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## ARF Earns Highest Charity Navigator Rating for Eighth Year

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**WALNUT CREEK, California – September 2, 2015** – For the eighth consecutive year, ARF has earned the highest 4-Star rating from Charity Navigator, the nation's largest independent charity evaluator. This award for fiscally responsible mission work places ARF at a level achieved by only 2% of charities rated.

Michael Thatcher, President and Chief Executive Officer of Charity Navigator writes: "... Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation outperforms most other charities in America. This "exceptional" designation from Charity Navigator differentiates Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust."

"ARF is ecstatic to receive eight consecutive four out of four stars," says Executive Director Elena Bicker. "Our volunteers and efficiencies allow 87 cents of every dollar donated to be directed to our life-saving programs of rescuing dogs and cats and matching them with people who need and love them. We are honored to receive this distinguished award in recognition of our daily mission work."

Charity Navigator bases its ratings on measurements of sound financial management and commitment to accountability and transparency to guide charitable giving. This remarkable accomplishment could not be achieved without the tireless hours contributed by more than 500 dedicated volunteers intensely involved in every aspect of ARF's work.

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. Through ARF, people experience the unconditional love and acceptance of dogs and cats to fulfill a mission of "People Rescuing Animals...Animals Rescuing People..."® <http://www.arflife.org>

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