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Rescue Rally 2014 saves 143 animals;
public is invited to Awards Presentation Feb. 20

Rescue Rally 2014, a friendly competition among Indianapolis's small, all-volunteer animal rescue organizations, pulled 143 dogs and cats to safety between November 1 and December 31. On February 20, more than \$4,000 in donated prize money will be awarded to the rescues that saved the most dogs, most cats, most all-black dogs and most all-black cats from Indianapolis Animal Care & Control.

The awards presentation will be held at the Milano Inn, 231 S. College Ave., at 7:00 p.m. February 20. The public is invited to join in the celebration of these hard-working rescues, find a treasure at the silent auction, and perhaps enjoy a meal from the Milano's menu.

"Small, all-volunteer rescues make a tremendous difference for homeless animals in our city," said Warren Patitz of **move to ACT**, which sponsors Rescue Rally. "We're delighted to see that IACC ended 2014 with an unprecedented save rate of 73%.

"The tireless efforts of these volunteer rescue groups are certainly a factor in that success."

Nine volunteer rescues entered this year's competition:

Every Dog Counts
Lucky Dog Retreat Rescue
ARPO
Mended Hearts
Tails and Trails
Casa Del Toro
Love of Labs Indy
Indy CLAW
Criticter's Chance

With no paid staff, these groups rely entirely on donated time and money to operate. Rescue Rally, an annual event launched by **move to ACT** in 2010, offers both financial reward and recognition for their efforts. In five years, Rescue Rally has saved 1,275 homeless animals.

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