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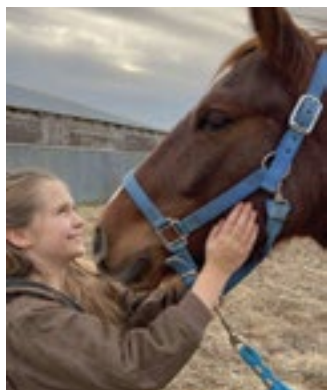
Tailwaggers



They can see their future, thanks to you

Our multiphase project to expand our rescue operations, Transforming the Future of Animal Rescue, has made big strides over the past few months, and we're excited to share some of that progress with you!

Our horses are now fully settled into our new Second Chance Ranch location, just a mile away from the ARL's Main campus, and in early February we celebrated our first adoption at the new ranch – a mustang named Salmon (right) who is loving his new home and is now in training as a 4-H horse!

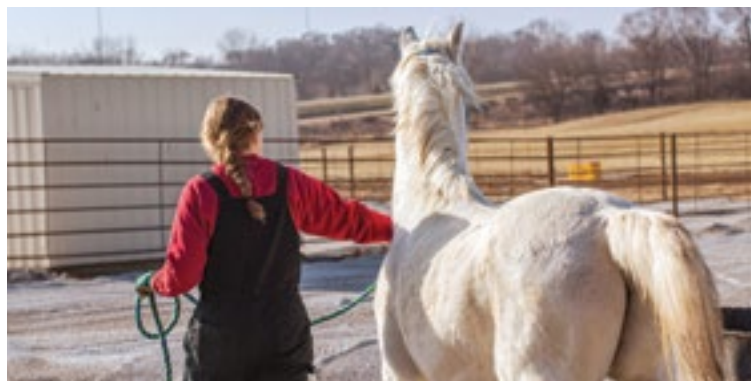


Several more horses have also found homes, and those still in our care are enjoying a spacious new paddock area, renovated housing, and a renovated indoor arena.

Work on the new ranch is continuing, and we can't wait for the horses and other barn animals to experience the future improvements your support will make possible. One of our next big steps will be installing new pasture fencing that will allow our horses to graze - something the new ranch

location makes possible for the first time! Phase 2 of the project, creating a Rescue Intake & Rehabilitation Center for large-scale rescues of all species, is set to kick off this year.

Thank you for helping us take this exciting step forward as we work to transform the future of animal rescue! Your compassion and generosity are helping create bright futures for all the animals that come through our doors.



JOIN THE JOURNEY

Learn more about our campaign to Transform the Future of Animal Rescue and how to help at
[ARL-IOWA.ORG/TRANSFORM.](https://www.arl-iowa.org/transform)

UPDATE: TRANSFORMING THE FUTURE OF ANIMAL RESCUE

DEAR FRIENDS,

It was a beautiful sight: Horse after horse stepping off our trailers and trotting – or galloping! – into the new, spacious paddocks at our new Second Chance Ranch. Their heads and tails were high, excited at the possibilities that lay before them.

Move-in day at the new ranch was one of those days that we'd dreamed about for years, and to see it actually happening filled us with so much gratitude – for you and for every one of our supporters whose compassion has been the driving force behind the ARL and its mission for nearly 100 years.

While it's exciting to see the future coming together, we still have a lot to look forward to in our campaign to expand our rescue facilities for all species and save even more lives. Renovations to the new ranch are continuing as part of Phase 1 of the project, and, with your help, plans are in place to launch Phase 2, transforming our previous barn into Iowa's only Rescue Intake & Rehabilitation Center for large-scale rescues, this year.

WHETHER YOU'RE A NEW DONOR OR YOU'VE BEEN WITH US FOR YEARS, PLEASE KNOW THAT YOUR GENEROSITY MATTERS. IT MOVES MOUNTAINS. IT MAKES LIFESAVING FACILITIES LIKE THESE POSSIBLE.

Just as our hearts swelled to see horses arriving at our new ranch, we're looking forward to the day when we will see animals from large-scale rescues stepping foot into safety in our rescue center designed just for them. We're excited about the possibilities and so thankful to have you by our side.

To learn about all the ways to join us in expanding our rescue operations to save even more lives, please reach out to arl@arl-iowa.org.

For the animals,
Tom Colvin, ARL Chief Executive Officer
Carol J. Griglion, ARL Executive Director



Sharing love by honoring a loved one

Karen has had a lifelong love of animals, from riding her aunt's horse as a child to caring for her beloved ARL dog, Tippy, from puppyhood through old age.

When Karen turned on the news the same day she had to say goodbye to Tippy and saw heartbroken families being separated from their pets in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, her heart ached along with them. She understood the powerful bond between pets and their people, and at that moment decided she would do whatever she could to help pets and families stay together.

After that experience, Karen became an even more avid supporter of the ARL and looked for other opportunities to help. When she heard about the option to make a gift in memory of a loved one and name a stall at our Second Chance Ranch, she was reminded of childhood memories of riding and brushing her aunt's horse, Ginger, and thought it made perfect sense to name a stall after the two of them. Now, their memory lives on at our new Second Chance Ranch location.

Through our Transforming the Future capital campaign, there are now even more opportunities to honor the loved ones in your life while making an impact, from naming a horse stall like Karen did to dedicating dog or cat kennels in our future Rescue Intake & Rehabilitation Center. All provide lasting messages of love that will be visible for years to come.



PAY TRIBUTE TO A LOVED ONE

Learn more about naming opportunities at ARL-IOWA.ORG/TRANSFORM.

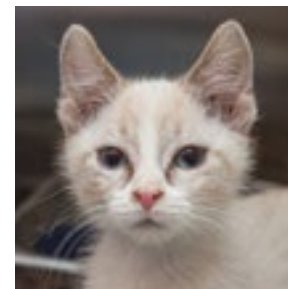
You gave hope to 53 pets



Your support provides rescue, healing and hope for animals in even the most desperate situations. Thanks to you, in January we were able to be there for 52 cats and a dog, all crammed in a small hotel room in urgent need of help.

When ARL Animal Services officers arrived, the smell of urine hit them immediately. The room was filled with trash, feces, and so many cats. They were hiding everywhere, tucked into small spaces under the bed and between piles of trash and clothing. Some were just tiny kittens who had never known life outside of these horrible conditions.

At the shelter, our Miracle Medical Team found many of the cats were suffering from flea and ear mite infestations, and nearly all showed symptoms of



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upper respiratory infections. The young kittens were underweight and anemic as a result of their flea infestations. They had a long road to recovery, but you were there for them every step of the way.

In the following weeks, with your support, our medical team treated the cats and kittens for their illnesses. We're happy to say that as of early April most of the animals from this rescue have found new families! The handful remaining in our care are continuing to heal, and we hope they'll be ready for adoption soon.

It's your compassionate support that allows us to rescue and care for animals from large-scale rescues just like these. Thank you for being there when they needed you most.

SUPPORT LIFESAVING RESCUES

The commitment of our Loyal Friends is what allows us to continue to help pets in need all year long. Learn more about monthly giving at ARL-IOWA.ORG/LOYALFRIENDS.

Together because of you

Stories of love & connection

Billie and Michael

Michael and his 9-year-old cat, Billie, had been best friends for six years when Michael fell on hard times and had to make the heartbreaking decision to give her up. **At the ARL, thanks to you, she found a safe haven and the opportunity to find a new family.**

Billie was struggling in the shelter environment, so we placed her with a foster family so she could have some time in a home. Billie enjoyed snuggling up in cozy spots and looking out her foster family's big windows. She slowly made friends with her fosters, but was always a bit reserved and particular about how and when she was touched.

When Michael got back on his feet and found out that Billie was still in our care, he reached out to us right away about getting his best friend back. We set up a time for Billie's fosters to bring her in so the two could be reunited.

While waiting for Billie to arrive, Michael showed us photos of Billie over the years snuggled up in bed with him and lounging in her favorite spots. When Billie and her foster family arrived, she lit up at the sight of her favorite person! She rubbed on the sides of her kennel, purring loudly. Billie even let Michael pick her up, which her foster family said she had never let them do!

Your support not only provided care and safety for Billie, it made this beautiful and heartwarming reunion possible.



Rosalie and Kathleen

Your support changes pets' lives from the moment they arrive at our doors to their last purr or tail wag before they head home with their new families.

And sometimes the stars truly seem to align to create those happily ever afters. Take little Rosalie, who accompanied a member of our adoption team to a media appearance and ended up finding her perfect match before she ever got on camera!

The media segment was being recorded at a local children's charity where a woman named Kathleen was sharing heartfelt stories of how pivotal her mother, Rosalie, had been to the organization before she passed away last year.

When we walked in with puppy Rosalie, everyone was excited to see her, but when we told Kathleen the puppy's name, her eyes filled with tears ... along with everyone else's. Kathleen felt like it was a sign from her mother, and puppy Rosalie melted into her arms when she held her. It didn't take long before Kathleen decided to make the adoption official. Rosalie the puppy now goes by Dolly Rose, Kathleen's mother's childhood nickname.

You are part of a larger story for so many animals. Thank you for your generous support that makes these meant-to-be matches happen.

