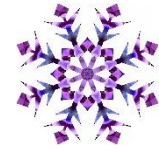




ARK in Action

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



2019 – The Year in Review

ARK volunteers were busy in 2019, doing good work for the area’s needy animals. We started out in the spring, making plans to go into the county’s schools. We received a grant from Maddie’s Fund for a Youth Ambassador program, to get the next generation involved and develop leadership for the future. In addition to recruiting ambassadors, we created presentations for younger kids. Volunteers got a great response from their school programs.

We implemented our first-ever Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) project to help the area’s stray cats. Volunteers worked throughout Hart County to trap strays, transport them to vet clinics, provide care, then return them to their outdoor homes. Most strays are wild and prefer to live outside, but the committee was able to find homes for several of the more friendly felines. The TNR project helped 159 cats in 2019!

Our Dawgy Dash 5 K was lots of fun for everyone involved. We almost met our goal of \$25,000 and hope to do even better this year. We want to thank all our sponsors, volunteers, and participants. You made it a truly successful event.

We had 2 meetings for ARK members this year that featured compelling guest speakers. We sponsored a fun afternoon on the courthouse lawn in October – the Howl-O-Ween Paw Party. A Barkin’ Bowlfuls of Chili lunch helped raise money for the foster program. The Christmas parade was tons of fun, with 4 different decorated vehicles and lots of pets dressed for the holidays.

The 2019 Spay-Neuter-Rabies Voucher events were very successful. In fact, we wish we could have provided more SNR vouchers this year. We had to turn people away from some of our events, because we ran out of funds for this effort. In addition to events, we were able to offer cat spay-neuter vouchers in partnership with BRAWA in Glasgow – no limits, anytime. We issued well over 450 SNR vouchers this year – preventing many unwanted litters.



ARK Youth Ambassador,
Lulu Jones

Save the Date

ARK Annual Members Meeting, March 10, 6:00 PM, Hart County Public Library

SNR Voucher Events, 2020 – TBA. Please check our website and Facebook page for updates.

Dawgy Dash 5K, 2020, June 6, 2020, Munfordville, KY



Rae McClure with Oscar, a foster kitten

The Foster/Adoption Committee had tremendous success this year, due to the efforts of their coordinators and volunteers. They organized several adoption events – sitting out on hot summer days at area businesses – to promote adoptions. It worked! It got more people interested in adopting pets. A whopping 114 dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens were adopted through our foster program. In addition, we helped many more furry friends find homes, and helped lost animals find their way back home, through social media efforts.

ARK’s Board of Directors has been busy formulating plans with the Hart County Fiscal Court for a shelter in our area. Exciting news! (See back page for more details.) We are looking forward to a great year ahead. We can succeed with your help. Help us spread the word about ARK’s work, get involved by volunteering, and renew your commitment to ARK with your donations/membership.

Join/renew today with a donation to ARK!

Membership Drive Underway – Be an ARKIE!



*The Ott girls with Miss Sadie,
their newly adopted dog*

It's time to join ARK or renew your membership for 2020. This year, you get a complementary membership with any donation over \$25. Your donations help us promote spay-neutering with low-cost vouchers, provide care for homeless pets in our foster program, contribute to the shelter fund, and much more. These programs require considerable funding. Because we are an all-volunteer group, we make the most of every dollar you donate.

Membership benefits include this newsletter – to keep you informed about ARK's successes and events - and discounts for area businesses. This year, discount cards will be printed on the quarterly newsletters, starting with the spring issue. Renew online at ark4hart.org or complete the form on the back.

The best thing about membership - joining the community of caring individuals who love animals and want to make their lives better. Take part in our activities, get involved by volunteering, or just support us in our work. We need you to help us make a difference in the community. All donations to ARK are tax-deductible and greatly appreciated. Please give generously.

TNR This Spring

The Trap-Neuter-Return committee is off to a running start this year, with another generous grant from the Two Mauds Foundation. With last year's grant, we helped 159 cats, with spaying or neutering, rabies shots, and routine medical care, before they were returned to their outdoor homes. The result - healthier animals that won't contribute to the cat overpopulation problem. The committee is already trapping cats this year, to get them neutered before kitten season starts.

The committee needs information about stray cat colonies. If you know of any, please fill out a form on ARK's website: ark4hart.org. The data will help them plan this year's efforts. We can reduce the number of unwanted kittens by providing better care for strays.



Three Awesome Volunteers – Thanks!

Three wonderful volunteers are stepping down from their ARK duties this year. They have gone above-and-beyond to help ARK succeed and grow. We want to extend our gratitude for their efforts.

First of all, Judy Lawler has kept our membership and donation records accurate and up-to-date. It's a big job, with information coming from several sources. Keeping it all straight is a challenge!

Loretta Cottrell has done a great job as Board Treasurer for ARK and has served on the Board of Directors. It takes a lot of know-how to keep track of all our fees, grants, donations, and bills, to make sure everything balances out. She has also sponsored the t-shirt design contest for the Dawgy Dash. In addition, she is a talented photographer, who has documented many of ARK's special events.

Laura Clement was instrumental in developing our foster/adoption program and making it a success. She will hand off the job of feline coordinator to Kayla Hargrove, but will remain an active volunteer: recruiting and working with ARK Youth Ambassadors, taking in foster cats, coordinating the TNR program, and supporting ARK in many other ways. We are fortunate to have such committed volunteers.

Featured Fosters

Donnie and Marie – A Rags-to-Riches Story



Donnie, when captured

Last summer, a Munfordville resident reported feral kittens living in a culvert and the TNR team was able to trap the two beauties. Sadly, the kittens were too sick to be spayed and neutered right away, so “Donnie and Marie” were given several rounds of antibiotics. During the weeks of convalescence, the pair became friendly and were accepted into our foster program.

We all cheered when Donnie and Marie were adopted together as barn cats. But they had a different idea! As you can see in the photo, these two kitties worked their way into the hearts and home of their new owners. Not every “feral” cat wants to be socialized and spoiled, but it perfectly suited Donnie and Marie! *Laura Clement*



Donnie, looking much better, with Bonnie Moore

Trixie – A Perfect Match

Trixie was in a home with a single mother of two children, who also worked a full-time job. She realized that Trixie, a high energy pooch, needed more attention than she could give her and surrendered her to our foster program. After some leash and house training by her foster family, and socialization at our Puppy Play Dates, she was adopted by a couple that can take her almost everywhere they go. She is the center of their attention and spoiled rotten. That’s a good dog’s life! *Bonnie Moore*



Trixie and her new owner

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

Thanks for Community Support



Bonnie Moore, Dr. Ashlee Page, David Clement, and Laura Clement

We send gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Ashlee Page and all the veterinarians and staff at Hartland Animal Hospital in Horse Cave for raising over \$402 for ARK. Our mission of aiding injured and needy animals continues into the new year. Thank You Hartland and everyone who donated to this cause!

We also want to thank ARK supporter/volunteer Alex Rosser for securing a grant from The Allstate Foundation. We appreciate his efforts that helped us to receive a \$500 @AllstateFDN Helping Hands Grant. This grant will help ARK continue its vital work in the community.

Last, but not least, we want to thank all our volunteers, our sponsors, our donors, our partners, Hart County’s vets, Hart County officials, and ARK members for all your contributions this past year. We depend on the support of our community to help us move forward. 2020 will be a great year for Hart County’s neediest animals!



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thank you!



Animal Holding Facility/Shelter for Hart County!

For the past year, ARK has been working with local officials to create a new animal holding facility and future shelter for Hart County. This goal is now becoming a reality through the leadership of Judge Joe Choate and the magistrates of the Hart County Fiscal Court, working in close collaboration with ARK.

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- Ron Gonterman – ARK Grant Writer
- June King – Spay-Neuter-Rabies Voucher Committee Chair
- Alicia McClure
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An agreement has been reached to move the current holding facility from Horse Cave to a building at the fairgrounds near Munfordville. This building, Dr. McFarlin's former veterinary office, will be leased to the Fiscal Court for a term of 5 years. Remodeling plans are underway to renovate the building so it can be used by the Hart County animal control officer to temporarily house stray dogs.

This building will be operated by the animal control officer under the authority of the Hart County Judge Executive's office, with financial and volunteer assistance being provided by ARK.

This is a major step forward for our county, for animal welfare, and for our local citizens. Stay tuned for more information as we all work together to help achieve the July 1 startup date for the new Hart County Holding Facility. *Message from ARK's Board of Directors*



Doc McFarlin Building – Future Shelter

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

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Phone _____

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Volunteer? (If yes, in what capacity?)

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.