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Nine local all-volunteer animal rescue groups share \$5,700 in prize money from 2014 Rescue Rally

More than \$5,700 in donated cash and gift cards was awarded to participating volunteer animal rescue organizations at the 2014 Rescue Rally Awards Presentation on Friday, February 20. The annual competition rescued 143 animals.

Sponsored by **move to ACT**, Rescue Rally is in its fifth year. Local all-volunteer animal rescues participated to see which could pull the most animals from Indianapolis Animal Care and Control between November 1 and December 31.

Topping the awards list was Every Dog Counts, which pulled the most dogs, most cats, most black cats and most animals overall, a total of 65. Their efforts earned \$2,225.

In second place was Lucky Dog Retreat, with 34 animals rescued including the most black dogs, for \$1,150 in awards. Black animals are emphasized because they tend to be overlooked by adopters.

Pet Supplies Plus donated a \$20 gift card to each participating rescue. Participants and their cash prize totals were:

Every Dog Counts (65 animals)	\$2,225
Lucky Dog Rescue (34 animals)	\$1,150
ARPO (15 animals)	\$ 525
Mended Hearts (13 animals)	\$ 475
Tails and Trails (9 animals)	\$ 375
Casa del Toro (7 animals)	\$ 325
A Critter's Chance	\$ 150
INDY Claw	\$ 150
Love of Labs Indy	\$ 150

“Many, many thanks to all the private and corporate donors who made the prizes possible, and to the Milano Inn for hosting this and other **move to ACT** events,” said Warren Patitiz of **move to ACT**. “These small, all-volunteer rescues use every penny they receive for the animals, and they save so many lives.

“But the biggest winners, of course, are those 143 animals who now have a chance at a better life.”

Held at the Milano Inn on a frigid night, the presentation drew numerous animal welfare supporters including Dennis Papenmeier, recently appointed administrator of IACC.

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