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SAVE THE DATE

Soup-R-Bowl All-You-Can-Eat Soup & Sandwich Dinner

Berea Midpark High School
Saturday, January 28, 2017
4-7 pm

Annual Rummage Sale

Berea Midpark High School
Late April, 2017
9 am – 1 pm

Monster Mutt Dash and Howl-O-Ween After Party

Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
Saturday, October 14, 2017

Introducing



You won't want to miss this all-new fundraising spectacular to benefit the animals of Berea ARF! There's something for everyone, with all-you-can-eat appetizer and dessert buffets, casino gambling, instant bingos and sideboard betting, photo booth, cash bar, wine tasting, raffles, silent auction and more! It's your chance to have a great evening out and raise money for homeless animals at the same time.

Ehrnfelt Event Center, Strongsville
Saturday, June 10, 2017 • 6:00-10:00 pm



Happy Holidays
from Your Friends at ARF!



The Rock Star: Just Look at Me Now!

Submitted by Bonnie Adams, Rocky's "manager"



Every day I'm thankful for my pit bull, Rocky (aka Goldie). A few years ago, I was without a dog for the first time in my life. Fate intervened when I received a call from Berea ARF looking for a home for a dog that had been in the Correctional Institution Foster program for eight months.

I met Rocky at a Petco in Fairview Park where he'd participated in several events. I learned of the trauma related to his rescue; the volunteers who rescued him actually thought he was dead until he gave them a kiss! Then came his fight to stay alive after 9 years of abuse, starvation, being wounded and having heartworm and pneumonia. Many of his volunteer friends cared for him with love and compassion.

Since I work as a counselor specializing in trauma and end of life issues, I thought we would be perfect for each other. That first day, he sauntered into the house as though he'd been here all his life. He attempted to climb into my lap, placed his muzzle in the crook of my arm and fell asleep. We knew we belonged together, and he knew he was home.



He has charisma that's larger than life. He's become a Rock Star! As his personal assistant, we attend events so he can represent shelter and prison dogs. He's met people from mayors to TV hosts. Somehow he knows how to turn on the charm and usually pulls me toward the largest group of people. I can feel his happiness soar when we see his old buddies, the volunteers. He remembers his heroes! His vet's office even lists his stories and events their website.

He's taught me so much—about shelters, to be a more responsible dog owner, to love pit bulls. He's my hero. He wakes up every day wagging his tail, smiling that big pit bull smile. After all that was done to him by humans, he never lost his ability to love or trust. He LOVES people, I mean loves them! He is my best friend, my family, my hero, my heart. His love has made me a better person. I'll never be able to thank him for the honor of traveling with him, even if only for a few years. I love him with all my heart.

Warm Up at the Soup-R-Bowl Dinner

ARF's traditional Soup-R-Bowl All-You-Can-Eat Soup & Sandwich dinner is Saturday, January 28 at Berea Midpark High School, from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. Look for all your favorite varieties of homemade soups and fresh wrap sandwiches, salads and desserts, plus our famous Raffle Basket table, 50/50 and sideboard betting.

Tickets are only \$12 at the door. See you there!

'Grandpa' Montel Finally Gets a Home



him a favorite among volunteers—and they attracted a wonderful family, too! After 9 months, his dreams came true, and he now enjoys a happy, stress-free life of naps on a big, soft bed and spending time with his human sister.

Poor Montel. He was a good-natured, lovable older stray, but he had so many problems! He arrived with an upper respiratory infection—common for cats living on the streets. But he didn't take well to the shelter environment. His stress caused him to "over-groom"; he licked his paws and back almost constantly. From this, his problems snowballed into alopecia. He had to wear a cone for a month to keep him from losing all his fur!

Our talented medical team got him on a successful regimen to help manage his stress. It looked like things were finally turning around for this sweet boy when he was adopted but, through no fault of his own, he was returned. Back at the shelter, depression really set in.

Thankfully, our caring team figured out just what Montel needed. He was moved into the "free roam" room where he became a delightful "grandpa" figure to the kittens romping there. His charms made



Is This a Happy Dog, or What?

Owen, a 3-year-old Coonhound mix, spent the last 6 months as a part of Berea ARF's Correctional Institution Foster program, where specially selected offenders care for and train our animals. Because the animals and their handlers spend so much time together, it's not uncommon for them to develop a strong bond.

Owen's handler, Al, cared for him, fed him, gave him exercise, and worked with him daily to master his obedience skills, and needless to say the duo became best buddies. So when Al was officially released from the facility in early August, the first thing he did was to adopt Owen as his own! It seemed like Owen was waiting for Al to come back for him—and he was beside himself when Al finally arrived to take him home. Congratulations to both on their new life together!

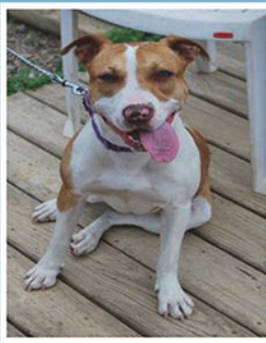


A Home for the Holidays

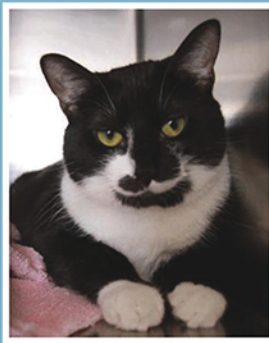
These long-timers with ARF are asking Santa for only one thing this year—a forever home. As a no-time-limit shelter, we care for our animals for as long as it takes to find their happily ever after. Still waiting for their special someone to find them:



Duckling
Long-haired 6-year-old Duckling loves attention as well as other cats. Dumped on ARF property in June 2016.



Zoe
Sweet, high-energy Zoe is looking for one-on-one attention from her special person. She's been with ARF since June.



Peachie
A lovable, eager 6-year-old with gorgeous yellow eyes and full of affection. Peachie was adopted in May 2015 but returned when her owner was in a car accident.



Gambit
A lovable, eager 6-year-old shepherd mix, Gambit is great on a leash, loves to explore and play. He's been in foster care with ARF since June 2015.

Who Rescued Who?



Cowboy (aka Lemmey) and Furby (aka Ghost) are so sweet! We adore them! They follow us all over the house and sleep with us. Thanks Pat for recommending them to us!

—The Pecks



Not only did my husband and I fall in love with Diesel (aka Bronx) the minute we saw him, but so did his fur sister, Sierra. They are inseparable. Our family is now complete!

—The Farmers

Nacho and Hershey have certainly entertained us since we adopted them. Laughter fills our household as we watch them fly through the air while playing with a wand or giving high fives. They both decided to be Christmas ornaments, which was also entertaining and horrifying!

—Gina Mayle



Your Donations Help Feisty Survivors Like Frankie



When 3-year-old Miniature Schnauzer mix Frankie got into a terrible fight with another dog, her front leg was so badly damaged the vet had no choice but to amputate. Unable to pay for the surgery, Frankie's family surrendered her, and Berea ARF stepped in.

After about a month of healing, Frankie bounced back like nothing had even changed. Resilient as ever, she still loves to go on walks, fetch a stick and run like crazy. But

she also has maintained a quieter side, where she adores sitting on your lap, being snuggled, and keeping you company on the couch.

Placing a special needs animal can be difficult sometimes; it took a few months, but Frankie finally found her forever family. The mother of an ARF volunteer agreed to foster her, and ended up adopting her within a week! Thanks to everyone at ARF who helped Frankie heal and learn to live a normal, happy life!

Thank You to Our Faithful Supporters

On behalf of the volunteers of Berea ARF, we are so grateful to our donors for allowing us to rescue, care for, and place nearly 1,000 animals into loving homes each year. It's your support that allows us to save the lives of suffering animals like Rocky, Frankie and Montel, and give them the second chance at the happy life they deserve.

It's hard to believe Berea ARF will celebrate its 30th anniversary next year. We operate exclusively on adoption fees, fundraisers and—most importantly—on donations from the wonderful people in our community. Your donations provide food, medical and veterinary supplies, and allow us to offer outstanding programs like Under the Wing emergency foster care services, nursing home visitations, and the Correctional Institution foster program.

None of it would be possible without your support.

Your donation this holiday season will allow us to save more lives, and create more happy beginnings. Thank you!



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