



## Ginger's Success Story

Ginger was born with a congenital heart defect called Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA). There is a connection between the aorta and the pulmonary artery which normally closes after birth, but hers did not. This causes an improper circulation of blood, which means her lungs are not receiving enough oxygen-rich blood. If this is not repaired, she will mostly likely die of congestive heart failure before she is 1 year old. Repairing PDA is simple and Ginger can live a long and healthy life after surgery.

### Update May 8, 2009

The ARL could not afford this surgery for Ginger. We put out the call for help and the community responded. **Thanks to your generosity**, Ginger had her surgery this week and is recuperating in her foster home. She is doing very well and the biggest challenge for her foster family is keeping Ginger quiet for the next few weeks!

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Patty at the Animal Refuge League at 854-9771.