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AARF Fact Sheet

What is AARF?

Atlanta Animal Rescue Friends Inc. (AARF) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit animal rescue organization licensed by the state of Georgia. The purpose of AARF is to end pet overpopulation, providing permanent safe and loving care for dogs and cats in need.

What does AARF do?

AARF targets stray and abandoned animals and provides them food and shelter, medical care and socialization through a network of animal care and foster care providers until they can be placed in loving, permanent homes. AARF also works to educate the public about responsible pet ownership and raise awareness about the benefits of spaying and neutering to reduce the population of homeless and unwanted animals. When possible, AARF rescues animals from shelters when there is an imminent danger that the animal will be euthanized. Some animals are brought to AARF when their owners are unable or unwilling to provide them care. AARF does not euthanize pets for space or financial reasons. Animals are euthanized only in cases where the pet is terminally ill and suffering, or poses an uncontrollable danger to people. If an adopted AARF pet ever needs a new home, they come back into our program until a new adoptive family is found.

How did AARF begin?

In February 2002, an Atlanta-area family moved away without taking the two family dogs—they simply opened the gate and abandoned them. A neighbor, Amy, rescued Rocky and Cody, boarding them at her own expense. She sent out an e-mail about them, which found its way to the inbox of a fellow independent rescuer, Susan, who offered to help with boarding costs and the search for a new home for the dogs. Susan and Amy soon met face to face and began discussing the ideas that would just a few months later become AARF.

How can I find out more?

Please visit www.aarfatlanta.org, or call (678) 318-1886 for more information.