

THE ARK, INC.

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A Message from the Founder/Director

Dear Friends of Animals:

How can we explain what we have gone through since the terrible tornados of April 27th? Not only did we have, and still have tornado animal victims, but also we had a terrible illness that effected 18 of our new arrival dogs. This resulted in closing our shelter to the public for an entire week. The dogs started with a cough, a high fever, and last, but not least, lung congestion. We had 18 dogs hospitalized at one time. Thankfully, we did not lose any of our dogs. Our veterinarians were baffled. They sent samples to the lab on a puppy just starting to cough, the other on a dog that had advanced to lung congestion. The puppy sample came back as a virus, the dog as a bacterium. Our shelter is fine now, and adoptions go on. All our dogs recovered completely. We were blessed the illness did not affect our cats. This was a first for the Ark. It was a trying and expensive experience for us. We are just thankful they are all ok, also, we have wonderful veterinarians that worked hard to save our animals.

Animal Planet called the Ark in June and asked if we would help them on the 4th of July with an animal hoarder case in Cullman County. Guess how we spent our 4th of July? There were 21 dogs in all, and the Ark managed to bring back 12 of them. In addition, we spayed and neutered the 9 dogs the family wanted to keep. It was an experience. I am so grateful to volunteers, Scarlett Schotte, Heike Keltner, Kerry & Marissa Plunk, Kathy Boothe, Gini Brown, and Sylvia Blanteno, for accompanying Doug and I on this very long and hot day. This shows you how dedicated our volunteers are. Giving up a holiday was a wonderful and selfless thing for them to do for these animals.

Please remember, your support allows us to provide many worthy animals the advantage of finding a loving home. Thank you.

Nina Beal



IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
OUR BELOVED
GYPSY
2002 - 2011

MEMORIES OF YOU ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS

You came to us in 2003 as a stray
We knew your babies were due any day
We didn't think you would ever stay
With each storm, you tried to run away
You were so afraid of the thunder
What to do? We all would wonder
Your babies would soon be born
You have more worries than a storm
Then the day finally came
Ten babies and none looked the same
There were red spotted, blue spotted, and black with white
You and your babies were a wondrous sight
Such a good mommy you turned out to be
Letting us touch to see - This one a she! This one a he!
3 times we adopted you to a loving home
With each passing storm they discovered you gone
Our precious shelter dog you became
We realized just how much we had gained
Your gentle ways, your love, and trust
For you to greet everyone was a must
You loved the kids with their pats and rubs
You especially loved their hugs
The tornados of April 27th were too strong
Too fast, too furious, would they ever be gone?
Enough! said your loving heart
You knew it was time for us to part
The Rainbow Bridge you did cross
Our memories of you will never be lost

Nina - 2011

The Ark Needy Paws Telethon – WAAY Channel 31 – September 25th 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm

We are pleased to announce that WAAY TV - Channel 31 will be hosting our 16th annual Needy Paws Telethon this year.

Your pledges to our telethon for the past 15 years have played a major role in our shelter construction, shelter maintenance, and the care of the animals in our charge. The telethon is our biggest fundraiser of the year.

Many of you wait until the telethon to pledge your support of the Ark. The Ark realizes that some of you may not get to watch our telethon. Therefore, we are sending you this pre-pledge form so that you can mail your pledge in advance to help us in our efforts to rescue animals in need. Your support of the Ark is very important to each and every animal we rescue.

It is difficult to adequately express our gratitude to kind people like you. Your support has allowed hundreds of homeless animals the advantage of finding a loving home. Please remember if your pledge is great, or small, we appreciate each and every one. As long as there are homeless animals, every dollar really does count. Animals have no control over their little lives or the economy. They need people like you, and the Ark to allow them the opportunity of finding a loving home.

Thank you for caring and for sharing. We sincerely appreciate your continued support.

With your help, animals desperate for love and care do have the chance at a quality of life. They deserve nothing less. Just ask our little "Brewsky".



BREWSKY - BEFORE SEVERE MANGE



BREWSKY AFTER NEW HAIR & HAPPY

2011 PRE-TELETHON PLEDGE FORM

- I CANNOT WATCH THE TELETHON SEPTEMBER 25TH
- ENCLOSED IS MY PLEDGE IN ADVANCE OF \$ _____

My Pledge is in:

- Memory Of
 - Honor Of
 - Family Member
 - Friend
 - Pets/s
 - The Ark Angel Fund
- Please send me a tax deductible receipt

Memorial/Honorariums name/s:

Please Print

Please Acknowledge my Gift to:

Please Print

Mail to: The Ark
139 Bo Cole Road
Huntsville, AL 35806

Visa/Master Card Accepted

Card # _____

Expiration Date _____



**Christmas Pet Photos
at
The Ark**

**139 Bo Cole Road
Huntsville, AL 35806**

**Save the date!
Saturday and Sunday
November 5th and 6th, 2011**

10:00 am until 5:00 pm

We are pleased to be working with Pat Patterson of Daniels Photography this year.
BEAUTIFUL AND PROFESSIONAL CHRISTMAS SCENES

Christmas will be here before you know it, call today to make an appointment to have your pet's photo professionally made. Limited Space - Appointments Only

Your pictures can be: Pet/s only, family & pet/s, or just you & your pet/s

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Call 256-851-4088 to schedule an appointment or email ninaark@aol.com and
put "Ark Christmas Pet Photos" in the subject line.
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- All pets must be under the control of handler
- No aggressive pets
- Please arrive on time, or earlier to fill out order form
- Call for very reasonable price list



"Annie"

I'm not closing my eyes! I'm doing my double winkie.



"Felix"

You're not taking my picture. I know karate! My teacher says I'm a lethal weapon.

SPOTLIGHT ON SOME OF OUR VOLUNTEER ANGEL STAFF



Treva Russell Barnes

Treva started volunteering at the Ark when we were in the stages of construction. She would come each week, sometimes more, and clip kitty toe nails, clean little ears, brush kitty fur, and provide many hugs and rubs to all our cats. Treva was a dog lover too. She adopted two dogs from the Ark. When she moved to Tennessee, we thought the Ark had lost a wonderful volunteer. Guess what? She moved 90 miles from the Ark. She now volunteers as our computer whiz. She takes care of our web site, started our Face Book page, keeps everything current, and developed our PayPal Account. Treva is extremely intelligent when it comes to the computer. We are so very lucky to have this most dedicated volunteer. There are no words that can express our gratitude to Treva. If we had to pay her to do all this for the Ark, we could not afford her. She is worth that much to us. Thank you, Treva for caring, and sharing.



Amy Sands & Annie

Amy started volunteering at the Ark as one of our dog walkers when Ryan, her son was in the first grade. He is now a 6th grader. Amy is wonderful with the dogs. She loves them, and they love her. She tries to walk each and every dog before she leaves to pick Ryan up from school. When it is miserably hot, Amy takes our dogs on short walks, and then lets them play in the kiddie swimming pool. How lucky can a shelter dog be? We are blessed to have so many wonderful dog walkers. Sometimes there is not a pen available for another dog. Amy never complains about how many we have to walk, she just grabs a leash, poop bag, and away she goes. Sometimes she looks like a blur going past the front door with a large dog taking her for a walk. Ryan is a courteous and polite boy, and shares his mother's love for animals. Thank you, Amy. You truly are an Angel to our dogs.



Three of our "Cat Women" L-R Merrie Depierre, Martha Tucker with Tom Tom, and Kay Babine

At the Ark we prefer a litter pan for each cat. When you have 8 or more cats to a room, (we house cats in 10 rooms) that is a lot of litter pans! Merrie, Martha, and Kay are some of the best "cat" volunteers a shelter could have. Never do they complain about how much work is involved in caring for our cats and kittens. Kay is at the Ark almost every day of the week. You hardly ever see her because she is always in a cat room working. Martha and Merrie work together on their days at the Ark as a team. These ladies are very cat savvy. If they see anything, and we mean anything out of the ordinary, they alert the director. Presently we have a cat we named "Kate + 8". Nursing 8 kittens is not an easy task for a mommy. Our ladies help Kate by bottle-feeding the kittens twice a day. Kate is very grateful! Our ladies sweep, mop, wash bedding, and disinfect our cat rooms as needed. They seem tireless when it comes to taking care of the cats. Their love of our feline friends is expressed in everything they do. It is difficult to adequately thank these wonderful ladies, but thank them, we do.



Front: Alysa, Anna, Avery, Kelsey, Samantha, and Cierra (not pictured) Back: Troop Leader, Melissa Barton, Troop Assistant, Kathy Barton, Nina Beal & Ark house cat "Callie", Troop Helpers: Lisa Underwood, and Angie Wilbanks.

**Girl Scout Troop 767
of
Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama**

To earn a Bronze Award, these young ladies collected food, treats, and supplies for the Ark cats, puppies, and kittens. The girls collected these items from friends, family, and neighbors. In addition, they had collections sites at local pet supply stores. Boy and Girl Scouts certainly set examples for others to follow. The wonderful services they perform to help our community are outstanding. They are caring and giving children. The mothers and fathers, friends and relatives of these children are supportive, and give of their own time to help them achieve their goals, earn their patches, and awards. I know their parents have to be so very proud of them. We know we are. Thank you, Girl Scout Troop 767 for your efforts, hard work, and kindness to the Ark.



Quinn & Mother
This birthday boy sure brought a lot of gifts for the Ark animals.



2 year old Andrew Lee McKnight loves to watch Critter Corner. He blessed our cats with some Meow Mix.



Grace (L) & Laura (R) Hannah
These birthday girls blessed our animals with, food, money, and treats.



When you have the opportunity to meet children that selflessly give up birthday presents in lieu of gifts for themselves, you have just met a very special child. In addition, you have just met some very special parents. To teach a child not to step on a caterpillar is as beneficial to the child as it is to the caterpillar. We believe teaching children to have gentle hands with animals, will result in kind hearts. Thank you moms and dads. You give us hope.

Holiday Hazards

Help your pets enjoy the holidays safely by keeping them away from potential problems on these special days.



Valentine's Day
Flowers
Boxes of chocolate

Easter
Fake grass
Small toys

4th of July
Fireworks

Thanksgiving
Turkey bones
Hot containers

Christmas
Festive plants
Holiday tree
Light stands
Tree water
Ornaments
Decoration hooks
Tinsel
Ribbons
Styrofoam
Yuletide fire

New Year's
Balloons
Confetti
Champagne

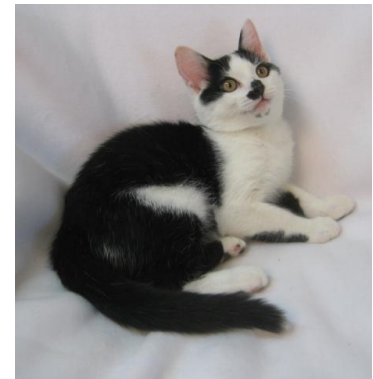


Mickey/Jester
After vet care

I Survived

By: Mickey AKA "Jester"

Hello, my name is Mickey, but I am also known as "Jester." Don't ask me why I have two names; it is just too hard to explain. I was lost, hungry, and very scared. It was July 2011, and very hot! I was just 8 weeks old when I hopped a ride under the hood of a Dodge. I rode for 40 miles! It was so hot, and was all I could do to hang on. When the car finally stopped I jumped out and scared the kind people driving the Dodge. What is a Dodge? I was hot, skinny, dehydrated, greasy, and smelled like motor oil.



Mickey/Jester
Now

I am so glad I got to come to the Ark. I am grateful to the kind people that found me. I was sick for a long time. I had health issues the Ark had to deal with before I could be adopted. I stayed at the kitty doctor for about two weeks. At the Ark, I got to share a room with other kittens. I think that helped me understand how to play and socialize with others like me. I cannot tell you how a baby kitten ended up abandoned. I just know I was very scared. I survived because I was in the right place at the right time. I survived because I was very lucky to have received no injuries during my scary ride. I survived because the kind people that found me brought me to the Ark. I survived because your support allows the Ark to help animals like me.



New York City

Restricts Dog Chaining

New York City Council passed two vital bills - one that bans the chaining of dogs for longer than three hours, and another that nearly triples the licensing fees for unaltered animals. We can learn from our Northern friends. Tied dogs just watch their life go by.

Do you think Alabama could get a bill this vital?



Top 10 Reasons for Pet Surrender to Shelters in the USA

Dogs

Cats

- | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Moving | 1. Too many |
| 2. Landlord issues | 2. Allergies |
| 3. Cost of pet maintenance | 3. Moving |
| 4. No time for dog | 4. Landlord issues |
| 5. Inadequate facilities | 5. No homes for kittens |
| 6. Too many | 6. House soiling |
| 7. Pet illness (es) | 7. Personal Problems |
| 8. Personal problems | 8. Inadequate facilities |
| 9. Biting | 9. Does not like other pets |
| 10.No home for puppies | 10. New baby |

Sadly we add 3 more for dogs & cats

- 11. Bad Economy
- 12. Lost job
- 13. Mortgage foreclosure



“GUESS WHAT?”

YOUR DONATION TO THE ARK WILL ALLOW WORTHY ANIMALS
THE ADVANTAGE OF FINDING A LOVING HOME



- \$25.00 Annual Membership Fee
- Honor of / Memorial Contribution Pet Family Member Friend
- Angel Fund to help care for animals on board the Ark

Name: _____
 Address _____
 City/ST/Zip _____

DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Mail to: The Ark
 139 Bo Cole Road
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VISA/MASTERCARD
ACCEPTED

VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.ARKINC.ORG
 MAKE YOUR DONATION BY PAYPAL
 BE ONE OF OUR FACEBOOK FRIENDS

Did You Know?

Every day 70,000 puppies and kittens are born in this country while only 10,000 people are born.

It's simple math – there just aren't enough homes for all of these animals.

Every year 10-12 million animals are euthanized in shelters for lack of available homes.



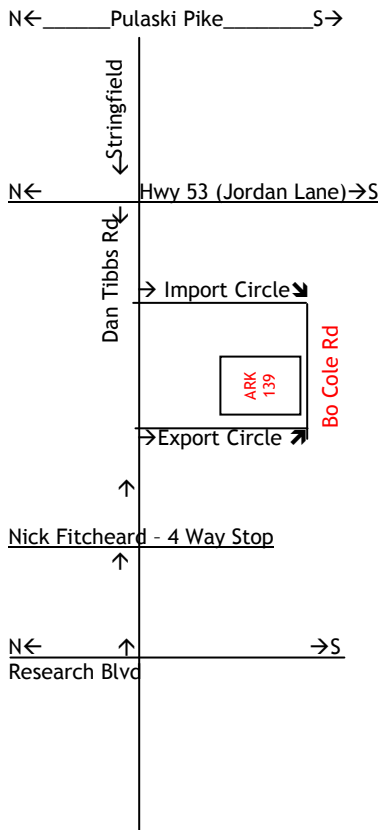
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Needy Paws Telethon – Channel 31 September 25th, 2:00 – 5:30

Huntsville Cat Club - CFA Cat Show – Jaycees Building – October

Christmas Pet/Family Photo’s @ The Ark – November 5th & 6th
Limited Space – Appointments Only – Both Days 10 am – 5 pm

Christmas Open House @ The Ark – December 3rd

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