



ANIMAL  
WELFARE  
LEAGUE OF  
ARLINGTON

# IMPACT REPORT 2021-2022



# LETTER FROM THE BOARD

***What an amazing year it has been!*** Thanks to the support of friends like you, the Animal Welfare League of Arlington (AWLA) continues to be a leader in the region in improving the lives of animals and people by providing resources, care, and protection.

As Board Chair, I am extremely grateful to our dedicated staff, volunteers, and donors who support the mission every day by ensuring that we continue to address the needs of ***all*** families in our community. We can only sustain and expand our programs, from the Community Care Clinics to the Wildlife Resource Center, and of course our strong adoptions program, with your help. I invite you to read about the many ways that AWLA serves our community and ask that you continue to support our work.

***Alice Barrett-Feeley ~ Chairman of the Board***





# LIFESAVING STATISTICS

## 97% POSITIVE OUTCOME PERCENTAGE



**2,444** ANIMALS FOUND  
NEW HOMES



**1,881** ANIMALS PLACED  
IN FOSTER HOMES



**4,201** CALLS RESPONDED  
TO BY ANIMAL CONTROL



**645** COMMUNITY PETS  
SPAYED AND NEUTERED



**1,341** PETS TRANSFERRED  
TO THE SHELTER



**2,201** PETS RECEIVED FOOD  
FROM OUR PET PANTRY



**1,375** AT-RISK KITTENS  
SAVED THROUGH  
KITTEN COLLEGE



**11,305** HOURS OF  
VOLUNTEER SERVICE\*

*\*does not include foster program*

To view our full shelter statistics, please visit [awla.org/about/financials/](http://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).



# happy tails

NELLIE



**1,881** PETS PLACED  
in foster homes

## Nellie's life changed forever when he walked through our doors...

Swollen, exhausted, and in pain, Nellie's condition when he arrived at AWLA elicited gasps of shock and pity from almost everyone who met him. Initially, it was unclear exactly what was causing Nellie's symptoms and the question on everyone's mind was, "can we actually do anything to help him?"

It turns out, we could. Thanks to the generous support of Dr. Neumann at Caring Hands Animal Hospital (who fell in love with Nellie the minute he saw him) and **you**, Nellie was diagnosed with a severe skin infection as well as hypothyroidism and a mast cell tumor, and treatment began right away. Months (and lots of tests and pills and baths) later, Nellie is now happy, healthy, and adopted!



Of course, he couldn't have done it without a very special person - his foster mom, Alexa, who recently became his official adopter! Alexa told us: "I have fostered three dogs in the past, but none of them stole my heart like Nellie did. When I first laid eyes on Nellie, I immediately noticed his monstrous paws that looked unbelievably painful, and his fungus-covered skin. He was shockingly huge at 94 pounds with a large incision on his stomach where his tumor was removed, crusty eyes, and various bald spots because of his alopecia. Saying he was in rough shape is an understatement, but he was practically smiling when I met him.

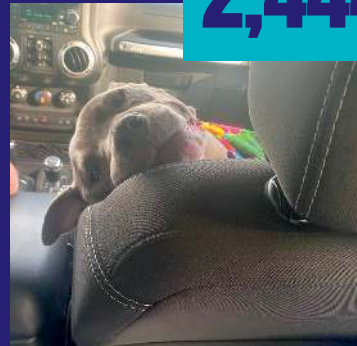
I decided to adopt Nellie because of the special bond we developed while he healed. It sounds cheesy, but one of the first things I noticed while taking slow strolls with Nellie was that he HAD to stop and sniff every flower he saw. He found enjoyment in the little things in life to keep his spirits up. After all the ups and downs (and what felt like forever waiting to find his new family), I realized that when I imagined my future, I couldn't picture my life without Nellie. Nellie reminds me every day how thankful he is for our life together. Once I realized that I spent my entire summer side by side with him, traveling to the beach, visiting home, and having him as my moving buddy, I knew we were a package deal.

Every day, Nellie does something new that surprises me. He's finally lost enough weight that he can use his back leg to scratch behind his ear! He's shockingly fast and can walk longer distances, which means we are visiting many new restaurants and coffee shops at our new apartment in D.C. Nellie and I are looking forward to cooler weather so we can break out our matching holiday sweaters." ~ Alexa

— “ —  
**To all of Nellie's  
friends and supporters  
“thank you” doesn't  
cover it. I promise I'll  
take care of your boy!”**  
— ” —



**2,444** PETS FOUND  
new homes



# RIPPLE EFFECT: HOW YOU MAKE A BIG IMPACT AT AWLA

## LIKE RIPPLES IN A POND, THE EFFECTS OF OUR ACTIONS SPREAD FAR AND WIDE.

AWLA is fortunate to have the support of many people - community leaders, donors, neighbors, staff, volunteers - who give their talents, time, and treasure to help animals in our community.

Nikki Hoffpaur is one such person. An Arlington resident for 15 years, Nikki first became involved with AWLA in 2019 when she fostered two cats, Spirit and Grasshopper, during AWLA's first 'Home for the Holidays' foster event.



**5,500+**

ANIMALS IN THE SHELTER AND  
IN THE COMMUNITY RECEIVED  
SUPPORT FROM AWLA

She hadn't intended to keep her houseguests but, in her words, "they ended up staying" and becoming a vital part of her family. Nikki later added Star to her family. The 15-year-old tortie had a long list of medical issues, which deterred a lot of potential adopters. Nikki met this affectionate senior girl and thought, "If she's still there next week, she's coming home with me." And by the next week, Nikki's family had grown by one.

As time passed, Nikki became more and more connected to AWLA's mission noting that, "little interactions turned into more interactions" as she asked herself, "what else can I do?" Nikki's relationship with AWLA continued to deepen and as soon as Covid restrictions were lifted, she became a volunteer. She kept an eye on which animals were adopted and which ones lingered in the shelter. She wondered how many pets, like Star, weren't adopted because the cost of their treatable or curable medical issues was too much for many families.

Nikki believes that "if you can find the right people; if a family is there and ready to love this animal...cost should not be the only reason [that animal] doesn't go home. There are people out there that are so perfect for these animals. I want to be able to make those connections possible." And so she did. Nikki began sponsoring the future medical care of pets at AWLA with chronic conditions. Pets with diabetes, like Hollyleaf and Mira, or asthma, like Leah. Her generosity, kindness, and most importantly, her understanding that finances don't make an adopter, helps animals find loving new homes that they might not have otherwise found.

**No matter how big or small, your contributions make the metaphorical ripples in the pond grow ever-wider, ensuring that all pets and people get the help they deserve.**

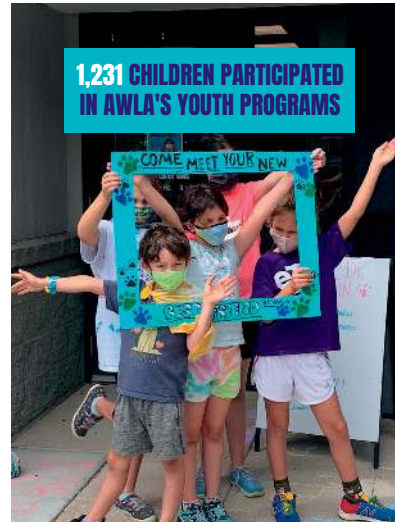




**\$50,743 OF VETERINARY ASSISTANCE GRANTS GIVEN TO PET FAMILIES EXPERIENCING A MEDICAL EMERGENCY**



**314 VOLUNTEERS WORKED MORE THAN 11,000 HOURS AT AWLA**



**1,231 CHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN AWLA'S YOUTH PROGRAMS**



**112 PETS RECEIVED EXTRA TRAINING AND SUPPORT FROM THE BEHAVIOR & TRAINING TEAM**



**37 CATS WERE SPAYED/NEUTERED THROUGH OUR TNR PROGRAM, PREVENTING POTENTIALLY THOUSANDS OF HOMELESS KITTENS**



**1,361 WILD ANIMALS CAME THROUGH OUR WILDLIFE RESOURCE CENTER**



**1,273 VACCINES AND MICROCHIPS GIVEN TO PETS IN THE COMMUNITY**



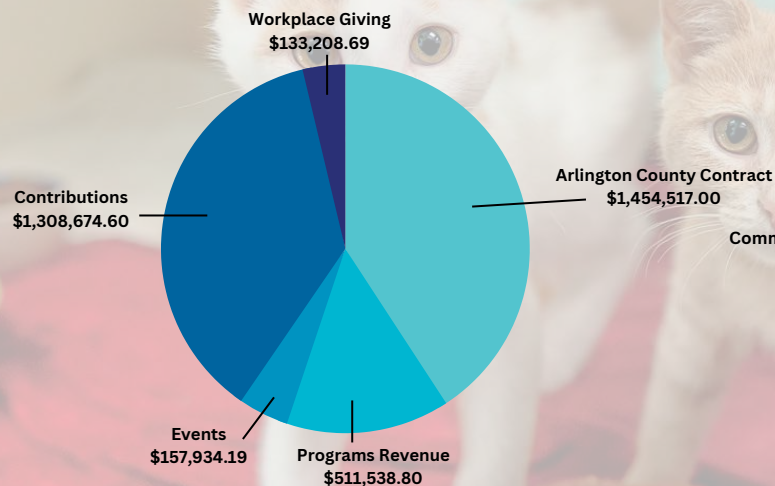
**102 PETS RECEIVED POST-ADOPTION CARE THROUGH OUR JEAN'S FUND.**

# AN INVESTMENT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

## HOW YOUR DONATIONS ARE SPENT

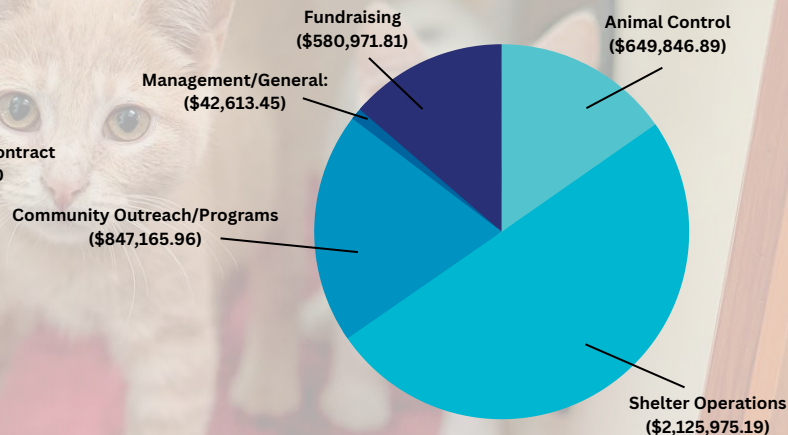
**INCOME \$3,565,873.28\***

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



**EXPENSES \$4,246,573.30\***

*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/](http://www.awla.org/about/financials/) after December 1st, 2022. 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 23219. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the State.*





A photograph of three kittens of various breeds (white, orange, and tabby) sitting on a red blanket. A pink banner is overlaid on the top left of the image.

YOU MAKE IT ALL POSSIBLE!

## MORE WAYS TO GIVE:

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