



## **ATLANTA PET RESCUE & ADOPTION**



### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Contact:

Betsey Blimline  
Atlanta Pet Rescue & Adoption  
720 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Atlanta, GA 30318  
404-643-2332  
fundraiser@atlantapetrescue.org

### ***Another Happy Tail from Atlanta Pet Rescue: Sparky Finds a Forever Home!***

**Atlanta, GA** – Atlanta Pet Rescue & Adoption is proud to announce that Sparky, the dog that was seen being dragged behind a car on Frontage Road on July 26, 2007, is now fully recovered and ready to find his forever home. His adoption ceremony will be held on Monday, November 19, 2007 at 11am at Atlanta Pet Rescue, 720 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Atlanta Georgia, 30318.

When Sparky arrived at Atlanta Pet Rescue, he was immediately taken to Paces Ferry Veterinary Clinic where he received urgent attention for his massive abrasions, many to the level of bone or muscle. The pads on all four feet were gone, as were the toenails and the tops of his feet, and extending up his forelegs. All four legs were bandaged, and staples were applied to hold the skin over the open wounds. Most of his wounds were weeping and infected. He was given a pain patch to help manage his horrific pain, and antibiotics to try to get the infection under control. The doctors at Paces Ferry Veterinary Clinic could not believe how quickly and well Sparky recovered - he was able to walk and show interest in the world from the first few weeks after the incident. Sparky was living on the line, happy to be alive, but flirting with death because of the great risk of infection overtaking him.

Once Sparky was released from intensive care he went to stay with Carolyn Baars, foster parent for Atlanta Pet Rescue, where he has been recovering for the past few months.

Atlanta Pet Rescue has received hundreds of applications for the adoption of Sparky. After weeks of careful review and contacting applicants for follow up questions, the number of applicants was narrowed down to the 20 best candidates, based on Sparky's specific needs. These candidates will be invited to meet Sparky in person on November 13, 2007 and a final decision will be based upon the results of these personal interviews and meetings. Sparky's official adoption will take place at Atlanta Pet Rescue on Monday, November 19, 2007 at 11am.

Atlanta Pet Rescue is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, no-kill, cage free volunteer based animal shelter operating on a shoestring budget. The shelter rescues and finds adoptive homes for over 1,200 homeless dogs and cats each year. Pets are available for adoption five days a week, Tuesday through Saturday at 720 14th Street in midtown, Atlanta. For more information on Atlanta Pet Rescue, please visit our web site, [www.atlantapetrescue.org](http://www.atlantapetrescue.org) or call 404.643.2332 and ask for Betsey Blimline, Director of Marketing and Development.

**720 14<sup>th</sup> Street NE • Atlanta, GA 30318  
404.815.6680 • [www.atlantapetrescue.org](http://www.atlantapetrescue.org)**