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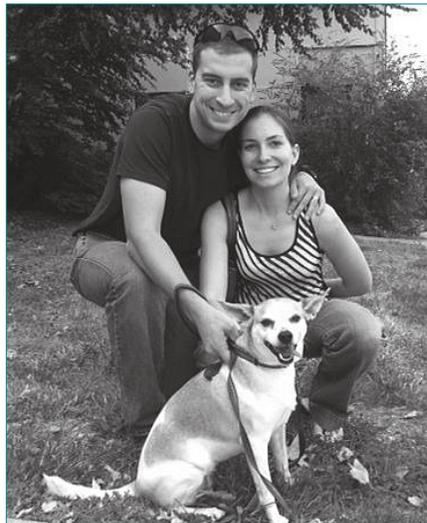


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2012 Annual Report Teamwork Breeds Success

by Mark Treadaway
Chair, AWLA Board of Directors



Nina has found her forever family.

The entire Board of Directors of the Animal Welfare League of Arlington is deeply grateful for the support our organization has received from so many volunteers, adopters, donors, sponsors, and community members. Every single contribution, no matter how large or small, is significant and makes miracles happen for homeless animals every day. As we look back over the past fiscal year, it is this broad support and teamwork that has resulted in a year of many successes.

We found permanent, loving homes for 1,110 animals that came under our care. We reunited 306 lost animals with their owners. We spayed or neutered 720 shelter animals before adoption. We also did blood tests, ultrasounds, xrays, and dental surgery to make animals healthy prior to adoption. We transferred in 83 animals from other shelters and rescue groups to give them a better opportunity for adoption.

Our fundraising efforts have reaped great rewards. The Give to the Max Day

online fundraiser netted over \$19,000. We applied for and received a \$20,000 grant from the Baker Trust to undertake a preliminary redesign of our cat housing space. CFC/United Way contributions brought in over \$142,000. This generous support makes it possible for us to provide the very best care for our animals.

Our trap-neuter-return program for free roaming cats is now well established. It has ended the sad duty of feral cat euthanasia in our shelter and has begun the process of reducing the feral cat population in Arlington and the City of Falls Church. Surgeries are done by our Veterinary Director, Dr. Christine Cottey, and there is no cost to the cat care givers. In fiscal 2012 we spayed/ neutered and vaccinated 140 cats from Arlington and the City of Falls Church.

The most exciting event of the year was the Best in Shelter competition, the brainchild of famed mystery writer Martha Grimes. Ms Grimes invited four area organizations to submit videos for a virtual dog show. Her intention was to promote adoption by showing the public that shelter dogs are just as happy, healthy, and loving as “show” dogs. The public voted for their favorite video, and the winning shelters received \$50,000, \$25,000, and \$15,000 each.

Our adoptions team filmed four of our favorite dogs for the contest. For Gaston, a very long-term shelter resident, they envisioned a flash mob music video that would show off Gaston’s star quality. Not only shelter staff, but volunteers, and community supporters came out on a Saturday to learn the dance steps, get in costume, and shoot the video. As anyone knows who saw it,

Teamwork Continued

the video was a smash! Once the voting began, our teamwork really kicked into high gear. Everyone involved in his video, our volunteers, staff, and supporters plus all their relatives, and everyone they knew promoted “Vote for Gaston.” When the votes were counted, Gaston’s video won! That meant \$50,000 to help our shelter animals! The contest brought everyone who cares about the League together to achieve a goal, and they succeeded spectacularly.

It is an honor to represent an organization of such dedicated people and we thank our staff and volunteers for all they do to improve the lives of our animals. The Board of Directors looks forward to another year of striving for the best service that we can provide to the animals in our care and to our engaged and supportive community.

Humane Education & Community Services

By Jennifer Newman, Director of Community Programs
and Adrienne Mintz, Community Services Coordinator

League staff made 18 visits to schools and community centers, hosted two birthday parties, made 62 presentations, and led 32 tours of the shelter reaching 1,541 children and 328 adults. If you would like a humane education program at your community center or neighborhood association, please contact jnewman@awla.org.

The League provides several community services including temporary care for animals whose owners are experiencing a crisis, low-cost spay/neuter, and assistance with emergency veterinary expenses. In fiscal 2012 we helped 12 animals by safe-keeping them; provided low-cost spay/neuter to 94 cats, 152 dogs, and one rabbit; and advanced \$8,551 to help 47 people pay for emergency veterinary care for their pets.

When pet owners are suddenly faced with needed medical care that they can’t pay for, they have few options. Last July a woman’s cat needed to have three tumors removed at a cost between \$1,800 and \$2,800. She could pay for part of the cost and raised some funds from friends and family in lieu of wedding gifts. Caring Hands Animal Hospital offered to match whatever the League could contribute. We authorized \$400 from the Ross-Roberts Emergency Veterinary Assistance Fund. The owner was not able to make payments on the loan for several months, but last May she repaid the \$400 loan in full and made a generous contribution to the fund so that other pets could benefit from the help.

Animals Fostered in Fiscal 2012

Cats	14
Kittens	181
Dogs	14
Puppies	7
Rabbits	3
Guinea Pigs	1

Fostering

By Sara McCue Emery, Foster Coordinator



We are fortunate to have an active volunteer foster program for animals who need some extra TLC before they are ready for adoption. In fiscal 2012, 35 foster families cared for 220 animals.

Our favorite foster story this year was Booty. She had her own litter of kittens (Fanny, Derry, Tushy, and Caboose) whom she nursed while she was in foster care. Once her kittens were weaned, she was brought back and spayed, but within hours of her spay surgery we got another litter of kittens that were too young to eat on their own. The kittens were only about a week old, and we were concerned about the likelihood of their survival. Our veterinary staff, who had just spayed Booty, recognized this and suggested we try to have Booty foster this other litter of kittens. Our sweet girl immediately took to the kittens and let them nurse. She would even drape her paws over them while they snuggled into her. We sent the whole “family” into foster care for about 10 days to let the kittens have a better chance at survival. All of the kittens thrived and became available for adoption. Booty herself came back to the shelter and was adopted in June.

Animals Sheltered in Fiscal 2012

(JULY 2011 - JUNE 2012)*

INTAKE	DOGS	CATS	SMALL COMPANION ANIMALS	Total
Beginning Shelter Count -July 1, 2011	21	107	31	159
From the Public: Owner Surrenders and Strays	553	831	216	1600
Incoming transfers from organizations within Virginia	12	3	4	19
Incoming transfers from organizations outside Virginia	25	39	0	64
From owners requesting euthanasia	108	154	18	280
Total Intake	698	1027	238	1963
Owner requested euthanasia (unhealthy/untreatable only)	108	152	18	278
ADJUSTED TOTAL INTAKE (minus owner requests)	590	875	220	1685
ADOPTIONS	278	670	162	1110
OUTGOING TRANSFERS				
to shelters and rescue groups within Virginia	24	29	25	78
to shelters and rescue groups outside Virginia	4	0	12	16
RETURN TO OWNER/GUARDIAN	226	65	15	306
ANIMALS EUTHANIZED				
Healthy (includes owner requested euthanasia) Treatable-rehabilitatable (includes owner requested euthanasia)	0	0	0	0
Treatable-manageable (includes owner requested euthanasia)	0	0	0	0
Unhealthy & untreatable (includes owner requested euthanasia)	160	233	24	417
TOTAL EUTHANASIA	160	233	24	417
Owner requested euthanasia (unhealthy/untreatable only)	108	152	18	278
ADJUSTED TOTAL EUTHANASIA	52	81	6	139
SUBTOTAL OUTCOMES (Excludes owner requested euthanasia (unhealthy/untreatable only))	584	845	220	1649
DIED OR LOST IN SHELTER CARE	0	4	1	5
TOTAL OUTCOMES (Excludes owner requested euthanasia (unhealthy/untreatable only))	584	849	221	1654
ENDING SHELTER COUNT-June 30, 2012	31	126	29	186
Annual Live Release Rate= (Adoptions + Returns to Owner + Transfers)/ (Total Outcomes)x100=____%	91%	90%	97%	92%

* Based on the Asilomar Accords (<http://www.asilomaraccords.org/>)

Paws Applause Volunteer Visiting Vets

We are grateful to the following veterinarians who visited the shelter in fiscal 2012 to examine our animals. Their volunteer assistance helps us provide the very best care to all our shelter residents.

Adrienne Hergen, Peter Farrell, and Anne Mixson,
from Del Ray Animal Hospital

Lynne Galitz and Gretchen Tripp from Ballston Animal Hospital
Jeffrey Newman, Chris Miller, Keith de la Cruz, Neil Coleman,

Ann Planeta, and Meredith Davis from Caring Hands Animal Hospital
Janice Chang from Kingstown Cat Clinic

Fred Jones (who staffs our low-cost rabies clinics)
from Arlington Animal Hospital

Laura MacLean from VCA Old Town

We also want to thank Dr. Jerry Goldfarb of Fairfax Animal Hospital, a long-time League supporter, who has generously provided low-cost spay and neuter surgery to our clients in need.

Wildlife Statistics July 2011 - June 2012

Released or Sent to Rehabilitator	375
Euthanized due to illness/injury	239
Picked up dead	289
Total	903

Trap-Neuter-Return

In early 2011 the League began a program of trap-neuter-return for Arlington's feral cats. In fiscal 2012 we spayed or neutered 140 feral cats. Most cats came from the Nauck and Columbia Heights West neighborhoods, which were our target areas. These cats are now vaccinated against rabies and distemper and will not add to the feral cat population. All of the cats have caretakers who had been feeding them, but who did not know how or have the means to stop their reproduction. In the process of trapping feral adult cats, we received many feral kittens that were young enough to be socialized in foster homes and then adopted.

If you know anyone in Arlington or the City of Falls Church who is feeding feral cats, please urge them to e-mail tnr@awla.org for help with trap-neuter-return. The Fairfax County shelter has a similar program for Fairfax County residents.

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 Virginia, DC, or Maryland 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. Visit our Web site at www.awla.org or call (703) 931-9241 x 200 for information.

Lost & Found

Call (703) 931-9241 x 200 or visit our Web site at www.awla.org 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 clinic 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. Visit our website at www.awla.org or call (703) 931-9241 x 213 for information.

Pawpourri, the newsletter of the Animal Welfare League of Arlington, 2650 S. Arlington Mill Dr., Arlington, VA 22206, <http://www.awla.org>, is mailed to League supporters. If you receive multiple copies, please notify us and pass them along to friends.

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Adoptions

By Rebecca Yoo, Director of Behavior & Adoptions

Another year in adoptions brings 1,110 animals adopted into new homes and 94 animals transferred to our wonderful network of rescue partners. There is so much more to adopting out animals than simply placing them on the adoption floor and hoping for the best. Many of our animals need medical treatment and/or behavior modification before they can be placed for adoption. We also work hard to make the right match with adopters. An energetic, adolescent dog may not be a good fit for an older person with limited mobility, but we may have an already trained, older dog that would be perfect. Some of our cats have strong personalities and need adopters who are tolerant of their quirks. A rabbit may not be a good choice as a child's pet, but we may have a guinea pig that fits the bill. The adoption process requires thoughtful consideration to be successful.

Staff Training

This past year we had several exciting training opportunities including two members of our staff who traveled to California to BAD RAP, a nationally recognized organization dedicated to helping the American Pit Bull Terrier. At their Pit Ed Camp our staff learned about breed issues as well as received hands-on experience handling dogs. We also played host to Aimee Sadler who presented her workshop Success through Socialization on shelter canine play groups. This mostly hands-on training has had a lasting impact for our dogs. We have implemented play groups run in a very careful manner by trained staff; dogs are matched up based on a variety of factors and managed closely to prevent bullying and/or fighting. It burns off some energy, decreases stress, and we get to know the dogs better. We live in a very dog friendly

Smiles, now Flip, spends time with her best buddy.



community, and play groups help us have a better understanding for how our dogs relate to other canines.

Enrichment

The mental health of the animals is always of concern to us and we are always trying different ideas to reduce stress and introduce enrichment. When time and resources allow, we have implemented behavior modification programs for dogs who are fearful, reactive, or who are protective of their things. Not only do we work with individual dogs, but we consider the shelter environment as well. This last year, we changed the layout in our dog kennels to prevent fence fighting which in turn decreases noise and stress levels. If you walk through our kennels you will find that the dogs are no longer looking at each other all day and barking. We also have soothing music in our kennels to help relieve stress. You may find a bucket of treats on a shy dog's kennel. We ask visitors to offer the dog a treat when they walk by, and the dog learns that people walking by means something good is going to happen.

Volunteers

Dog walking is one of our largest volunteer programs. We have continued to standardize this program and provide very important training to new volunteers who interact with our shelter dogs. Since our adoptions staff is just four people, we have developed an addition-

al team of experienced volunteers who help us train each new wave of volunteers. We also worked with Fur-Get Me Not Dog Training Center this year to offer a one-day workshop for volunteers. Volunteers learned the basics of clicker training and worked hands-on with our shelter dogs. Fur-Get Me Not also donated a spot in their Reactive Dog Class to Gaston, and Suzanne Heenan and other experienced volunteers took him to these classes on Saturdays and practiced during the week. In the coming year, we hope to provide additional training and support to our volunteer base with opportunities like this. Our Pit Crew continues to pick up steam working to educate our community about pit bulls. They organize and hold events such as their Breakfast with Bullies series to educate the public on a variety of training topics. Our adoptions team has coordinated a variety of events this past year including participation in the ASPCA Mega Match-a-Thon in March and regular weekend events at Dogma.

Best in Shelter

The Best in Shelter Contest takes the cake for the year's accomplishments! The adoptions team led the effort, from creating the videos submitted, to promoting Gaston by making t-shirts, handing out flyers, and posting non-stop on social media. Although Gaston won the contest, at the time of this writing he is still waiting for his forever home.

Fundraising Highlights

By Lisa Kirschner, Director of Development

Donations

The staff and animals at the Animal Welfare League of Arlington are enormously thankful to all of our donors and supports whose help enables us to perform the services to the homeless animals in our community. During fiscal 2012, 3,133 donors gave \$380,852 to the League in response to our appeals, the donation envelopes from Pawpourri, and unsolicited donations. Your support is essential to all of our endeavors.

We would like to thank everyone who donated to the League during our last fiscal year. For a complete list of donors please visit our Web site at www.awla.org/donate.shtml.

CFC and United Way Donors

The League raised \$142,623 from the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), United Way, and other workplace giving programs. If you work for a participating organization, please consider designating the Animal Welfare League of Arlington for your 2012 contribution. Our CFC number is 90065, and our United Way number is 8804. Many thanks to our CFC donors for the 2011 Campaign Year! For a complete list of donors please visit our Web site at www.awla.org/donate.shtml.

Bequests

Remembering the League in your will can turn your compassion for animals into your legacy for the future. This fiscal year the League received bequests from five generous individuals whose love and compassion for animals still lives on with their bequests totaling \$164,120:

Estate of Alice H. Allen
Estate of Christine A. Knoche
Estate of Shirley Rollins
Estate of Patricia A. Tierney
The Pietro and Thelma Raffaelli Family Foundation

If you are interested in adding the League to your will (or have already done so), please contact Lisa Kirschner at lkirschner@awla.org or at 703-931-9241 ext. 220.

Events

Every year the League hosts two major fundraisers. In May, the Walk for the Animals inspires walkers and donors alike to spread the good word about the League. This year the League had over 700 registered walkers and over 250 dogs. With your support, the League raised almost \$90,000! You can join in the fun in 2013. Simply save the date for the second Saturday of May and watch our Web site in mid-January to register.

In November 2011, the League hosted Catsino Night and Silent Auction in the Historic Lobby in Terminal A at the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. Over 250 guests enjoyed music, dancing, food, drink, casino games, and silent and live auctions -- raising over \$65,000 in support of the League and the animals we help. Tickets are now available for our 2012 Catsino Night. Please see page 8 for more details.

These fundraising milestones are achieved with the great support of our community: from our supporters who attend each event, the donors who support them, and our very generous sponsors. Every year, the League asks local businesses to sponsor our two major fundraisers either with cash sponsorships to help defray our costs or with items that can be used as prizes or auctioned off in our silent auction. If you are interested in sponsoring either of our events or donating an item, please contact our Development Office at donate@awla.org.

Wish List

The League would like to send a special thank you to everyone who has donated items from our Wish List. Your support truly means a lot to the League and all the animals that pass through our doors. Our current "Top Five" items are:

Canned cat and dog food
Cat Cave Cat Bed (see our Web site),
Gift cards to Staples, Home Depot, etc,
Easy Walk Harnesses,
Plain copy paper
(To see more items on our Wish List, please visit our Web site at www.awla.org/wishlist.pdf)

Pet Pals Monthly Giving Program

Thank you to the following donors who support the League throughout the year by making automatic monthly donations:

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the Animal Welfare League of Arlington are extremely grateful to the donors that helped us raise over \$50,603 for this fund.

\$19,264 to offer no-interest loans to members of the public who needed emergency veterinary care for their animals.

Ross-Roberts Emergency Veterinary Assistance Fund

Everyone at the Animal Welfare League of Arlington would like to thank the donors that helped us raise over

Low Cost Spay/Neuter Fund

The staff and animals at the Animal Welfare League of Arlington would like to thank all the donors that gave to this fund, raising over \$9,948 to help spay and neuter animals in our community.

Miscellaneous Fundraisers

The following activities raised \$15,506 to help homeless animals:
 Arlington County Fair
 Aurora Hills Women's Club Lunch
 AWLA Fair
 Blind/Loud/Silent Charity Auction
 Caring Hands Open House
 "Cause for Paws" at Bungalow
 Billiards in Shirlington Village
 Dogma Adoption Event
 Dog-tober Day & Barker's Bash
 Franklin Elementary Penny Drive
 GMU Pre-Veterinary Club
 Animal Spa Day
 Hardwood Artisans Open House
 Lebanese Taverna Dining
 Out to Benefit the League
 Lime Fresh Dining Out to Benefit the League
 Meridan Apartments Yappy Hour
 Pet Photos with Santa
 Ping by Charlie Chang Dining
 Out to Benefit the League
 Pints for Pits
 Pooch Paddle at the Arlington Condominiums
 Pooch Paddle at the Wyngate Condominiums
 River House Apartments Yappy Hour
 Taste of Arlington
 Twentieth Street Apartments Yappy Hour
 Wags 'N Whiskers at Shirlington Village
 Washington Craft Fair
 "Giving Back Friday" donations

Woody and Mickey Healthy Pet Fund

Started in 2003, the Woody and Mickey Healthy Pet Fund gives the League extra resources when considering veterinary care for the animals staying with us. The shelter can now provide medical treatment that will make animals more adoptable. The staff and animals at

FY 2012 Financial Report

The audited financial report will be available from the League in November 2012.

Revenue and Support FY 2012

Arlington County Contract for sheltering/animal control*	\$1,395,908.00
Programs Revenue	\$186,276.81
Interest & Dividends	\$67,758.59
Unrealized & Realized Gains (Losses) on Investments	(\$72,172.87)
Fundraising Events: (Catsino Night/Fall Event, Walk, Misc. Events)	\$217,568.31
CFC/United Way Contributions (bequests, general donations, major gifts)	\$142,623.44 \$613,471.32
TOTAL:	\$2,551,433.60

Expenses FY 2012

Animal Control*	(\$382,324.60)
Shelter Operations*	(\$1,236,739.54)
Community Outreach/Programs Management/General	(\$429,002.04) (\$27,936.86)
Fundraising	(\$319,871.69)
TOTAL:	(\$2,395,874.73)
TOTAL GAIN/(LOSS)	\$155,558.87

Temporarily Restricted Funds FY 2012

	Revenue	Expense	Total
Woody and Mickey Healthy Pet Fund	\$50,678.81	(\$24,256.94)	\$26,421.87
Hantke Low Cost Spay/Neuter Fund	\$14,448.48	(\$5,473.63)	\$8,974.85
Ross/Roberts Vet Assistance Fund	\$21,248.82	(\$10,212.04)	\$11,036.78
PetsMart TNR Grant	\$0.00	(\$5,859.05)	(\$5,859.05)
AWLA TNR Program	\$4,863.36	(\$1,125.00)	\$3,738.36

*Under terms of a contract with Arlington County, the Animal Welfare League of Arlington provides the County's animal shelter and animal control services.

Catsino Night and Silent Auction To Benefit Homeless Animals November 3, 2012



Photo courtesy of Ryan Turpenoff.

Last year's Catsino emcee and live auctioneer Greta Kreuz from ABC7/WJLA-TV-NewsChannel 8 auctioned a dinner with Arlington firefighters and included her shoes in the package for the highest bidder! We are thrilled to have Greta back this year to host our live auction to benefit homeless animals and can't wait to see what excitement this year's auction will bring. The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority has once again generously donated the History Lobby in Terminal A at Reagan National Airport as the stylish venue for the event. Last year 250 animal lovers helped to raise more than \$60,000, and with your support this year's event promises to surpass that incredible mark. The animals are betting on you!

Our glamorous fundraiser will kick off at 7:00 pm in the Historic Lobby where guests can enjoy the breathtaking views across the runway. Gamblers will have their pick of casino games including blackjack, Texas Hold'em, and craps. Dancing shoes are a must as The Bobcats will set the mood playing a variety of jazz, swing, and Latin favorites. Between wagers and dances guests can sip on martinis from our martini bar and sample an array of delicious Mediterranean hors d'oeuvres catered by Lebanese Taverna. Silent and live auctions will take place throughout the evening and attendees

can bid on a number of exciting prizes donated by our generous sponsors including vacation packages, pet services, art, and sporting event tickets. Current auction items can be viewed at awla.ejoinme.org/catsino2012.

We hope you will join us for this unique opportunity to spend an elegant evening benefiting homeless animals in our community. Tickets are on sale now for \$100 per person and can be obtained by mailing or faxing the RSVP card located on page 9 or by purchasing tickets online by visiting awla.ejoinme.org/catsino2012. There are still sponsorship opportunities available. Please call Sally Harte at 703-931-9241 ext. 216 or email sharte@awla.org for more information.

See you there on November 3rd!



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Yes, I want to support the League and the homeless animals!

- Yes, I would like to attend Catsino Night and Silent Auction Reserve ___ tickets in my name for \$100 per person (All tickets will be held at the door.)

Please list the names of your guests: _____

_____ If you need additional space, please use the back of this card.

- Sorry, I am unable to attend but would like to make a contribution in the amount of \$_____ to support the League and the homeless animals in our community.

Payment Information:

- My check for \$_____ is enclosed.
Please make checks payable to the Animal Welfare League of Arlington (AWLA).

- Please bill my MasterCard/VISA/Discover for \$ _____
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Surgery for Shelter Animals

By Edward Maher, Director of Animal Care & Veterinary Services

Our veterinary surgical suite and medical staff have been great assets for our animals in fiscal year 2012. We have fine tuned our in-house spay/neuter program guaranteeing that every dog, cat, and rabbit is sterilized prior to adoption. The animals' recovery time has been reduced because they are spared the stress of group transport to and from an outside facility. Also, our veterinarian, Dr. Christine Cottey, is an expert at high volume spay/neuter surgery. We performed 720 surgeries on our shelter animals, 140 neuters of feral cats, 42 low-cost surgeries for Spay Day 2012, and 218 surgeries for other rescue organizations.

One additional accomplishment during FY2012 was to offer dental cleaning and extractions for our animals that had severe oral health problems. Many older animals that come into the shelter have never had dental care. Thanks to Julie Gould and Percy Ivy, founders of the Woody and Mickey Healthy Pet Fund, for donating the funds to purchase the necessary surgical equipment.

We look forward to continually improving on the medical services we offer.

Animal Control Highlights

Assist fire, police, and public	70
Bite investigations	250
Neglect investigations	70
Park patrols for off-leash dogs	1943
Dogs running at large	243
Wildlife rescues & complaints	609

There were six positive rabies tests: three raccoons, one fox, one bat, and one cat.

Memorable Adoptions



In September 2011 a good Samaritan found a small beagle wandering around a gas station and brought her to the League. She was thin and tested positive for heartworm disease. Once her treatment began and she gained some weight she was available for adoption. A couple who saw past her problems to the sweet dog within adopted her in November.

Here is their report:

When we first met Pineapple this past

November, she had a laundry list of maladies: heartworm, coughing, terrible shyness, and she would submissively pee... But there was just something about her that we just fell in love with and we had to take her home. Maybe it was her name! (But no, we could never change it, it is just too perfect; and sadly no, she will not eat the fruit.) We started to notice a change in her personality about two to three months after we brought her home. She stopped being afraid of our stairs, starting eating treats out of our hands, and even started playing with toys and running around our house. We consider ourselves incredibly lucky that her heartworm was treated (thanks to Arlington [Animal] Welfare League!) and she's so much healthier now both physically and mentally. Despite her silly name and sweet personality, Pineapple can be a mischievous little lady. More than once, we've caught her tearing into our garbage or trying to turn our suitcases into her own comfy little bed! We have especially loved watching her gain confidence in herself this past year and we want to thank everyone at the Arlington [Animal] Welfare League for changing us from a happy couple into a happy and healthy family.

Tasha's adopter returned her to the League in April 2010 because of travel. Tasha was seven years old. It took until August 2011 for Tasha to find her new home: 16 months at the shelter! But it looks like this home was worth the wait. Her adopter says:

Tasha has been the highlight of my life since I adopted her in August 2011. I remember going to look for kittens and just feeling drawn to Tasha, even though she was around seven years old at the time. She has grown from being shy and timid to being outgoing and playful; a true queen of her castle. Her personality has blossomed and she makes me laugh daily with her antics. She is an incredible climber and high jumper, so I make sure to leave her room on my bookshelves and my dresser to climb around and explore, and look down on me from above. I also love that she drinks almost exclusively out of cups and the faucet. Everyone who meets her falls in love with her. I look back on my decision to adopt her as one of the best decisions of my life.



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Catsino Night November 3, 2012

More details on page 8

Register for Catsino Night at awla.ejoinme.org/catsino2012

Workplace Giving

The League depends on our many donors who donate each year through their workplace giving programs, the United Way and the Combined Federal Campaign. These donations allow the League to continue its good works. As this year's campaign begins, if you work for a participating organization, please consider designating the Animal Welfare League of Arlington with the appropriate codes.

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Campaign
(CFC) # 90065

United Way
(UW) # 8804

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(CVC) # 712

Rabies & Microchip Clinics

Please bring dogs on leashes and cats in carriers.

Rabies Shot: \$10 • Microchip \$30

Oct 25 • Dec 6 (1st Thurs)

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Please bring proof of a prior rabies shot (a rabies certificate, not a tag) to get a three-year rabies shot. Without it, your pet will receive a one-year shot.

League Hours

Visiting:

Noon – 7:00 p.m. Monday

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

Emergencies: 24 hours a day

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