Maddie’s Legacy Saves Countless Lives

Visitors to ARF enter through the Maddie's Animal Care Center doors. Maddie’s Fund® (www.maddiesfund.org) is a family foundation endowed by the founder of Workday® and PeopleSoft, Dave Duffield, and his wife, Cheryl. Maddie’s Fund is helping to achieve and sustain a no-kill nation by providing solutions to the most challenging issues facing the animal welfare community through Maddie’s® Grant Giving and Maddie’s Institute®.

To achieve this goal, Maddie’s Fund® is investing its resources in building community collaborations where animal welfare organizations come together to develop successful models of life-saving; in veterinary colleges to help shelter medicine become part of the veterinary curriculum; and in the implementation of a national strategy to promote accountability and transparency in animal shelter operations. Maddie’s Fund® is named after the family’s beloved Miniature Schnauzer who passed away in 1997.
“We’re all in this together.”

To lead the county in animal welfare is an incredible highlight of my 20 years in the field. I am tremendously lucky to work with more than 70 employees and hundreds of volunteers to save lives. This year brought new challenges, thousands of abandoned pets to ARF, and economic downturn. As I reflect, I am encouraged and excited to pursue our mission next year because of your generosity.

Who could forget the 18 five-week-old kittens found scrounging for food in a mobile home park? They had run out of chances at the high-kill shelter and ARF was their only hope. I watched my personal favorite, Stargaze, his big eyes framed with white, grow up under the watch of our skilled staff from a timid little kitten to a fearless guy with the confidence of a tiger.

And Sibley. This beautiful pit bull mix, nearly 50 pounds at just 6 months old, arrived with scars covering her face from her previous guardian keeping her tightly muzzled 24/7 - not because she was aggressive, but to prevent chewing behavior typical of any teething puppy. I couldn’t imagine the pain she’d endured in her young life, but her scars appeared to be only on the surface. She quickly became a volunteer favorite, melting into any available lap and giving shy kisses.

I encourage you to read about all you’ve helped us accomplish this year on pages 10-11. For a more personal touch, I’d like to share some of the notes we received:

“The adoption process at ARF is great. I must say that it was the first time in 45 years that having been a Vietnam Veteran did me any good. The waiver of fees allowed me to do a little more for Teddy right off the bat. I thank you so much for the opportunity to give Teddy Bear his forever loving home. On a scale of 1 to 10 this experience was a 10+.”

“One day we saw Lyra’s adoption post online...It was love at first sight! It took a little time to earn her trust then we enrolled her in Puppy Manners to be sure we were all on the same page. She graduated with flying colors and since then has learned all kinds of tricks! She just loves to please, and we just love to love her!”

“We are so grateful that you paid for our class’ ARF tour – it will be the students’ only field trip this year. Thank you for showing them that they can truly make a difference.”

I love that even in the toughest moments of animal rescue work, we keep moving forward together with patience, wisdom, courage, and grace. There are thousands of these incredible stories from this year, each success a direct reflection of your contributions. Please consider making a holiday gift this season so we can continue to change lives in the new year.
Gracie

Gracie, a wirehaired Dachshund/Sheltie/German Shepherd mix, was very much wanted by her new family. “We adopted Gracie after losing our dear 13 year-old German Shepherd mix. She came to us a timid, shy 3 month-old. Now she’s a smart, social bundle of puppy love and exuberance who loves the dog park, hiking, doing tricks and playing ball - she even retrieves the newspaper in the morning! We adore her! Thank you ARF for rescuing her for us to love.”

Max

Tallyho! Like so many love stories, Max’s guardians didn’t choose him, he chose them, making his intentions clear by refusing to leave his new mom’s side during their meet-and-greet. So when the family packed up and moved to London this summer, it was a no-brainer that Max would join them! Since his relocation across the pond, Max has been having a blast riding the tube, a double-decker bus, visiting pubs, and taking loads of sightseeing trips. (London, as his guardians have discovered, is very dog-friendly!) This world-traveler isn’t letting the dust settle under his paws. Mom Nicole says: “We haven’t gotten him a pet passport yet, so his experiences have been limited to the UK, but I’m sure he’s already one of the most well-travelled dogs to come out of ARF and we’re looking forward more adventures together!”

Ariel

“We could not be any more delighted with our little friend and companion Ariel. She is a very friendly kitty - we entertain frequently, and she loves to meet new people and engage them in her games. We are so fortunate to share our home with this magical creature, and are very grateful to ARF for saving her for us!”
Event Highlights

December

Holiday Pet Food Drive continues Nov 29 - Jan 10
ARF

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Free Pet Fix Day - Pit Bulls
ARF (by appointment)

Holidays at Broadway Plaza
Dec 1-29
Walnut Creek, California

January

2-3
Winter Camp
ARF

22
Foster Orientation
ARF

February

8
Mobile Adoption Event
Nitro Dog, Lafayette, California

29
Basic Manners class
ARF U

3 & 4
Comedy Night & Stars to the Rescue
Lesher Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek, California

18
Wine & Whiskers
Busch Stadium, St. Louis, Missouri

March 29, 2014
The Business of Saving Lives
ARF

May 2014
Animals on Broadway
Walnut Creek, California

This is a sampling of ARF classes, workshops, camps, and events occurring December 2013 - March 2014
To register or view a full listing of ARF events, visit www.arf.net
**Around ARF**

**PET HUG PACK**
**YEAR IN REVIEW 2013**

**Brought Smiles & Pet Hugs to UC Berkeley**
**Made New Friends at "We Care"**
**Expanded All Ears Reading®**

**Help Bring the Healing Touch of Animals to Those Who Need It Most in 2014**
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**Holiday Pet Food Drive**
**November 29 - January 10**

**Help ARF fill bellies and warm hearts this holiday season**

ARF is proud to partner with the Salvation Army for the 2013 Holiday Pet Food Drive, helping struggling local pet guardians provide for their companions this holiday season.

Help keep families together by bringing your donation of unopened, unexpired wet or dry cat and dog food to ARF.

Pet food donations will be distributed through the Salvation Army's Concord facility. If you need food, please contact them at (925) 676-6180.

**For more details and how you can help, visit www.arf.net.**
Pick one of ARF’s selected pets and make their holiday wish come true! Your sponsorship gift of $25 or more is a great way to get into the holiday spirit and give an animal the gift of a new life. A sponsorship also makes a wonderful gift for the animal-lover in your life, and includes the option to send a beautiful, personalized e-card to your recipient.

Visit [www.arf.net](http://www.arf.net) to sponsor today!

**$25** feeds one shelter animal

**$75** provides all necessary medical supplies for one animal from intake to adoption

**$100** spays or neuters one dog

**$50** vaccinates, microchips, and provides an intake exam for one cat

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**What They Really Need...**

- Dog and cat toys
- Cat harnesses
- Dog and cat beds
- Plastic litter pans
- Baby blankets
- Pooper Scoopers
- Rawhide chews
- Sanitizing wipes
- Puppy pads
- Ceramic bowls
- Kongs
- Cat grass seeds/catnip
- Clip leashes (6 ft)
- Lint rollers
- Dog and cat brushes
- Nylabones

View our complete Wish List at [www.arf.net](http://www.arf.net) or visit the Giving Tree in ARF’s lobby.
Faint cries could be heard from the abandoned house. Deserted without food or water, the little Dachshund mix had given birth alone on the cold, hard linoleum, surviving on garbage and scraps. Discovering her, shivering and emaciated from nursing her eight tiny, squirming puppies, a good samaritan took the family to the local public animal shelter, hoping to save them.

But the shelter was crowded and overwhelmed, and there was no room for the unexpected mother and her defenseless puppies.

She stood guard over her litter, backing up slowly as ARF’s rescue team approached, unsure if she should sniff or flinch from the offered hand. She was terrified, only trying to protect her babies in this strange, chaotic place. Their rounded bellies proved her devotion - she had been feeding them around the clock but she couldn’t keep up with so many mouths to feed. When she finished nursing one, another would cry from hunger. Painfully thin with ribs appearing behind her dull yellow fur, the doting mother had worn herself out keeping them alive.

We poured some food into a bowl and slowly inched it toward her. Tentatively, she stepped forward and began to eat. After a few morsels she stopped and looked up at us, a glimmer of hope in her eyes. She was eager to trust again. ARF made the long trek home with the family.

We regularly rescue cats and dogs in need, but a starving mother and eight helpless babies would need extra TLC. Once everyone was bathed, examined, and given needed medical attention, a foster home would be a snug, secure haven where Marmalade could wean and raise her puppies in peace.

Finally feeling safe, she began to blossom, showing glimpses of the delightful, animated personality she had masked under her fear. As she regained her strength over the next weeks, she lovingly nurtured her pups, keeping them clean and warm, and nudging them along as they played and discovered the world around them.

Today, they are barely recognizable as the fragile runts they were when they arrived. Once discarded and forgotten, they are now robust, healthy, and full of joy and mischief. They captured hearts at ARF one at a time as we worked to find just the right homes for them. Trixie, the snuggly golden girl, was the last to leave, tucked
The Gift of Hope

tightly in the arms of her new human “sister” who would cherish her and be gifted with unconditional love in return.

As for Marmalade, it turns out she was already home. She bonded strongly with her dedicated foster who had given her a safe spot, helped raise her puppies, earned her trust, and fallen in love with her in turn.

Thanks to a devoted mother dog and many people who cared, these nine precious lives were saved. So many homeless cats and dogs are still alone, afraid, and waiting to be rescued. With your help, we can keep them safe and sound.

Please donate at www.arf.net.

Foster for ARF and watch LOVE grow!

More than 700 additional animals were rescued by ARF in 2013 thanks to our foster families

Sign up! ♥ newfoster@arf.net
Report to the Community

Lives Are Changed
Because You Care

Fiscal Year 2012 - 2013

Income

- Individual Donations: 42%
- Bequests: 16%
- Corporations & Foundations: 9%
- Fees: 11%
- Sales: 7%
- Special Events: 15%

Expenses

- Animal Care & Adoptions: 41%
- Clinic: 26%
- Training: 5%
- Administration: 6%
- Fundraising: 7%
- Community Outreach: 5%
- People Connect: 10%

2013 marked our sixth consecutive four-star rating from Charity Navigator, the nation’s premier charity evaluator, a designation achieved by only 3% of charities rated.

Because of you, 87 cents of every dollar goes directly to programs!

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July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

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DOGS AND CATS ADOPTED

170,468
POUNDS OF PET FOOD DELIVERED

84,649
ADULT VOLUNTEER HOURS

3,067
SPAY AND NEUTER SURGERIES

183,569
PEOPLE VISITED BY THERAPY ANIMALS

YOU
CAN CHANGE LIVES
In Honor of Special Friends

Adoption fees for ARF’s Very Important Pets (VIP) have been pre-paid by generous supporters.
To sponsor an animal please contact ltakahashi@arf.net.

Aziza, Jo Ann and Cody Lasater
Camelot and Glory, Leo and Lena Robles
Chanticleer, Lynn K. Takahashi
Chex, Karlie Pennington and Russell Jackson
Copper, Gold, Fleur de Lys and Lila, Leo, Luna and Nena Robles
Corona Del Mar, Cottontail, Honda, Mimi, Thumbs McGee, and Samuel Whiskers, Kylie and Kira Wood, Aimee Ruane, Emma Marquez and Anika Thompson
Dexter, Samantha Savich
Dragon and Zantara, William J. Coaker Jr.

Shadow, Ted H. and Sharon M. Sergott
Glory, Macario and Deborah Turqueza
Kahuna, Rachel Lei B. Villar
Magenta in honor of Camelot, Adrienne Cox
Max (aka Griddle), Victoria Lorrinovich and Mark Eastman
Sunday, Starling, Marcy, Mew Gull, and Sphinx, Skye Taylor
Warbler in memory of Chat, Althea and Robert F. Soldano

Audrey Pipo, Jean L. Jones
Bianca La Russa and Jordan Valjalo’s wedding, Glenn and Diane Colacurci
Cha-Cha, Barbara Gomez
David’s father, Natalie Preslar and Steven Schellert Jr.
DeAnna McDaniels, Glenn and Diane Colacurci
Diego and Samantha Tellian, Nancy Mae Tellian
Elia and John Schiavo, Leslie G. and Charles D. Steller
Glenn Colacurci, Steven E. and Wanda Wong
Gracie B. Bell’s 86th birthday, Sara J. and Jon F. Schroeder
Jennifer Stanich-Bannmiller, Abby and William Trombino
Kellianne, Patricia A. Geary
Lisa Rodman and Mick McGuigan’s wedding, David A. Rodman
George Y. Assoun
Sherrie Klein
Mary Jo and Mary Beth’s Wedding, Marsha A. and Richard Servetnick
Glenn and Diane Colacurci
Mike Matheny, Dr. Robert J. Berman
Milk Dud, Victoria A. Chakalian and Dan Ellis
Mr. and Mrs. Timm Torchiana, Pamela King
Nellie and Pepper, Jodi Roisman
Puff, Inky, Bunns, Hershe, Kitté, Rollie, Junior and Bitsy, Vicki and Douglas Hogendorn
Rusty Ross the Wonder Dog, Sherry Ross and Michael Hurd
Sandy Block, Marsha A. and Richard Servetnick
Shabu and Pepper, Lidia and Tim Gomes
Sherry Butler’s Birthday, Rene Trujillo
The Harbaugh Family, Glenn and Diane Colacurci
The Santiago family and the purchase of your new home, Sara Born
Tim and Katherine Krisch, Parallel Marketing Group
Tony La Russa, Positive Coaching Alliance
Trish and Jeremy, Stephen Wollmer
Yuri and Sonja, David S. Martin Jr.

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Looking for love...
In Memory of Special Friends

Alice Sayo Loke, Kimberly A. and Russell L. Lewis
Amy, Mark and Lois P. Gill
Andrea Plough, Sandra L. Jolley
‘Baby’ Alexis and Maggie, Harry and Michele M. Wiley
Bailey, Joyce N. and Santiago L. Martinez
Blu, Rose Marie and Bruce N. Froenming
Buster, Sam Yun
Buster, Sibhan and Charlie Stokes
Charles and Irene Massara, Patti Procare
Constance Paddock, Barbara and Kenneth L. Glaze
Crosby, Peter P. and Pamela W. Edington
Diamond Martinez, Joyce N. and Santiago L. Martinez
Dolly MacDonald, Kent L. and Kristen Johansson
Doreen Moreno, Sandy Brychna
Mandarin Oriental Management (USA), Inc.
Michael Coughlin
The IT&T Team at MOHG
Doug Horton, Kathleen M. O’Rourke and Lee Heida
Dr. Howard Liebgold, Elizabeth Townes
Ebony, Joyce N. and Santiago L. Martinez
Edith J. Price and Roland, G. Lindsay McCrea
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Fallon, Beverly S. Adams
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Jim, Charles Wall
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Jeanine Duncan, Jerry R. Reinsdorf
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Joanne, Sondra J. Tosky and Erik Swanberg
Joe Critchfield, Kent L. and Kristen Johansson
Joseph Schild, Nancy M. Schild
JuJu, Joyce N. and Santiago L. Martinez
Kath Gilbert, Ann S. Kang
Lily Rowntree, Tom Sherburne
Lily Storer, Patricia A. Smith
Linda Diane Espinoza, Kristen T. Peters
Lora Cartee, Sal J. Orlando
Louie, Marilyn M. Bercieh
Mardi and Phoebe, Phyllis J. Wisnioski
Marian Williams, Linda L. Pilant
Marie Louise McCann DeLeonardo, Carol B. and Jerry D. Harter
Marvin, Gayle and Kenneth J. Damosonio
Michael Duncan, Howard D. Reagent
Mr. Stern, Shirley and Stephen Pitella
Myeka, Steven L. and Maria Valente
Prance, Joyce N. and Santiago L. Martinez
Precious, Shirley Lawrence
Reilly, Mary L. Ferro
Renaissance, Carol L. and Howard R. Melamed
Riley Murphy, Antonette K. and Donald A. Murphy
Ritz, Christine A. and Jerome A. Frazee
Roberto Ramos, Darla E. and Richard M. Bastoni
Sadie and Trouble Firestone, Wendy and Stuart Firestone
Sevan, Doris Paroonagian
Sonia, Linda K. and Stephen J. Crowe
Spearhead, Terry Moore
Stephanie Campbell-Hartzell, Susan L. Campbell-Hartzell
Stubs, Patricia and Susan Minger
Suzanne Hock, Morgan and Patricia J. Howell
Tally Lamison, Marshu A. and Richard Servetnick
Teddy, Patricia and Susan Minger
Teddy, Joyce N. and Santiago L. Martinez
Terry Lee O’Donnell, Johanna Kato
Tess, Susan J. and Carl B. Webb
Tom Kimbrell, Stephen Whitworth
Tucker Smith, Elze Bravo
Valentine, Kathleen S. Foster
Virginia Ryan, James and Gerry Bishop
Voltaire, Patrick J. and Evangeline L. Hewson
Wheeler, Leanna L. Jensen
Yogi, Robert C. and Terry L. Damicco

Gift amounts of $100 or more are recognized in the Scoop newsletter. To honor a special friend, visit arf.net/tribute to send an e-card, or mail your donation to ARF and include a note letting us know the name and address of whom you would like us to notify.

The Scoop Newsletter is published by Tony La Russa’s Animal Rescue Foundation. Your $30 donation includes a complementary one-year subscription to The Scoop (three issues per year).
Dear ARF,

It was in late March of 2007 that we found Willow. I had lost my Jenny eight months earlier, to whom I had become deeply attached... perhaps too deeply. I had learned to avoid a too-affectionate or dependent kitty; my tendency to over-attach with felines is just too great.

My husband spotted Willow before I did, bringing me to her window - a gray long-haired beauty who looked at us with a look that said, “I’m prepared to be difficult.” There she was: the perfect kitty for me.

Jack liked her feisty attitude and I appreciated the fact that I’d not get over-attached. We kept observing her responses to our approaches, and in time, her defensive behavior grew less and less. She is a lap cat, who clearly appreciates affection, often following me around the house, room to room.

Last week, she fell asleep in my lap. On awakening, she looked up at me with a deep look I’d not seen before. Something lurched in my throat. And looking up at me this afternoon, her eyes held mine with that same look I saw for the first time a week ago. Be still, my heart. Cats are such mysteries; their eyes hold meanings I can never fathom. But I feel sure of one thing: Willow’s special gaze holds something like trust.

I adore her. Yes, I’m deeply attached... perhaps too deeply. Yes, I know that one day one of us will abandon the other. I am resigned; it’s the price we must pay for love. At our ages it’s almost irresponsible to adopt a pet, except at ARF, where we can be assured that Willow will be cared for should we both die before her, where she can wait for someone to love her again. Someone who will be worthy of her.

I am deeply grateful.

Sincerely, MH
Because of You...

2,001 dogs and cats are safe and sound

Johnny
Rescued May 2013
Adopted May 2013

Ukulele
Rescued May 2013
Adopted June 2013

Zig Zag
Rescued July 2013
Adopted August 2013

Bjork
Rescued February 2013
Adopted March 2013

Zadie
Rescued August 2013
Still waiting...

Nopa
Rescued August 2013
Adopted August 2013

Declaration
Rescued June 2013
Adopted July 2013

Simon
Rescued June 2013
Adopted July 2013

Masa
Rescued August 2013
Adopted August 2013

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Join Us For Upcoming Events

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