



IMPACT REPORT 2022-2023



LETTER

FROM THE BOARD

What an incredible year it has been at AWLA! I wanted to start this letter by expressing what an honor it is to be the Chairman of AWLA's Board and how grateful I am for your support! I would love to share with you some of the successes, some of the challenges, and a look ahead for AWLA into 2024.

FY23 was an amazing year on all fronts for AWLA. The statistics you'll see in the next pages are directly attributable

to the tireless work of our superb staff, dedicated volunteers, and the support of donors like you!

However, FY24 will bring challenges; staffing remains competitive, adoptions are down, intake is up, and there is never enough funding to support all the fantastic programming we want to conduct to fulfill our mission. As we look ahead, these challenges give way to phenomenal opportunities where AWLA will recruit and retain the very best staff, and engage in major projects to meet our mission of supporting animals and humans in Arlington County.

We could not do all this without your support. Thank you for all you do to support the people and animals of Arlington County!

~ Tim Denning, Chairman of the Board





FY23 AT-A-GLANCE

97% POSITIVE OUTCOME PERCENTAGE



2,606 ANIMALS
FOUND NEW HOMES



2,053 ANIMALS PLACED
IN FOSTER HOMES



4,521 CALLS
RESPONDED TO BY
ANIMAL CONTROL



672 COMMUNITY PETS
SPAYED AND NEUTERED



1,329 PETS
TRANSFERRED
TO THE SHELTER



6,948 PETS RECEIVED FOOD
FROM OUR PET PANTRY



1,409 KITTENS SAVED
THROUGH THE KITTEN
COLLEGE PROGRAM



11,305 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). ★ Indicates an AWLA record!

MAPPING THE WAY HOME

PATHWAY PLANNING AT AWLA

Taking inspiration from care pathways in human medicine, animal shelters - including AWLA - are now using this approach to streamline the journey of animals through the shelter.

Pathway planning at AWLA starts the moment an animal comes into our care. From that point onward, it's a dynamic process of continuous communication across departments to address each animal's unique requirements, ranging from medical attention and behavioral support to foster care and rehabilitation.

INTAKE 4,063 animals were brought into the shelter for care.



MEDICAL CARE
1,860 surgeries performed by Vet Team



TRAINING
More than 210 animals received behavioral modification or post-adoption support from our Behavior Team



FOSTER
2,053 animals placed into foster homes



ADOPTION
464 dogs, 1,864 cats, and 278 small animals found new homes

OTHER PATHWAYS



REUNIFICATION

193 lost pets were reunited with their families



SAFEKEEPING

50 pet families were provided temporary housing for their pets during an emergency through AWLA's H.E.L.P Program



WILDLIFE TRIAGE

1,116 wild animals came into the Wildlife Resource Center for care



REHABILITATION

23 licensed rehabbers partnered with AWLA to take in injured and orphaned wildlife

While this year's statistics may showcase record-high numbers at AWLA, they don't entirely capture the intricate balancing act that shelters must perform to provide the best care possible for a multitude of animals. We believe that successful sheltering isn't just about how many animals we can care for, but how well we can meet their needs. It's about having enough staff, volunteers, fosters, supplies, and funds to provide the care these animals deserve. This is where the concept of pathway planning truly shines, as it serves as the linchpin in our mission to save lives at AWLA.

Our goal is to ensure that every animal's path through our shelter is not left to chance but instead planned to provide the best possible outcome for each animal.

Pathway planning is not merely a concept, but a commitment to animal welfare that underlines our dedication to saving lives and making a positive impact within our community. It embodies the tireless efforts of our dedicated staff and volunteers who are committed to give every animal the best possible chance at a brighter future.

THE HAPPY TAILS **YOU** MADE POSSIBLE

UPDATES FROM OUR ADOPTERS

"This guy fits perfectly into our crazy little family. He is best friends with his 3-year-old human sister and is quickly making friends with all the neighborhood pups. He is getting spoiled rotten with us and we wouldn't have it any other way." ~ *Raul*

ROCKO



HUMPHREY

"Humphrey is the best little companion I could ask for! He is so sweet, is always happy to be held, and loves running around in his exercise ball. One of the sweetest things he does is take a treat from my hand, and then rest his paws on my finger while he eats the treat!" ~ *Alanna*

"Jade loves to play, eat, and get lots of pets. Every morning she wakes me up by playing attack-the-feet under the blankets. Adopting Jade has been so helpful to my mental health. I don't feel alone anymore." ~ *Bethany*

JADE





"Luna & Theo are adjusting to their new home, exploring every nook and cranny, and playing with all of their new toys. They love getting into boxes and climbing everywhere. They also love to play fight with one another and love laying in the sun. They're the sweetest cats." ~ Sarah

LUNA & THEO

SAUL

"Saul loves going on our morning walks and playing catch. I just recently took him to South Carolina for my brother's wedding and he saw the beach for the first time! He loved it. I can't imagine my life without him now." ~ Elizabeth



"Prada is the most spoiled and the absolute sweetest snake I've ever seen. He loves morning kisses on the head. He loves blankets, cuddles, curling up in my hair bun, and taking a ride around the house. He's an amazing snake and I'm so happy I adopted him." ~ Ana

PRADA

Want to make an AWLA pet a part of your family? Visit www.awla.org/adopt

SERVING BOTH ENDS OF THE LEASH

AWLA believes that animals – and the people who love them – deserve access to the resources needed to keep their animals safe, healthy, and *home*.

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“I’m incredibly grateful for these services as I cannot afford them and my girl deserves the best. Better than me.” ~ Pet Resource Center client
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IN ARLINGTON COUNTY, MORE THAN 24,000 PEOPLE LIVE UNDER THE POVERTY LINE, AND SO DO THEIR PETS. THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT:



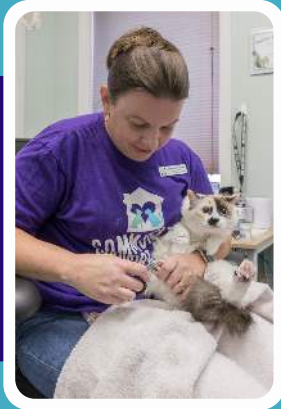
58,732 lbs of free food distributed to local pet families



1,633 vaccines provided to pets in the community



\$39,298 granted to pets experiencing a medical emergency or chronic condition



170 pets received free or low-cost microchips



1,335 free doses of flea & tick prevention provided to pet families



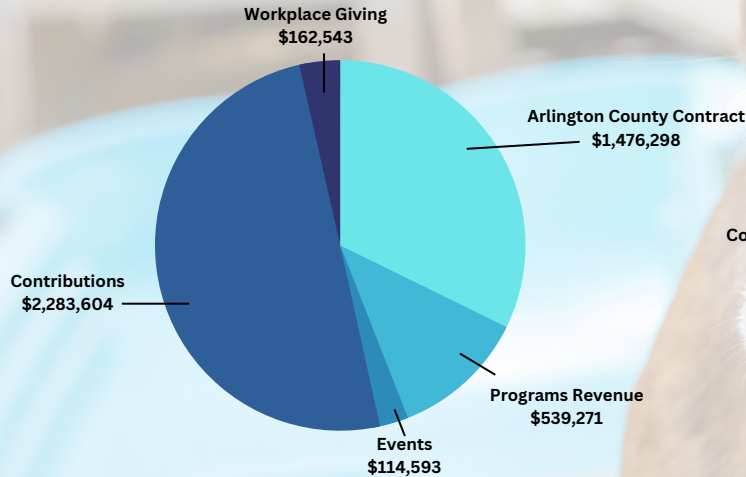
114 pets groomed at no cost to their owner

AN INVESTMENT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

HOW YOUR DONATIONS ARE SPENT

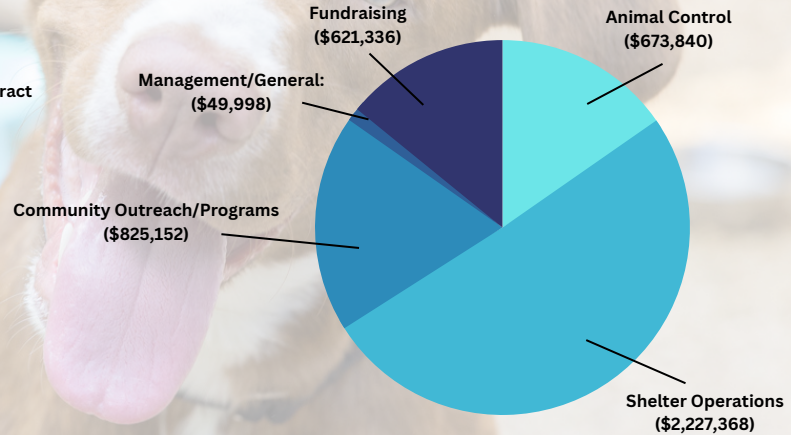
INCOME: \$4,576,309*

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



EXPENSES: \$4,397,694*

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 December 31st, 2023. 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.*



YOU MAKE IT ALL POSSIBLE!

Workplace Giving & CFC

Support AWLA through your workplace giving program.

Employer Matching Gifts

Many companies offer a matching gift program so you can double your support.

In-Kind Donations

Donate your time, talents, or items from AWLA's wish list to support our mission.

Monthly Giving

Monthly donations are a way to give more by spreading your donations over time.

Gifts of Stock

By giving stocks, bonds, and mutual funds that have appreciated, you may receive a charitable income tax deduction and avoid paying capital gains tax.

Vehicle Donation

Donate your used car through our partner Vehicles for Charity and AWLA will benefit from the proceeds of the sale.

Donor Advised Funds

You can make an annual or recurring gift from your donor-advised fund.

Charitable Distribution from IRA

If you are 70 1/2 or older, you can use your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to make a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your IRA directly to AWLA and avoid taxes.

**For more information contact our Director of Development,
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