



# The ARF Report

Life for pets ... Pets for life

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## New Exec Director, New Board Members

Big changes are taking place at ARF, all focused on generating the personnel and financial resources we need to carry out our mission:

*The Animal Rescue Foundation of Colorado is determined to ensure that no pet die for lack of space, medical care, training or attention that it is within our means to save.*

As of March we have a new Executive Director, Jim Rathell, a 20-year valley local whose experience includes involvement in other non-profit organizations as well as sales and market-



*Jim Rathell,  
Executive Director, & Cara*

ing in numerous fields. Plus, he and his wife own an ARF dog, Cara, which they adopted 5 years ago.

New directors on board to help him grow and develop ARF are his wife Chris Kelly, who oversees marketing and public relations, and Rachel Hahn heading up fundraising. The join Peggy Corcillo and Gary Sherman.

Also new to the organization are Kelley Brenninger, Rescue Coordinator, who manages the intake and transportation of animals and Beverly Frothingham who oversees the finances. (See p. 2 for ARF 2010 plans and goals.)

## Run & Play at ARF Dog Dash & Bash Aug. 7 in Carbondale

Join ARF for a celebration of our 4-legged pals with a 5K run (or 3K walk if you prefer) and lots of other activities for you, your children and your pets, Saturday Aug. 7, 9 a.m to noon in the Nature Park in Carbondale, across from the Montessori School.

### Pooch Parade - Friday evening - 5:30 pm

Owners (bring the whole family!) and their adopted pets, regardless of the adoption organization, are invited to join us in a parade down Main St. where we can all strut our stuff and show off our mutts.

### Saturday 9 am to Noon events

- 5K Race with your Dog
- 3K Jog or Walk with your Dog  
(includes fun obstacles)
- Best Trick Competition
- Dog & Owner Look-Alike Contest
- Dog Salon
- Entertainment
- You & Your Friend Portraits

For more details go to our website, [arf-colorado.com](http://arf-colorado.com). There you can also register for the races.



### 100% of Contributions Will Help Animals

ARF does not receive any public funding for our operations - we rely solely on donations, fundraisers and pet foster homes to carry out our mission of saving animals. Our long-term goal is to build a shelter in order to dramatically increase our rescue and adoption rate. You can learn more about us at [www.arf-colorado.com](http://www.arf-colorado.com).

Through ARF's *Dog Dash & Bash* we want to increase awareness about ARF in the valley, raise much-needed funds and provide a fun event for the community. Sponsorships will help cover the expense of the event so that 100% of all registration proceeds and extra donations can go towards the care and adoption of animals.

# Pet Personals

**Ginger** is a sweet Lab/Collie mix who just loves to be loved. She does well with other dogs and polite children. She knows basic cues, such as sit. And she sure knows how to cuddle! She would do well with anyone who has a home and heart that they are willing to share.



**Buck** is a young red heeler mix with interesting markings. We think he is about 1. Buck is the sweetest boy who loves to hike and his ability to catch a ball in the air will amaze you. He is good on a leash and is calm for such a young pup. Buck is friendly with dogs, kids and loves to be with people. He is deaf, but very alert and learns quickly., as those stand-up ears testify. He will be a very loyal, loving companion. We rescued Buck from death row, can you give him the life he deserves?



**Aslan** is a 6.5 year old Siamese X, who came to ARF with his best friend **Panda** after their family could no longer care for them. Aslan is a sweet boy, however, he is very shy. Aslan will need a quiet, patient, cat-savvy home that will allow him to adjust at his own pace. Having Panda by his side will definitely help Aslan adjust. Aslan is currently on a special diet due to past bladder issues. Aslan has been doing very well since his change in diet.

## ARF's 2010 Plans & Goals

☛ Focus on several large fundraising events, and make them count more in terms of income generated.

☛ Look at possible opportunities for establishing a shelter. This would not necessarily eliminate the foster home approach.

☛ Seek large donors, including a few who would be interested in establishing an annual commitment.

☛ Generate more communications and publicity using both traditional and social connectivity media.

☛ Attract more volunteers with specific skills or desires to work in specific areas.

☛ Of course, we will continue to seek to have more pets adopted as ARF always has for nearly 7 years.

## Shop iGive & Give to ARF

ARF makes it easy for you to give to help save dogs and cats who might not otherwise ever find a loving home.

Sign up at [iGive.com](http://www.igive.com), the Internet's first online shopping website where a portion of each purchase is donated to the shopper's favorite worthy cause. Become an iGive member for free. Then as you shop at the over 700 stores on the iGive Mall, a portion of your expenditures will go to ARF-Colorado. Each store decides what percentage of your spending goes to your cause. So shop and give all at the same time! To sign up, log onto:

[http://www.igive.com/welcome/warm\\_reg\\_promo.cfm?m=673370](http://www.igive.com/welcome/warm_reg_promo.cfm?m=673370)  
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If you are interested in adopting one of these dogs or other dogs and cats that need forever homes visit [www.arf-colorado.com](http://www.arf-colorado.com) or call Kelley at 970-379-4606. All ARF animals are up-to-date with routine shots and are spayed or neutered.

# Happy Tails

This is Hiro. He is a Pit Bull. This is his story.

Hiro was wandering, homeless in East Prairie, MO, last February. He stumbled on to a farm where a dog attacked him and cut him up



badly. The farmer locked him in his shed and left him there to die. We aren't sure how long Hiro was there, but by the time the authorities found him he was almost starved to death and covered in sores. Alanna

Downey runs a rescue out of her home there so the Sheriff's Dept. brought this dog to her, on his death bed. Alanna didn't give up on him as most people would have. She took him to the vet, got his wounds attended to put some weight on him and showered him with love. Hiro never growled or showed any aggression to her or anyone. He was so grateful – you could see it in his eyes.

Alanna couldn't keep him so she sent out a plea to rescue groups outside of her state. I came across his picture and felt my heart strings being pulled. By a miracle I was able to find a couple in Carbondale who was willing to adopt him, sight unseen.

Through numerous wonderful volunteers, Rachel Hahn from ARF along with Linda Fox from C.A.R.E, we were able to transport him to Colorado.

Christy and Ryan met me at the

Diner in Carbondale where Hiro's life changed forever. He now was in a loving home where he would never know abuse again, but his hardships weren't over yet.

Christy and Ryan took him to the vet to find out he had severe, advanced heartworms causing his breathing to be labored at this altitude. The worms were killing him. Christy and Ryan never gave up. They were steadfast with his treatments. He could only do very short walks so they spent a lot of time just loving him. They became so bonded that Hiro didn't give up either.

The vet bills were huge, so ARF donated some money to help cover them. Red Hill Veterinary offered to put them on a payment plan, which they are still working on paying off.

Hiro pulled through and just got his first clean bill of health, five months later!

Kelly Brenninger  
ARF Adoption Coordinator

## ARF Board Member Gets Legislation Enacted For Specialty License Plate

A year or so ago ARF board member Gary Sherman launched a campaign that will soon allow you to buy a special Colorado license plate (see illustration) that will help save pets in shelters across the state. Gary worked tirelessly to jump through all the



hoops and over the hurdles to get legislation through with the help of Sen. Gail Schwartz of Snowmass

Village. In June Gov. Ritter signed HB1214 into law.

Sherman had founded the nonprofit Adopt a Pet Foundation to raise awareness of the urgent need to adopt shelter animals and designed the license plate with the tag line "Adopt a Shelter Pet" Revenues from the sale of the plates will go toward spay and

neuter programs at animal shelters around the state.

Motorists who purchase the specialty plate will pay an additional \$30 to get it, plus \$25 to renew it each year. The program's expected revenue, which is estimated at about \$132,000 over the first two years, will go into a new Adopt a Shelter Pet Account in the state's Pet Overpopulation Fund.



Gary Sherman with Cyrus and Willow.  
Photo by Nance Shutter

**Become an ARF-Angel  
Help us Save Animals  
Only \$12/year**

For only \$12 a year, \$1 a month, you can help ARF rescue animals from other shelters where they could be euthanized or from other unpleasant and unloving situations. Your contribution will allow us to bring more dogs and cats to the Roaring Fork Valley and find them forever homes.

Sign up on our website [www.arf-colorado.com](http://www.arf-colorado.com)  
or call 970-704-6580 or send your \$12 to  
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## Help save a life, foster a pet!

ARF is an all foster home organization, so we need your help to keep on saving the lives of cats and dogs. There are many obvious benefits to foster homes - the animals are happier, and we get a chance to know them better, teach them a few things, and make an even better match to ensure their lifelong happiness. What could be more rewarding?

Here is how it works:

You'll need a fenced yard or other arrangement to keep the animal safe

and happy while staying with you.

ARF will pay for any medical expenses and can also provide food if needed.

Ideally, you are willing to help do some training, although we get many animals that are fully trained and fit right into your lifestyle.

We do require that you make the animal available for adoption days or to meet with potential adopters on a timely basis.

As a foster group, we need to find homes that can keep the animal until

it finds a permanent home. However, if it is not working out or if you have travel plans, we'll do everything we can to work around your needs.

We work to find the animal an appropriate home as quickly as possible. We list them in the newspaper, online and hold adoption days to do so. It can take anywhere from a few days, to a few months, but on average, about 4 weeks.

Questions? Call Kelley at 379-4606 or email us at [info@arf-colorado.com](mailto:info@arf-colorado.com).