



ANNUAL MEDICAL PLEA

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WHY EDDIE IS HAPPY THERE IS AN ARRF MEDICAL FUND

(EVEN THOUGH HE MAY NOT REALIZE HOW FORTUNATE HE IS THAT IT EXISTS!)



Eddie is a happy-go-lucky boy who is a black and tan Miniature Pinscher/Chihuahua mix. He is now in his forever home and happy to be there, but he had a rocky start in life.

Eddie, originally called Prince, was relinquished to one of the San Diego shelters with two siblings. They got adopted quickly, but Eddie did not. After some time at the shelter and two adoptions that did not work out, he somehow lost his trust in people.

Eileen Mundt, a long-time ARRF foster, decided to foster Eddie in January 2015. She helped him re-establish trust in humans, and all went well until six months later when he developed a taste for palm seeds from palm trees. Although dogs love eating these seeds, they are really bad for all dogs, and the Sago palm seed is highly poisonous. Unfortunately, there are palm trees all over San Diego and pups just love the taste of the seeds (probably like humans and roasted peanuts!).

Because the ARRF Medical Fund is kept alive and well by generous donors, Eddie's first visit to the hospital allowed him to have emergency X-rays that showed there was something in his tummy that shouldn't be there. He was also very dehydrated. After being on an IV all day, Eileen took him home; next morning another X-ray showed all was fine.

However, Eddie's taste for palm seeds did not diminish, and the second time he ate them, it was found that he had a large palm seed in his small intestine which required X-rays, medicines, a CAT scan, and finally, surgery, with a 24-hour stay at the emergency pet hospital. After he was discharged, he was put on a bland diet, kept on meds and watched carefully while he recovered. The emergency pet hospital frequently sees cases like this as palm seeds are all over sidewalks and streets around town.

Some dogs just love to eat whatever is at hand, and Eddie seems to be no exception. The third visit to the emergency pet hospital showed something foreign in his intestines again. An overnight stay and a trip outside to do his business the next morning produced a large piece of plastic that he had ingested.

Through it all, the Medical Fund has been there for Eddie. Dogs don't have the capability to think, "Oh, that is bad for me. I shouldn't eat it." No, they live in the moment, and if it smells good, it must taste even better! Eddie is one lucky little guy who, in spite of his rocky start in life, found himself in the care of an experienced foster who realized when he

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GOOD NEWS CORNER

**ARRF Adoptions to date:
480 dogs, 27 cats
(& counting)!**

ARRF Mission Statement

ARRF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization working to assist the rescue community, educate the public, and support low-cost spay/neuter efforts. We do all we can to help end the suffering of lost and/or abandoned pets.

EDDIE & THE ARRF MEDICAL FUND

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needed medical attention and made sure he got it. And through it all, the Medical Fund provided the care that Eddie received.

Now that Eddie has recovered and has a clean bill of health, he is back to looking for his forever home. Want to know more about him? Check Eddie out on Petfinder or Adopt-a-Pet at:

<https://www.petfinder.com/petdetail/31258150>

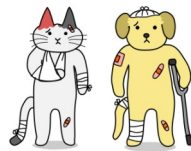
or

<http://www.adoptapet.com/pet/12268101-vista-california-miniature-pinscher-mix> to talk to his foster mom and perhaps set a time to meet this little guy.

The ARRF Medical Fund has helped many ARRF fosters throughout the years. As you probably know, ARRF will not adopt out an animal into a forever home until they have a clean bill of health. Sometimes medical problems aren't evident at the shelter, but once an animal goes to a foster home, problems may arise. Sometimes the animal is found to have a problem with a leg due to an earlier injury that didn't heal correctly. Other times an animal may need dental work. Cherry eye can be a problem that needs to be corrected. The list is quite long, but because of the Medical Fund, ARRF fosters receive the treatment and care they need.

ARRF fosters all have one thing in common. They have been abandoned or given away by previous owners. But with ARRF there to care for them, they get a second chance to experience the life all dogs should get to have. And our donors and supporters make that possible for these dear animals by keeping the Medical Fund alive and well.

Without your support, ARRF couldn't do what it does, which is save more animals who find themselves in the County of San Diego shelters and give them the miracle of a second chance.



We appreciate our friends and supporters so much, and we continue doing the work we do (we are an all-volunteer group) because we know there are so many people who care and want to help. In this season of giving, we want to speak for the animals who cannot speak for themselves, and to let you know that we are **all** making a difference!



WALK FOR A DOG MOBILE APP — BY WOOFTRAX, INC.

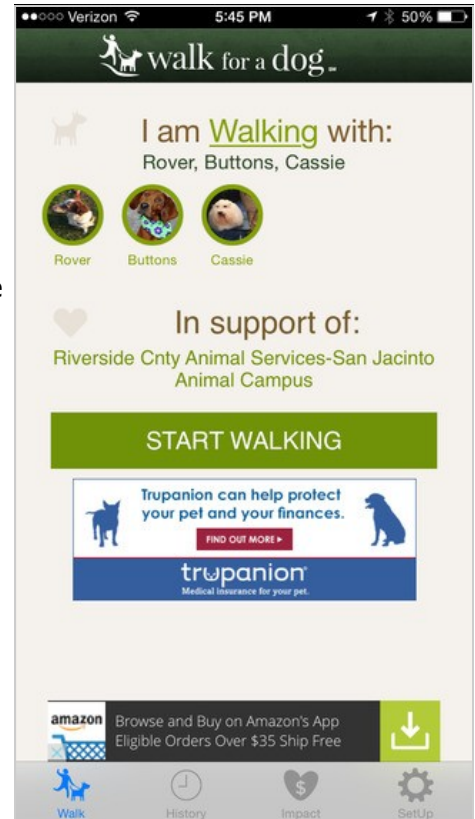
Use this free app every time you walk your dog! Every time you walk, we donate to the animal shelter or rescue organization of your choice. The more you Take your Walk for a Dog, the more we can donate.

How much we donate is determined by the number of people actively walking for your selected animal organization. For more details, please visit WoofTrax.com/faq. The most important factor is the number of people walking for an animal organization. So please spread the word, and share the app.

Don't just take your dog for a walk ... Take your Walk for a Dog; it's healthy for you, your dog, and your chosen animal organization.



[Editor's Note: WoofTrax doesn't support ARRF yet, but we have applied to be one of the rescue groups that you can walk to support. Meanwhile, if you want to support the County of San Diego shelters (www.sddac.com), they are already listed on this app. If you're walking a dog, why not make a shelter some money while getting your exercise? We'll keep you posted when ARRF gets added to this fun app].



HAPPY ADOPTERS & THEIR NEW FAMILY MEMBERS

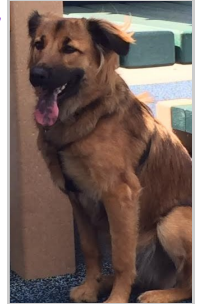


***Lewis**, the gorgeous sight-impaired cat who found himself at the shelter, has found his forever home. We understand he and his forever mom are crazy about each other, too. Handsome Lewis is one happy boy!*

Hi Dana and Bernice!

*Wanted to send some updated pictures of our **Lani** (formerly Rosie). She is just great, and we love her so much. She turned one year old in August. She now weighs 47 pounds, is wonderful with our kids, sleeps with one of them, is a pretty good listener, and seems to be a great guard dog. We are so grateful for her. Thanks again,
Michelle*

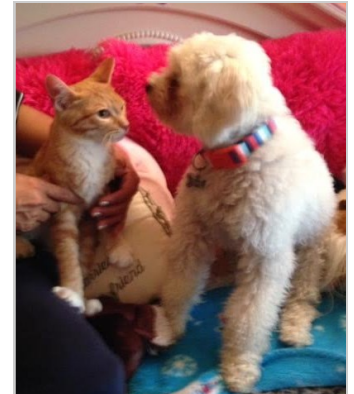
Lani today



Lani (then Rosie) as a pup



***Sky** (formerly known as Doc) and his cat sibling in their forever home*



*Hi, Eileen,
We thought it was time for a **Rex** picture update, so here are a couple that Tony just took. Rex is so dear! He is a good boy, and lots of fun. Owen, our other sweet boy, has had a few more health challenges, and is now nearly totally blind. Rex is so kind to him--he doesn't take his food or treats, and waits patiently for him to make his way down the stairs, etc. We are so lucky!
All the best,
Leslie*



*Update on **Haley**:*

I moved to Murrieta and was able to keep her. Common story of falling in love with a foster dog and not giving her up. She lives an awesome life and takes up half the bed every night; good thing I have a King!

Hope you are doing well and all the animals are finding good homes.



***Brindy** is shown in her forever home relaxing with her new sibling. Volunteers may remember this pretty girl from the shelter (see small photo). She is now home and embarking on the kind of life all dogs should have!*



"Dad, are we there yet?"



Matt, Cory and Haley

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A DOG EMERGENCY?

by Margarat Nee
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<http://theartofdog.com/>

BE PREPARED. What would you do if your dog were unexpectedly injured?

Whether home or on the road, do you have the basic supplies and know-how to handle a sudden emergency?

Many of you know already that I drive across the country every year to spend the summer in New Hampshire. Packing for my dog, Vida, is almost like packing for myself, and I bring along a few items "just in case" for both of us. This year when I was deciding what to bring I was tossing them into a Ziploc bag: tinctures, a box of Yunnan Baiyao (for bleeding), first aid powder, my tiny glove box kit of emergency homeopathic. . . it was pretty random. I was mostly thinking about her general health and what might come up over the two months we'd be away from our usual easy-access to supplies.

I did not pack and plan for what did happen about half-way across the country.

Vida's had a slow growing tumor under the base of her tail that we've left alone as it wasn't causing any problems, but leaving the hotel in Indiana I noticed that the skin had opened a bit. You can learn all of the details on my blog about the situation: [<http://theartofdog.blogspot.com>], but suffice it to say I needed to deal with it quickly. I used what I had on hand to clean it and wrap it, but it got more involved later in the day and as we traveled. It wasn't painful for Vida, but it needed to be cared for until we could get to a vet in New Hampshire.

I wish I had packed a proper travel kit!

Some of what I used was only available because it was packed for a human member of the family. Then I gave Vida antibiotics for the first time in her life because I had passed on bringing my strongest herbal ones when I was packing.

An herbalist I know had a good idea - to make a list and stick to it so that when you're packing it you don't leave it out because you think you don't need it or simply don't want to carry it.



Vida & Margarat

You can pack a kit to keep in the car for close-to-home emergencies, one that's small enough for a hike that includes on-the-spot needs, and a more extensive one that is already packed at home, ready to grab, and can go with you on road trips when you'll be away from your home territory. What did I use in this situation that had been packed? Alaskan Essences Soul Support; Herbal Energetics First Aid Powder; Pet Wellness Blends Canine Healing Salve; Sterile rolled gauze; Sterile gauze pads; AromaDog Lickity Spritzer (colloidal silver); Newton Homeopathics Injury/Rescue; Sterile saline; Paper tape (not my first choice for use on a dog); Gloves

What I wish I'd had:

Vet Wrap; Snub-nosed scissors; More homeopathics for specific conditions; strong herbal antibiotic tincture (Cryptolepsis made by Woodland Essence for example) premixed with Oat glycerite tincture for flavor.

I plan to make a complete list and pack all of the items into a special container when I get back to San Diego. It will be ready to go before the emergency happens, whether it's at home or away.

Start making YOUR kit today!

[The wound I blogged about has nearly healed up so there is a [good outcome to read about here](#).



RALPHS HELPS SHELTER ANIMALS

Just a reminder that if you shop at Ralphs, but haven't signed up yet to help animals and shelters, ask for the information next time you shop and get registered. Remember, just by purchasing groceries, you can help animals who need our assistance. Check with your local Ralphs to become part of the program. And thanks to the Kroger Family of Stores for helping shelter animals!

Thanks, Ralphs!



REMEMBER TO "LIKE" ARRF ON FACEBOOK!



You can find information on pets that have just been posted on ARRF's Pet-finder and Adopt-a-Pet pages, as well as timely information and some fun information to share!



WANT TO GIFT ARRF WITH A DONATION OR REMEMBER A SPECIAL PERSON OR PET?

Visit ARRF's website and use PayPal It's safe, easy, and fast!



If you prefer to pay by check, send your donation to:

**ARRF
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THANK YOU!**



REMEMBER SWEET LITTLE BELLE?

Belle was turned in to the shelter as a bedraggled mess. No one even knew what she really looked like until she was shaved. Once she was cleaned up, a beautiful little girl emerged (see Before & After photos below)! Now she is living a wonderful life with her forever family. Her ARRF foster mom, Beth Hilton, fell in love with Belle and decided to keep her (ARRF has an exclusive club that is called the Failed Foster Club!). Sometimes fosters find they just can't give up a dog or cat they are fostering, but ARRF is just happy that the animal has found a wonderful, forever home.

Little Belle just passed Rady Children's' Hospital Canine Therapy Program with flying colors! Not bad for a formerly bedraggled, scruffy, matted rescue, eh? Congratulations, sweet Belle. May you be the source of many smiles and bring happiness to everyone you visit!



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PLEASE NOTE. . .

If your vet prescribes Deramaxx for your dog to ease arthritis symptoms, please check out this website to be sure you know all about this medication: <http://www.drugs.com/pro/deramaxx.html>. It can cause side effects and some dogs do not tolerate it well. Just make sure you have the facts & that your dog is on the medication for as short a time as possible.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S KENNEL

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Where has this year gone? It's flown by way too fast for this senior, that is for sure.

ARRF has recently been fortunate enough to add several nice new volunteers to our list of those who help with events, or who, like Daniella Caravelho and Debra Lichtenstein, are fostering for ARRF (a BIG WELCOME and THANKS to you both!)

Merri Kelley, Larry Kucera, Melanie Murnane, Alice Reysbergen, Barbara Mannino, and Sandra Moffitt all help the shelter kids get a nice day away from the shelters at adoption events – come and visit them sometime – bet you will fall in love (AND maybe even decide you have some time to donate once or twice a month at these events). The more the merrier to help a shelter dog who has spent 95% of its time in a kennel run. If your schedule doesn't allow you time to work an event, how about joining our group of folks who post fliers? Just let me know!

May I take a moment to thank so many of you for your kind words of sympathy in the loss of our beloved 18-year-old cat, Moishe Dayan, who brought us over 17 years of love and devotion. Lately I have gotten so many posters showing lost cats – PLEASE KEEP YOUR KITTIES INDOORS – THEY WILL LIVE LONGER, HAPPIER AND LOVING LIVES.

Happy Holidays to all. Enjoy your families and your loving fur friends — and maybe even find one more space in your life to add a new shelter dog or cat to your family! ☺

Waggingly,

*Bernice Friedman
President*



Moishe & his blankie



Moishe the Star!

JUST FOR FUN. . . FAMILY MEMBERS COME IN ALL SHAPES AND SIZES!

Check out the farm cat who added ducklings to her litter:

<http://www.sheknows.com/pets-and-animals/slideshow/2308/cat-adopts-ducklings/cat-with-ducks>



PLEASE KNOW

ARRF deeply appreciates its many supporters year-round, but during this season of giving and receiving, we feel especially blessed to have such devoted friends. Whatever you celebrate — and wherever you celebrate — everyone in the ARRF

family wishes each of you a warm and wonderful holiday season.

THANK YOU, once again, for your continued support of ARRF.

YOU help make it possible for us to change animals' lives and bring so many of them the miracle of a second chance.

