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AN APPLE A DAY FOR ARF'S SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC
Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation receives generous donation

WALNUT CREEK, California – August 29, 2003 – As the doors opened on Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) new Adoption and Education Center, two special donors stepped up to the plate in support of ARF's life-saving work. Mr. Philip Pitchford of Rolling Hills, California and his father, Mr. Clyde Pitchford, a resident of Lafayette, California, donated \$225,000 in August 2003 to benefit ARF's spay/neuter clinic.

This state-of-the-art spay/neuter clinic will provide spay and neuter surgeries that will help break the cycle of overpopulation in the community. "My Dad and I are so pleased to be able to jump-start ARF's spay/neuter clinic", says Phil Pitchford. The clinic will also provide veterinary care for new ARF arrivals being readied for adoption as well as provide low-cost services for dogs and cats.

The ARF campus also features an adoption center, learning center and dog training pavilion. The new facility will reach out to the community, bringing people and animals together. The grounds have been carefully designed and the landscaping will feature a family-oriented park-like setting. Dog exercise yards, courtyards and meandering paths will round out the design, making it an magical experience for young and old, animals and people alike.

ARF's new 37,700-square-foot facility will draw thousands of human visitors each year who want to experience first hand the wonderful connection between humans and animals. It will serve as national headquarters for innovative programs that bring the healing touch of animals to people in need.

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