

2022 Annual Impact Report



151 Dogs Supported
500 People Supported



AGAPE
animal rescue & training center

ABOUT AGAPE

AGAPE (PRONOUNCED AH'- GAH - PAY)
IS GREEK FOR "UNCONDITIONAL LOVE."

WHO WE ARE:

Established in 2004, Agape Animal Rescue & Training Center is a 501c3 non-profit rescue based in Middle Tennessee. We are dedicated to finding forever families for abandoned and displaced dogs while cultivating better communities through dog training, owner education and outreach programs.



WHAT WE DO:

Through our work with both animals and humans, Agape strives to make Middle Tennessee a more inclusive environment where everyone can experience the transformative benefits of responsible, humane pet ownership.

← MEET IAN

Ian joined the Agape program after our team deployed to Florida to assist with Hurricane Ian relief efforts. This handsome and friendly boy is undergoing treatment for a skin condition, all while enjoying life in a temporary foster home with lots of farm animals as friends.



ADOPT

All of our dogs have been fully vetted including vaccinations, spay/neuter, tested for heartworms, and are current on preventative medications. Each adoptive family is supported by an Agape team member to make sure the dog's transition is stress free and a positive experience. We are proud of our 99% retention rate for Agape adoptions!

FOSTER



Agape wouldn't exist without our foster families nurturing adoptable dogs until they find forever homes. While Agape is financially responsible for the dogs in the program, the foster parents provide a loving, temporary home. We offer group classes to our foster families where they learn basic training skills and gain a better understanding of general dog behaviors and needs.

FOREVER FOSTER



Our Forever Foster program supports dogs who are unlikely to be adopted due to special medical needs or senior status. By supporting their foster families with the cost of their care, families do not have to worry about cost becoming a burden.

PUPPY



Agape is dedicated to saving pregnant dogs and orphaned puppies ages 6 months and under. These puppies come to us from shelters and animal control agencies where they may have otherwise been euthanized.



COMMUNITY CANINE COACHING

Our certified trainer delivers training to organizations in Middle Tennessee and works to offer affordable, accessible training to foster families, adoptive families, and eventually, all pet owners in our community, always using positive reinforcement and force-free methods.

SENIORS FOR SENIORS

Senior dogs are often overlooked in shelters while their younger counterparts are adopted at much higher rates. Our Senior for Seniors program aims to level the playing field for deserving dogs in their twilight years by waiving adoption fees for adopters 60 years of age or older who adopt a dog aged 6 years or older.

COMMUNITY KIBBLE

Financial hardships can be devastating for a family. Our Community Kibble Program helps families keep their pets by providing pet food on a temporary basis. Our goal is to keep beloved pets from entering the overwhelmed shelter system, where they are subject to extreme stress and possible euthanasia.



MICRO-CHIPPING

Agape microchips all of our dogs thanks to support from the Barbara J. Mapp Foundation. Microchipping saves lives by helping reunite lost dogs with their pet parents. We believe microchips are an important part of our overall mission to ensure the lifelong safety of our rescue animals.



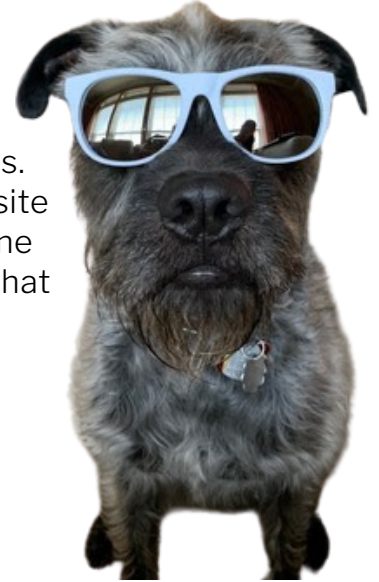
ROCKY "OUR MISSING PIECE"

The Dandrea family was ready to bring a new furry friend into their lives. With their hearts set on a small older female dog, well, the exact opposite happened. "What we got was an eleven-week-old male that now tips the scales at 60 pounds!" adopter Rebecca says. "I may not have gotten what I wanted, but we certainly got exactly what we needed!"

Rocky has changed their lives for the better. "He's the most loving, funniest, sweetest boy! And the greatest addition to our family," says Rebecca. It was, as some of the best love stories go, love at first sight. "He was our missing piece," Rebecca shares.

Though they didn't think they'd be raising a puppy, Rocky was already a rockstar at his house training and made life so much easier than they expected. "We are so thankful to his foster mom, Chelsea, for all the hard work she put in before we adopted Rocky. He came to us crate trained and almost potty trained, which was a huge blessing! He caught on right away going to the back door and scratching to let us know he needed to go outside to potty, and he has long since graduated from the crate to sleeping in an oversized chair in our bedroom."

Rocky's family describes him as a big character, an extremely nosey boy. He LOVES to howl at sirens (which makes everyone laugh) and has a nickname, Neighborhood Watch, because he likes to sit in his chair on the deck and survey what's going on outside. Rocky just wants to be part of everything and his family enjoys how he lives life to its fullest.



Adopted



"He's definitely a momma's boy, until dad starts the truck," laughs Rebecca. "Then he drops me like a hot potato!" He knows where Chris keeps the keys and when he hears the sound, he'll come running. Rocky also enjoys snuggling with his sister Harper and rough housing with his brother Chase, and going for walks around the neighborhood with Rebecca and the kids. This boy LOVES water, and plays in his kiddie pool and in the hose during the hot summer months.

Rocky is living his best life, "He's the best thing to happen to us," Rebecca says. "I don't want to know a world without Rocky. We would be so lost without him! You can follow Rocky's adventures on Instagram @shotgun_rocky. Thank you, Agape, for helping us find our perfect boy!"

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at-risk pups brought into Agape's Signature Foster and Adoption Program



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86

families and their dogs received support from Agape's training program

60

dedicated foster families prepared them for their new lives

Thank you for
an amazing
2022

63

of these families attended at no-cost or received financial assistance

42

pups found their perfect forever family!

46

additional families and their pets served through community partnerships

22

Middle Tennessee
Zip Codes Served

99%

adoption retention
rate maintained!

96

training classes covering topics from crate training to resource guarding

20

dogs did not enter the shelter system due to Agape's safety net programs

