



ARK in Action

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

Dawgy Dash, 2019



This year's Dawgy Dash 5K was held on June 1 - a glorious day for a race. Volunteers and community organizations were on hand to make sure everything went smoothly. Over 100 participants took part, either racing competitively or just enjoying a leisurely stroll with their dogs and friends. We had bubbles, snow cones, dogs, adoptable pets, music, and lots of support from the community.

There were 71 sponsors for the event this year.

Their contributions will go toward ARK's 2019 programs, including low-cost spay/neuter vouchers, the foster/adoption program, and the building fund. See the complete list of sponsors on the back page or on our website. The Dawgy Dash is our main fundraiser for the year. Along with grants, donations, and ARK memberships, sponsorships provide a large part of our yearly budget.

Many thanks to the 5K organizing team, ARK volunteers, Dawgy Dash sponsors, community groups, and businesses for donations, service, help, and protection. Your contributions helped make the 2019 Dawgy Dash a success. See more pictures and videos on our Facebook page: ARK for Hart.



Jarrod Swanson & Cannon
1st runner – dog team

Save the Date

Pet Adoption Event at
Ace Hardware in
Munfordville
June 29, 10:00

Pet Adoption Event at
Petsense in Glasgow
July 20, 9:00-1:00

Cub Run Spay- Neuter
Voucher Event,
August 17, 11:00 - 1:00

If You See a Stray...

A lot of the questions we get concern stray animals – whether they are lost or abandoned – just what should you do? First of all, check out the animal's general well-being. Does it look healthy, well-fed, and does it have a collar? If so, it probably belongs to someone who is desperate to find it. You can take a picture and post it on our Facebook page – ARK for Hart – along with your contact information and the location where it was found. Our online community is great about helping owners find lost pets. If it looks like it has been abandoned, you can give it some food and water and post its picture and info on Facebook, hoping to find a new owner.

If caring for a stray dog is not an option, or if the dog is a nuisance, call the County Judge Executive's office during regular business hours at 270-524-5219, or call the sheriff's office at night or on weekends at 270-524-2571. An animal control officer can pick the dog up and take it to the shelter in Bowling Green, which is a top-rated facility where they make every effort to find the owner. Animal control doesn't pick up stray cats.

Our foster program is set up to take surrendered animals – those that are given up by their owners. We do take strays on occasion, but we don't have the resources to handle all the strays in our area. Plus, we have to ensure that they are not someone's pets before we offer them for adoption. We **can** provide advice, support, and supplies, if we can't actually accept an animal into our program.

For your pet's protection, take some pictures, so you can post them if the animal is lost. Get a collar and dog tag with your phone number. And, visit your vet or attend a clinic to have your pet microchipped. Help us get them back home.

It's Getting Hot Out There

When hot weather rolls around, we can retreat to air-conditioned comfort or a nice shade tree, but our furry friends need relief too. They can easily overheat. Here are some tips from the Humane Society to help keep your pet safe all summer long.

Don't leave pets in parked cars.

Even when it's a comfortable 70 degrees outside, the temperature inside a parked car can climb to 90 degrees in just 10 minutes—and up to 110 degrees in less than an hour—exposing animals to serious risks of discomfort, illness and even death. If you see a distressed dog inside a parked car on a warm day, immediately call your local animal control or law enforcement for help.

During hot summer months, exercise during cool morning or evening hours.

Even if your pets are active, you may want to adjust their activities to avoid midday sweltering temps during the summer. Take your pet outdoors during the early morning or late evening, which tend to be a bit cooler, to avoid overheating. Stay in an air-conditioned spot for extra comfort when it gets really hot.

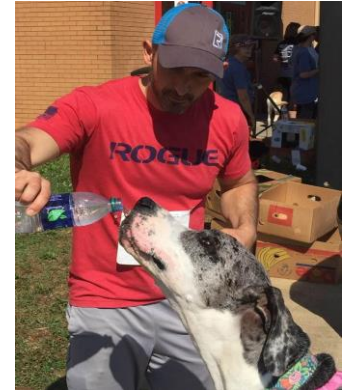
If your pet is left outdoors, ensure they have access to shade and fresh water at all times.

Since temperatures in a yard can increase to dangerous levels within a short period of time, ensure your pet has a shaded area in the yard, access back inside, and a bowl of fresh water nearby.

Be aware of the signs of heat stroke.

Signs of heat stroke include excessive panting, dark or bright red tongue and gums, lethargy, stumbling, seizures, bloody diarrhea, and vomiting. If you suspect your pet is suffering from heat stroke, you should seek veterinary treatment as soon as possible. You can provide some immediate treatment using cool (but not icy) water to lower your pet's temperature by submerging them into a tub of water, wetting him or her with a hose or sponging them down.

Content courtesy of The American Humane Society: www.americanhumane.org/blog



Dr Nick Starnes (Active Health Chiropractics) & his dog Prim at the Dawgy Dash

ARK in Our Schools



ARK volunteer, Lea Tourville, at LeGrande Elementary School

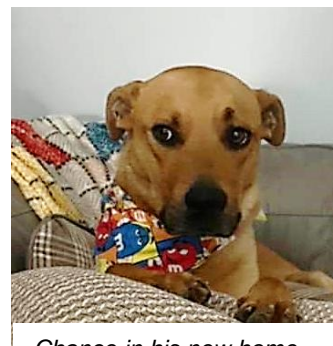
ARK's Foster Committee teamed up with Susan Rowe, from the Hart County Public Library to teach kids in the county's schools about animal care. ARK foster volunteers went with Susan to each elementary school to read books about pets, provide information about taking care of pets, and answer questions. They also got to hear many cool pet stories the kids were eager to share.

The Foster Committee is planning to partner with school groups to get kids involved in animal welfare efforts. They started this outreach with the Cub Run Beta Club. The kids were excited about working with ARK. There will be more to come in the fall, when school is back in session. This project is sponsored by a grant from Maddie's Fund, #ThankstoMaddie.

Featured Fosters

Chance's owner wasn't able to care for him due to personal problems. He was kept in a huge fenced-in yard, alone, with very little attention. When his owner decided to surrender him to ARK, I went to evaluate him and found him to be very excitable and smart. On the down side, he was a big dog; they can be hard to rehome. He was placed in an ARK foster home. At the Dawgy Dash, he barked his fool head off and dragged our poor foster "parent" all over the place; he was so excited. We started obedience class that following Wednesday and within minutes, Chance was walking at our heel, sitting on command, and was very settled. He really is a smart good boy. He just needed some guidance. For his reward, he was adopted into a loving home the very next week. Way to go, Chance!

Bonnie Moore, ARK Canine Forster Coordinator



Chance in his new home



Melissa and Missy

"Missy" a young, sweet gray cat was involved in a serious accident in April and needed emergency veterinary attention. Due to generous donations to ARK, Missy had surgery to place a pin in her broken leg and was treated for her other injuries. She also needed a loving permanent home and that's where our human named Melissa or "Missie" enters the story. Missie also recently had surgery on her left leg and was looking for a furry companion to fill a hole in her heart after losing her beloved Chihuahua. Missy the kitty is happily on the mend thanks in part to her winning personality. The result is pictured here. Just which lady was really rescued?

Laura Clement, ARK Feline Foster Coordinator

Trap-Neuter-Return Helps Stray Cats

There are a lot of stray cats in Hart County and not enough homes for them. Thanks to a grant from the Two Mauds Foundation, ARK has a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program. With TNR, stray cats are safely captured in live traps, transported to local vets to be spayed or neutered, and after a day or two of recovery time, returned to their outdoor homes. This method cuts down on nuisance mating behaviors and it is healthier for the cats. They can live out their natural lives and in time, the colonies decrease in size. It is a proven strategy for addressing the overpopulation of cats. For more information about TNR, go to <https://www.alleycat.org/our-work/trap-neuter-return/>.

Just three months in, our program is beginning to show good results. However, we need your help. First, provide details about any Hart County stray cat colonies you may know about by calling, emailing, or filling out the form on our website - www.ark4hart.org. We'll review your submission and update our database of the colonies.

Second, please consider offering your time, talent, and support to this worthy cause. The TNR Committee is working through the database and coordinating with the submitters or people who feed these cats to get their assistance in pre-conditioning the cats for the most effective trapping operation. While we really do want to address every problem area, it really helps if submitters offer to assist in trapping and transporting the cats to/from our local vets. "So many cats, so few people!" As for "support", we could use some more of the excellent Trucatch Traps, (Model 30FCD - Fat Cat Animal Trap) and their divider forks. These are on a three-month factory order backlog, so if you have any on hand to donate, please be our hero! If you can provide traps, or help trap and transport the cats, please email ARK (ark4hart@gmail.com) or call us at (225) 414 - 2765 and leave a message. Thank-you!

David Clement, TNR Committee Chair



Ruth Miller, as her stray cat is returned

Thank-you, Dawgy Dash Sponsors!

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ARK's awesome foster coordinators, Bonnie Moore and Laura Clement. The kitten was one of two adopted at Dawgy Dash.

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, TNR, education, and fostering programs.

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

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