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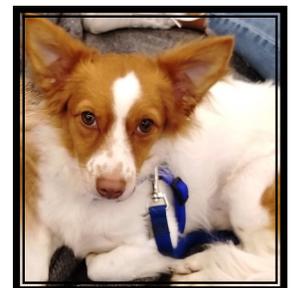
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HUMANE EDUCATION & ADOPTION REFERRALS

HAPPY ADOPTION STORY about A Special Family

Our Jog a Dog fundraiser was Sunday, November 7th. We always take sanctuary dogs along so that they can get fresh air and exercise. Youth and adult volunteers walk them and it helps with socialization. It is a fundraiser not an adoption event, however a wonderful family came after being told that we would have dogs there. The family consisted of a father and mother and three children. Their small dog had passed away two months ago and they were ready to adopt two dogs so that each of their younger children would have a dog to love and that dog would sleep with them. They spent over an hour there and ended up walking four of our dogs on the 1 mile Jog a Dog. The two younger kids fell in love with Radar and Kandi and while walking/carrying Rain and Storm the older daughter and parents fell in love with the two of them. Shortly before they left the father who had been holding Storm so lovingly asked if we would let them adopt four dogs, I asked if mom was on the same page. Turned out she was behind me and chimed in that she was. I said yes, if they were sure. They left and went home to fill out four separate applications to adopt Kandi 1 ½ to 2 years old and 10 pounds, Radar a little over 1 year old and 11 pounds, Rain 6-7 years old and Storm 5 years old both tiny dogs (we think that they are mother and daughter). The older daughter had fallen in love with Rain. Two days later they came to meet the dogs again and introduce their 8 year old 40 pound dog to them. After a short time of adjusting to each other Kandi started to play with the larger dog. Before you knew it all of the dogs were getting along. We have kept in touch with the family to make sure that everything is going well and if they might need some advice. The kids are all home schooled so are able to help with the dogs during the day, walk and play with them. Radar sleeps with the son, Kandi sleeps with the younger daughter, Rain and Storm ended up wanting to be together at night time so they sleep with the older daughter. Kandi, Radar and the dog they already had

all play together. The family said it seems like that they have always lived with them, it has been a perfect match. We have had three dogs adopted several times but this is a first for four dogs. We could not be happier and are so grateful that Rain and Storm got a home after being with us for 5 months it makes for a great beginning for the Holiday Season.



Happy Holidays



November is Adopt a Senior Pet Month

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A PetFinder poll found special needs pets are the third-hardest animals to place, behind senior pets and bully breeds.

Many of these "less adoptable" pets spend up to two years waiting for a forever home, more than four times the average wait. This is just part of why AFC always promotes adoption over buying, and these are the advantages and key points of adopting a Handicapped dog. This is, of course, beyond the very obvious point that choosing to adopt a dog with special needs in many cases means saving the life of that dog or at the very least (if they're coming from rescue), means that you're taking on an amazing task that few may consider.

Special needs can encompass various disabilities, chronic medical conditions and behavioral issues. Some common problems among cats and dogs include missing one or more limbs, hind or front limb paralysis, deafness and or blindness, missing an eye, diabetes, allergies, urinary tract infections and lack of socialization. Some pets might require diapers, ramps, support slings, regular medication, and dog training and/or pet socialization classes.

To the world you are one person, To a rescued animal, you ARE THE WORLD!



Lonnie is a 6 year old GREAT family dog and very loving with people, but he is dog aggressive, so he can't be in a home where there would be other dogs and can't go for walks where he might meet other dogs. This wonderful dog needs a loving family that spends a lot of time at home and will play in the backyard with him.

Howie is a 4 year old, 11 pound JRT mix with special needs dog because he won't walk on a leash at all, he is very timid and doesn't want to come to you, nor sit on your lap etc. He is not well socialized and needs an experienced dog owner who will take him for some special training and have patience.



Beau is a wonderful, loving 7 year old Chiweenie - he was born with a front deformed leg (it looks like a chicken wing) so needs a home that is on one level and will love him. His sibling is Luke and they need a home together.



Beautiful little Holly has had a rough life she is 3-5 years old and has to have an eye removed to an injury as she is already blind in the eye, She is a sweet dog with some anxieties so will need a more calm home.

Eagle Scout Project Troop 10

Gavin Orsi (Eagle Scout) did a great job of making seven 5 foot and 6 foot scratching posts for the sanctuary. He made them with the help of his father Terry Orsi Assistant Scout Master and 6 other young men from troop 10. Together they put in over 200 hours making them. Our cats loved them and immediately started making use of them. Thank you Gavin.



Senior Pets are Awesome!

Senior dogs:

May know all the old tricks, but they're still open to learning new ones.

Are fully-grown, and so are their personalities: what you see is precisely who they are.

Are like mind readers because they've long practiced what their earlier owners preached.

Slip as easily into a comfortable home and a comforting routine as easily as slipping into an old shoe — preferably one of yours.

Understand the true meaning of the word "mutual" as in mutual admiration (including love, loyalty and devotion) society.

No longer leap tall fences in a single bound, but they still need and enjoy the proverbial walk around the block every day.

And, finally, on a more serious note, older dogs are usually the last dogs to be adopted from shelters, and the first dogs to be euthanized (however not with AFC).

With their golden years still stretching out ahead of them, to lose those years is to be cheated out of something precious, time.

Why, then, adopt a senior dog? If for no other reason than that, time. Time to love them as fully and deeply as they, most assuredly and unconditionally, will love you.



Handsome Palmer is a 10-12 year old Red Pomeranian weighing in at 12 pounds. According to what we were told this poor little guy has been bounced around and around. He was given up again in December of 2020 and we have had him since then. This little guy is feisty and at times loving.



Sweet little Trixie is waiting for her person, we obtained this little dog from a city shelter! She is a dainty, 10-12 year old, almost 9 pound, cream / white, Whippet or Miniature Italian Greyhound / Chihuahua mix

Adopting an older cat can bring a lot of joy to your household. If you see a senior cat in a rescue or shelter, it's usually because something happened outside of his control. Most older cats just want to find a loving and safe home again. Here are seven reasons why bringing home an older cat can be such a blessing.

Older Cats Need Less Supervision. ...

They Cause Less Mess and Want to Snuggle More. ...

You Know an Older Cat's Quirks. ...

You'll Know if the Cat Gets Along with Kids or Dogs.

Adult Cats Need a Forever Home Too. ...

Adopting an Older Cat Is a Beautiful Choice.

You Might Relate to Each Other better.

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Blake is 13 years old and has spent his whole life at the Sanctuary. He would love a home to spend his senior years.



Pita – is 9 years old and lives at the sanctuary.



Mattey is 9 years old and lives at the sanctuary.



Katie & Brenna – 11 years/ sisters (they are in foster care)

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WISH LIST

Animal Friends Connection Humane Society has many wishes. These wishes are things that can help us do a better job at helping the animals in our adoption/foster network. Also, these wishes can improve or expand our organization to be able to help more homeless animals. Below is a list of our current wishes:

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| Dog food - Canidae "All Stages" | Collars that are for small Dogs (size's 7-11 and 11-14) we have plenty of large dog collars |
| Dry dog food, Kirkland Chicken & Rice dry dog food (red bag) | Blow dryer to dry dogs after bathing |
| Kirkland rom Costco Natures Domain canned dog food | Postage stamps |
| Cat Food - Felidae dry cat food | Break-away cat collars (or stretch kitten collars) |
| Kirkland dry cat food, Natural Balance or Blue Buffalo or Nutro for the Cats | COT style cat and dog beds, or gently used beds and cots |
| Friskies canned cat food and other higher quality canned cat foods | Smaller twin-size blankets for the dogs that sleep inside |
| Treats for Cats and Dogs (please made in the USA only) – Nutro Greenies are also a good treat for cats (not for dogs) | Small blankets for the cat beds (baby blankets work well) |
| Cat litter – "Litter Perfect" from Costco, or other high quality litter | A handy-person willing to donate time. We need repairs inside and outside, as well as electrical work |
| Cleaning products such as bleach (we go through at least 24 two gallon bottles of bleach every month) | Roll out Lawn to redo the back lawn at the sanctuary |
| Laundry detergent, Pine-sol - mops, brooms- squeegee | Van to transport our dogs and cats |
| Paper towels and toilet paper | Land or a house with a little property, located (if possible) in Lodi for a permanent adoption center/ shelter. We have outgrown our location *** |
| Toys for Cats and Dogs (toy's that have a squeaker in them for the Dogs but no stuffing) | |
| Four foot leashes for the Dogs | |

We send our adopted dogs home with smaller blankets that they have slept on for a night or two. People tell us that the dog uses it as their comfort blanket forever, so we are happy to have sent one along. They can sometimes be purchased at places like Walgreens, CVS pharmacy, Target, etc. They can also be made by purchasing fabric, cut in strands at the edges then tied, making a nice double blanket. Girl Scouts and other individuals have made these for us. Please call and we can tell you the size. For more ideas call (209) 365-0535. Cash donations are always needed and appreciated so we can purchase other necessary items.

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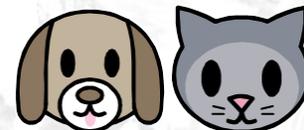
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