



ATLANTA PET RESCUE & ADOPTION



From left: Carolyn Baars (Sparky's former foster mother), David York (winning auction bidder), Chip Allen (a tearful new father of Sparky), Judith Price (Exec. Director of Atlanta Pet Rescue).

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Atlanta, GA – Atlanta Pet Rescue & Adoption received a \$5,000 donation on Thursday night, November 29th at their 6th Annual Paws for Cocktails fundraiser, in honor of **Sparky the Miracle Dog**. An original acrylic on canvas print of Sparky by locally and nationally renowned artist Marc Tetro was auctioned at the event and purchased for a \$5,000 donation to Atlanta Pet Rescue & Adoption by Mr. David York, owner of Barking Hound Village doggie daycare and boarding facilities. Then, in a moment that brought the entire crowd of over 500 guests to tears, Mr. York gave the print to Sparky's new adoptive father, Mr. Chip Allen of Forest Park.

The much-needed \$5,000 donation, along with an additional \$30,000 raised during the silent and live auction at the Paws for Cocktails fundraiser, will support the rescue and rehabilitation efforts of Atlanta Pet Rescue for the upcoming year. The event marked the sixth year of Paws for Cocktails, a cocktail party that has funded the rescue of hundreds of homeless dogs and cats in Atlanta over the past six years.

Sparky was seen being dragged behind a pickup truck on Frontage Road in late August. 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 some areas where he had 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. 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, Mr. Chip Allen was recently chosen as Sparky's new father. Sparky also now has a new big brother named Rocky.

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 or call 404.643.2332 and ask for Betsey Blimline, Director of Marketing and Development.

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