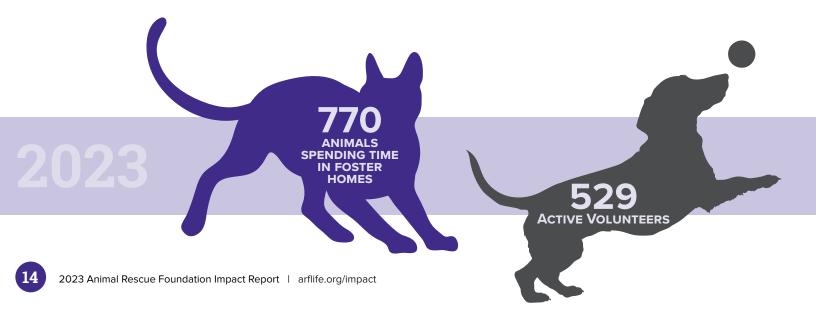
During her twice weekly volunteer shifts, Sue assists the behavior and training teams, working on skills to help prepare dogs for adoption. She takes dogs on trail outings to practice skills such as loose leash walking and brings her devotion home as well by fostering dogs for ARF's Pets and Vets program.

Among her favorite tasks is capturing the special moments between Veterans and their service dogs through photography. You'll find her stunning images on the walls of the Pets and Vets building, rescue vehicles, and frequently on the pages of our publications (see page 6-7).

"Sue represents the very best of ARF," says Mike Murray, Director of Community Engagement. "She is a compassionate and dedicated volunteer whose experience and knowledge make a positive impact on the animals, the families who adopt them, and all of us who are touched by her spirit of kindness."



Sue sometimes trains with a tickle.



CHEERS FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Heartfelt gratitude goes to ARF's dedicated volunteers, especially those listed below, who have given more than 100 hours of service during the past year. Your commitment to ARF makes the world a better place, as pets and people find joy in the bond between them.

Lillian Pon

Shamrock Power

Andrea Proctor

Stewart Proctor

Kathy Regan

Saara Robles

Jan Sanchez Mie Schoolcraft

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Lenee Short

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41,005 VOLUNTEER HOURS

Amanda Garvey



Volunteer Barry Clark with Frosty, rescued October 2022.

JOY ABOUNDS ALL AROUND: PET HUG PACK®

The warm hearts and wet noses of our furry friends bring a special kind of happy magic. This past year, ARF's dedicated **Pet Hug Pack**® volunteers resumed their commitment to delighting and soothing pet lovers in need of a dose of canine and feline affection.



Pet Hug Pack® team Sue Cross and Cooper spread joy throughout the year.



From visiting patients at hospitals and nursing homes, to comforting students at Saint Mary's College and UC Berkeley during finals week, to making cameo appearances at ARF events like Wine and Whiskers, these special therapy animals and their handlers brought joy to the lives of over 2,700 people throughout the year.

Thank you to our Pet Hug Pack® volunteers!

Angie Bailie
Leslie Baker
Karen Ball
Bobbe Bartlett
Emilia Bauleke
Todd Bauleke
Joann Biondi
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GIFTS OF A LIFETIME: CIRCLE OF COMPASSION

The following friends are committed to continuing ARF's work in perpetuity through their estate plans. Their bequests, trusts, and annuities create a legacy of love for the animals now and long into the future. To learn about ways to participate in the Circle of Compassion or share your existing plans with ARF, please reach out via legacygiving@arflife.org.

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AN OFFICE ROMANCE

When Pet Food Express CEO Denyelle Bruno visited ARF's campus for the first time, none of us imagined she'd leave with a new love. But that's what happened the moment Denyelle and Luna, a German Shepherd-Husky mix, first locked eyes.

ARF staff quickly set up their first date, a courtyard meeting with Denyelle and a few enthusiastic team members looking on. Luna wasn't willing to let down her guard in that crowd, but Denyelle wasn't going to walk away.

"Something in her eyes, that spark of hope and trust, touched my soul. I knew deep down that Luna was meant to be part of our family. So I returned to spend some quiet time with her, and that's when our bond truly blossomed."



Everyone aware of the tender first moments of the humananimal bond forming in an empty office couldn't resist an occasional peek in passing, and when it became clear this match was destined, someone snapped this happy photo. What that picture can't convey, though, is that Denyelle's commitment to Luna included a canceled flight, a rented car, and a ten hour drive to bring the new darling home to her family.

Pet Food Express has been ARF's valued partner for more than two decades.

The Bay Area-based company shares ARF's values and supports our mission every year through events, donations, and campaigns that enrich the lives of people and pets. ARF proudly participates in the annual Pet Food Express Pet Fair, the largest statewide adoption event helping rescue animals find forever homes.

We are thrilled that Luna found her forever home with Denyelle and her family, and are grateful for this special new connection to our long-standing partners at Pet Food Express.

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