



Animal Welfare
League of Arlington

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The Animal Welfare League of Arlington Receives “Four Star” Rating

Arlington, Va. (September 19, 2007) The nation’s leading charity evaluator, Charity Navigator, has granted a “Four Star” rating to Arlington’s own humane society, the Animal Welfare League of Arlington. The Four Star rating is the highest honor a charity can earn from the watchdog group, indicating that the charity exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in its cause. Charity Navigator’s rating indicates the League’s fiscal responsibility and financial health.

The ratings are intended to provide givers with clear, objective and reliable assessments of the financial health of charities, helping potential donors make informed decisions before contributing. Charity Navigator’s Web site currently lists evaluations of more than 5,000 charities, which are available to the public free of charge. The evaluations are based on current IRS data and show how efficiently a charity uses its financial support and to what extent the charity is increasing its programs and services.

“We are very honored to receive this rating,” said Kay Speerstra, Executive Director. “It gives our donors assurance that their contributions are used in a responsible and careful way to further our mission of promoting animal welfare.”

The Animal Welfare League of Arlington is one of only three animal welfare organizations in Virginia to earn this honor. Charity Navigator’s review of the Animal Welfare League of Arlington’s fiscal health is available online at <http://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm/bay/search.summary/orgid/7152.htm>.

Since 1944, the Animal Welfare League of Arlington has been committed to the humane treatment of animals and to the promotion of animal welfare. The League provides temporary care and refuge for homeless and suffering animals, places animals in suitable homes, provides animal control services to Arlington County, educates the public, and provides a wide variety of community services.

To see animals for adoption visit the League, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, noon to 7:00 p.m. or Saturday and Sunday, 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. at 2650 S. Arlington Mill Drive; visit our Web site at www.awla.org.

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