



Animal Rescue Fund of the Hamptons, Inc.

# FOREVER HOME

Our Renewed Vision for Life-Saving and Adoption



Dear Friends,

The Animal Rescue Fund of the Hamptons (ARF) has been helping homeless and abandoned animals since 1974. Over the last 46 years, tens of thousands of cats and dogs have received compassion, food, shelter, medical care, training, and – ultimately – their forever homes with new families through the committed efforts of our staff and volunteers.

The number of shelter animals euthanized annually has declined in recent years, but our mission will not be fulfilled until all healthy and treatable cats and dogs in shelters are saved. While we work determinedly each day, the fact remains that our facilities are aging, and the needs of our local community are changing. Our animals deserve housing we would want for our own pets, in an environment that openly welcomes volunteers and adopters and reflects the high-quality care our animals receive every day.

As we approach our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are excited to embark on *Forever Home*, our renewed vision dedicated to our animals, people, and community. This ambitious 4-year effort will transform ARF by making critical investments in our buildings and strengthening ARF's endowment and reserve funds, which allow us to say “yes” when we receive a call for help.

The need is great, and the time to act is now. We take tremendous pride in being the region's premier rescue and adoption center, and with that comes the responsibility to lead by example.

I hope you will join us as we build a *Forever Home* for ARF.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott", written in a cursive, stylized script.

Scott Howe, ARF Executive  
Director and CEO, with Mogli





A black and white photograph of two kittens. On the left is a black kitten with yellow eyes, looking towards the right. On the right is a light-colored tabby kitten with dark stripes and blue eyes, looking upwards and to the right. They are both sitting on a white surface against a light background.

# ANIMAL WELFARE

## ARF IS A REGIONAL LEADER IN A NATIONAL EFFORT

Since 1974, ARF has been a refuge and vital link to a new families for homeless animals in our local community.

6.3 million companion animals enter shelters every year. 3.2 million cats and 3.1 million dogs enter shelters every year for reasons including costs, animal health problems, human health problems, and behavior.

ARF has saved over 30,000 animals from euthanasia.

530,000 cats and 390,000 dogs are euthanized every year in communities across the country. An increase in adoptions, transports, and returns of stray animals to their owners has resulted in a 42% decline in euthanization of treatable animals over the last decade.

Many families on Long Island's East End need assistance.

We know that many families in our community cannot afford essential wellness, training, or food to keep pets in their homes. Animals provide companionship during uncertain times, and help us cope with job loss, health concerns, and social isolation. The human-animal bond can be life-saving, and that is the core of ARF's Mission.

Source: ASPCA Pet Statistics

Photo of Diesel (left) and Charlie (right) by Francine Fleischer

# OUR CHALLENGE

## PREPARE ARF FOR THE NEXT 50 YEARS

### **ARF's infrastructure requires critical improvements and must be revitalized now**

There have been no improvements to our public spaces, catteries, or kennels in 20 years. In addition, ARF's buildings and technology infrastructure were not designed for the number of visitors, volunteers, and adopters who frequent the campus annually.

### **Rescue is just the start of our responsibility**

Every animal rescued by ARF deserves comprehensive and holistic care, including the same level of medical care we would want for our own companions. Shelter animals also need intensive training, enrichment, and meaningful interactions with people every day. Without this level of care, shelter animals can develop long-term physical and behavioral health issues that will increase their length-of-stay and make them less likely to be successfully adopted.

**ARF's Endowment and Reserve Funds sustain our programs through every season and allow us to answer urgent calls for help in times of crisis.**

Photo of Bubbles by Francine Fleischer





ARF's entrance in 1985





ARF's original kennels built in 1985

# ARF'S EVOLUTION

**1974**

Founded to address the crisis of homeless and abandoned animals on Long Island's East End

**1980**

Purchased 22 acres in East Hampton, New York

**1985**

Opened kennels and adoption center

**2004**

Opened a new medical wing, administration wing, and a renovated and expanded kennel

**2005**

Undertook first out-of-state rescue transport in response to Hurricane Katrina



**2008**

Purchased the property now occupied by its Thrift Shop

**2012**

Began using mobile adoption van

**2015**

Launched a mobile spay/neuter clinic and completed renovation of animal intake facility

**2016**

Purchased a custom transport vehicle for interstate rescues

**2020**

Receives commitment for transformational gift from Richard Wells McCabe

**2021**

Officially breaks ground on FOREVER HOME





# ARF TODAY

## SAVING LIVES

**Since 1974, ARF has saved 30,000 homeless cats and dogs through our Transport and Adoption programs**

ARF works locally and with partners across the country to transport animals from over-crowded and under-resourced communities to Long Island where they are quickly adopted.

ARF's annual adoptions have doubled in the last 10 years as its rescue efforts expanded in response to natural disasters and national animal welfare initiatives.

We care for animals regardless of how long it takes to find a home, providing medical, behavior, and enrichment programs they need to become adoptable.

**Through Op-Cat, ARF has spayed/neutered over 27,000 cats**

Cats without homes can quickly multiply, creating large populations and forcing overcrowded shelters to consider euthanasia.

Through ARF's trap/neuter/return program, we have humanely prevented the suffering of hundreds of thousands of local kittens who would have been born without a home.

**Pictured Left: ARF staff unload a dog rescued from the Bahamas after Hurricane Dorian in 2019, a transport made possible with support from the Irving and Phyllis Millstein Foundation for Animal Welfare.**



# ARF TODAY

## SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

ARF offers locally-focused programs to keep pets with their families and out of shelters.

- › **Dog Training Classes:** As part of ARF's comprehensive and holistic approach to rescue and adoption, all dogs in our care receive behavioral training as needed. Affordable dog training classes are also open to the public.
- › **Pet Food Pantry:** Over the past year, ARF distributed more than thirteen thousand pounds of pet food to families in need, a program we plan to expand in the years to come.
- › **Free and Low-Cost Clinics:** ARF has long offered low-cost vaccine clinics to the community and has expanded in response to the economic crisis created by COVID-19.

"Our dog training classes help prevent people from surrendering their dogs for behavioral reasons. After 15 years at ARF, what I love most is working with owners to achieve results in their dog's behavior that they never thought were possible."

— Matthew Posnick, ARF Dog Trainer (pictured right with Pretty Girl)







Photo by William Yennie

# ARF TOMORROW

## FOREVER HOME: OUR RENEWED VISION FOR LIFE-SAVING AND ADOPTION

*Forever Home* will ensure that ARF can continue to provide excellent and compassionate care for our animals and renew our commitment to the local community through services that keep animals safe, healthy, and with their families.

Philanthropic funds raised will support **critical improvements to the ARF facilities** to ensure animals, staff, and visitors are safe and happy in a welcoming environment.

In the coming years, ARF will increase its life-saving capacity by helping more animals than ever before. We will serve as a safety net for residents facing financial hardship and continue to be relevant as fewer animals are euthanized.



Renderings of the new Richard Wells McCabe Welcome Center courtesy of project architects Bacon Group, Inc.

# FOREVER HOME

## THE RICHARD WELLS MCCABE WELCOME CENTER

ARF's adopters will be greeted in a spacious, redesigned, light-filled lobby. The space will feature retail, meet-and-greet rooms, and new homes for small dogs and puppies.

Additionally, ARF's catteries and kitten room will be completely renovated and include custom-built features for climbing, perching, and play.

The HVAC systems in the Medical Wing and throughout the entire facility have been custom designed for the health and comfort of animals and people.



# FOREVER HOME

## A NEW KENNEL BUILDING FOR ARF'S DOGS

Our dogs will move into a new 40-kennel building constructed with high-quality materials and engineered for noise mitigation. The new building will include with flexible rooms for dogs with special needs, meet-and-greet rooms for adopters, and new outdoor exercise areas. A sophisticated HVAC system will cool, heat, and dehumidify the air, as well as treat it for pathogens, and a nitrogen-reducing waste treatment system will lessen our impact on the environment.

*This naming opportunity is still available. Please contact [scott@arfhamptons.org](mailto:scott@arfhamptons.org) to learn more.*



Rendering of the new dog kennel and outdoor exercise area courtesy of project architects Bacon Group, Inc.



Renderings of the new William P. Rayner Training Center courtesy of project architects Bacon Group, Inc.

# FOREVER HOME

## THE WILLIAM P. RAYNER TRAINING CENTER

A new 8,400 square foot year-round training center will be built on-site to accommodate year-round training, socialization, and enrichment to ensure animals become or remain adoptable, and increase our capacity to provide classes for the public and ARF's adopters.

This state-of-the-art facility will include a viewing area, outdoor play yard, ample parking, and an environmentally conscious waste system.



# YOUR GIFT WILL BRING JOY TO THOUSANDS OF LIVES

## JOIN US IN BUILDING A FOREVER HOME FOR ARF

At this pivotal moment in ARF's history, we are inspired to take bold steps to secure our future. We are energized by our animals, adopters, and donors. We know that our years of success can be attributed to our dedicated supporters, and we know that this will also be true as we look to our future. Visionary philanthropic support is crucial to ensure ARF remains a leader in the local and national movement to rescue cats and dogs, provide quality care, and offer sanctuary until loving homes can be found.

Our ambitious goals match the significance of our work to the lives of people and animals alike.

### COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN GOALS 2021-2024



#### ■ \$7M

ARF Operations, programs, and staffing:

- › Broaden local and regional programs: \$1M
- › Build staffing capacity: \$1M
- › Invest in operations: \$5M

#### ■ \$13M

Critical Facility Improvements:

- › The Richard Wells McCabe Welcome Center
- › The new William P. Rayner Training Center
- › A New Kennel Building for ARF's Dogs


#### ■ \$12M

Endowment and Reserve Funds:

- › Ensure ARF's capacity to maintain the campus and facilities
- › Provide programmatic support to enable ARF to save animals locally and across the country for generations to come

# LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN BUILDING A **FOREVER HOME** FOR ARF



1. ARF Campus	\$10,000,000
2. Welcome Center (RESERVED)	\$5,000,000
3. Year-Round Training Center (RESERVED)	\$5,000,000
4. Kennel Building	\$5,000,000
5. Adoption Program Sponsor	\$5,000,000
6. Medical Center	\$2,500,000
7. Operation Cat/TNR Program Sponsor	\$2,500,000
8. Pet Food Pantry Sponsor	\$2,500,000
9. Training, Behavior, and Enrichment Program Sponsor	\$2,500,000
10. Training Center Arena	\$1,000,000
11. Welcome Center Lobby	\$1,000,000
12. Foster Program Sponsor	\$1,000,000
13. Volunteer Program Sponsor	\$1,000,000
14. Administrative Wing	\$500,000
15. Puppy Room and Small Dog Rooms	\$500,000
16. Wellness and Vaccination Clinic Sponsor	\$500,000
17. Training Center Outdoor Exercise Area	\$500,000
18. Driveway	\$500,000
19. Kennel Exercise Area (2)	\$300,000/Area
20. Free Roam Cattery (2) (2 RESERVED)	\$250,000/Cattery
21. Welcome Center Reception Desk	\$250,000
22. Training Center Viewing Area	\$250,000
23. Campus Landscaping	\$250,000
24. Kitten Room (RESERVED)	\$150,000
25. Board Room (RESERVED)	\$150,000
26. Executive Director's Office (RESERVED)	\$100,000
27. Medical Director's Office (RESERVED)	\$100,000
28. Medical Wing X-Ray Suite (RESERVED)	\$100,000
29. Lobby Vestibule	\$100,000
30. Get Acquainted Room (5) (2 RESERVED)	\$50,000/Room
31. Walking Trails (2) (2 RESERVED)	\$25,000
32. Dog Run (44 available) (1 RESERVED)	\$15,000/Run

Gifts from \$100 - \$14,999 will be recognized on the ARF Community Donor Wall in our new *Forever Home*.

Gifts can be made in the form of pledge payments over 4 years and may be inclusive of annual support for ARF events.

Additional naming opportunities are available upon request.

Photo by William Yennie



# ARF MAKES TAILS WAG



“ We knew we wanted a dog that would have challenges getting out of the shelter – the obvious answer was an older dog! We adopted 10-year-old Deacon from ARF. Deacon had been in the shelter for almost a year and nobody looked at adopting him. **Deacon changed our life.** He is perfect, and he is our absolute treasure. He has given us more than we could have ever imagined.  
– Kyle and Andy

“ They didn't give up on Arianna. Her needs were special and **they kept her safe and loved until it was time for us to find her!**  
– Cheryl Spampinato

“ One day in August, we decided to make a stop at ARF – just to see what dogs were there. Samantha was the very first dog we saw and it was love at first sight. She is an adorable addition to our family and **we are thankful every day that we walked into ARF that summer afternoon.**  
– The Abbey Family

# FOREVER HOME

CASE FOR SUPPORT 2021-2024

To learn more about how you can join us in building a FOREVER HOME for ARF,  
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