



Harmony Rescue

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**Happy Holidays
and a Very Happy
New Year!**

Success Story:
Frank, formally Oreo, is a handsome dude. As a puppy he had seizures but is now almost free from them. Thank you to the Hooker's for giving him his loving forever home!



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Donations Needed:

- Collars (all sizes)
- Pedigree dry and wet food
- Toys - soft stuffed animals, rubber chickens, etc.
- Tarps and towels
- Frontline or Revolution
- Heartworm preventative (ex. Interceptor)
- Money, gift cards—(Envelope provided)
- Mini-van or cargo van

The Journey Continues...

Harmony Rescue, Inc. has now been a successful non-profit for over 6 years. We are extremely thankful for our journey and who we have become.

We started out thinking we would save the Grand Canyon donkey's and have a herd of cow, along with the dogs. Well, we can laugh at ourselves now with our little Noah's Ark we wind up with every year.

Each year, we were able to bring in more animals than the previous year. To date, we have helped over 1700 animals. This year we are at 375. It is mainly due to the teamwork of board members, volunteers, donators, neighbors, and networking with many other non-profit groups locally and throughout the northeast. Each team has been a background or tapestry of people, geography, and purpose. Without their dedication and friendship, Harmony Rescue wouldn't be what it is today. Thank you!

Where do we want to go from here? We have lots of ideas and need your help. We would like to improve on the barn dog stalls to make it easier to clean and accessible. We are also looking at another building, a play-yard and "jungle gym" type apparatus for the dogs, a couple of cat cages, and fencing in the back end of the farm.

We appreciate everyone's thoughts, time, donations, and adoptions. We look forward to helping even more animals in the coming years.



Sabrina, new mom, had us both birthing her babies. Once settled, we transferred her to Beagles to the Rescue, where she and the babies have found forever homes!

Need Help to Re-home a Pet?



There are many reasons why owners need help or to re-home their pets. Harmony Rescue has had many requests this year for assistance. Whether it is a training solution or to re-home a pet, here is a list of how we can help each other:

1. Don't panic. As soon as you know there is a change in your life and your pet needs help or a new home, call your local animal non-profit. We all have options. Re-homing can take 1 day to 6 months. The more time the better for all.
2. Take digital pictures of your pet.
3. Most of us can post these pictures and a description of the pet on our websites.
4. Keep the pet with you until we can help find a home. Less disruption the better.
5. Have your pet seen by a vet to make sure everything is updated. Rabies shots are imperative.
6. Let neighbors and friends know you need help; one of them may adopt your pet.
7. If you put an ad in the paper or on Craigslist, please scrutinize potential adopters. You want to make sure your pet will be in good hands.

Teamwork:

Thank you to all the rescue's who accepted our transferred animals. These rescue's work just as tirelessly as we do to find forever homes:

- Golden Hearts (NJ)
- Purrs N Pups (NJ)
- DDW (NJ)
- Mt Pleasant (NJ)
- NJPR (NJ)
- All 4 the Dogs Rescue (NJ)
- Animal Life Savers (NJ)
- Beagles to the Rescue (VA)
- GRREAT (VA)
- No. VA Sheltie Rescue (VA)
- Gateway Reg. Rescue (VA)
- Salfid Rescue (PA)

Sponsor an Animal

Some of the animals come to Harmony Rescue (HR) too traumatized to move on to another home, others are too old or have special issues that make adoption too stressful or impossible. One of those dogs was Willow. She came to Harmony Rescue at the age of 6 years with kidney failure. She lived out the short remainder of her life at HR surrounded by love, friendly companions and spent most of her time resting inside the Pooch Inn on the couch.

As a result of these special circumstances, HR has residents available for sponsoring. Currently, there are 10 animals up for sponsorship:
Dogs - Sam, Joey, Cha-Cha, Katie and Tia
Horses – Maggie, Sugar and Be-Be
Donkeys - Jack and Jenny

When you sponsor an animal, you are helping to provide for their food, monthly basic medical care, and for any emergencies. Please see our home webpage at <http://www.harmonyrr.com/welcome.html> for further information.

Volunteers—always needed and appreciated

Harmony Rescue has been blessed with a number of volunteers throughout the year. Where do they come from? They come from the area colleges, universities, court appointed community service, citizens from the community, high schools, family, and friends from all over the world. Volunteers also come by word of mouth which is the best compliment for us besides repeat volunteers.

There are a number of colleges and universities in the area. Some, like Liberty University, have community service as part of their curriculum requirements. Students must do at least 20 hours per semester. Other schools designate community service as a consequence. This year, we signed up at volunteermatch.org and received assistance for our website, application process, and general duties around the rescue.

Friends from New Jersey made their third trip to Harmony Rescue. They were on 24 hour watch with a new born litter of 11. Friends from around the world?, yes. Our Australian family came for 10 days. Rob, Alison, and 10 year old Ryan worked their tails (no pun intended) off. A good time was had by all. In fact, they all plan on coming again in 2011! Give us a call if you would like to spend some time at Harmony Rescue!

What's New?

2010 was filled with more changes for all of us. Two big changes have been with the facilities and our new website.

First, Harmony Rescue continues to evolve and improve the facilities in order to take in more animals. We made improvements to the barn by solidifying walls and insulating them to keep the temperature warm in the winter and cool in the summer.

Secondly, our old website needed some improvements for usability and opportunity. We changed the layout of content, the coloring, added the PAWn Shop, more content, and pictures. We also have been doing more videos of the animals which are accessible via the Petfinder.com link on each of our pages. Please visit www.harmonyrr.com and let us know what you think.

Finally, we are in the planning stages for 2011. We are hoping to increase fund-raising for some additional facility improvements such as cat cages, more barn improvements (doggie doors, roofing), sheet rocking and painting the Pooch Inn, and that cargo/mini van is still on our wish list!

In Memory of....

Harmony Rescue and the board members have lost some human and furry friends this year. We want to thank all of you who have inspired us to keep loving and looking beyond the rainbow bridge. Thank you for your thoughts and donations in their memory.

Pat Schott
Marilyn Freibergs
Joan I Dunlap
Willow
Sassy
Wolfgang Ryan
Chessie & Molly & Willow
T-Bone

Question of the year:

Where does Harmony Rescue get their animals?

Harmony Rescue will take in animals mainly from Campbell County. However, a good percentage do come from Appomattox and Pittsylvania counties. We also have taken in animals from Nelson, Bedford, Amherst, and Halifax counties. The animals we take in have included horses, donkeys, guinea pigs, rabbits, a chinchilla, gerbils, cats, kittens, dogs, and puppies.

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