

THE ARC-HIVE

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Foster Tails

As our 19th year wraps up, we'd like to take a moment to recap this year's foster season.

We had 12 mother cats this year who either gave birth in foster, or were transferred with their babies to have a quiet space to raise them. Mothers Churro, Marble, Emma, Karen, Marmalade, & Glenda are still waiting for their forever homes.

We had 71 kittens in foster care including 7 orphans. Still available for adoption are Sparkle (bottom photo) & Coco Bean. Brick took a sabbatical from the shelter to decompress, and is now back working on being comfortable enough around other cats to make it up to our adoption rooms.

Phil went into foster care to lose some weight, and can now proudly clean his own behind.

Our senior Chase is still waiting for her forever home from the comfort of her foster mom's lap (top photo).

A huge thank you to all of our wonderful foster carers for making the work we do possible. See you next year!

Pawsitive Resolutions

As we enter into a new year and decade, many of us will make New Year's resolutions. For some, this may include getting into shape, and perhaps weight loss. A recent survey has shown that more than 50% of the pet population is overweight, therefore we should consider including our furry friends in our fitness



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resolutions. Step one of any animal weight loss program is to consult your Veterinarian for an assessment to not only set up a safe and attainable weight loss regimen, but to also ensure that there is no underlying reason for sudden weight gain. These conditions may include hormonal conditions such as hypothyroidism or Cushing's syndrome. Upon assessment, your veterinarian will suggest a food formulated to be lower in calories, and a meal plan to ensure that this food is fed in the correct amount. During this time, it's important to have your pet weighed monthly to verify that the weight loss program is working. It is also essential during this time to ensure that your animal is receiving a proper amount of exercise. For our dog friends, this can mean increasing the duration or speed of their walks or play time. For our cat friends, we suggest having a set time to play with their favourite toy or placing a measured amount of dry food in a treat ball so energy is expended on a daily basis. Another important factor of weight loss is the amount of treats given. Unless otherwise directed, treats should be avoided or given in very small amounts to ensure that no extra calories are consumed that aren't being accounted for in the meal plan. We hope you and your furry friends enjoy a happy and healthy 2020.

Wine not buy a ticket?

We still have tickets available for our Wine Raffle, with tickets priced at 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10. The grand prize is 20 bottles of wine, with 3 other wine prizes to be won! Tickets are available at the shelter, and the draw date is February 22, 2020.

Alumni Stories

Coleslaw



Meet Coleslaw, an American bulldog cross. Coleslaw, originally named Coal, was found stray in Fisher River in September 2016, and adopted in January of 2017.

Coleslaw is a joy. His family says he loves to run around and play, as well as relax on the family couch. His favourite toy is his Red Kong which he bought at D'Arcy's ARC, and he still cuddles with his favourite blanket that he had during his time at the shelter.

Do you have an ARC alumni? Send your photos and stories to info@darcysarc.ca for a chance to be featured in an upcoming edition of The ARC-HIVE!

IN 2019 TO DATE

285

**ANIMALS ADOPTED AT
OUR ADOPTION CENTRE**



CANINE CHARACTERS

This month's featured Canine is Annie, a six month old German shepherd cross with short legs and a big personality.

Annie loves her treats, her toys and her human friends.

Annie is looking for an active household where she can learn her manners & get her zoomies out.

If you have any questions about Annie or any of our other adoptables, please feel free to drop by the shelter or give us a call at (204) 888-2266.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The work we do at D'arcy's ARC wouldn't be possible without our army of over 70 volunteers.

Some of our volunteers are also staff members! Sydney manages the D'Arcy's ARC thrift store at 1076 Main St. She also volunteers at the shelter every Saturday morning to deep clean the kitten room, which is no easy feat with all the craziness!

Thank you Syd for all that you do!

Do you want to join the team? We are looking for volunteers to help in various areas of the shelter, from animal care to special events. Volunteer applications can be found at www.darcysarc.ca or hard copies can be found at the shelter!

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