



ARK in Action

The newsletter of Animal Rescue Kare - serving Hart County, Fall, 2019



TNR, a Huge Success

ARK received a grant last year to implement TNR – Trap, Neuter, Return – to help the stray and community cats in Hart County. Volunteers began trapping cats, taking them to the vet to be fixed, and returning them to their outdoor homes after a brief recovery. We had planned to fix 91 cats, but we were thrilled that we were able to help 153 before our funds ran out!

TNR helps the cats and their human neighbors – less howling and fighting, fewer injuries, longer lives, and better health outcomes for the cats. Most importantly, a lot fewer kittens. We just don't have enough homes for all the kittens.

A huge thanks goes to the dedicated volunteers and vets who worked tirelessly to help these cats. The foster committee even found homes for 10 of the friendlier, tamer cats and kittens, going above and beyond to help them. (Most strays are wild and prefer their outdoor homes.)

We also want to thank Two Mauds, Inc. for the TNR grant. ARK plans to seek for funds to continue this important program. Many strays are still in need. If you know of any stray cat colonies, go to our website and fill out the form on the home page: www.ark4hart.org. We will try to help them all.



TNR kitten, Ginger, in her new home.

If Your Pet Gets Lost ...

Save the Date

9-21-19, Pet Adoption Event at Horse Cave Heritage Festival, 9:00 to 1:00

9-28-19, Pet Adoption Event at Cub Run Days, 9:00 to 1:00

10-5-19, Howl-o-Ween Paw Party, Courthouse Square in Munfordville, 3:00 to 5:00 PM

10-19-19, Pet Adoption Event, Big Buffalo Crossing BBQ Fest, Munfordville, 9:00 to 1:00

11-9-19, Bonnieville Spay-Neuter Voucher Event, 11:00 - 1:00

Our pets are like family; when a furry friend goes missing, it can be heartbreaking. Taking some steps before that happens will make it easier to find your pet. First, have some current pictures of your pet on hand. Make sure your pet has a collar and dog tag with your phone number. Even better, take your pet to the vet or attend a clinic to have a microchip implanted. Microchips can be very useful for finding and identifying stray animals.

If your cat or dog is missing, send a picture to ARK's gmail account (ark4@hartgmail.com) or message us on Facebook at ARK for Hart. Please include your phone number or contact info, along with a description, where and when the pet was last seen, etc. We will be happy to post it on Facebook for you. Our online community is wonderful about sharing and finding lost pets.

Dogs (and some cats) that are picked up by Hart County Animal Control are taken the Bowling Green/Warren County Humane Society. You can look for your pet on their Petfinder page. Go to Petfinder.com, click on Shelters & Rescues, type in Bowling Green, KY, and go from there. It may take a day or two to be listed, but they post every animal. You can also call them at (270) 783-9404. Don't delay; they allow animals to be adopted after 5 days. We all want our furry friends to be safe at home where they belong.

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To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com or click on the link on ARK's website home page. Choose Animal Rescue Kare, LLC as your charity. That's it! You may want to add a bookmark the page to make it even easier to shop at AmazonSmile.

Every little bit counts. Every little bit helps the animals in Hart County. Sign up for Amazon Smile to help our furry friends.

Howl-O-Ween Paw Party

Ghosts, witches, vampires... lions and tigers and *puppies*?! Oh, my - it's the season for sharing spooky fun with your pets. ARK is hosting a Howl-O-Ween Paw Party on October 5, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM on the courthouse lawn in Munfordville. There will be a pet costume contest at 4:00, with registration beginning at 3:30. The pet costume parade will start at 4:30.

There will be door prizes, treats, food trucks, vendors, and other fun activities. Vendors who offer pet-related goods or services are invited to set up, free of charge.

Get your costume ready, get your pet's costume ready, bring your friends – furry and not so furry - and join ARK for this afternoon of ghoulish fun.



Buddy, one of our foster dogs, looking good last year

Tracy Moser – Effective Communication

We were delighted to have Tracy Moser, Humane Educator of the Bowling Green/Warren County Humane Society, address ARK members on September 9. She spoke about the problems associated with social media and how to handle them. Problems often arise when people misunderstand certain events or situations. We need to communicate effectively to maintain positive outcomes.



June King, ARK board member, with Tracy Moser

Her upbeat presentation provided excellent ideas for promoting our work in the community. Her advice: "Lead by example. Our actions speak louder than words." She emphasized the importance of community support. As she stated, "A shelter is only as successful as the community is supportive." We should remember our mission when we communicate online. Will posts help or hurt our goals? Are the posts educational? Will they cause drama? Keeping these ideas in mind, we will continue to educate, inform, and share heartwarming success stories. The good work we do is what generates the goodwill we need.

Featured Fosters

Mushu and Esmerelda - Furever Friends

A bit ago, we began to foster for ARK. We are animal lovers and already have many pets, but we felt called to open our home to furbabies in need of a soft place to land. Mushu (as we have named him for the little red dragon in Mulan) was our third foster pup. He appears to be a Corgi mix and has the ears to show for it. 😊 He was just so sweet, loving, and calm that we decided to make him a permanent member of our family.



Mushu and Esmerelda

Mushu has a heart of gold and was the first to welcome a foster kitty named Stella, who was very small at only two pounds. She was a beautiful and majestic blue tuxedo, who was tiny and scared until the red dragon curled up with her. She took comfort in his easy way of loving, and as she began to grow, she opened up to all in our family. Going from not wanting to come out from under the bed, to not leaving the bedroom, to exploring and *owning* the entire house. Often rolling and playing and roughhousing with her faithful dragon.



BFFs relaxing together

Again, our family had grown to include a new member. Stella became Esmerelda, befitting of an enchantress that tames dragons. Esme, as we call her, melts Mushu's heart with love and purrs, and he encircles her with warmth and kindness. We are truly blessed to have added these two to our animal-rich family. *Belinda Harlow, ARK Foster Volunteer*

If you would like to join the foster team and provide a temporary home for needy pets, go to ARK's website and fill out the application: ark4hart/petfoster

Adoption Events Help Foster Pets Find Homes



Alethea Dudley with Paige

The ARK Foster Committee Coordinators, Bonnie Moore, Laura Clement, and Kayla Hargrove, have worked really hard to place needy pets in loving homes. They post the foster pets on ARK's website, PetFinder, and Rescue Me. They put adorable pictures on our Facebook page. But, they have found that it really helps to have adoption events, where people can see – and fall in love with – the foster pets. They also promote ARK and its work in the community when they interact with people at the events.

They have partnered with Ace Hardware, TSC, and Petsense in Glasgow to showcase our adoptable pets. They have set up on the courthouse lawn in Munfordville at special events, including Civil War

Days. They are planning to hit several more events this fall, including the Horse Cave Heritage Festival, Cub Run Days, and Big Buffalo Crossing BBQ Fest. Their dedication to helping the animals is inspiring.

Stop by the ARK booth when you see them to say hello. You can hold a sweet kitten or pat a friendly dog. Pick up an ARK t-shirt or some informational literature. You just might fall in love with a new addition to your household!



Kameron Bush, an ARK Youth Ambassador, holding Ringo at an adoption event

ARK and County Discuss Solutions

Hart County's stray dogs are taken to the Bowling Green/Warren County Humane Society, since there is no shelter here. It is an excellent facility, with a high-adoption rate. However, we are exploring alternatives that might be better in the long run.

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We're on the Web!
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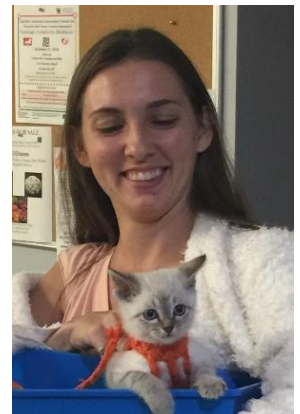
Representatives of ARK and Hart County Fiscal Court have started working together to explore the best long-term solution for animal control in Hart County. All options are on the table and are being examined. As the study continues, the option that best fits Hart County will be identified, and public input sought.

Message from the Board

As we near the third anniversary of ARK's incorporation, it is heartening to review how much has truly been accomplished since we began our journey. Our major programs have been supported by our fundraising activities and have demonstrated great success: The Spay-Neuter-Rabies Voucher Program; the Foster-Adoption Program; the Community Stray Cat Program (TNR); the Youth Ambassador Program; and the Educational Outreach Program, have each been successful in achieving their goals.

None of this would have been possible without the tireless work of our dedicated volunteers and members, the great support from Hart County residents, and close collaboration with the two

partnering veterinarian organizations in our county: Riverside Animal Clinic and Hartland Animal Hospital. The ARK Board of Directors sincerely appreciates everyone who has supported ARK's programs.



ARK foster "mom" Dominique Gonzalez and Amos

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Or join/donate online: www.ark4hart.org

Animal Rescue Kare (ARK) is an all-volunteer animal welfare organization working to improve the quality of life for animals in our area. Hart County lacks a shelter for lost, unwanted, abused or neglected animals. It is our goal to provide necessary care, to promote adoptions, to encourage responsible pet care. ARK remains involved in shelter planning discussions for operating a quality facility, when we have sufficient resources. Until then, we will focus on helping animals through our spay/neuter, fostering, TNR, and educational programs.

Please consider putting your talents to work by becoming an ARK volunteer! See our website for more details about volunteering.