

Please Support Our Mission to Save Lives

Whether you have adopted from us before or this is your first time hearing from us, we want to say **WELCOME to roar!**

In our Fall 2017 appeal, you will read about some of the special lives that were changed this past year. We hope their stories will inspire you to donate generously. Every donation goes towards the quality care of the animals we rescue.

When you support **roar**, you save lives and pay it forward!

Fall 2017 Edition



**Ridgefield Operation
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Hurricane Harvey
Pups Find Homes!

Storm Troopers!

During times of crisis, it's human instinct to want to help those in need. At ROAR, our hearts go out to all who suffered through the awful tragedy of Hurricane Harvey. As well as the many human

tails from roar

Appeal Newsletter for the Ridgefield Operation for Animal Rescue

A Message From Our President

Dear Friends,

This year has been an exciting and challenging one for ROAR and with your help we have continued our mission of saving the lives of needy animals while simultaneously helping our community. We rescued hundreds of animals this past year and placed them in loving homes. We have also helped our neighbors - from school children to senior citizens - through our Therapy Dog Program. We are particularly gratified to save the lives of animals other shelters would have euthanized and to place rescued dogs with deserving veterans through our Pets for Vets Program. Working with other shelters, we also helped rescue animals impacted by Hurricane Harvey. It has been a very successful year.



Our continued success depends upon our incredibly dedicated team of volunteers and staff and, most importantly, upon supporters, like you. Your donations allow us to transport pets in need, to provide veterinary services, including spaying and neutering, micro-chipping and vaccinations, and to provide a safe and secure environment for animals before they are placed in their "forever" homes.

We hope that you will help. Donations can be made using the enclosed envelope or by donating on line at www.roar-ridgefield.org. We are a 501(c) (3) charity and 100% of your donations are tax deductible.

Thank you for your generosity!

victims, there were also thousands of tiny helpless victims stuck in animal shelters in and around Houston. So, in accordance with our mission towards rescue, we transported seven puppies north from the Houston area, through Mississippi, to our shelter where we adopted all seven of them to loving homes right here in the area. These survivors remind us of the reason we work hard every day to "make a difference one tail at a time".



Hometown Heroes

Day of Service:
Alliance Bernstein Volunteers
Leave No Stone Unturned

Our hearts thank go out to the following Alliance Bernstein employees for donating their time to help us on Wednesday, September 13th, 2017, the National Day of Service, :

Joann Careccia, Matt Edwards, Brent Mather, James O'Hoppe, Vikram Rao, Monica Rapiteanu, Antoine Savage, Chris Scanlon, Jim Tierney, Michael Tucker, Suzanne Zelinski and team leader Guy Prochilo

These twelve generous individuals from the Alliance Bernstein team, helped by laying gravel in both the side and backyards, as well as the path leading around the shelter.

Next, leaving no stone unturned, they picked up every last pebble from where it had been delivered, clearing the handicapped parking spot. They then cleaned out the shed in the yard, even removing and relocating the mice who had taken up residence.

Thanks Alliance Bernstein. It's people like you who make a difference!

Joe Loonan, President
ROAR Board of Directors

If you would like to help ROAR save more animals, donate today at www.roar-ridgefield.org/donate.

PET PROFILES

MEET MIDNIGHT

Even after the clock strikes 12:00, Midnight remains a princess. But sweet, snuggly Midnight isn't just looking for a prince. She wants a home

and a family to love and adore her. When she finds this, Midnight will give you her unconditional love and affection.



Having come from a home with other cats, Midnight would be happy on her own or with a "squad". She is quite playful and loves the feather wand. She will nuzzle, follow you around, curl up on your lap, whatever it takes to melt your heart.

With those stunning green eyes and shiny black coat, this three-year-old beauty has certainly melted ours.

Midnight is up to date on vaccinations, FeLV/FIV negative, and spayed. Her adoption fee is \$100.



GANNON

The American Kennel Club describes Smooth Fox Terriers (SFT) as friendly, energetic and active, hardy and healthy, eager and alert, loyal, intelligent, bright enough to have a mind of their own, self-confident and born ready. Wow! All that packed into less than 20 pounds, and a long

life expectancy, too. Meet Gannon, a Smooth Fox Terrier Mix, who arrived at the ROAR Shelter from South Carolina and immediately impressed our staff with all the tricks he knew.

On top of all that, SFTs make excellent watchdogs. If Gannon hears or sees something amiss at the Shelter, he will sound the alarm. And true to this breed, Gannon will bark if left alone for too long by himself.

The SFT lives well into their mid-teens and while Gannon might be as old as seven, you would never know it given his energy and love of play. Because of his smarts and stamina, Gannon needs plenty of mental and physical stimulation. A tired SFT is a good SFT!

Gannon is neutered, up to date on vaccinations and microchipped. His adoption fee is \$300.



For millions of shelter dogs, there's something special about the month of October—it's the promise of a better life. October is ASPCA Adopt-a-Shelter-Dog Month, which means it's the perfect opportunity to help homeless animals in shelters all across America find loving, happy homes.

The observation of Adopt-a-Shelter-Dog Month brings attention to the plight of homeless animals and the unfortunate fact that only 20 to 30 percent of pet cats and dogs are adopted from shelters and rescue groups. "There are 3 to 4 million dogs living in shelters nationwide who would make fantastic additions to anybody's family; all they need is a second chance," says Gail Buchwald, senior vice president of the ASPCA Adoption Center.

Cori Menkin, senior director of the ASPCA Puppy Mills Campaign, reminds us that "most pet store puppies come from puppy mills, and we continue to urge those who are looking for a new companion to adopt a dog from a shelter so that the puppy mill industry becomes unsustainable."

Join ROAR in our mission to rescue and ADOPT, DON'T SHOP.

Gannon is not for Children under 12.
Gannon needs to go to a dog-experienced home.

To view more of our adorable adoptable, visit us online at www.roar-ridgefield.org/adopt

ROAR/Blue Buffalo Co. Furry Scurry Dog Festival

October 29, 2017

We are thrilled to announce the ROAR/Blue Buffalo Furry Scurry Dog Festival! The festival will take place on October 29, 2017 at the Ridgefield Rec Center field located at 195 Danbury Road, Ridgefield, CT 06877. This year's event will kick off at 10am with the very popular "Very Scary Furry Scurry" 2 mile walk/run and Kids' Ding Dong Dash, followed by the "Furry Scurry Festival" from 11am-3pm. This festival is a kid and dog friendly event full of games and activities, with food trucks, live musicians and tons of

vendors! We highly encourage adults, kids and four-legged friends to dress in the Halloween spirit. Ghostly ghouls may have prizes for those best-dressed. The ROAR/Blue Buffalo Furry Scurry Festival is being held to help ROAR continue the work that has, to date, placed almost 4,500 neglected and unwanted cats and dogs into caring homes throughout Ridgefield and surrounding towns.



For more information and pre-registration for both the run/walk as well as entrance to the festival, go to our website.

Cant wait to see you and your four-legged friends there!

As always...



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