



The Little Guild of Saint Francis

Newsletter

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ARTdogs of Kent

ARTdogs of Kent was a fundraising collaboration of artists, business owners,



Christopher Marlow presenting *Good Dog* to The Little Guild.

students, and residents to benefit The Little Guild of St. Francis, Kent Kats, and the Kent Chamber of Commerce. The Creative Director of ARTdogs, Sandra Fillippucci, gave form to ARTdogs' President Jill Zinzi's idea by designing the logo, poster, and website, and together with Melissa Zeppa of Zeppa Studios (a ceramic giftware shop in Kent) designed an 80-page full-color book that they hoped would arrive in shops before Christmas. The posters and book will continue to generate funds for all three organizations.

The ARTdogs project culminated on November 5, 2004 after 3 weeks of eBay auctions. One buyer, Christopher Morley of Sharon, secured 11 ARTdogs. Incredible! He said it was an amazing opportunity to buy art that would have cost much, much more in a gallery. He then donated Christopher Armstrong's *Good Dog* to The Little Guild saying that, "it was the perfect dog to have chosen

to represent how The Little Guild is a guardian angel to so many sick and abandoned animals."

Considered by many to be the most successful fund-raising event in the town's history, it was particularly unusual for such a small town (under 3,000 residents) to have managed such a complex project so well. In large part, the organizers said, it is a testament to the love so many people have for animals and in particular, the respect for The Little Guild itself.



Good Dog by Christopher Armstrong.

A Note from the Director



Before facing dozens of homeless cats, consider your needs and expectations. If yours is a full-time working household, I recommend passing up kittens and adolescents (3–18 months) in favor of a more low-key adult whose energy needs

will be easier to meet. If you are a novice cat owner, stay away from “excessive” cats—excessively shy, aggressive, or demanding—for they may provide too great a challenge for your first experience. Your best bet is the friendly, outgoing cat that nudges an outstretched hand and who purrs when you hold him in your arms. This profile is a particularly good choice for families with children younger than seven years of age.

Is coat or pattern important? By all means, choose a cat who attracts you, but remember that the gorgeous calico hiding at the back of her cage may well go into prolonged hiding once she is released into your home. A cat that is social and relaxed at the shelter usually has the aplomb to meet the stresses that life throws her way. Consider the whole cat, not just one element. A cat in your life can add warmth, humor, and peace of mind. If you can make the commitment, a cat is waiting to enhance your life in ways that only a kindred spirit can. One small cat can change coming home to an empty house to coming home.

Thank You...

- Thanks go out from all of us here at The Little Guild to our outgoing president, R. Christopher Walton, who served us well through a long period of transition that was made easier by his calm and able leadership. Thanks Chris!
- A sad farewell to Vickie Beller-Smith and Natalia Zunino, who have left the Board to pursue other interests in their busy lives after many years of service to The Little Guild and to this newsletter. They will be missed.

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Dear Little Guild

Thank you for Dina! I know it's only been a few hours but I am so glad I came to The Little Guild. Dina is a true sweetheart. All afternoon long she played with Spencer. Our other dog Elizabeth played referee a few times. It is quite obvious that she is an affectionate and smart little girl. I gave her a treat and said "sit," and she sat and put her paw up to shake. Two things for the price of one! She also asks to go outside and does her thing. I am a true believer that things happen for a reason, I was searching for a puppy and for some reason I couldn't find one. The reason...I have a beautiful new addition to my family sleeping by my foot.

Thank You Again, Maria Bonetti

To All My Friends at The Little Guild,

I just want you to know how happy I am at my new home. Everyone loves me very much. I have loads of toys to play with. My friends include a cat named M+M, a dog named Lilly, and a bird named Paulie that I want to eat but my owners won't let me. I miss you all. Thank you for letting me go to such a nice home. I hope to visit soon.

Love, Pavarotti Osborne



Dear Staff,

Sunday, September 26, I took Pearl and Phil home. They are already enriching my life. They are a great joy to have. Phil is quite the character. He seems to be thrilled that there are two floors in his new home and a big screened in porch. Pearl is very affectionate. She sits on my bed mornings with her dainty front paws crossed supervising my morning dressing. This morning Phil jumped on the counter to supervise the preparation of their breakfast. He

wants anything Pearl has and is not shy about it. She is very tolerant. I am hoping that with all the play and having to go up and downstairs to use the facility Pearl will lose weight. I am keeping her on her diet.

It is wonderful to watch their individual personalities come to life. I thought you would like to know they have found their forever home with someone who already loves them to pieces.

Sincerely, Karen Leffingwell



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On behalf of the Board of Directors and all the dogs and cats you have helped, we would like to thank you for your support of our shelter. You have made it possible for us to help these beautiful animals that have found themselves homeless through no fault of their own. Please know that we are very grateful for your support.

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Skred, Lily, and Wiz and Skibby
Squeaker

Blackie
Dok
Guy
Mr. Pig
Roscoe
Mikos
WonderDog
TJ
Whiskey

Cloudy
Deuce and Bogie
Connor
Miss Kitty
Pumpkin
Stosh
Chip
Mackey Krenitsky

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Welcome New President



Khurshed Bhungara, our newly elected President from Sharon, comes to us after working in corporate America and most recently as the Vice President of Pocantico Associates, a privately held multifaceted real estate development and investment company, located in New York. Currently he works as a consultant in the area of asset management.

At Pocantico, Mr. Bhungara was responsible for all investments and the management, refinancing, and eventual disposition of the various real estate assets. In his career he has managed or been involved with almost a half-billion dollar's worth of real estate transactions.

His vision for The Little Guild is to increase its endowment so that it can operate in a self-sufficient manner and still fulfill its mission as a no-kill animal shelter.

"I feel that we do an excellent job of temperament testing our dogs and am pleased that we interview prospective adopters so that the pet and the new owner form a good match for each other. We have a state-of-the-art facility after our expansion and I want to see it used to its fullest capacity," he stated.

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