



Animal Rescue Foundation of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Inc.

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About ARF SEPA

ARF SEPA takes in homeless cats and dogs from public shelters that must euthanize when full. Since forming in January 2006, ARF SEPA has rescued more than 1700 homeless pets. The Holiday Paw-ty is our most important event of the year and helps to raise the more than \$40,000 that we spend on veterinary care each year to help our pets get healthy and ready for adoption.

In addition to ongoing vet care for our pets, here are a few of the programs that benefit from funds raised at the Holiday Paw-ty:

- **Foster Program:** The heart of what we do. ARF SEPA volunteers visit public shelters and take in cats and dogs that are in danger of being euthanized. Pets receive complete veterinary care at private veterinary offices (exam, testing, vaccinations, spay/neuter, microchip ID, plus any other needed veterinary care), then live in a foster home or at our kitty adoption center until adopted – as long as it takes. ARF SEPA volunteers will rescue any age, breed, shape or size of homeless dog or cat – we've rescued everything from Yorkies to Pit Bull dogs, to orange tabbies to Persian pure bred cats.
- **Lucy's Senior Pet Adoption Program:** ARF SEPA takes in senior pets because older animals in shelters are often put down first. Senior pets usually require additional veterinary care beyond the basics – paid for by ARF SEPA – and we then waive the adoption donation for any pet age five and over. This program was named for Lucy, a senior blind beagle that an ARF SEPA volunteer adopted from a shelter at the young age of 10. She had cataracts that were never treated and as a result went blind. Lucy had an operation to address her cataracts and then lived for 6 more happy years before passing to "The Rainbow Bridge" in March 2009 at the age of 16.
- **Feral Cat Relocation Program:** Feral, unsocialized cats have an almost 100% euthanasia rate at local public shelters. This program pays for spay/neuter and vet care for ferals, and then places the cats at safe haven barn homes where they can live out their lives. ARF SEPA volunteers visit the farms and provide food, shelter and other care on a continual basis so there is no cost to the landowner/farmer. More than 40 cats were saved through our pilot program and we're looking to expand this much needed program in 2012.
- **Abandoned Hunting Dog Rescue Program:** ARF SEPA works with a rural shelter to take in friendly ex-hunting dogs that are being euthanized simply because they are not good hunters but great pets.

To learn more about ARF SEPA and our programs and volunteer opportunities, please visit our website at www.arfsepa.com.

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