2018 Community Impact

**RESCUE**

- 4,075 animals received daily care
  - Dog: 1,462
  - Cat: 1,759
  - Other: 854

- 2,669 pets arrived from 24 Maine cities and towns.
  - Upon arrival, every pet receives:
    - Health examination
    - Parasite control
    - Nutritious food
    - Safe and comfortable shelter
  - By adoption day, every pet is:
    - Spayed/neutered
    - Microchipped
    - Up-to-date on vaccinations

- 1,406 pets arrived from other states and Puerto Rico through our Paws Across America network of transport partners.
  - Nevada Rabbits
    - Hundreds of domestic rabbits were rescued from a dumping ground outside of Las Vegas in August. They were caravanned across the country, with the last stop being Maine. We were able to take in 18 rabbits and find them new homes through our satellite adoption program.
  - Florida Cats
    - In the aftermath of Hurricane Michael, we took in 15 cats that had previously been in Florida shelters. Our support allowed local shelters to clear kennel space for family pets displaced due to the storm. These cats got the second chance they needed at AWS.
  - Puerto Rico Dogs
    - After stepping in to assist after Hurricane Maria in 2017, we began a regular relationship with a street dog rescue group in PR, opening up our kennels for 78 dogs to find new homes in Maine.

- Satellite Adoptions
  - Since 2016, our partnership with area pet supply stores has grown significantly, allowing us to rescue and save more animals, particularly small animals.

- Homeward Bound
  - Thanks to the many pet lovers in our community, the average length of time pets wait in the AWS Adoption Center for their new family is less than a week, only 6.8 days.

- Volunteer Support
  - 36,101 hours
  - 19,477 @HOME
  - 152 foster families
  - 722 pets

- Nevada Rabbits
  - GA: 744
  - MS: 245
  - NC: 211

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**Youth Programs**

- **Animals Unite Us**, our newest humane education curriculum, brings lessons in companion animals to classes with immigrant students who may be unfamiliar with the culture of having family pets.

  Launched in October, **Rescue Readers** pairs students with AWS resident pets for an hour of reading aloud. This creates a special bond between the two. It provides enrichment and positive socialization for the animals and it boosts literacy and confidence in children.

**Canine Training**

- **Class attendance doubled** in just 4 years with 1,022 graduates in 2018.
- **Private consultations increased 444%** in the last year, with 136 people receiving personalized instruction on their dog’s behavior and professional tips on training.

- **AWS Trainers work with resident dogs on training, enrichment and agility.**

  - **104 hours**: Bi-Weekly Group Class
  - **208 hours**: One-on-one Training

**Veterinary Procedures**

- **Vaccinations**: 11,129
- **Dental Cleanings**: 136
- **Microchips**: 3,111
- **Life-saving Surgeries**: 137
  - amputation • mass removal • urinary blockage
  - enucleation • foreign body extraction • etc.
- **Spay/Neuter Surgeries**: 3,398
  + **940** pets spayed or neutered through the **Cleo Fund**, a statewide resource.

  **Wellness Exams**: 2,963
  + **6,967** exams done by animal care technicians and shelter staff members

**TOTAL HEALTH EXAMS**: 9,930

**Vet Patients**

- **Shelter Patients**
- **Public Patients**

**AWS’ former onsite clinic, located in a converted storage room, handled primarily s/n, limiting capacity to provide other services.**

**Completion of the Community Veterinary Clinic, a full-service practice, increases service capacity by 92%**

**THANK YOU!**

Your support makes our life-saving work possible.

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