

NARF News

Celebrating 30 Years



As we celebrate this Holiday Season with family and friends, NARF will be celebrating and marking the upcoming 30th anniversary of our beginnings. In the Winter of 1985, a young woman named Janessa Dabler heard about a dog with a litter of puppies found in a ditch not too far from her home. After a restless night, the next morning she recruited her mother and went out in search of the dog. It was on January 28, 1985 that Nike and her puppies were discovered at a construction site off Tasman Drive in Santa Clara.

Just as described, lying in the ditch was a beautiful but emaciated white German Shepherd with eight healthy puppies. Janessa carefully gathered up the puppies and took them home to her condo, and then took the mother to the emergency veterinary hospital. The veterinarian found that the mother was 10 to 15 pounds underweight, was infested with worms, and, worst of all, had been shot in the jaw. The bullet had not only fractured her jaw and several teeth, but also had broken many additional bones



in her skull. But in spite of all of her painful injuries, this mother had kept her puppies fed and healthy! Surgery was done to repair the damage which included putting a plate in her jaw. She was cleaned and her wounds were dressed and over time, with loving care, she recovered nicely.

Two articles in the San Jose Mercury News about this beautiful dog and her plight brought in donations to cover the surgery and medical expenses. All of her puppies were adopted to loving homes and Janessa's mother and stepfather adopted the mother dog. They named her Nike, after the ancient Greek Goddess of Victory, a fitting name after all she had endured.

After many loving and happy years, Nike passed away in September of 1992, but her legacy lives on. The Nike Animal Rescue Foundation was founded and initially funded with the excess donations that were generously given to save Nike. Due to this story and life of this wonderful animal and friend, thousands of other animal's lives have been saved, and human lives enriched. And a very dedicated group of people found their passion: to continue the rescue and care of abandoned, feral, and unwanted pets.

President's Message

As we reflect back on our last 30 years, we are so thankful for our dedicated foster homes, our relentless volunteers, our loving adopters, our supportive community groups, and our generous donors. Each one of you has been a vital part of the growth and success of NARF over these years.

NARF was formed in 1985 when Janessa Dabler used the leftover donations for the medical care of Nike to team up with individuals already involved in pet rescue.

NARF started with a core group of five dedicated individuals, and during the first year, they raised \$3000 through candy bar sales, garage sales, aluminum recycling and donations. Over the first year, NARF developed a mailing list of 300 members with 20 active volunteers, and three foster homes.

Our grass-roots organization that began 30 years ago 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. Some of us have been members since the beginning, and are proud to have seen NARF grow to a mailing list of 1600 members with 100 active volunteers, and 17 dog and cat foster homes. As an all-volunteer group, many stray and abandoned dogs and cats rely on the goodness of our volunteer foster homes for shelter and love while awaiting adoption.

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. Thirty years later, we continue that mission today.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we wish you and yours a very joyful Holiday Season!

--Linda Pope, President

Be sure to join us for our 2015 Walk-a-Thon on September 13th!

Last September, hundreds of NARF friends came out to watch Disc-Dogs perform, walk with canine companions (theirs or NARF foster dogs), participate in the incredible raffle, enjoy lunch and have a wonderful time. On Sunday, September 13th, our 20th annual Dog Walk-a-Thon will take place and you are cordially invited to come by and have fun. For all the details, please check out our website at www.narfrescue.org.

Don't forget to check us out on Facebook, and remember to *like* us!

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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. \$_____

Ask your employer about matching donations.

Honorary and Memorial Gifts Form

Recipient Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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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.

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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 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.