

Tailwaggers

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YOU ARE A LIFESAVER – LITERALLY!

YOUR KINDNESS SAVED JIMMY

Jimmy arrived in desperate need of help. He was emaciated, weak and urine-stained. He struggled to stand and there was almost no muscle on his body. We were told he was found in a ditch.

Jimmy's situation was dire – we didn't even know if he'd make it – but thanks to you we were able to give him a chance.

We put Jimmy on a special feeding program. His body was so fragile it was weeks before he gained any significant weight. But little by little – thanks to your incredible support – he began to recover. He was placed in a foster home with an ARL team member for round-the-clock monitoring. He came with her to work every day and we watched him fill out and perk up as the weeks went by.

He was always incredibly sweet, but his personality came out even more as he regained strength and returned to health. Jimmy was eager to say hi everyone who stopped by to visit. He not only began walking confidently, he ran to us when we called him. We cheered his every success.

Months after his arrival, Jimmy has now doubled his body weight and is a happy, healthy dog! Thanks to you his future is looking bright. As of press time, he was available for adoption! Thank you for giving him the second chance he deserved.



MAKE MIRACLES HAPPEN

We never know when animals like Jimmy will arrive, and your support of our Miracle Medical Fund is crucial. To help more animals like Jimmy, go to [ARL-IOWA.ORG/MIRACLE](https://www.arl-iowa.org/miracle).

ON BEHALF OF THE ANIMALS, THANK YOU.

As I look back over the past several months, we've made such a remarkable impact together.

We've seen a staggering rise in our dog population – a national trend that is putting an immense burden on rescues, including the ARL. Communities across the state and beyond have also reached out for support in times of great need.



Through it all, your generosity has provided shelter, food and care to countless animals. You've helped rescue and rehabilitate hundreds of pets – like Jimmy, whose story you read on the previous page.

And your contributions and compassion have enabled us to continue to enhance our facilities and programs to save even more lives and provide the best possible experience for the animals in our care. I hope you enjoy reading about how you've helped provide healing, comfort and new homes for animals in our community. Thank you for being there.

For the animals,
Tom Colvin, ARL Chief Executive Officer

Kindness is all around us. I see these acts daily in the form of community members bringing in lost pets to be cared for until we can reunite them with families, kind folks speaking up for animals in times of concern, generous individuals donating supplies, fosters opening their homes, and adopters giving second chances. It happens every day.



We never feel alone in our work to help animals. We know we can always count on you.

Your support helps pets in need – whether in our care or in the community. The human-animal bond is unmatched, and you strengthen that bond by keeping families together through programs like our Pet Food Pantry, by spreading joy and comfort through our TheraPets program, and by preparing all types of pets for journeys to new homes.

I'm so proud of the work we do together. We are grateful for animal lovers like you who are always by our side.

In a world where you can be anything, be kind.
Carol J. Griglione, ARL Board President

THESE HORSES NEEDED A HERO AND YOU WERE THERE

Our Kruidenier Second Chance Ranch makeover is still underway, but your support of our projects is already giving even more horses second chances.

The renovations, including tripling the number of stalls in our barn, made it possible for us answer a call for help this summer and transfer in a group of 10 horses from one of our rescue partners in Colorado.

The horses had been living in a massive herd and receiving little care. Our team immediately began building relationships with them, training them, and exposing them to everyday things to help them succeed in a domestic horse world.

Thanks to your support, we were not only able to take in these horses, in the span of just two months, five of the 10 have found homes! One is Jeremiah, a Tennessee Walker yearling who was adopted to a young woman in Missouri. She is excited to work with him over the next few years to perfect his ground training and prepare him to be a show horse.



HAPPY BEGINNINGS like Jeremiah's would not be possible without you. Thank you!

HELP A HORSE

Learn more about changing equine lives through adoption, fostering and find out how to adopt at ARL-IOWA.ORG/RESCUERANCH.

YOU MADE A DOG'S DAY!

HUNDREDS OF TAILS ARE WAGGING BECAUSE OF YOU

Shelters nationwide continue to struggle with high numbers of dogs, and here at the ARL we're thankful for a community that jumps at the chance to help keep our dogs happy and healthy while they wait to be adopted.

This spring, we relaunched our Dog's Day Out program, which offers the public the chance to give a dog a fun day away from the shelter. As soon as we opened the program, you signed up to help! Spots filled up weeks

in advance, so we opened even more spots, and those filled up too! Participants have treated dogs to trail walks, pup cups, visits to local businesses, or even brought them home for a nice nap on the couch. Participants get their dog fix, and when the dogs return, they're calmer and more relaxed – it's a win-win!

Our Dog's Day Out program was so popular, we decided to expand the fun. This summer we started a special Summer Camp edition

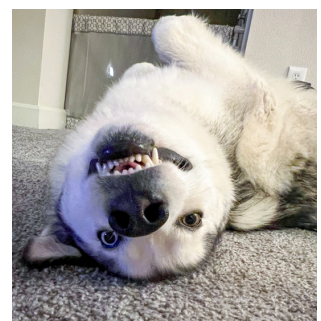
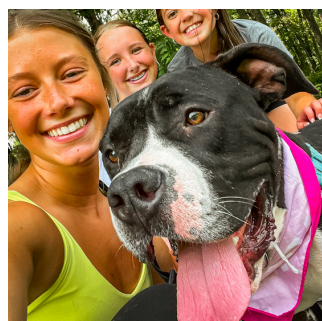
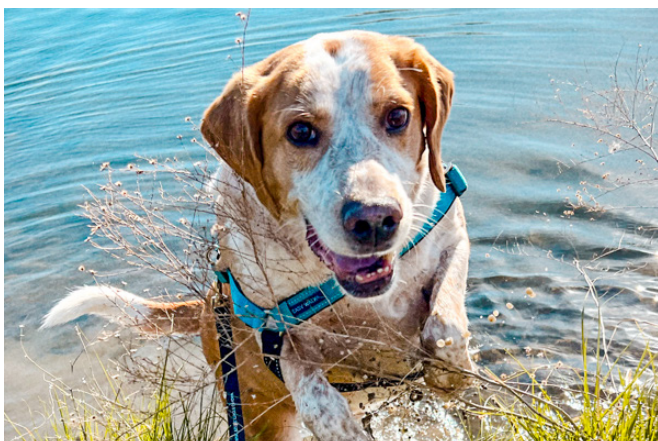
that gives people the opportunity to bring an adoptable dog home for a weekend, a week or longer.

Thanks to your support and our incredible community of dog lovers, more than 150 dogs have gotten a break from the shelter through these programs in the first four months ... and the programs have even resulted in adoptions!



DOG'S DAY OUT SUCCESS

Brooke and Mike took Pedro out for the day and loved him so much they decided to adopt!



GIVE A DOG A BREAK

Learn about Dog's Day Out at ARL-IOWA.ORG/DOGSDAYOUT and Dog's Day Out Summer Camp at ARL-IOWA.ORG/SUMMERCAMP.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE LOVE CAN MAKE

THROUGH YOUR COMPASSION A CHILD FOUND STRENGTH

Our TheraPets teams exist to provide comfort to people in need – from care center residents to stressed students. Sometimes the support they provide helps people navigate the most difficult situations of their lives – like when TheraPets team Cyndy and her dog Bennet worked with a child victim during their judicial process.

The child had been having a tough time, so Cyndy and Bennet were asked to meet with them to see if they could help ease the child's stress and anxiety. During the first meeting, the child got to know Bennet gradually. They watched Bennet do tricks, and by the time the meeting ended, the child was giving Bennet hugs and lying on the floor with him. After the child and Bennet formed a bond in the initial meeting, the county attorney asked if Bennet could visit with the child more leading up to their deposition, so Bennet was there throughout the process. He was a calm presence, and no matter what emotions the child was feeling, they processed them together.

The child wasn't the only one that Bennet helped. The child's other family members were emotionally impacted by the

judicial process, and Bennet was able to help with their stress and anxiety, as well.

"It's like he knows who in the room needs a cuddle and goes to work," the county attorney said.

When the deposition came around, Bennet, as always, was there as a support for the child, and the child found strength and comfort in having a friend by their side.



BENNET on one of his TheraPets visits in the community.

Your support helped this child navigate the unthinkable, and makes it possible for TheraPets teams to continue to change lives in our community every day.

BECOME A THERAPETS TEAM

Community demand for TheraPets teams continues to grow. If you have a pet - any species - you think might be a good fit, go to ARL-IOWA.ORG/THERAPETS.

YOU ARE A CHAPTER IN THIS COOL CAT'S STORY



DOODAD looks out at adopters in the Cool Cats Condo at ARL Main.

At the ARL, we know every animal is unique and needs different things in order to succeed. For some cats, it's our Cool Cats Condo made possible by you!

Wrigley arrived with a big personality. He was loads of fun – a busy guy who loved climbing, exploring and playing. But he also had big opinions about how his world should be.

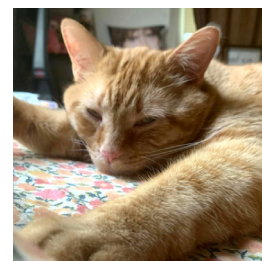
In both adoptive and foster homes, he guarded areas of the home and would lash out when people came near him. He needed help with his manners, and he also needed a living space suited to his active mind and body.

We placed Wrigley in our Cool Cats Condo, a community room designed for cats just like

him. His cat roommates helped Wrigley learn to share his environment and helped him with his manners. The large space gave him appropriate outlets for his energy, so he didn't need to take that energy out on humans.

As his behavior began to improve, one of our team members fell in love with his personality and potential, and decided to adopt!

Today, Wrigley is happy and loved, and he has even mentored foster kittens who have arrived with behavior challenges that were very similar to his!



WRIGLEY

