

...for a moment

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**We are getting ready for a BIG PROJECT!**



As we reflect on this past year, we can't help but look back at the many, many lives that have been changed throughout the two decades that we have been rescuing. These lives not only include the kittens, pups, dogs and cats (Guinea pigs, birds, a few goats, a pot-bellied pig and a couple of donkeys) that have passed through our doors and found loving, permanent families, it includes us and the impact our staff, our volunteers, our adopters and our donors have

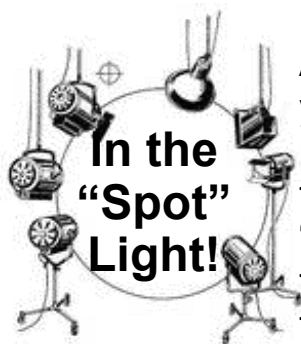
made in our life. When rescue gets tough, when we lose some of these babies to illness, when the number of homeless pets seems endless our spirits have been lifted by the loving, caring acts and support of our community and fellow animal lovers. We are truly blessed and grateful.

ARL is starting a "2019 Building Campaign" to renovate our dog runs!! This is our biggest project so far and we are hoping you can help us. It's time to dig in, bite down and remodel the kennel. Our kennel area has housed over 20,000 dogs in the last 24 years without any major updates. Our stucco is crumbling from the years of daily cleaning, our fences and gates are rusting and "patching up and filling in" is no longer the answer. We need to replace our runs with updated, safe and durable materials that will provide us with another 25 years to house our dogs-in-waiting. We have done our homework by visiting shelters in Austin, Houston and Tucson and have come up with a plan. We will need to tear down and build up in sections since we will still be rescuing during this project.

Any donation large or small made to the Building Campaign will be used for the remodel. We are coming up with a dollar amount that will allow you to "sponsor" a run. The "sponsored" runs are limited and will be identified with your name or the name of your pet. You can also help by reaching out to a business that may be able to donate their services or building material towards the renovation project. We will be posting updates about our remodel on our website, Facebook and Instagram pages once we get started. Please make sure to note that your donation is for the "Building Campaign". If you have any questions about our Building Campaign, please give us a call at 915-877-5002 or email us at [pawsatarl@gmail.com](mailto:pawsatarl@gmail.com).

We want to wish every single one of you a beautiful holiday season and thank you for being the change in the lives of these beautiful souls. We could not do this work without your support and encouragement. Thank you. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at ARL.





## “Pupdates” on “special needs” babies.

Animal Rescue has rescued thousands of dogs and cats over the years. Some of these babies come to us with some type of traumatic injury, some need major surgery and others will need special care for the rest of their life. We worry that finding the right family for these “special” babies will be challenging, however, the response to adopt these babies and provide them with the care they need never ceases to amaze us. We wanted to share a few of their stories and “Pupdates” on how they are doing.

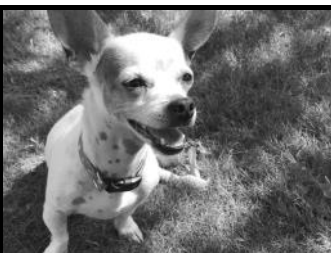
Callie was pulled from Animal Services in February 2018, she was two years old and weighed 25 pounds. ARL noticed Callie had a persistent cough, did not eat well, had a hard time swallowing and could not bark. Her bark sounded more like a seal than a pup. A trip to Dr. Freund’s confirmed she had a birth defect to her esophagus that kept her from getting the nutrition she needed. Dr. Freund was surprised she had been able to survive this long. Surgery was needed to fix the defect. After surgery it took Callie a while to learn to eat and drink without any problems. Callie was adopted in May 2018 along with Katie, her kennel mate. Their Mom drove down from Phoenix, AZ to take them home. Callie has gained 20 pounds since May and is loving life with her sister Katie and her Mom. She still barks like a seal, but that does not matter to her Mom who is so thankful for the care and love ARL provided Callie.



Little “June Bug” was left, sitting in a box on ARL’s doorstep. June Bug’s hind legs were soaked in urine and she was unable to stand. June Bug had sustained an injury to her spine that left her paralyzed and it was permanent. When we posted June Bug’s story we got a quick response from June Bug’s now Mom. She had previously adopted from ARL and just knew that June Bug had to come join her family. It did not matter to Mom that June Bug would need to wear a diaper since she is unable to control her bowels or bladder. It did not matter that June Bug would need a wheel chair to get around. All that mattered was June Bug needed a family and to be loved forever. June Bug no longer sits in a box but now sits in her very own seat on a plane traveling here and there with her Mom and Dad.



In February 2018, Animal Services responded to a hoarding case where several dogs were removed from a home. ARL took in 17 dogs from that hoarding case. Olivia was one of those dogs. Olivia was unable to use her hind legs and dragged herself around creating sores on the top of her back feet. It was obvious Olivia had been bred and had had several litters. Like June Bug, Olivia had no control over her bowel or bladder and her paralysis is also permanent. Olivia has frequent urinary tract infections that require visits to the vet, however this has not stopped her from enjoying life to the fullest with her new family that includes fur brothers and sisters. Olivia is a Daddy’s girl and talks to Daddy quite a bit. She loves to take walks in her wheelchair with her Mom and is living the happy, loving life she so deserves.



Animal Rescue League thanks all of you for your kind donations in memory or in honor of those special people or animals that have touched your lives.

In Memory

Jackie Matthews, Freddy Beto, Randy Ganfield, Joan Trubowitsch, Elisa R., Donna and Ernest Roberts, Ami Jolie, William Macatee, Dr. Laurence Nickey, Bill Warner, Randy Pedigo, Richard J. Wickham

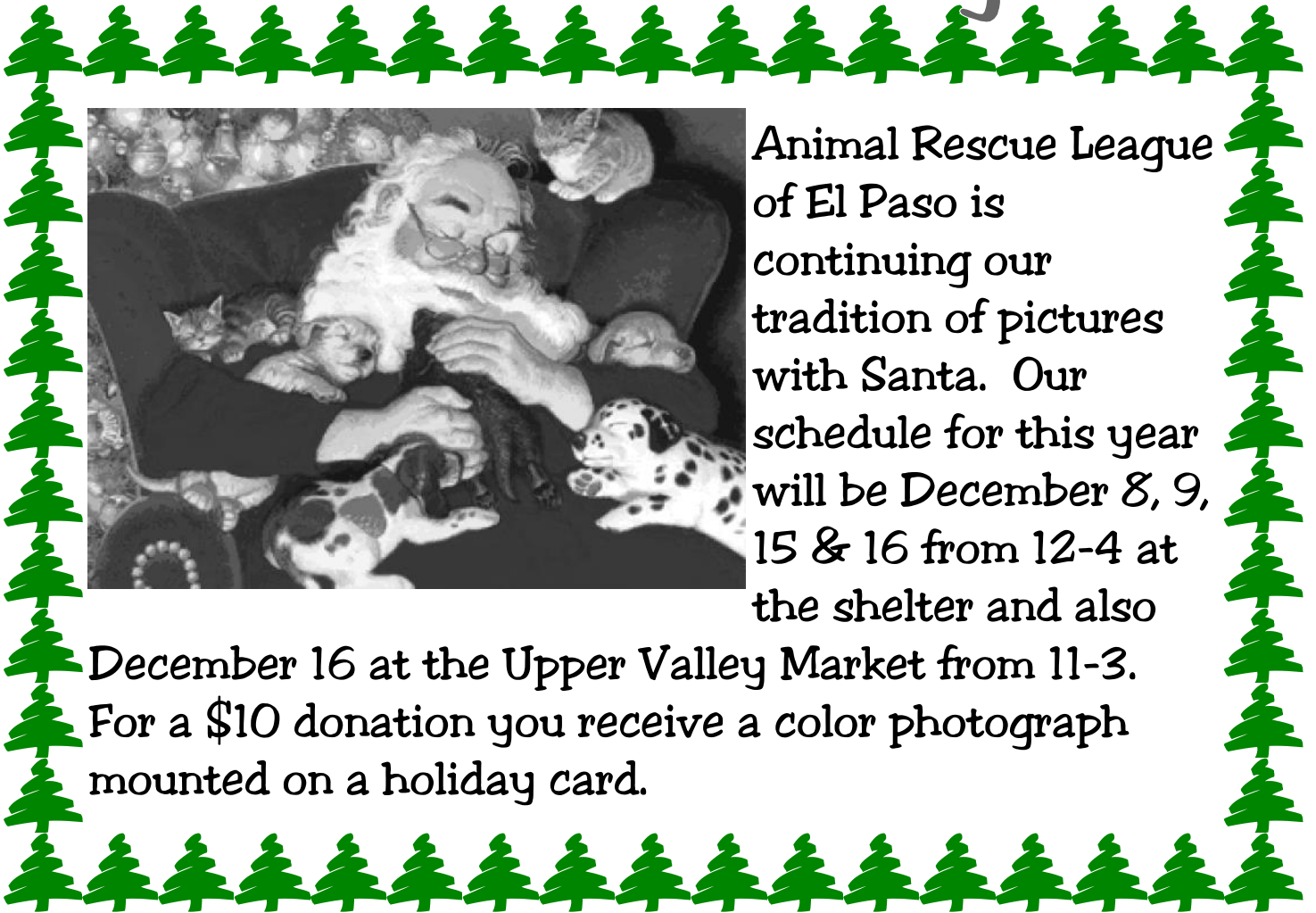
"Zoey", "Rascal and Molly", "Meni", "Peanut", "Holly", "Gracie", "Happy", "Rufous", "Dorrie", "Missy", "Maggie", "Romeo", "Hugs", "Max Power", "Pasha", "Jake"

In Honor

Beverly Stevens, Heather Hall

"Brody", "Stimpy and Barley", "Susie", "Newly", "Charlie", "Lacey", "June Bug", "Lizzie", "Sprout and Thatcher", "Luna",

# Santa's Coming!



Animal Rescue League of El Paso is continuing our tradition of pictures with Santa. Our schedule for this year will be December 8, 9, 15 & 16 from 12-4 at the shelter and also

December 16 at the Upper Valley Market from 11-3.

For a \$10 donation you receive a color photograph mounted on a holiday card.

Please check our Facebook page for more up-to-date events information, lots of great pictures, and follow us on Instagram.

Here's a sneak preview of Animal Rescue League's 2019 Calendar.  
Sometimes..

“a picture is worth a thousand words”



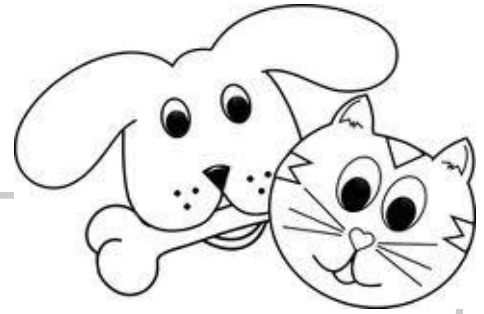
The Animal Rescue League calendar will be available beginning in December.

*Need a Gift Idea?*

Animal Rescue League has got you covered! Who needs another tie, sweater, jewelry, or knick-knack. Give the gift of love. No matter what occasion, birthday, anniversary, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, a donation to Animal Rescue League fits the bill. ARL will send out an acknowledgment card to that special someone to fit the occasion, showing your loving gift to Animal Rescue League of El Paso.

What a better way to give from the heart.

**Animal Rescue is truly thankful for all the individuals, students, organizations, and businesses that donate their time, money and items to help ARL.**



Paul's Grooming, Chris O'Campo for helping with evaluating and training of many ARL's dogs, El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank, Ardovino's Desert Crossing/Farmer's Market, Charles Schwab Employees, Ivan Iniguez-EPCC, Johnette Yearwood for making many of our babies look their best, Employees at Supreme Lending for their fundraising efforts, Marian Manor ES, Anthony ES, Canutillo Head Start, Zach White 3rd Grade, St. Clements and some very special young people who donated to ARL in-lieu of birthday presents, having a lemonade stand and just because, Moises Holland, Ethan Orr, Audrey & Lauren Jackson, Sophia Megret, Powers Family,

**We especially want to thank the ARL Rescue Runners who come out weekly to run and socialize our dogs and the El Paso Sheriff's PAWS program for the training and socialization they have provided to make these dog's adoptions successful.**



Blue

"You're my serendipity. I wasn't looking for you. I wasn't expecting you. But I'm very lucky I found you."

Blue is her name. Blue came to ARL on August 9, 2016 as an owner turn in, she was 4 years old when she was relinquished. Blue had issues, she did not like other dogs and she was not happy if you tried to get her to do something she didn't want to, like go into a crate. Blue would snap at you and would attack any dog who got too close.

Our Rescue Runners group was not deterred by Blue's issues. They took her out on weekly runs with the rest of the pack, making sure that there was always ample space between Blue and the other dogs. Our Rescue Runners not only exercise, socialize and love our dogs, they are one of our best networking tools for finding them homes.

Blue was considered a "long timer" after she had been at the shelter for over a year. We often wondered why Blue had not been adopted. Blue loved people, loved her walks and was working on her issues. Why, was she still with us?? In November 2017 Blue developed a tumor in her chest that required surgery. This summer, Blue had another tumor removed.

Jen is one of our regular runners. Jen has a friend named Jen whom she works with. Our Jen talked to her Jen about Blue. Jen #2 came by and met Blue. On 3/31/18, 599 days after walking into our shelter, Blue walked out with her new Mom, Jen #2.



In August of 2018, Blue's Mom began chemotherapy. On November 15<sup>th</sup>, Blue's Mom had her last chemotherapy session. We are sure Blue's Mom has kicked cancer to the curb. We now know the Why. Why Blue had not been adopted for 598 days. Blue was meant to be with Jen #2, she was meant to take this journey with Jen. Jen is Blue's "Serendipity"!

**Here are a few of our rescues that have been with us  
for a while hoping their 2019  
will be a very Happy New Year  
in a loving forever home!**



This is Clifford. He was always getting out , now he is looking for a secure forever loving family. He is a beagle mix around 2 years old. He is super sweet and likes other dogs. He looks so forward to his runs with ARL's Rescue Runners. He needs a family that will spend time with him, give him lots of exercise and give him the security he needs. He has graduated from the Sheriff's Dept. PAWS program so has basic obedience skills. Clifford just needs a chance to show what a great boy he is.

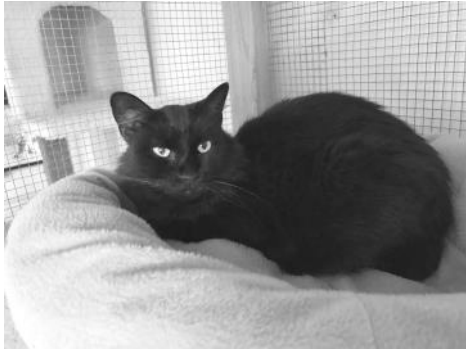
Watch a gorgeous boy. Jeter is all boxer. He is still young at 1 1/2 years old. He graduated from the PAWS Program at the Sheriff's Dept. With a little encouragement and patience he could be a great addition to the right family. ARL's Rescue Runners have been working with him in hopes he meets the right family. If you want a big goofy boy please come by and meet Jeter.



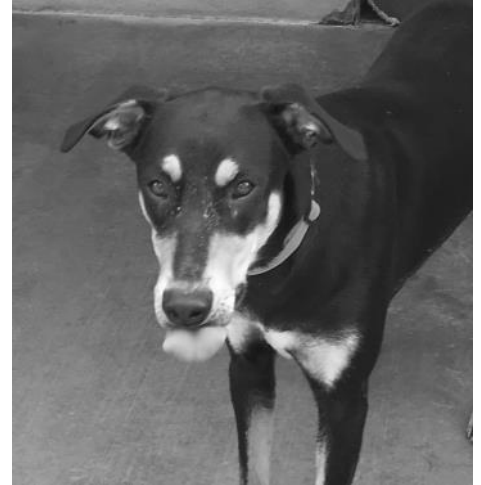
Pip is five years old. He was only 10 weeks old when he came to the shelter so he has lived at ARL most of his life. He is super sweet and gets along with the other cats at ARL. It's one of the things at the shelter we still don't understand. So many of these beautiful babies get overlooked. But when they do finally find their forever family it is the best feeling in the world. It makes it all worthwhile. Hopefully 2019 will be Pip's year.

Sheba and Siren were found as strays and it's taken quite a while for them to not be so scared. The girls are siblings about 4 years old. They like other small dogs but probably would do better if the children in the family are older. They have been at ARL since January 2018. During this last year they have made progress but still have a way to go. They have grown fond of the employees at ARL that see them everyday. So we know with patience and love they could learn what it's like to have a family. They just deserve a chance.





Lunar has been at Animal Rescue since February 2010. He has lived at ARL all of his life. He is eight and half years old. He pretty much stays to himself. We would love so much for someone to take a chance at making Lunar part of their family. It just might the difference to make him feel like he belongs.



Oh Ms. Heidi, what a sweetheart. Heidi is closer to two years old now. As of November 2018 Heidi has been at Animal Rescue for a year. When she first came to ARL she just wanted to get out. She also wasn't sure of other dogs. But in the last year she feels safe and secure and it can only get better with time. ARL's Rescue Runners have been working with her too which has made such a difference. A loving attentive family is what she needs in her life.

**ARL is still hoping to find forever homes for the last two “Hurricane Harvey” survivors ARL rescued. They both have come a long way from September 2017 when they first arrived at Animal Rescue.**



Panda is one of the 10 Hurricane Harvey dogs ARL took in. As of November 2018 Panda has been at ARL since September 2017. Panda is about two years old. She really is a sweet girl and has made such improvements in her socialization skills. She just loves her run/walks on the weekends with ARL's Rescue Runners. They have also introduced her to other dogs and it's been so much fun to see her play with them. But she so deserves her own family again.

Nelson is the last cat ARL rescued from the many animals misplaced during Hurricane Harvey. He is three years old and gets along with the cats at Animal Rescue. He even comes when you call out his name. We know he is safe and enjoying life at the shelter but how wonderful would it be for him to finally have a real loving forever home of his own.





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In an ongoing effort to save money, we send acknowledgements of your tax deductible donations for the year by end of January of the following year. Please note that we will continue to send cards to those persons and families as soon as possible when a donation is made as a memorial or honorarium.

I'd like to help ARL continue saving lives and finding forever homes.

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