

NARF News



Foofnick and Annie

This is mostly about a young lady and a little calico cat and how the cat saved the young lady's life.

Recently, an adopter sent in a memorial gift to honor a pair of cats that they had adopted from us a long time ago. We remembered the family and the adoption clearly, and when I sent a thank you note, we reconnected and the mother brought us up to date. It is a wonderful story of how people help animals and animals help people (which is one of the reasons why so many of our volunteers work so hard and tirelessly to save animals and place them in appropriate homes).



I was at work when someone spotted a young calico cat outside, in the courtyard. They came to get me. I asked for a box, which magically appeared. The cat was obviously not feral, so I grabbed her and put her in the box. She then spent part of the afternoon in my office and went home in the box. The person who had spotted this rescued kitty was tasked with naming it, and he came up with "Foofnick".

Annie (not her real name) was sick with anorexia, and had to return home from college. A therapist suggested a loving pet to help her heal. Mom and Annie had contacted NARF, and were given contact information for three adoptable cats. They arranged to meet all the cats on the same evening. When they came by our house, we had dinner guests, long-time friends who were used to our animal-rescuing ways. Mom and Annie were very embarrassed when they saw we had guests, but I reassured them. I brought out Foofnick, and she and Annie played with a "stick and a string" on the floor, while Mom and I talked.

They did not stay too long, as they had to visit the two other cats, and I did not see any "magic" happening, so I told my wife that they would probably not adopt. But apparently it did happen, as it so often will, and a bond had formed between the two. Annie adopted Foofnick and renamed her "Nikki". She was loved by the family, and she and Annie became so close that Annie could love herself again. Annie recovered from her condition and returned to college, taking Nikki with her.



Of course, this left a hole in the family, so the family came to a pet fair to adopt another cat, and there I was with another calico. Peek-a-Boo went home to become Serena. She was a very much-loved member of the family until recently, when she passed.

Annie and her family now live in Orange County, and yes, she is healthy and has a husband and two wonderful children (and a cat and 2 dogs).

Mom always said that if Nikki had not come into Annie's life, she would not have been able to overcome the anorexia, and thus Nikki saved Annie's life.

President's Message

To start my message in this newsletter, I would like to tell you, our supporters and friends, the story of Nike, our first rescue dog. For those of you who have read this before, I hope you will enjoy it as much as I still do.

In the winter of 1985, a beautiful but emaciated white German Shepherd was found lying in a ditch feeding and caring for eight puppies. After being rescued and taken to a veterinary emergency clinic for medical attention, it was discovered that, besides being underweight and infested with worms, she had been shot in the jaw! But, in spite of all of her painful injuries, this mother had kept her puppies fed and healthy.

Two articles in the "San Jose Mercury News" about this beautiful dog and her plight brought in donations to cover her medical expenses. She was named Nike, after the ancient Greek goddess of victory, a fitting name after all that she had endured.

Nike was adopted by her rescuer's parents, and each of her puppies found loving homes. Leftover donations were used to found the Nike Animal Rescue Foundation.

Since 1985, the Nike Animal Rescue Foundation has been dedicated to protecting dogs and cats in addition to eliminating animal overpopulation through spay and neuter programs and public education. This is an all-volunteer group and many stray and abandoned dogs and cats rely on the goodness of our volunteer foster homes for shelter and love while awaiting adoption.

After many loving and happy years, Nike passed away in 1992, but her legacy lives on. The Nike Animal Rescue Foundation continues to be run by a very dedicated group of volunteers whose passion is to rescue and care for unwanted and abandoned dogs and cats until they find their forever homes.

Now, in 2012, we are facing more animals being surrendered than adopted, meaning less income from adoptions. Because of the status of the economy over the last several years, donations are also down. Yet, we still have many cats and dogs in our care, and your donations are so very important. Any amount is appreciated and no donation is considered too small. Please consider making a year-end donation to this most worthy cause. Our animals and our volunteers thank you!

--Linda Pope, President

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NARF Newsletter has a New Format

You are currently reading the NARF Newsletter in its new format. We have decided that it is time to change to a smaller paper newsletter, which will be supplemented by more information on our website (www.narfrescue.org). This will not only be more convenient for many people, but it will also save a lot of paper and quite a large printing and mailing expense for NARF. The money saved will benefit our true beneficiaries, the dogs and cats that we work to find homes for.

Silicon Valley Cares Puts on Broomstick Ball to Benefit NARF

Last April, Silicon Valley Cares, a local nonprofit organization selected NARF to be one of the beneficiaries of a benefit ball that they planned to organize. This would be the third year that SVC did this, each year benefiting four organizations.

The week before Hallowe'en, after months of work and planning, the ball took place. It was a grand success. The excellent work of the SVC members was evident, and costumed participants came and had a good time for a good cause. There were games, food and music during the evening.

NARF would like to express our sincere appreciation to SVC, first for having been chosen, and then for all the work that SVC did. We also want to acknowledge and thank the many NARF volunteers who came and worked tirelessly to make the evening possible. It is important to remember that NARF is made up entirely of volunteers, and would not exist without so much year-round work by so many volunteers.

NARF Gifts to Benefit Loving Animals

Supporting Gifts

Supporting gifts allow Nike to rescue, rehabilitate and secure loving adoptive homes for hundreds of companion animals annually. Additionally, these gifts are crucial to Nike's continued success in educating our community about conscientious animal care, loving behavior modification, and the vital importance of spaying and neutering. \$_____

Honorary & Memorial Gifts

These honorary and respectful gifts further all of NARF's life-saving programs, while honoring and remembering loved ones and friends – both the two-legged and four-legged varieties. NARF will send gift announcement cards, in addition to printing gift acknowledgments in the newsletter. Please provide name(s) and address(es) for appropriate and timely recognition. \$_____

Canine Medical Assistance Fund

Contributions support Nike's pro-active efforts to spay and neuter non-foster dogs within the greater Santa Clara Valley area. Through this important fund, donors help combat the overpopulation epidemic that claims the lives of tens of thousands of adult dogs and puppies each year in our local cities. \$_____

Kathleen Desimone Memorial Feline Fund

Donations allow Nike to provide medical care for local, non-foster kitties in crisis situations. Contributors assist Nike in reaching out to suffering animals that have no other available resources. Established through the generosity of animal lover Kathleen Desimone's estate, this special fund fulfills her wishes to promote and endure the health and well being of cats. \$_____

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Honorary and Memorial Gifts Form

Recipient Name: _____

Address: _____

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Nike Animal Rescue Foundation updates.**

NARF Meetings

Board meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. If you have an idea to present to the Board, contact NARF at 408-242-6273. General meetings are announced on the NARF website (www.narfrescue.org). Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. All meetings begin promptly at 7:00 P.M. Check the website for information regarding general meeting location and directions.

Nike Animal Rescue Foundation

P.O. Box 26587, San Jose, CA 95159 (408) 224-6273 and (408) 946-2291 (cat specific).

The Nike Animal Rescue Foundation (NARF) is a non-profit, all volunteer organization founded in 1985, dedicated to protecting dogs and cats. We strive to eliminate animal overpopulation through spay and neuter programs and public education. Our volunteers rescue and shelter dogs and cats in need. We provide medical care and locate quality, permanent homes.

All Dog Pet Adoption Fairs are held on Saturdays from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM and on Sundays from 12:00 to 3:00 PM. All Cat Pet Fairs are held on Saturdays from 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM. The location of each pet fair is advertised on our website www.narfrescue.org. Everyone is welcome to come by. Please do not bring pets for adoption unless by previous arrangement.