

**Animal Rescue Foundation of SE PA Awarded "Rescue of the Year"**  
***Delaware County SPCA Honors Local Rescue Organization***

**(MEDIA) November 7, 2007** – The Animal Rescue Foundation of Southeastern PA (ARF SEPA) was honored by the Delaware County SPCA as Rescue of the Year at a "Concert for Critters" on November 10th at the Media Theater, featuring Robert Hazard.

ARF SEPA is an all-volunteer organization that rescues pets out of public shelters, and partners with the Delaware County SPCA. The organization utilizes a network of foster homes to house pets – dogs, cats and bunnies - instead of operating a traditional shelter.

ARF was recognized by the SPCA because of the unprecedented number of animals they pulled from the shelter – 378 in just a year and a half – as well as their efforts to help prevent unwanted animals in the first place with spay and neuter programs.

"By fostering the 378 animals and finding them homes, they allowed the SPCA to help that many more animals," said SPCA Executive Director, Nicole Wilson. "And combined with their dedication to spay/neuter programs, ARF was just the obvious choice for Rescue of the Year," she added.

Jennifer Coccodrilli, ARF's Director said, "We are very grateful for this honor. The SPCA reaches out to rescues like ARF looking for help when their kennels are full, and it's ARF's pleasure to be able to assist by taking pets at risk."

She went on to say, "We are proud of our partnership with the SPCA, and encourage all rescues to assist the shelter by taking pets from their kennels into foster care."

In almost two years, ARF has rescued over 900 animals from a variety of sources and placed them in to forever homes. The organization is always looking for more volunteers to provide foster homes, and assist with marketing and fundraising. Contact Jennifer Coccodrilli at [info@arfsepa.com](mailto:info@arfsepa.com).

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The Animal Rescue Foundation of SE PA, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated solely to the welfare of homeless and at-risk pets. More information about ARF can be obtained at [www.arfsepa.com](http://www.arfsepa.com) or call (610) 994-4300.

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