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NEWSLETTER

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In December, Any Rat Rescue received a very special and unique donation. Tiana Bodine, author of *Nezumi's Children*, pledged to donate a portion of the proceeds of the sale of her rat-related novel to ARR and she reports, "now that the royalties are trickling in - so are the donations."

Tiana also assisted in a rescue associated with a hoarding situation in Las Cruces, NM, alongside ARR. She remembers, "...you folks gave me some advice and much-needed sympathy in the chaotic times... I've always valued the work that you do for rats in need throughout the Southwest."

Nezumi's Children has an intriguing story line.

In the wake of a violent storm, the rats of Rocco's Pet Emporium are faced with an impossible challenge; to escape the confines of their cage, the only world they have ever known, and find a way to survive in the unknown wilderness beyond its walls. Abandoned by the humans they once worshiped as gods, the rats find themselves suddenly questioning many of the beliefs they once held as immutable truths: that the gods are benevolent, that the outside world is a paradise, and that they are the only rats in their world.

Because they are not alone.

There are wild rats living in the walls and under the foundation of the store. With the humans gone, now is their time to rise up and take over the territory. And they'll kill anyone who will get in their way.

BIO:

T.L. Bodine spent most of her childhood traveling with her blue-collar family and living in the sort of small towns where horror movies are set. She received a bachelors degree in English from New Mexico State University in 2007 and briefly pursued an MFA in creative writing before realizing that she was better suited to writing than talking about it.

To learn more about Tiana, be sure to check out her blog at <http://tlbodine.blogspot.com>



Celebrate!

World Rat Day Party
Saturday April 5th, 2:30pm at the
home of Jenna Lillibridge



Come celebrate World Rat Day and ARR's 10 Year Anniversary

We will be reviving the "gift grab" - a favorite party highlight from ARR's early days.

Please bring a wrapped/bagged gift from each guest (\$20 limit) - either something for ratties or their owners - to place into a white elephant gift exchange. It's lots of fun!

Didn't receive your invitation? Please email info@anyratrescue.org for details.



Odds & Ends



Need supplies? Shop with us, (save money) and support ARR!

We always try to keep the following on hand:

- ceramic food bowls
- liquid vitamins
- stacking storage bins
- noni juice
- new water bottles
- liquid duralactin
- crushed walnut litter
- flax seed oil
- Debbie D's molasses mix
- hammocks, cubes and sacks
- cages
- The Rat Health guide
- good quality Suebee's mix (with v-dog or solid gold so it's a complete diet)

Items are offered for a suggested donation that is much lower than retail.

Want to volunteer? We can always use help with:

- Printing / copying
- Preparing volunteer and adoption packets
- Updating brochures and information handouts
- Sewing hammocks and accessories
- Labeling medication bottles; prepping meds
- Shopping (picking up supplies that ARR pays for)
- Preparing staple food mix
- Placing follow-up phone calls
- Develop and maintain Twitter account
- Develop and maintain eBay store
- Write / send donation thank you notes

ARR has custom made Rat Cages!

These cages are easy to clean and look great. The tall cage is the "Chateau" measuring 36 x 18 x 24. The long cage is the "Villa" measuring 29 x 18 x 31. Please contact Jenna Lillibridge via the rescue line, 480-663-3338, to obtain one or more. Hurry, supplies are limited!

Fall Pre-Holiday Fundraiser

November 2013



The rescue raised \$695 from Silent Auction items that included handmade ornaments, wreaths and gift baskets. There was lots of great food, a Cornhole Tournament and "Cutest Rat" contest. Kids and adults alike, enjoyed making rat cookies too! Thank you to all those who attended and donated to the cause. ARR is very grateful your support, which allows us to work to fulfill our mission: to find loving, forever homes for any rat in need!



One of the many hand made ornaments auctioned off (see the tiny rat?)



Above: Janeen Camino assists the children with the rat cookie making. Right: The finished product-so cute!



Cynthia Laymon and Keli Quinn socialize over BBQ & Veggie Chili



Above: Janeen Camino befriends one of the adoptable girls who was indeed later adopted!



Above: Jenna tosses for her shot with quite the audience. Right: Jason lands a bag to win the tournament!



2013 BOWL-A-RAMA

Bowl-A-Rama, which took place in August at Scottsdale AMF lanes, raised \$1,050.

Thanks to Ashley Falanga for creating the ARR chant which was set to "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" in recognition of the event's baseball theme.

*Take me out to the ball game
Take me out with the crowd
My ratty will eat my crackerjax
He won't care if we never get back.*

*Let's root root root for the Ratties
Rescuing them is the game.*

*For it's one, two, three rats are saved
At the old ball game!*



Top: Jason, Rob and Sean
Bottom: Jennifer, Aliya, Jenna, Keli and Margaret



Keli Quinn takes her lane.



Aliya, looking beautiful as always!

A REMINDER:

Any Rat Rescue is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and donations are tax deductible.


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Thank *you* for your generous support!




Good News!





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NEW 24 HOUR SCHEDULE

Dear Valued Client,
We are excited to announce that we are going to a **24 hour schedule**, 7 days a week. For your convenience our regular hours will be from 8:00am to 8:00pm and the exam prices will remain the same. All plan discounts will be kept the same during the hours of 8:00am to 8:00pm (M-F).

We want to also announce the hiring of Dr. Kimberly Wangen and Dr. Jill Kirshenbaum, who will be our night time doctors. They are both graduates of The University of Illinois. They will be on duty from 8:00pm until 8:00am and welcome all pets including exotics. **Extended Hours Exam prices** will be \$85.00 from the hours of 8:00pm to 8:00am.



Help out Any Rat Rescue by donating a Sprouts Card today. This goes a long way in assisting the rescue to make food mixes used by our foster homes and given to new adopters as part of the adoption package.

A gift card enables us to shop NOW instead of waiting for the next sale. Send one in today!



Join Goodsearch.com to raise funds for Any Rat Rescue. Goodsearch donates money to your favorite cause when you search the Internet, shop online or dine out at local restaurants! Use Goodsearch.com to search the Internet and they donate a penny per search to your cause. Also, use Goodshop.com when you shop online and they donate a percentage of every purchase.

Big hugs to all who contribute to help us help the ratties!



ARR is an all-volunteer organization without a bricks-and-mortar shelter.
We are a success because of our amazing network of foster homes.
Many, many thanks to our wonderful ARR fosters:

Stacey Ahart

Raina Bauer

Noah Benson

Traci Brazel

Carolyn DeLaney/Jaimee Corbet

Rebecca De La Torre

Roseanne Delgado

Elizabeth Ermel

Paige Heckel

Shauna Morrison

Val Nikolaus

Jacob Pratt

Keli Quinn

Julie Robbins

Tony Sola

Bethany Valdivia

Kathy Weber

Frank Winborn

Interested in becoming a foster or quarantine home? Please call us: 480-663-3338.

ARR Expands Tucson presence

Summer 2013 was a time of expansion for Any Rat Rescue. The Tucson chapter of ARR was formalized, with Brandi Saxton and Roseanne Delgado at the helm. Brandi has been involved with ARR for quite some time and has her own well-known publication; *It's a Rat's World*.

The group does regular tablings at the Tucson Bookman's store on Speedway, and have been very successful thus far.

This is exciting news for ARR and so very lucky for all of the rats that will be helped by Brandi and Roseanne's efforts.



Adoption Success!

Meet Minnie! Minnie is one of the ARR rats who was adopted twice. She is a great 2nd chance story. She somehow didn't do well at the first home but shined in the second! Although she had a history of some nipping, and a large tumor, she is now a loving great companion for rat and human alike.



Her new owner, Louise Perry, reports that, "Minnie is doing brilliantly. She adores Merlin, and has completely lost any slight tendency to nip us, even fingers through bars (other than a gentle 'are you food..?' way). She's really rejuvenated Merlin, who appears months younger since he met her. We all love her."

Congratulations Minnie and Louise!

MEDS DON'T MIX WITH CALCIUM!

Remember to wait at least 30 minutes before give you rats anything with calcium in it after giving them antibiotics. Enrofloxacin(Baytril) and Doxycycline will not absorb, so do keep this in mind so your rats get the maximum effect of their medication.

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Adoptions in 2013=150!



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