



# ARK in Action

The newsletter of Animal Rescue Kare, Spring, 2020



## 2020 Annual Members' Meeting

We had a great turnout for the 2020 ARK Members' Meeting, with many animal lovers attending. It was held at the Hart County Public Library on March 10. We are so grateful to the library staff, who provided refreshments, in addition to setting up the room for us.

The meeting started with committee reports. After the membership committee report, Ron Gonterman gave a summary of our Spay-Neuter efforts in the county. He stated that spay-neutering was of utmost importance for keeping animals out of shelters. We are still seeing a lot of interest in low-cost vouchers, available to the public.

Bonnie Moore and Kayla Hargrove represented the Foster-Adoption program. The program has seen a big increase in the number of animals adopted in its second year. Bonnie described the team's outreach to young people, with school programs coordinated by Susan Rowe and the new Youth Ambassador volunteer program, managed by Carrie Thomas.

Laura Clement reported on the Trap-Neuter-Return program and its progress in helping stray cats. She was thrilled to report the number of cats they have served with grant funding. However, much work remains to be done.

Loretta Cottrell, ARK Treasurer, gave the financial report. We are on solid financial ground, with achievable fundraising targets to meet this year's needs. Loretta is sponsoring our Dawgy Dash t-shirt design contest at the HCHS. She had several designs to share with attendees.

Melinda Houk, Fundraising chair spoke about our efforts to raise money for the year. She asked everyone to sign up for the Dawgy Dash and to help us find race sponsors. She is working hard to organize the 5K.

Hart County Judge Executive, Joe Choate announced that the county had signed a 5-year lease for the Doc McFarlin building at the HC Fairgrounds. We will have a shelter in the county! He provided plans showing how the interior will be set up. "I think we have a real opportunity here. Together, we have a chance of making this work," Judge Choate declared. There are many decisions to be worked out before the holding facility/shelter is operational – target date, July 1<sup>st</sup>. We look forward to working with the Fiscal Court as the work progresses.

We wish to acknowledge the work and dedication of the parting ARK board members: Ally Hensley, Missy Williams, and Loretta Cottrell. They have devoted significant time and energy to help ARK grow. We extend our sincere gratitude. Welcome to ARK's new board representatives, Lawrence Avery and Janet Kistler. They are looking forward to helping make the new shelter a reality.



Guest speaker Hart County Judge Executive, Joe Choate

### Save the Date

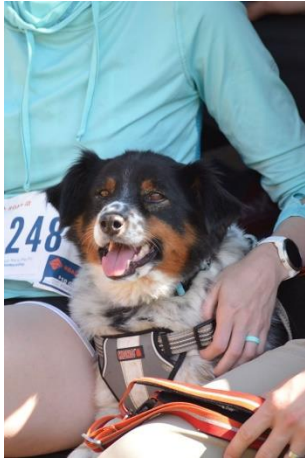
Hardyville \$35 SNR Voucher Event, 80 vouchers available  
April 18, 11:00 - 1:00 PM  
Hardyville Community Center  
(subject to change)

Dawgy Dash 2020 5K  
June 6, Race starts at 8:00 AM  
Munfordville Elementary School. Sign up at  
Eventbrite.com.

Stay current with any changes/postponements at:  
[Ark4hart.org/events](https://ark4hart.org/events) or visit our  
Facebook page: [Ark for Hart](#)

ARK is monitoring the situation with the Covid-19 virus. We will announce any changes to our scheduled activities on our website - [ark4hart.org](https://ark4hart.org) - and Facebook page – ARK for Hart. Stay safe!

## Dawgy Dash 2020 5K – June 6<sup>th</sup>!



*Scene from last year's race.*

ARK's main fundraiser of the year – the Dawgy Dash 2020 5K – is coming up on June 6. Plans are well underway, with hopes for the best race yet!

The race will start at Munfordville Elementary School again this year. Serious runners can compete in several different age categories and can run with or without dogs. There will be an official timer to record race times. Participants can also enjoy a leisurely stroll with their pets and friends. Everyone is encouraged to take part. We are hoping for a big turnout.

Participants can sign up online at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). We hope this convenient service will lead to more participation. You can also get a printed entry form at various locations around the county or print one from our website. Folks who sign up by May 6 get an early-bird discount, with adults paying \$25 and youth (under 13) paying \$20. Prices increase by \$10 after that date.

Teams of 10 or more get an additional \$5 off each entry. Get your church, your co-workers, your friends, or your sports team to sign up as a team. The team with the greatest fundraising will win the coveted Golden Bowl award. Show your support for ARK with some good teamwork! Go to [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or [Ark4hart.org](https://www.ark4hart.org) to sign up.

If you would like to help with planning the event or soliciting sponsors, message ARK on our Facebook page, ARK for Hart, to offer your assistance.

## ARK/BRAWA Vouchers for Cats – Sheriff's Office

Barren River Animal Welfare Association (BRAWA) is partnering with ARK to reduce the number of unwanted kittens in our area by offering \$25 spay-neuter vouchers for cats. ARK is pleased to announce that the Hart County Sheriff's office is now selling the vouchers, for use at BRAWA in Glasgow. Unlimited quantities of these vouchers may be purchased for \$25 at the reception desk during business hours. You can also purchase the vouchers online on our website shop. [Ark4hart.org/shop](https://www.ark4hart.org/shop)

Purchasers must be at least 18 years old and reside in Hart County. Make appointments for the procedures by calling the BRAWA office at 270-651-7297. The vouchers expire in 60 days. This is a great deal for area cat owners, if you are willing to take your furbabies to Glasgow.

ARK wishes to thank the Family Medical Center staff for selling these vouchers for the past two years. Their efforts have significantly contributed to the reduction in unwanted pets. FMC is no longer able to continue selling these vouchers. We look forward to our new partnership with Sheriff Jeff Wilson and his staff to continue this worthwhile program.



*Even though they are adorable, it is hard to find homes for every kitten.*

## Amazon Smile Helps ARK

Don't forget to use Amazon Smile when shopping online, with ARK as your designated charity. At no extra cost to use, part of your purchase is donated to ARK by the Amazon Smile Foundation – every time you shop! See if your business can take part, when ordering supplies for work. Every little bit helps and can add up to substantial assistance. Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to learn more.

## Featured Fosters

### ***Blossom Needs a Home***



*Can you adopt Blossom?*

On a cold winter day Bobbette Terry, owner/operator of Hometown Dry Cleaners in Munfordville, discovered to her surprise, a small frightened kitten hiding in her shop. How the tiny visitor was able to get inside the building isn't clear, but Bobbette knew to reach out to ARK for help. Our Trap-Neuter-Return team successfully trapped "Blossom," got her spayed, and returned her to the dry cleaners for recuperation.

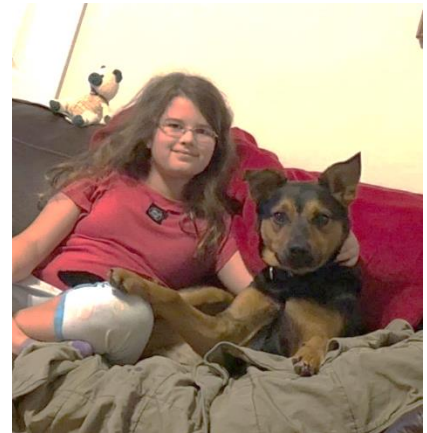
Blossom is being socialized slowly. She loves playing with feathers and rubbing her foster mom's feet. She now greets Bobbette's customers when they drop in. She would love a family to call her own. Blossom has an interesting story and will be a happy companion if given a quiet home and plenty of love. Will it be with you? If you are interested in adopting Blossom, call BobbetteTerry between the hours of 8-4 at 270 524 0425. *Laura Clement*

### ***Tiger – A Furry Challenge***

Tiger showed up at the end of a road in early September. The family at the house tried to find his owner with no luck. Having way too many dogs themselves, they surrendered him to ARK on September 30th.

He was very nervous, had what we call "stranger danger" although he liked children and other dogs. At his first foster home, we quickly discovered he had a fear of men, so we moved him to our only foster home with a single woman. When she had to go out of town, we discovered that he got very defensive when a child cried out. He also liked to chase the kitties but has gotten better with that. So, a calm home with no men was the formula.

He was taken to work at Sam Russell's Pet Provisions in E-town, Munfordville Tractor Supply, and The Vibe Coffee Shop in Elizabethtown to work on his social skills. We kept updating his progress on all the adoption websites till his perfect home was found. He's now the only dog for a retired grandmother raising her ten-year-old granddaughter on a piece of land out in the country. As you can tell by the picture, they are all very happy. Thanks to everyone for their help with finding this very special dog his furever home. *Bonnie Moore*



*Tiger in his new home*

*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](http://ark4hart/petfoster)*

## Holding Facility/Future Shelter Update

The lease has been signed, plans drawn up, and most importantly, the commitment has been made for the Hart County holding facility/future shelter. ARK and HC Fiscal Court reps have been meeting with Lorri Hare, of the Bowling Green/Warren County Humane Society to develop a plan of action to get the site up and running. Lorri is able to provide a wealth of information from her experience running one of the best shelters around. ARK is working with county officials to develop plans for adoptions, returns, volunteers, staff, and hours of operation. We also are looking at fundraising, grants, and donations to help the county meet the demands of shelter operation. The first phase, close the holding facility in Horse Cave and open a clean modern facility at the HC Fairgrounds – target date, July 1<sup>st</sup>. Exciting times!

## ARK's School Outreach

The awesome students at LeGrande Elementary School had a goal for the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School – collect 100 items for ARK's pet foster program. The student council organized the drive, with the help of the LeGrande staff. They not only met their goal, they exceeded it by quite a bit. We appreciate their help and leadership! Thanks to the kids and staff at LeGrande for their support.

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We're on the Web!  
 Website: [www.ark4hart.org](http://www.ark4hart.org)  
 Facebook: ARK for Hart

**ARK's Board of Directors**  
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Susan Rowe and her team of volunteers have been traveling to area schools to present programs about animal welfare to students. They have 3 presentations, geared for different age groups. Charming animal stories and new props this year help engage the kids. We appreciate the willingness of the schools to help us raise awareness about problems facing our most vulnerable critters.

Some of ARK's Youth Ambassadors are helping with the school presentations. We need these engaged young folks to develop our leadership for the future. Many thanks to our school volunteers and Youth Ambassadors, along with YA sponsor Carrie Thomas.



*Student Council at Legrande, with over 100 items for the foster program*

### Join ARK - Donate Today

*Donations over \$25 include ARK membership.  
 Fill out this form and send it to the address on  
 this page, along with a check.*

**Or join/donate online: [www.ark4hart.org](http://www.ark4hart.org)**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Volunteer? (circle) Yes    No

**Level of Giving** Youth (under 18) \$10 \_\_\_\_

Adult \$25 \_\_\_\_ Family \$45 \_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_

\$250 \_\_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_\_ \$1,000 \_\_\_\_

Lifetime individual \$1,500 \_\_\_\_

*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.