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## **ARF Celebrates 30,000<sup>th</sup> Adoption**

Twelve-week-old kitten finds a home and marks a milestone

**WALNUT CREEK, California – January 13, 2015** – Ravioli, a twelve-week-old long-haired tabby kitten, weighs a meager three pounds. But he has the impressive distinction of being the 30,000<sup>th</sup> pet adopted from ARF since the organization's founding in 1991.

Ravioli was turned in to a local public animal shelter as a stray when he was just a few weeks old. Due to his age and vulnerable condition, he was at risk for euthanasia before ARF stepped in and rescued him. The little kitten spent time in an ARF foster home before being placed for adoption at ARF. He was chosen by his new guardian on January 10.

ARF has been rescuing abandoned animals from overcrowded public shelters for 24 years, since Tony La Russa rescued a cat from the ballfield while he was managing the Oakland A's, and was inspired by his wife Elaine to start ARF. In 2014, 2,280 cats and dogs found homes through the Walnut Creek-based organization.

"We are overjoyed to reach this milestone," says Elena Bicker, ARF's executive director. "I can still remember our first year when we rescued 11 dogs and 146 cats. We relish these moments and milestones, but we remain focused on the rescue efforts ahead."

ARF's core mission is the rescue of dogs and cats who have run out of time at public shelters, giving them a chance at life until a new home can be found. ARF couples this focus with innovative programs strengthening the human-animal bond for children, seniors, veterans, and people in disadvantaged circumstances. ARF allows people to experience the unconditional love and acceptance of dogs and cats to fulfill a mission of "People Rescuing Animals...Animals Rescuing People..."® <http://www.arf.net>

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