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**Construction on the Dog Area has Started!!!!**



Our goal of \$200,000 for the Dog Area has been reached. Construction started the middle of April and is moving fast. We have dreamed of housing dogs for so many years. We want to thank everyone who donated and helped us work to reaching our goal.



Next we will need to raise money for all the dog supplies: bowls, leashes, collars, beds, etc., and for an isolation building that is completely separate from the main building. This will house incoming dogs to make sure they do not have any deadly contagious diseases like Parvo.

- ✓ 1. Framing
- 2. Rough in electric
- 3. Rough in Plumbing
- 4. Sheetrock
- 5. Heat & Air
- 6. Complete Electric & Plumbing
- 7. Ceiling
- 8. Freight elevator install

- 9. Installation of Kennel doors
- 10. Outside concrete work after doors are installed
- 11. Dog kennels installed
- 12. Floors are the last to finish

## Construction Details



## Adoption & Occupancy

### Feb Adoptions

Cats: Arabella, Amos & Andrew, Sebastian, Baxter & Cooper

### March Adoptions

Cats: Hope

### ARF Occupancy

Felines: 32

Canines: 0 (no foster homes available)



Adoptions to Date

**1,000**

# Adoptions

Looking to add some furry love to your household?

Stop by ARF to visit our cats and kittens. Monday - Saturday 1-4. The on site volunteers can tell you all about each cat's personality. You can get help picking the best cat for you and your family. Are you looking for a lap cat, playful kitten, dog friendly, wild & crazy, standoffish, we have them all. The cats are free to roam in the large multi room play area. You can sit and see which cat bonds with you. Then fill out an application and get the adoption process started.



Their mother was killed by a car. The good samaritan that saw the accident rescued the kittens. Because of her dogs the kittens had to be kept in a cage. She asked ARF to take the kittens and to make sure they were adopted out together.

**Amos & Andrew  
Margie Learned**



Cooper, Baxter, and their Mother Arabella were all featured in our Winter 2016 newsletter. See their story below

We are so happy that Cooper & Baxter were adopted together.

**Cooper & Baxter  
Max Richardson**

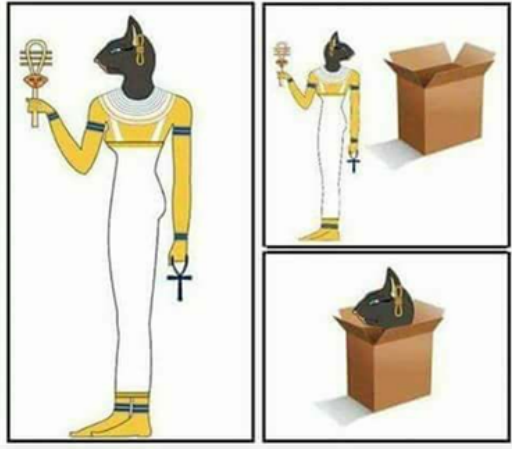
**ALL 3  
have been  
adopted!**



**Arabella  
Barbara Rutelonis**

## Arabella, Baxter, and Cooper

## How To Distract An Egyptian God



Can anyone imagine what it would feel like to be living your life fairly comfortably then the next day realize you were alone except for your two young sons. No food, water, or cool air. No escape from a house where all utilities had been turned off in the middle of an Oklahoma summer. This was Arabella's fate as well as her 2 sons, Baxter & Cooper. The boys were still nursing at that time so Arabella had to find a way for her milk to keep coming. Panic was about to set in when she heard the front door open and she saw hope. The little family was taken to ARF where they remain today. All are extremely lovable despite their past life.



This year, Arrowhead Charities is proud to present the 2nd Annual Arrowhead Doggie Dash, a celebration of pet health and happiness! Proceeds will go to aid in the fight to save animal lives through education, community support and healthy living. Join us for a fun filled morning and to celebrate healthy living on 2 legs and 4! Beneficiaries of this years Doggie Dash are ARF of Bartlesville and the Washington County SPCA.

The event is May 20th at Lee Lake across from Lowe's in Bartlesville. Cooper Dog Park will also be holding a Carnival fundraising event.

### Doggie Dash times

Dog Walk - 8:30am

Doggie Dash 5k - 9:00am

Afternoon Dog Walk - 1:00pm

Dogs welcome at the walks, but not the 5k run

More info - [arrowheadcharities.com](http://arrowheadcharities.com)  
 Registration link - [arrowheaddoggiedash.eventbrite.com](http://arrowheaddoggiedash.eventbrite.com)

1 mile Doggie walks \$15 each  
 5k run - \$25

Personal donation that includes a t-shirt only \$25



Sebastian was born at ARF. He was one of 3 litters born at ARF the spring of 2016. Out of the total 15 kittens that spring only 4 are left here at ARF. One with a special need and the other 3 are solid black.

**Sebastian**  
 Linda Cole & Kimberly Whitney



Hope was featured on a 2016 newsletter. She was found wounded on Pathfinder Parkway. The good samaritan jogger brought her to ARF

**Hope**  
 Kathryn Pruett



Save the Date  
 Puttin' on the Leash  
 Dec 1, 2017

[www.ARFOK.org](http://www.ARFOK.org)



# Heartfelt Rescue Stories

## Rio

It was a hot August afternoon in Bartlesville. City grandkids were visiting their grandmother and enjoying the experience of a farm environment. There was a nice pond for fishing and lots of woodsy adventures. On one of these adventures the grandkids came across a little orange kitten, barely alive. Running back to grandma's house with their treasure, they begged their mother to keep the kitten. However, that was impossible and so began a search to place the kitten. Their search led them to ARF.

To the Vet was the first order of business for any new ARF resident. It was determined that the kitten was 8 weeks old and had been eating baby frogs to stay alive. This was the main culprit for his diarrhea. He had no other major diseases. ARF named him Rio (Olympics were in process) and settled him in to get his intestines back under control. By the time it came time to neuter him, ARF was surprised to find out that Rio was actually a girl

## Senior Partners

ARF is launching a new program called "Senior Partners" to assist senior pets over the age of 7 that have special needs and may not be adoptable. They are cats (and later dogs) that have come to ARF and need a "Partner" to help with their medical costs and long term care. They can live their life out at ARF even if they are deemed unadoptable.



Senior pets with special needs often end up homeless or worse when they lose their lifetime companion/owner. ARF is not only an adoption facility but is also a sanctuary to some residents who are special needs or considered seniors over the age of 7 yrs old. Our senior ARF residents pictured above all have sponsors paying for their care with the exception of Taz (center) who is in need of a sponsor. Taz came to ARF when his lady owner had to move into a nursing home. He was adopted, but his new owner developed allergies and he was returned to ARF. Sponsorships can be monthly, annual or lifetime and pays for vet costs as well as food and care if never adopted. If you would like to be a sponsor, please let us know!



## Pennies for Puppies

Thank you to Pennies for Puppies for bringing us a HUGE donation of food, blankets, toys, and more. The students from Patrick Henry Elementary school in Tulsa took up a collection of items.

Thank you again! Hannah and Kayleey from the student council delivered the donations.



# In Memory of

Vicki Funk-Koble  
Ruth Rowbottom

Dorothy Ferguson  
Howard & Jayne Ferguson

Medussa, beloved cat  
of Patti Barnes  
Friends of ARF

Sassy, beloved cat and an ARF  
adoptee of Laura Hines  
Laura Hines, Vicki Adams, Kay  
Housman, Sheila Taylor,  
and Jayne Ferguson

Donna Moody  
Terry & LaDena Wilson

Nikki, beloved dog of JoAnn Payne  
JoAnn Payne, David & Marilyn  
Blumer, Vicki Adams,  
and Clova Abrahamson

Buddy Sewell, the best four  
legged person ever!  
Teresa Sewell

Missy and Tiggy, cats and Monroe, a Greyhound,  
all beloved animals and family members of Matt,  
Sandy, Wyatt and Wesley Kreps  
Gary & Judy Kreps, Kay Housman, and Vicki Adams

Sasha  
Gary & Judy Kreps

Remi, beloved dog  
of Betsy Brown  
Robin Naylor

Pooka, beloved Cat of  
Elmer Trogdon  
Kay Housman, Vicki Adams

Tang & Rufus  
David, Donna, & Bonnie Pope

Glitter, beloved cat  
Friends of ARF

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**ARFPark**  
Animal Rescue Foundation of Bartlesville

**Join our 5 acre Dog Park**  
A \$50 annual donation for your family's dogs and an application is required. Plus a one time \$10 FOB deposit. You can get an application at the Sanctuary or online at [www.ARF.org](http://www.ARF.org)

You can feel secure in the knowledge that all dogs are up to date on shots. And that any aggressive behavior from dogs or owners will be dealt with quickly.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
Joan Vandegriff  
from  
Margaret Humble

- ### Wish List
- Paper towels
  - AA & AAA batteries
  - Clorox Wipes
  - Litterbox deodorizer
  - Dog Food
  - Cat Food
  - Plastic Dog Houses
  - Volunteers

## Discounted Spay/Neuter Program

ARF & the WCSPCA have been running successful individual and joint discounted spay/neuter clinics. Our next joint clinic is April 22, 2017.

### Prevent the very first litter!

The dreaded "Kitten Season" will hit every rescue group and shelter like a ton of bricks when spring arrives in March. The phone will start ringing off the hook with people wanting to bring kittens in, but shelters will fill up leaving many people and kittens stranded.

- February ushers in the breeding season for cats
- Female cats breed as early as 4 1/2 months old
- Cats can be safely spayed/neutered at 8wks or 2 lbs
- Cats are pregnant for about 63 days and nurse kittens for about 6 weeks, after which they can immediately become pregnant again.
- An indoor only cat will find a way to escape when mating season starts.

Please check with ARF for future dates and available times 918-766-0991.



# To Become a Volunteer, Member, or Contribute to ARF of Bartlesville

Animal Rescue Foundation of Bartlesville is run by volunteers and completely funded by donations  
 ARF is a 501 (c) (3) organization and donations are Tax Deductible! OK D.O.A. S 19

## Membership:

- Regular \$20      Senior (55+) Student \$10
- Lifetime Pet \$10      Cat \_\_\_\_\_ Dog \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## I can Help with:

- Fund Raising ideas/committees
- Special Events
- Foster Home for Dogs
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

## I would like to contribute:

- Sanctuary Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Spay/Neuter Clinics \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ARF Vet bills \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Food/Litter/Supplies \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ARF Park \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Memorial \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

- Month (\$20 per)
- Year (\$200)

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



Bring your cans to the  
 "Can Kennel" at ARF. It's located  
 on the east side of our driveway.  
 399519 SE Nowata Road



## Employer Contributions

Many employers such as ConocoPhillips and Phillips 66 will match their employees or retirees contributions. Please check with your employer to see if they match contributions.

Many employers such as Walmart contribute to non profit organizations on behalf of their associates volunteer hours. Please check with your employer.



## SPECIAL THANKS

ARF would like to say a great big Thank You to the following businesses and individuals for their contributions to ARF:

**Pennies for Puppies and the Patrick Henry Elementary School**

**All of our wonderful volunteers!**

**Everyone that donated towards our dog area. Construction is under way!**

