



ARK in Action

The newsletter of Animal Rescue Kare, serving Hart County - Autumn, 2020

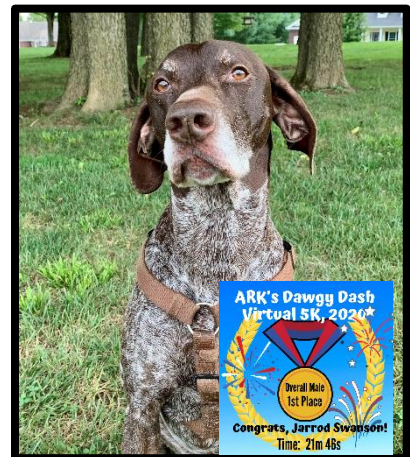


ARK's Dawgy Dash Virtual 5K a Success!

This year's Dawgy Dash Virtual 5K was a surprising success, thanks to our wonderful sponsors, donors, and participants. Even though registration was free, we exceeded our fundraising compared to last year. That's excellent news, as we look forward to the opening of a local shelter and continuing our work in the community. We didn't know what to expect in this very unusual year. We were overwhelmed with the generosity of our sponsors and donors, many of whom gave over the suggested amount. Please help us thank our sponsors (listed below) by shopping locally. We also want to extend our gratitude to those businesses which could not afford to sponsor this year. We are all looking forward to better times.

Participants signed up from far and wide, due to the virtual nature of the race. We had participants from as far away as Florida, Michigan, and Colorado. Jarrod Swanson of Munfordville came in first with his dog Cannon. Cannon has been the first dog to finish 4 years in a row. Such a good boy! Chey Navarro from Louisville had the best time for women.

The Dawgy Dash is ARK's main fundraiser of the year. We couldn't succeed without the support of the community. We are very grateful to the following sponsors:



Cannon, the top dog in ARK's Dawgy Dash Virtual 5K 2020

Platinum Paw: Mary K. Bunnell; Colonel & Mrs. David J. Clement, USMC, Retired; Ron & Joyce Gonterman; Span Tech, Glasgow; Opal Gonterman

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Save the Date

Dec. 5, Virtual SNR event. \$35 Spay-Neuter-Rabies vouchers. Order by phone (270-404-0766) or online (ark4hart.org/shop) starting at 10:00. One per household, Hart County residents only

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We also want to thank Kenny's Signs for donating our race signs, the Clark Beverage Company of Smith's Grove for our banners, Hart County Fiscal Court, and the ARK volunteers who solicited donors, enlisted participants, and made it work. You are the best!

Our Dream of a Shelter is Becoming Reality

You may have seen the activity at the Hart County Fairgrounds. Work has begun on the new county holding facility/future shelter. David Miller was awarded the bid for renovations which includes everything but the cages and the fence. He hopes to finish construction in 3 to 4 months. ARK will be responsible for funding the cages and the fence.

There are a lot of decisions and plans being made to get the facility up-and-running. Hart County Judge Executive Joe Choate and the Hart County Fiscal Court are leading this effort. ARK stands ready to help out as needed. Watch for more developments this fall!



TNR News – Popo Finds a Home

Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) allows us to humanely capture stray or feral cats, transport them to vet clinics to be altered, and return them to their outdoor homes. While we all love precious kittens, too many are born each season to find loving homes for every one of them. The stray cats go on to live happily without the stressful cycle of raising many litters of kittens. TNR has been generously funded by the Two Mauds Foundation and many private donations over the past two years.

We love to help animals as well as the people who care for them. One recent uplifting story involves Dave Foster, director of the American Cave Conservation Association which operates Hidden River Cave in Horse Cave. Dave reported several stray cats near his house; some of the cats were too wild to be handled. After being trapped, fixed, and returned, one specific male cat decided Dave's house would make a great permanent residence.

The grateful moggie would climb up to Dave's window to gain his attention and eventually, his affection. Dave named the boy "Popo" - short for "Popocatepetl", the name of the largest volcano in Mexico. (Noted Hart County native Simon Buckner was the first American to climb that mountain.) One benefit of neutering male felines is they can mellow out and make great pets. Popo is one of those "lucky dogs" to find his own loving home! *Laura Clement, TNR Team*



Popo with Dave, livin' the good life

Featured Fosters

Rosebud Finds a New Loving Home

Rosebud was a puppy in December 2018 when her owners decided to get a divorce. They surrendered both her and her "brother" Fudge for rehoming. Rosebud, a brown min-pin mix, didn't know how to control her high energy, much less anything else. She was bouncing off the walls with energy. She loved going on car rides, walks, playing with other dogs, etc. At our foster home, she was house-broken and partially leash-trained before she was adopted by a loving family.



Rosebud, showing just how spoiled she is!

In August of 2020, we were notified by Rosebud's new family that they were no longer able to keep her due to a family emergency and having to move. We took her back into our foster program and discovered she was no longer the feisty puppy but a chunky baby that wanted to cuddle. She was better on the leash and had learned how to respect the kitties. Her foster mom took her to a couple of puppy play dates for socializing. She was adopted by another loving family within two weeks. As you can see from the attached picture, she has adjusted well and is spoiled rotten.

Thanks so much for the dedication and hard work of our foster homes with these animals. You're an awesome team to work with; pictures like this make it so rewarding. *Bonnie Moore, ARK Canine Coordinator*

Repeat Adopters

Karina Snelling and her family are big animal lovers who became familiar with ARK's work through our active Facebook page. When the Foster program advertised Figaro as available for adoption, Karinna couldn't resist. Figaro was born into a colony of feral barn cats that came to ARK initially through our Trap Neuter Return Program. While caring for Figaro, it became clear that he was a kitten that would accept life as an indoor pet, so he was offered for adoption. That was one great result for a feral kitten. However, whether they then realized it or not, the Snelling feline household wasn't yet complete.

When ARK advertised Kylo and Rey - two sweet tiny kittens born while their queen was in ARK's care - these two babies also captured the hearts of Karinna, her husband, and her daughter. As a result, they were up to three kitties. Figaro is the leader of the cat pack, Kylo competes for running water in the kitchen sink while Dad makes the morning coffee, and the whole brood try to out-sing each other at dinner time.



Figaro, Rey, and Kylo relaxing in their loving home

This story has yet another happy addition; the Snellings recently adopted Bane, a stunning stray Siamese mix that was posted on our Facebook page. We can't wait to hear what antics will unfold next for the mash-up of four felines lucky enough to have been adopted into the Snelling household! *Laura & David Clement, TNR and Foster Team*

We Love ARK Volunteers

There are several folks who have offered to volunteer with ARK this year. With Covid-19 restrictions, we haven't really been able to take advantage of their generous offers. But now, ARK is gearing up to provide volunteers for the new shelter. We also need pet foster families, willing to share their homes temporarily with pets before they are adopted. Another tremendous need is a volunteer coordinator to help people find tasks that match their skills and interests.

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If you are interested in helping us out in any way, please fill out the form online on our website: ark4hart.org, or call June at 270-404-0766. We could use help with record-keeping, fostering, shelter work, grant-writing, fund-raising, leadership, and much more. We love to work with people who have the passion and time to help the animals. Our volunteers are awesome. We hope you can join them.

The Walking Dead Team from Sego Funeral Home, ready to take part in the Dawgy Dash Virtual 5K.



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Name(s) _____

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Volunteer? (circle) Yes No

Level of Giving Youth (under 18) \$10 ____

Adult \$25 ____ Family \$45 ____ \$100 ____

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ARK is a tax-exempt charitable organization. Your donations to ARK are tax-deductible and greatly appreciated.

Animal Rescue Kare (ARK) is an all-volunteer animal welfare organization working to improve the quality of life for animals in our area, especially lost, unwanted, abused, or neglected animals. We strive to provide necessary care, to promote adoptions, and to encourage responsible pet care.

ARK is working with local officials to develop a quality holding facility and shelter. We are committed to helping animals through our spay/neuter, fostering, Trap-Neuter-Return, and educational programs.

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