

# PawpouRri

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## 2006 Annual Report



## The Year In Review

by Jean Crawford, President, Board of Directors

Our annual report details how many domestic animals and wildlife the League has received in the past year. These show an increase in the number of animals coming into the shelter and in the number of successful outcomes in every category over the previous year. And the coming year promises even more progress:

Since July, the League has been open both Saturday and Sunday, erasing the last vestige that there is any “day of rest,” least of all for busy animal lovers in northern Virginia. The Arlington County Board and the Peterson Family Trust provided the funds to make Sunday hours possible. (History trivia: Virginia’s “blue laws,” first adopted in Jamestown in 1610, were changed in 1974 to allow retail stores, except liquor stores, to stay open on Sunday. Until the 1970’s, the League was not open on weekends and closed at 5pm most weekdays – how life has changed!)

Spaying and neutering every dog, puppy, cat, and kitten before they go to a new home is now a reality with the help of the Washington Humane

Society’s Spay-Neuter Clinic of which we are a major sponsor.

Starting this past January the League has been microchipping all cats and dogs adopted from us and offering low-cost microchipping for the public’s companion animals at our rabies clinics – increasing the chances that more strays will be reunited with their owners for years to come.

Our network of “rescue groups” to which we release difficult to adopt animals is increasing. Our dog training, with the able assistance of Woofs! Dog Training Center, to alleviate “rambunctious personality disorder” is continuing. Medical treatment funded by the Woody and Mickey Healthy Pet Fund is expanding to alleviate acute conditions, such as a kitten with an injured leg or a beagle with glaucoma, and to make more animals ready for adoption.

What the numbers don’t tell is the story about each one of the animals that comes to us, both domestic and wildlife – this is a truly wonderful dimension of our work at the League: the 18-year-old, beloved cat who we

## League Services

### Emergencies in Arlington

We respond to animal emergencies 24 hours a day.

### Adoptions

We always have animals who need good homes. If you live in Alexandria, Arlington, D.C., Fairfax County or Falls Church, call us about adopting a companion.

### Animal Control & Cruelty Investigation

Animal control officers pick up stray dogs and respond to citizen complaints about animals in Arlington.

### Community Services

The League sponsors community services that help people and animals. Call (703) 931-9241, ext. 200, for information.

### Lost & Found

Call us to report all lost and found animals. We can help find animals' owners and return lost pets home again.

### Wildlife Rescue & Problems

We'll help get injured or abandoned wildlife to a licensed rehabilitator whenever possible. We'll also help you discourage wildlife from moving into your home.

### Rabies Control

See the calendar on the back cover for dates and times.

### Speakers & Humane Education

If your neighborhood is having animal problems or problems with irresponsible animal owners, you might want a League representative to address your civic association. We also present educational programs on many topics to schools and clubs. Call (703) 931-9241, ext. 213.

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reunited with its owner after he had been missing for two months; the kitten stuck in the engine of a motorcycle which was freed by our Animal Control Officer and the cycle owner after two hours of tinkering and nudging, and was subsequently adopted by the cyclist after the kitten was socialized in a foster home; ducklings and more ducklings – every spring – crossing roads, residing in swimming pools, fountains, puddles, and water sheds – they warm the cockles of everyone's hearts, even hardened commuters and public safety officers, and challenge the agility and ingenuity of our animal control officers to safeguard them in their treks across busy streets and highways; 16 Katrina dogs, puppies, and cats were fostered and then adopted after being brought back from the Gulf by two of our staff.

There are so many wonderful stories – some on our Web site: go to <http://www.awla.org> and click on Animal Watch to read a compendium of stories from our Animal Control Officers. For our dedicated staff and volunteers, the joy of adoptions and reuniting lost pets with owners outweighs the sadness of caring for animals that can't be adopted due to serious health or behavior problems, or in the case of critters, due to lack of adopter interest.

In addition to the domestic animals handled by the League, we deal with thousands of wildlife cases: from counseling county residents and businesses on how to get visiting wildlife out of their homes, offices, and trash cans to picking up, treating, and transporting injured and orphaned

wildlife to licensed wildlife rehabilitators.

Hundreds of children in Arlington participate in the League's educational programs and summer animal camps. We also provide humane education programs at senior centers and before other community groups. Our special events like the Biggest-Ever "Walk for the Animals" in May and this year's Catsablanca are fun community events that raise significant funds for the League's educational, community, and animal welfare programs

In the near future we hope to start work on a new annex at the League – a facility in which we can house and evaluate dogs arriving at the shelter prior to placing them for adoption. This will increase the number of dog runs available for adoptable dogs. More importantly, an annex will enable us to isolate dangerous or sick dogs from the others and prevent quarantines that can shut down our entire dog adoption program for weeks at a time.

The Board of the Animal Welfare League of Arlington appreciates the support and participation of the Arlington County Board, county staff, our dedicated volunteers, and extended community represented by all those who receive and respond to this quarterly newsletter and to our fundraising appeals. And we each truly appreciate working for such a progressive and responsible organization with an incredible staff. But most of all it's the animals and their people who make our involvement with the League a joy for each of us. I urge you to join us by adopting a pet, volunteering, or making a donation.



SIMON DAY OF GIVING™

## Simon Day of Giving

*Have fun shopping and support the League! Come to the Fashion Centre at Pentagon City on Sunday, November 19, 2006, for exclusive discounts, door prizes, food, and entertainment. Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be purchased at the League. The League will receive \$7.00 of each ticket purchased.*

# Fulfilling Our Mission

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 continues to...

*...provide temporary care and refuge for homeless and suffering animals...*



The Animal Welfare League of Arlington provides shelter for any animal that is brought to us regardless of breed, age, health, or behavior. There is no waiting list to surrender any animal. There is no deadline for an animal to stay at the shelter. In the past year we have not euthanized any dog or cat because of lack of space or adoption interest. Some pets stay for several months before the right person finds them. Some pets are brought in

with serious health or behavior problems. Some of these problems can be solved or at least improved and some cannot. We do our best to balance the welfare of the animals and the welfare of potential adopters and the community. Although we cannot place every animal in a new home, we have been increasing the number of animals adopted for the past few years.

<i>Animals Sheltered in Fiscal Years 2005 and 2006</i>		
	2005	2006
<b>DOGS</b>		
Total Intake	887	897
DOA*	34	39
OREU**	87	94
Live Intake	766	764
Adopted	226	295
RTO***	362	323
Transferred	0	9
Euthanized	153	141
<b>Positive Outcome Rate****</b>		
	77%	82%
<b>CATS</b>		
Total Intake	1375	1555
DOA*	101	110
OREU**	85	103
Live Intake	1189	1342
Adopted	554	754
RTO***	68	77
Transferred	0	15
Euthanized	450	506
<b>Positive Outcome Rate****</b>		
	52%	63%
<b>CRITTERS</b>		
Total Intake	316	549
DOA*	26	35
OREU**	11	43
Live Intake	279	471
Adopted	81	124
RTO***	5	8
Transferred	0	37
Euthanized	148	284
<b>Positive Outcome Rate****</b>		
	31%	36%
<b>WILDLIFE</b>		
Found DOA		574
Died		75
Euthanized		301
Rehabbed or Released		534
Total		1484

## Bunnies 101



Join us on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 22, from 2:00-4:00 pm, for an afternoon of rabbit talk! If you are thinking of adopting a bunny, have recently added one to your

family, or just want to learn more about them, this program will answer your questions. Learn about rabbit behavior, care, housing, and medical concerns. Bring pictures of your rabbits to share and meet some of our shelter bunnies. Presented by Pam Hurley of the House Rabbit Sanctuary. RSVP [jnewman@awla.org](mailto:jnewman@awla.org) or (703) 931-9241 x213.

*\*Picked up dead  
\*\*Owner-requested euthanasia  
\*\*\*Reunited with owner  
\*\*\*\*This is the percentage of live animals (not taken in dead or as owner request euthanasia) that had a positive outcome such as adoption, return to owner, or transfer to a rescue group or shelter.  
The positive outcome rate across all the animal shelter facilities in the Commonwealth of Virginia in calendar year 2005 was 62% for dogs, 41% for cats, and 61% for critters.*

## 4 Fulfilling Our Mission *Continued*

*...place animals in  
loving, responsible homes...*



*Dan & Dave, a bonded pair, adopted in July 2006.*

We take very seriously our responsibility to place animals in loving, responsible homes. Through on-line pet descriptions, direct animal-adoptive family meetings, adoption counseling, rental policy confirmation, and adoption follow-up, we try to make sure that each placement is for the animal's lifetime. We found new homes for more than 1,100 pets (a 36% increase over the number adopted last fiscal year).

### ***Crate Training***

Part of this success may be based on several new programs to increase the adoptability of animals. One is our Crate Training Program. Crating a dog can help in housetraining and in the adjustment to the new home. We often encourage our adopters to crate their new dog, however, if the dog has never seen or been in a crate before they may not respond positively. So, in order to make the transition into the new home less stressful for both the dog and the adopter, we begin the crate training here in the shelter. We hope that this training will make an

easier transition into the new home and as a result reduce the likelihood that the dog will be returned.

### ***Head Start***

We also continue to work with the trainers at Woofs! Dog Training Center in our "Head Start" Program. Many of the dogs that we have in the shelter are young and untrained and do not present themselves well to potential adopters. Not only does this program enrich the dogs' experience in the shelter by getting them out of the kennels more for interaction, socialization, and training, but our staff gets to know the dogs better and can provide more insight to potential adopters.

### ***Post-Adoption Support***

We also provide post-adoption support. We follow up with adopters once the animal is in the home and answer questions on behavior and training. We also provide advice and information to all pet owners in our community through our Behavior Helpline. The public can contact us

via phone or email to ask questions regarding the behavior and/or training of their own pets. If you have a question for our adoptions staff, you can call (703)931-9241x260 or e-mail [helpline@awla.org](mailto:helpline@awla.org) for our Behavior Helpline.

### ***Bonded Pairs***

Another initiative that we started this past year is the Bonded Pair Program. We sometimes have animals that are surrendered in pairs; these pets may have been together for years. When we see a strong bond between two animals, we consider them a bonded pair. When a pair of animals strongly relies on each other and would be healthier and happier living together, we will require that the pair be adopted together. We offer a discounted adoption fee for the pair and have successfully placed pairs of cats, birds, ferrets, dogs, and rabbits.

### ***Visibility***

We are always looking for new avenues to promote the adoption of available animals. Our own Web site [www.awla.org](http://www.awla.org) which posts photographs and descriptions of all our pets for adoption is probably our biggest source of potential adopters. We also post pictures with a local veterinarian (Caring Hands Animal Hospital) and in branches of Arlington libraries, in the [Arlington Connection](#) and [DC Examiner](#) newspapers, on [www.Petfinder.com](http://www.Petfinder.com), and at all events that we attend. We have participated in events by Charles E. Smith Commercial Realty, the Capital Pride Festival, as well as television appearances.

### ***Release to Rescue***

Our adoption staff continues to expand our Release to Rescue Program. From cross-posting animals that are available for adoption on partner Web sites, to breed or species-specific information sharing, to releasing animals to another group when kennel space becomes tight, there are many ways that we can work with local groups to educate pet

owners and share resources to promote the welfare of animals. We will work to expand our group of rescue partners beyond those already established.

**Healthy Pet Fund**

Another way that we make more animals appropriate for adoption is through increased medical care. In 2003, Julie Gould and Percy Ivy

started the Woody and Mickey Healthy Pet Fund to supplement the League’s growing veterinary care expenses. The fund benefits shelter animals by providing emergency medical care for stray animals and medical treatments, such as dental cleaning and orthopedic surgery, to make animals more likely to be adopted. In FY2006 the fund helped

37 animals. Starting this year, this fund will also help the League perform blood tests for our older animals to give us more information about their health status.

We look forward to another successful year of adoptions and the continued success of our current programs. We will continue to look for ways to enrich the lives of the animals here in the shelter and to offer services to the public and adopters to strengthen the human-animal bond.

*...provide animal control services*

*to Arlington County...*



at large, administering quarantines of pets, picking up animal carcasses, and investigating county and state animal code violations.

The League hosts eight low-cost rabies clinics for the public each year and in January we added low-cost microchipping. Anyone can attend these clinics, and no reservations are required. In fiscal 2006, with the help of Dr. Juan Castro of Banfield Seven Corners and Dr. Jerry Goldfarb of Fairfax Animal Hospital, we vaccinated 749 pets against the rabies virus and implanted 198 pets with permanent microchip identification.

Animal Control officers responded to more than 5,000 requests for assistance during fiscal year 2006, including checking local parks for off-leash dogs, assisting the police and fire department, catching dogs running

**Animal Control Highlights**

Dogs running at large	460
Pick up confined strays	263
Barking complaints	134
Bite investigations	113
Park patrols	1,198
Wildlife complaints	1,124
Assist police and fire	183
Investigate neglect	107

***Animal Control Goes Wireless***  
***By Kay Speerstra, Executive Director***

The League understands the role that technology plays in moving an organization forward. In the last few years we have increased our technical capabilities in many ways and now we are taking another step. In the next few months all the League’s Animal Control vehicles will have wireless laptop computers. This new technology will give us a more efficient way to communicate with the officers in the field.

Our officers spend much of their day out in Arlington County responding to requests for help from residents. Some calls involve wildlife and others involve companion animals in crisis. By having wireless access, the staff and volunteers back at the League can update current calls and add new calls with all the details for the officers to pick up at the click of a mouse. For years we have communicated with the officers via radio or cell phone. We will still have that capability, of course, but having wireless access will allow officers to research any history on cases, close out calls, and add notes about the call and any follow up that will be necessary. They can then see the next call and be on their way. Wireless access will make our officers even more efficient in responding to residents’ requests and aiding animals in crisis.

## 6 Fulfilling Our Mission *Continued*

*...educate the public and  
provide a wide variety of community services...*



### ***Humane Education***

In addition to the humane education provided in this newsletter, on our Web site at [www.awla.org](http://www.awla.org), and in our presence at numerous public events, including the Arlington County Fair, Super Pet Expo, and the Capital Pride Festival, the League offers education programs in schools, community centers, and at the shelter.

This year, the League has worked with the Arlington Career Center and Holton-Arms School to place student interns in the shelter and with animal control. The League has also worked closely with Ms. Garmus and Ms. Spencer of Gunston Middle School's Animal Club, whose purpose is to help students develop empathy for and understanding of animals, especially those who live with and around us.

Through the League's Humane Education Program for the 2006 Fiscal Year, League staff led 21 tours of the shelter and presented 42 humane education lessons to a total of 1,217 children and 187 adults.

### ***Volunteer Programs***

The League utilizes volunteers for nearly every aspect of shelter

operations. For the Fiscal Year 2006, the League welcomed and trained 91 new volunteers. This past year League volunteers gave approximately 12,300 hours, the equivalent of six full-time staff!

### ***Fostering***

League volunteers foster animals that are too young or that may not be socialized enough for

adoption. Volunteers take these animals into their homes until they are ready for adoption. For the Fiscal year 2006, League volunteers spent 2,901 hours in fostering 111 kittens, 10 puppies, and seven adult cats! Expenses for the fostering program, including food, supplies, and veterinary care for this year were just under \$5,000.

### ***Hantke Memorial Spay/Neuter Fund***

This program provides no-cost and low-cost neutering to low- and moderate-income pet owners. This year the program provided free neutering for 25 pets. We also provided low-cost neutering for 43 pets through our long-term collaboration with Dr. Jerry Goldfarb at Fairfax Animal Hospital.

We subsidized spay/neuter surgeries for 15 cats at our Spay Day event in February with Dr. Brown of Capital Cat Clinic, Dr. Tasi of Kingstowne Cat Clinic, and Dr. Newman of Caring Hands Animal Hospital. Caring Hands Animal Hospital also covered the cost of 10 dog neuters throughout March.

The total number of animals

neutered was 93 and expenses totaled approximately \$6,000.

### ***Senior Pet Adoptions***

Seventy-three people aged 60 and older adopted new companions at no fee through the support of the League and the Purina Pets for People Program. Even though these adopters paid no fee, they still received certificates for free initial veterinary exams for their pets and for reduced cost spay/neuter surgery, if needed.

### ***Veterinary Assistance***

The League provided no-interest loans for emergency veterinary care for 17 clients for a total of almost \$3000 in medical costs. One client was a student whose cat began throwing up a strange substance. She had already spent more than \$200 on treatment that did not resolve the problem. The League provided her with a no-interest loan for treatment at Fairfax Animal Hospital. The hospital determined that the cat had swallowed string, which had wrapped around its intestines. The animal hospital performed surgery to remove the string, and the cat is now doing fine. This client has almost completed repaying her loan so that other pet owners in need can benefit from this program.

### ***Safekeeping***

The League provided temporary, emergency care for 44 companion animals of people who found themselves in crisis this past year. Some of the reasons for safekeeping can be a house fire, owner death, or an owner's unexpected illness. One cat was brought to the League for safekeeping after her owner was hospitalized. The cat's owner later died, but the League cared for the cat until the owner's family arranged to transport her to Maine, where she was taken in by a family member.

# Katrina Rescue Updates *Jake is All Grown Up*

*Left: Jake at two months. Right: Jake at seven months.*



adventurous. Jake also learned new commands and tricks from school. On command, he now knows how to sit, stay, settle down, touch, drop/leave objects, crawl, and even shake your hands! He also loves car rides now, especially when the destination is the



Back in February 2006, we adopted a black and white Katrina puppy, then known as Clint and now known as Jake. When we first met Jake, he was only nine weeks old and weighed a little more than seven pounds. He was jet black with white patches on his chest and chin, had short legs, a very curly tail, a button-size nose, and small floppy ears. His daily activities consisted of eating, house-training, sleeping on his owners' laps, getting back rubs, and playing with fun chew toys. He wasn't very crazy about taking walks around the neighborhood, taking car rides, or going potty in the cold spring rain. He preferred sleeping in his warm and cozy crate. Or, when he was awake, he enjoyed eating, playing chase or tug, and destroying stuffed toys!

Today, Jake is a little taller and longer and weighs more than 40 pounds. He still has the same curly tail, but his button-size nose is a bit bigger as are his melt-your-heart eyes. But there's something even more noticeable in Jake these days. It's his ears! Gone are the small, floppy ears that used to hang on the sides of his tiny puppy head. These days we often hear people say: "Look at those ears!" Children often comment about Jake looking like a bunny rabbit, even asking their parents if "his ears stay up all the time like that?" And yes, they are always up! And like a bunny rabbit, Jake's favorite treat is carrots!

Since his graduation from training/obedience school, he is more socialized around other dogs and is more

local dog park. Recently, he returned from his first vacation in Maine to enjoy camping and visiting with family and friends.

Thank you to all our friends at the League for helping us adopt Jake. We are so grateful to all of you for rescuing him and his siblings. We're so happy to provide Jake all the love and care he deserves!

*Arlene and Chip*

*"These days we often hear people say: 'Look at those ears!'"*

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- Clips on water bottles

## 8 Katrina Rescue Updates

### Trevor and Family



We decided to adopt a puppy from the Animal Welfare League when our daughter turned 10 years old. A few weeks prior to Grace's birthday, I saw on the League Web site about an open house to spotlight pets that the League rescued from the Gulf Region. I decided to stop by to have a look. The puppies that were rescued from the Gulf Region were the sweetest little things and quite friendly despite their harrowing journey. I applied to adopt one cute and outgoing puppy. I filled out the paperwork and received some great advice and counseling from the League staff. Later, I brought in my daughter and she agreed that the little brindle puppy needed a home and ours would be just perfect for him. Maybe it was the way he rolled a tennis ball with his nose? Or, ran up to her with his wide eyes and little puppy paws? Who knows: we were enchanted!

A few days later, we had our "home visit" which was invaluable as we began to make plans to ready our home and life for our new addition. We were pleased with the adoption process, including making sure we understood the importance of veterinary care, identification tags, and a new microchip that will help us if our puppy becomes lost.

On the day we went to the League to

pick up Bubba, we met Katie, one of the League staffers who had rescued Bubba and his littermates and other pets. We were so impressed with her dedication to her work and her commitment to rescue these animals. We learned about the puppies staying in foster homes and the veterinary care they received prior to adoption.

Bubba held his name for a few weeks until a friend of Grace's suggested Trevor. We all liked the name and decided that it suited our puppy perfectly. We got Trevor when he was six lbs and now he's over 30. So much for a small dog! When Trevor first came home, he was a little shy, but that quickly ended, too.

Trevor's intelligence and a consistent effort by everyone in the family has helped him learn all the basic commands. Of course, treats help, and Trevor will do anything for food! He likes to be petted, too, and just recently he's begun to lie down and look for a belly rub!

Adopting a rescued pup has not been without its struggle. Because Trevor was underweight from a bacterial infection, or maybe because of his experiences prior to rescue, he's had some behavioral issues from the beginning. For example, he was a little shy and submissive at first, a little

*"We're especially grateful for the heroic efforts that our area has made to make a difference in the Gulf Region."*

fearful. So, on the advice of the League, we worked hard to provide a positive environment for him. We give him positive reinforcement with treats and other kinds of rewards, like a pat on the head or a scratch behind the ears. Since trying these things, his confidence has soared, and his fears have lessened over time.

We've had to enlist assistance from the League on some other behavioral issues related to being weaned too early. He can be extremely pushy, mouthy, and hard-charging. We have worked with a trainer/animal behaviorist to help Trevor overcome some of this negative behavior. One thing we've learned also applies to families: there's always a reason a puppy does what he/she does. So, as responsible pet owners, we've learned a lot about animal behavior and cues that can indicate what the pet's needs are at the moment.

The League provided us with more than a puppy to care for and love. They gave us tools that we use everyday as we take care of Trevor. We have benefited tremendously from this good advice, great reading materials, phone calls, and follow ups. It's also great to keep track of what's happening with Trevor's siblings.

We love our puppy Trevor and look forward to many years with our treasured new addition! Thanks to the League for rescuing his litter and so many other dogs, cats, birds, and other animals over the years and finding good homes. We're especially grateful for the heroic efforts that our area has made to make a difference in the Gulf Region.

*Mary and Michael*

# Atticus and His New Pal



“I really like my new home and want to thank everyone at the Animal Welfare League of Arlington who helped make it possible. I’m healthy now after some nice doctors at Cherrydale Vet Clinic treated me for respiratory illnesses and worms. Now that I’m better, I put my endless energy to good use, playing with my best cat

buddy, Copernicus, who’s about as old as me. We became best friends at first sight. No kidding! I couldn’t imagine life without him, and he’s an awesome wrestler just like me.

“The new house is great, too, because I can dart up and down the carpeted stairs, bat toys on the hardwood floors, and wildly chase reflections and shadows when the sun shines. I’ve found some great private spots, including curling up on the pillows on the bed in the second floor guest room, from which I can look out onto the backyard down below at the gardens and watch the many birds at the feeders and baths. I sometimes see the squirrels and rabbits, as well. They drive me nuts! Because I’m now an

indoor cat, I can only chase them from window to window.

“My new caretakers think that I’m especially cuddlesome. I’ve taken a particular shining to one of them: Todd, with whom I snuggle almost every morning in bed or crawl on his chest while he tries to read the newspaper. Don’t worry, I also sometimes go over and give Tom a kiss on the head or nip at his fingers.

“To sum it all up, I now have a home with lots of love, great cat and human pals, plenty to eat, and room to play. I’m happy and content, and can’t imagine living anywhere else. Thanks again to everyone at the Animal Welfare League of Arlington who helped to make my new life possible!”

*Atticus*

*“I’m happy and content, and can’t imagine living anywhere else.”*

# Buddy Settles in and Gets Cozy



*Tara and I adopted Alex, one of the dogs rescued from Mississippi, and his name is now Buddy! He is doing extremely well, and loves to go with us on our morning runs and play frisbee in the backyard. He has tested our patience, as he likes to munch on furniture when we are not home, but he is a very special part of our family and we love him very much! He has also gotten used to his big (though smaller in size) brother, Bailey the Cat...as you can see from the photo!*

*Ben and Tara*

# 10 Fundraising Highlights

## Donations

The Animal Welfare League of Arlington is grateful to all of our supporters whose donations enable us to provide essential services. Your support truly means a lot to the League and all the animals that pass through our doors. In FY2006, the League received \$208,334.56 from over 2,500 donors in response to our appeals, the business reply envelopes from Pawpourri, and unsolicited donations.

The League would like to send a special thank you to everyone who has donated items from our Wish List. The League is in constant need of pillowcases, towels, and used crates. (To see more items on our Wish List, please visit our Web site at [www.awla.org/wishlist.shtml](http://www.awla.org/wishlist.shtml).)

## Events

Every year the League hosts two major fundraisers. In May the animal-friendly Walk for the Animals



inspires walkers and donors alike to spread the good word about the League. This year we had 509 people register to walk and raised over \$70,000. In October 2005, more than 130 supporters attended our Silent Auction at the Arlington Arts Center, raising \$22,000.

## Friendraisers

Throughout the year, the League participates in several events to help raise money and awareness of animal welfare issues and League

services. Look for us at the Arlington County Fair, Barnes and Noble Wrapping Days, and the Super Pet Expo.

## Combined Federal Campaign

We received \$72,143 from the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and United Way donations. As the 2006 campaign starts, please consider designating the Animal Welfare League of Arlington (#8804) for your contribution.

## Bequests

Remembering the League in your will can turn your compassion for animals into a legacy for the future. This year the League received bequests from nine generous individuals totaling \$81,583. If you are interested in adding the League to your will, please contact Danielle Kouzoukas at [danielle@awla.org](mailto:danielle@awla.org) or at (703)931-9241 x220.

## Finances for FY 2006

### County Contract Operations FY2006

Under terms of a contract with Arlington County, the Animal Welfare League of Arlington provides the County's animal shelter and animal control services. Support from Arlington County for sheltering/animal control

\$867,073.00

County Expenses:

(\$1,103,307.19)

Excess expenditure over revenue\* (\$236,234.19)

\* The League subsidizes this deficit with its own funds

### League Operations FY 2006

League Revenue & Support\*\*:

\$545,286.64

League Expenses: (\$508,174.88)

League subsidy to County contract operations:

(\$236,234.19)

Total gain/(loss): (\$199,122.43)

\*\* In FY 2006, the League received \$ 97,482.82 in the form of bequests and grants from trusts which is not included in this total. The League also received a pledge of \$250,000 from a bequest.

### Revenue and Support FY 2006

Events (Fall Auction & Walk): \$89,604.09

United Way: \$72,143.22

Programs Revenue: \$170,244.42

Contributions\*: \$208,334.56

Arlington County Appropriations: \$867,073.00

TOTAL: \$1,407,399.29

\* Does not include \$97,482.82 in bequests and grants.

Also does not include pledge of \$250,000.

### Expenses FY 2006

Animal Control: (\$248,332.70)

Community Outreach: (\$303,541.20)

Shelter Operations: (\$854,974.49)

Management/General/

Fund Raising: (\$204,633.68)

TOTAL: (\$1,611,482.07)

### Temporarily Restricted Funds FY 2006

	Revenue	Expense	Total
Woody and Mickey			
Healthy Pet Fund	\$6,485.00	(\$6,396.02)	\$88.98
Hantke Memorial			
Spay/Neuter Fund	\$9,856.27	(\$6,190.76)	\$3,665.51
TOTAL:			\$3,754.49

# Donor Spotlight: Judy Steele



Judy Steele was the top individual fund raiser for the 2006 Walk for the Animals raising \$2,525 in support of the League and all the animals in our care. This is the story of her beloved dog Jack and how she became involved with the League.

My first introduction to the League was before Jack came into my life. I first learned about the League in 1995 from a neighbor, Erin Powell, who volunteered at the League and served on the first Walk committee. I actually accompanied the volunteers

that laid out the route. I participated that year with my brother's dog, Max, and we won the "owner/dog look-a-like" contest. So I started out a winner at the first Walk.

Then in the blizzard of 1996, my wonderful cat, Pudder, had a stroke. Three neighbors helped me drive and push my car over to the League in the blizzard. The League technicians were very kind in helping me with my final responsibility to Pudder—a humane euthanasia.

Two years later I decided to get a dog. I happened to see Jack at the St Patrick's Day parade in Alexandria in March 1998. He had been found abandoned in Alexandria. He had only one working eye so my brother named him One-Eyed Jack, and history was made. I fell in love with him instantly and adopted him from

the Alexandria League. He has been my beloved companion and Walk for the Animals partner ever since.

Three years ago I happened to be the third highest donor at the Walk and that got my competitive juices going. This year I knew it would be Jack's last year to do the Walk because he is battling cancer, and I wanted him to go out as a champion. Also, the week before the walk, some friends of mine had to put down their Dalmation, Drew Stroud-Sturgis, and League staff came to their house to help them. My friends were very grateful to the League, and that motivated me to give a large personal donation.

My support of the League (with Jack's help) has been very rewarding, and I want to share some life lessons that Jack has taught me:

Enjoy the moment. Don't forget to smell the roses (before you pee on them!). It's not about catching the squirrel, but the chase. Nothing refreshes you more than a nice walk. If you are friendly to someone, they will probably be friendly to you.

*Judy Steele*

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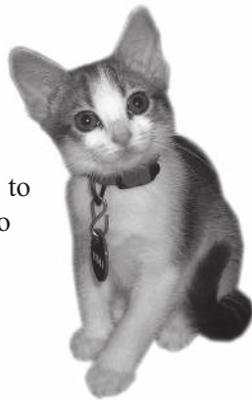
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Our CFC/UW designation number is **8804**



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Closed Tuesday

Noon – 7:00 p.m. Wed. - Fri.

Noon – 4:00 p.m. Sat. - Sun.

## Receiving Incoming Animals:

8:00 a.m. – 10:30 p.m. daily

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