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STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER

Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation rescues military families

WALNUT CREEK, California – July 15, 2004 – If you're looking for a way to support the troops in Iraq, Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) has the perfect opportunity for you to show your patriotism! Two precious "military" pooches recently rescued by ARF are currently up for adoption at ARF's shelter as they eagerly await a loving family who will take both together into their home.

These two cuties were inseparable at their previous Lemoore Air Force Base home. Sadly, their owner was recently called up and shipped overseas to serve his country and protect democracy in the less fortunate Iraq. With a heavy heart, the owner was forced to turn these two family members in at the Hanford Shelter in the Central Valley, where ARF rescued them. Both dogs had been well cared for as the female was spayed and the male still in possession of his neutering sutures, and both are happy and in excellent health.

ARF is hopeful to keep these pups together and hope you can help achieve this goal. The seven-month old male is a yellow Labrador mix and the 2 ½ year old female is an adorable Bassett Hound mix.

Please perform your service to these dogs, just as their previous owner currently performs his service to our country by adopting them together. If you'd like additional information on these dogs, please call Elena Bicker at 925-296-3116. A color photograph of these cute canines is also available by email via ebicker@arf.net.

ARF's People Connect programs strengthen the human animal bond for the elderly; residents of assisted living centers, teens at juvenile hall, high school students, grade school students and young children through programs that are national models of excellence. ARF programs allow people to experience the unconditional love and acceptance of dogs and cats.

ARF's Adoption and Education Center saves the lives of loving dogs and cats who have run out of time at public shelters. ARF gives another chance at life to dogs and cats who otherwise may be killed. ARF provides the care and attention they need, including spay or neuter surgery, until ARF finds them a new home of their own. People rescuing animals...animals rescuing people.

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