

NARF News



Molly's Story

Last August I was checking out the Rescue list from the San Jose Animal Care Center and noticed a picture of a darling little terrier. The write-up said that she was not using her rear legs, was in pain, and needed rescue quickly. When I went to visit her, I fell in love with this tiny, 4 pound, little girl who was totally friendly in spite of being in terrible pain. I told the shelter that I would take her if she could be repaired. The next day, they x-rayed and found that her pelvis was smashed and both hips were broken, but she was felt to be definitely worth saving. They called in the specialists from SAGE, and a very long surgery was performed. Two screws were put in her pelvis and wires in one hip.



I brought her home the day after surgery and fully expected her to start trying to walk within a couple of weeks. A month went by with no action, so we went to see Dr. Barbara Lee at Evergreen Veterinary Clinic. She asked me to take Molly back to SAGE to see the surgeon, so back we went. After examining Molly and performing some tests, she sadly told me that the neurological damage (which could not be determined at the time of surgery) was so severe that she would never walk and would be incontinent. The consensus was that Molly should probably be euthanized. I went home and told my family, and my husband cried. He said we had to try to rehab her. Since I was in no hurry to let her go, I agreed that we should give her more time.

Not too long after that, Molly suddenly started walking on her front feet! She would just lift her hind end up and take off. She became very proficient and could even go down stairs, although going back up was a problem! Molly even went with us to film some adoption segments on KOFY. They let her down on the floor, and she demonstrated for the cameras. The segment can be seen on our website by clicking on the KOFY story in the scrolling features on our home page.

The next challenge was to get her to drop her rear end and try to use her legs. And, ultimately, she did it on her own. She now walks on three legs as the useless one has been amputated. So Molly is finally ready for adoption. She is not incontinent, although house-breaking is still a work in progress.

Molly is an absolutely amazing little dog! She is very affectionate, loves everyone, and has even gotten my older Chihuahuas to play with her at times. She now weighs 5 pounds and is 3 to 4 years old, and soon will be looking for a forever home.

President's Message

What's a President's message without a plea for donations? Of course, that is what any rescue organization needs the most. Even though our expenses tend to overwhelm our income, NARF still maintains a commitment to take the best care of our foster cats and dogs while they are waiting for their forever homes. So, donations from you, our loyal friends, are always appreciated. No amount is too small to make a difference!

I do want to use this space today to make a plea for new foster homes. Our cat and dog foster homes are always full, and there are always more deserving animals available than we can accommodate. Being a foster parent has many rewards, including seeing a shy cat or dog come out of its shell, or helping a sick or injured animal back to health. Check out the story about Molly on the front page for a sample. It has been just a wonderful and rewarding experience to see Molly progress from suffering with severe traumatic injuries with a poor medical prognosis, to running happily around on three legs while waiting to be adopted! The ultimate reward is when you find the perfect adoptive parents who will continue the love and care that all of these animals deserve. The final reward is receiving the heartwarming pictures and loving stories of our fosters, as these initially stray and abandoned animals have now found their forever homes.

Please contact us if you would like to provide a foster home for our abandoned furry friends. And finally, thank you to our generous supporters and dedicated volunteers who are the framework of NARF.

--Linda Pope, President

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Be sure to join us for our 2013 Walk-a-Thon on June 9th!

Last June, hundreds of NARF friends came out to enjoy a beautiful day at Los Gatos Creek Park. They watched Disc-Dogs perform, walked with canine companions (theirs or NARF foster dogs), participated in the incredible raffle, enjoyed lunch and had a wonderful time. On Sunday, June 9th, our 18th 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.

Also, please check us out on Facebook, and remember to *like* us!

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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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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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.