



IMPACT REPORT 2020-2021



LETTER FROM THE BOARD 🐾

The Animal Welfare League of Arlington (AWLA) is incredibly fortunate to have the support of friends like you. You believe in our mission, you trust our actions, and you return time and again asking "What do you need?" and "How can I help?" Together, you make AWLA a leader in the field of animal welfare.

As a longtime friend of the shelter (my family adopted our very first pet, a cat named Max, from AWLA in 1999) I am proud to be the new Board Chair. It is a privilege to be part of an organization with staff, volunteers, and friends who are dedicated and passionate about making the world a better place for pets, people, and wildlife, especially in my hometown of Arlington. I invite you to read on about the many ways that you are helping AWLA to serve the community.

Alice Barrett-Feeley ~ Chairman of the Board





LIFESAVING STATISTICS

97% POSITIVE OUTCOME PERCENTAGE



2,587 ANIMALS FOUND
NEW HOMES



2,092 ANIMALS PLACED
IN FOSTER HOMES



3,689 ANIMAL CONTROL
CASES



290 COMMUNITY PETS
SPAYED AND NEUTERED



1,651 PETS TRANSFERRED
TO THE SHELTER



1,348 PETS RECIEVED FOOD
FROM OUR PET PANTRY



1,518 AT-RISK KITTENS
SAVED THROUGH
KITTEN COLLEGE



8,027 HOURS OF
VOLUNTEER SERVICE*
*does not include foster program

To view our full shelter statistics, please visit awla.org/about/financials/. The Positive Outcome Percentage is calculated by dividing total live outcomes (adoptions, outgoing transfers, and return to owner/guardian) by total outcomes (total live outcomes plus euthanasia not including owner/guardian requested euthanasia or died in shelter/care).

KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER...

BRUTUS

"Brutus has a special place in everyone's heart, human and dog alike. I'm currently unemployed and AWLA's assistance has helped keep us afloat. I do my best to provide the best care for my dogs and now during some of my most challenging times, I'm grateful to have AWLA on our side.

The recent financial assistance for Brutus' emergencies has been a true relief. Brutus suffered two seizures in one day back in February and we rushed him to the ER. While it was such a relief to know he would be okay, the financial aspect was an added stress. We reached out to AWLA for help and were provided with a grant to cover 50% of the cost. I've never felt so lucky to have such great support in my hometown.

Unfortunately, Brutus' health scares did not stop there. Over the past five months, Brutus has been in and out of the ER and was diagnosed with anaplasmosis, a liver injury, and most recently, Addison's disease. Our last ER visit was the scariest of them all, as unbeknownst to me, he was suffering an Addisonian crisis. I truly believed it was the last time I would see Brutus.

Thankfully, I had already reached out and heard back from AWLA (on a holiday weekend, I might add). Knowing we had the support was unbelievable.

I'm cautious to say Brutus is back at 100%, but he's definitely close. He is on daily medications for epilepsy and Addison's disease, plus a monthly injection. We are currently monitoring the new medication with bi-weekly bloodwork. For the first time in months, Brutus' lab work was exceptional." ~ Katty N.

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**We are forever
grateful for AWLA, its
services, and its kind
and responsive staff.**

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\$65,590
GRANTED TO PET PARENTS
WITH PETS IN NEED
OF VETERINARY CARE





2,587 PETS FOUND
NEW HOMES

...AND MAKING
NEW ONES

DILLON & SHANE

Dillon and Shane's world changed forever in November of last year when their owner unexpectedly passed away.

Thankfully, a kind neighbor brought them to AWLA where they knew the cats would be safe. An initial vet check-up revealed that Dillon had hyperthyroidism, and Shane had chronic renal failure and heart disease. Sadly, the bad news didn't stop there - Dillon also had lymphoma...and it was terminal.

Thanks to donations from friends like you, there was no question that 14-year-old Dillon and Shane would get whatever treatments they needed.

Dillon and Shane were adopted by a family who fell in love with their affectionate personalities and wanted to give them a happy home where they could spend whatever time they had left together.

Sadly, Shane passed away on June 22nd of this year. He spent his final days getting spoiled and receiving constant attention and pets. Dillon is doing well despite his cancer diagnosis and treatment, but he misses his brother. His adopter told us:

"Dilly has exclusive rights to my bed. He sleeps on top of my pillow and likes to tunnel under the covers. He gets frustrated when I spend too much time on the laptop. He jumps on the desk and sits on the keyboard. This way he lets me know it is time to get up and pet him. I am grateful to have adopted these amazing boys. I only wish I had more time with Shane. But now he is with [his previous guardian] chasing butterflies in heaven."



WILDLIFE RESOURCE CENTER **IN ACTION**



1,519 wild animals came into our care
through the Wildlife Resource Center



AWLA's Wildlife Resource Center (WRC) was established in the beginning of 2021 to meet an urgent and growing need for animal rehabilitators. These extraordinary people undergo lengthy apprenticeships to become licensed and volunteer their time and resources to help thousands of animals each year. Unfortunately, many are now retiring and few are following in their footsteps. Our goal is to support rehabbers with supplies for their animals and stipends for required continuing education. In addition, we hope to identify new apprentices and serve as a resource as they pursue their training. Already a leader in wildlife rescue, the WRC enables AWLA to do even more to help our wild neighbors. **You can support the Wildlife Resource Center at www.awla.org/wrc.**



16 wildlife rehabbers and 4 wildlife centers are currently partnered with AWLA's Wildlife Resource Center (WRC).



The Animal Control team responded to a total of 2,308 wildlife-related cases.



Rehabbers & animal welfare professionals across the U.S. completed more than 130 hours of continuing education through the WRC.

VOLUNTEERS & FOSTERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Volunteers and fosters are the backbone of AWLA. Their generous gifts of time and talent enable AWLA to do more of...everything! More transfers, more adoptions, more clinics, and more programs. Even during the pandemic, when in-person volunteer opportunities were few and far between, volunteers helped from a safe distance. They fostered hundreds of animals, logged thousands of miles transporting wildlife, made enrichment toys, checked emails...and so much more!

To our wonderful volunteers and fosters, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Get involved today at
awla.org/volunteer



2,131 litterboxes
cleaned



11,018 miles driven by
wildlife transporters



6,687 meals delivered
to pet parents



2,275 pets placed in
foster homes



1,248 loads of
laundry



988 hours of dog
playgroups



SAVING THE SMALLEST LIVES

NOVA Cat Clinic, Arlington's only cat-exclusive veterinary practice, has been a long-time AWLA partner and sponsor. This is their second year sponsoring the Kitten College, and no one was more grateful to have them in our corner than little Agnes.

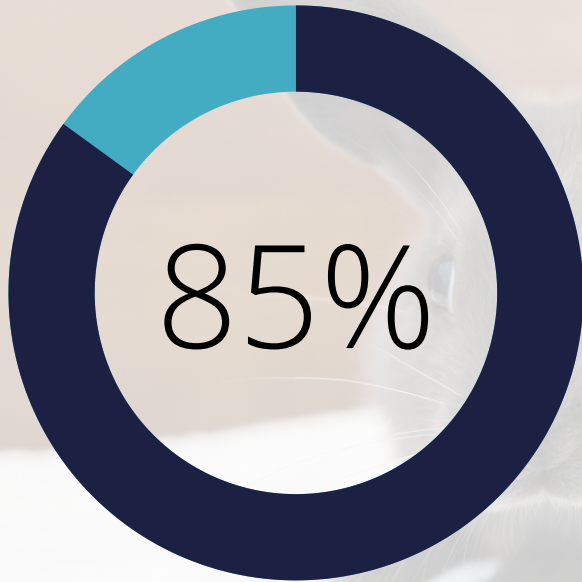
Agnes arrived with a severe injury to one of her back legs. It was clear that something had wrapped around her leg and cut off circulation to the foot. The veterinary team started her on pain medication, but because she was so tiny it was too dangerous to perform surgery to remove the foot.

Agnes was doing well for a week until her foster mom noticed that her foot had started to bleed and seemed significantly worse. Agnes was rushed to NOVA Cat Clinic who determined she had a severe infection. Under their experienced care, NOVA's veterinarians were able to safely perform surgery on Agnes, despite her size, to remove the infected part of her foot. Agnes received the VIP treatment during her stay and was watched over 24/7 by their wonderful team. Now, Agnes is on the mend and doing very well navigating her foster home with her teeny-tiny cast, and we know she has a bright future ahead of her!

We are so grateful to NOVA Cat Clinic for their continued support, especially for the smallest and most fragile animals in our care! Learn more about NOVA Cat Clinic at www.novacatclinic.com.

AN INVESTMENT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

HOW YOUR DONATIONS ARE SPENT



85¢ of every dollar is spent directly on animal care and community support programs, right here in Northern Virginia.

INCOME

\$4,127,890.55*

*Arlington County Contract,
Programs Revenue, Events,
Workplace Giving, Contributions*

EXPENSES

\$3,964,706.60*

*Animal Control, Shelter Operations,
Community Outreach/Programs,
Management/General, Fundraising*

*These are unaudited numbers. The full audited financial report and list of donors can be found at www.awla.org/about/financials/ after November 1st, 2021. A copy of the latest financial report and registration filed by the Animal Welfare League of Arlington may be obtained by contacting the State Division of Consumer Affairs, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, P.O. Box 1163, Richmond, VA 2309. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the State.





THANK YOU
FOR MAKING ALL OF THIS POSSIBLE!

**OTHER WAYS
TO SUPPORT**

BEQUESTS

MONTHLY GIVING

STOCKS & CRYPTO

WORKPLACE GIVING

For more information, contact the Director of Development at development@awla.org or call (703) 931-9241.



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