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NEWSLETTER

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Any Rat Rescue is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization

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Petfinder help needed

Are you frequently online? Do you love ratties? Do you have basic photo editing skills? Do you want to help rats in need find loving, forever homes?

Any Rat Rescue is seeking a volunteer to coordinate our Petfinder pages. This is a great opportunity to help the rescue from home, even if you are not in the local area.

The Petfinder coordinator corresponds with the ARR Director and foster homes to get information and photos of adoptable ratties; sizes and edits photos (sometimes making collages and inserting names) and posts them with their bios to our Adoptables page on Petfinder. You'll also have the joy of removing ratties from the list when they are adopted!

Petfinder's content management system is easy to use and this volunteer opportunity should only take an hour or two per week ... perhaps even less. If you're interested, please contact Janet Cooper, ARR Communications Coordinator, c/o info@anyratrescue.org.

Thanks so much for considering this important volunteer opportunity!





Special Events



This year's theme is "Radicle Rats!" Our team is adopting a beach/surfer theme. We'll all Hang 10 to raise money for ARR. Come wearing your best beach gear and cheer us on. A pledge form and details are on the next page.



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.

And we always need 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 36x18x24". The long cage is the "Villa" measuring 29x18x31". Please contact Jenna Lillibridge to obtain one or more. 480-663-3338 or info@anyratrescue.org. Hurry, supplies are limited!



presents the 12th Annual

BOWL-A-RAMA for Animal Rescue



Saturday, August 9, 2014
1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

AMF Scottsdale Lanes
7300 E. Thomas Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Want to bowl? Want to support Any Rat Rescue?

Contact Any Rat Rescue Bowl-A-Rama Team Captain

Jennifer Mahoney-Sty

fondue.jms@gmail.com or 480-225-5226

Please collect pledges and return at the event, or coordinate with Jennifer. You can also make individual contributions by PayPal to info@anyratrescue.org. Please specify Bowl-A-Rama in your message.

Thanks for helping us help find loving, forever homes for any rat in need.



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PLEDGE FORM

Your Name: _____ Your Organization: **Any Rat Rescue**

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It All Adds Up! For example...

If you fill up just the one Pledge Form with 25 pledges for only \$10 each, that's \$250! If only an additional 9 of your organization's supporters do the same, that's \$2,500!!!
Imagine the possibilities if your ENTIRE organization joins in by filling up even more Pledge Forms! The more effort put forth, the more animals that will benefit!

World Rat Day 2014

Saturday, April 5th was a very special day for Any Rat Rescue. In addition to celebrating World Rat Day, ARR turned 10 years old! Yes, 10 years later we are still helping rats find their forever homes, all thanks to Gus and Walter who inspired the inception of the group.

The celebrations included a crazy gift exchange where participants brought wrapped gifts which were selected by number drawing but could not be kept if the following person chose to "steal" a previously chosen gift. We have some very creative gift givers out there and thanks to those who made items that were sold or gifted during the event.!



Never a more fitting cake to Commemorate the day.



Above: Amber Spisak signs the adoption papers.
Right: Rachael and Sarah pose with their newly

And true to any party there was cake and presents! A special ARR cake was shared by all, and every adopter went home with a goodie-bag full of ratly fun.

The event raised more than \$600, all of which goes right back into helping all of those ratties in need of foster care, food and vet care in addition to finding their forever homes.

Even with all of this fun, one of the most important events of the day came when the Spisak Family became the forever home to two boys and later, two spayed females.

What a perfect way to end such a great celebration!



Tucson Chapter Hosts Tabling at Bookman's!

Join them at
6230 E. Speedway Blvd.
Tucson, AZ
Saturday, July 26th
Saturday, August 2nd
Saturday, September 6th
2 pm - 4 pm



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	Roseanne Delgado	Julie Robbins
Noah Benson	Paige Heckel	Tony Sola
Bria Cooper	Shauna Morrison	Bethany Valdivia
Rebecca De La Torre	Keli Quinn	Frank Winborn

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

Have you ever adopted a lab rat?
(*deadline Aug. 1*)



Any Rat Rescue has been contacted for help! Dr. Frank McMillan of Best Friends Animal Society is preparing a presentation titled "Life after research: the psychological well-being of animals following release from the laboratory." He's pulling information on how animals of different species adjust when they are lucky enough to 'get out.' There are a handful of scientific articles which have looked at former research animals, but they involve primarily dogs.

Dr. Frank recently returned from spending a week at the Kindness Ranch in Wyoming, which takes in only former research animals. He got to meet their dogs, cats, pigs, sheep and horses, but they have no rodents. He wants to round out his research by gathering information from any adopters of former research rodents - especially rats and mice.

If you fall into this category and are willing to share your story for this important project, please complete the brief survey via the link below by Aug. 1:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/retiredresearchratsQSF76YM>

Dr. Frank is an Any Rat Rescue adopter and supporter and we are very grateful for his dedication to these loving, intelligent creatures, as well as for the very fine work done by Best Friends. Thanks for lending your experiences to this important project.



Adoptions in 2014=65!



Don't forget to visit <http://www.anyratrescue.org/> to see all of the cute furry friends just waiting for you to give them their forever home!



In the News:

Check out this great feature about Any Rat Rescue on **"The Animal Rescuers"**:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?>

Want to find a good rat vet?


Need to check the Rat Guide?

Looking a rat-sitter?


Please visit the "Links" page of our website at www.anyratrescue.org for great referrals!

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 keep this in mind so you rats get the maximum effect of the medication.



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petvetad@gmail.com
www.tsvcpets.com
Need Directions? [Map It!](#)



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.

Special Thanks!

Thank you Morgan from Bootlegs Screen Printing for the donation of 20 ARR volunteer t-shirts, 12 ARR tote bags and Get Past the Tail pins from her business, www.bootlegscreenprinting.com! Morgan is an ARR adopter and was involved in the rescue of a group of adult rats from a situation in Prescott last year.



Additional ways to help



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 donates a penny per online search to your cause. Use Goodshop.com when you shop online and they donate a percentage of every purchase. You can find details at Goodsearch.com



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