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288 Animals Rescued from IACC in 2012 Rescue Rally; Prizes to be Awarded January 25

Small, all-volunteer animal rescue organizations will share \$4,500 in prize money for rescuing 288 dogs and cats during the third annual Rescue Rally. Sponsored by **move to ACT**, this fun competition recognizes and rewards the under-recognized, all-volunteer rescues who get animals out of Indianapolis Animal Care & Control and into permanent, loving homes. The Rally took place October 1 – November 30, 2012.

“The awards are based on the number of animals each group pulled into the safety net of their rescue,” said Warren Patitz, President of **move to ACT**. “And the prize money is donated by individuals and businesses throughout our community who recognize the value of all-volunteer animal rescue groups.”

The public is invited to celebrate with participants at the awards ceremony at 7 p.m. on January 25 at Circle City Veterinary and Emergency Hospital, 9650 Mayflower Park Dr., Carmel.

Participants in this year’s Rescue Rally were

- A Critter’s Chance
- ARPO (Alliance for Responsible Pet Ownership)
- Beagle Buddies
- Chihuahua Rescue
- Every Dog Counts
- Heart for Dog Rescue
- Indianapolis Poodle Rescue
- Indy Great Pyrenees Rescue
- Love of Labs Indy
- Lucky Dog Retreat
- Mended Hearts Indy
- Waldo's Mutley Crew

Since its inception in 2010, Rescue Rally participants have given 648 animals a second chance. Last year, more than 6,000 adoptable dogs and cats were killed in Indianapolis shelters.

“The Rally focuses on Indianapolis Animal Care & Control because the animals who wind up in this severely underfunded agency are most at risk of sickness and death,” added Patitz. “Small rescues have the same expenses for food, veterinary care and maintenance as large, well-known organizations, but they don’t have the fundraising resources or name recognition. Rescue Rally supports and rewards their efforts.

“These **S**mall, **A**ll-**V**olunteer **R**escues work tirelessly to bail animals out of shelters and match them up with people who are looking for a pet,” Patitz continued.

“That’s why we call them SAVRs. They are saviors for the animals.”

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