# Anmal Tais

ANIMAL WELFARE ASSOCIATION • SPRING/SUMMER 2023



#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

To eliminate animal suffering, promote the importance of the human-animal bond and improve the role of animals in the well-being of people.

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### HAPPY "TAILS"

Our sweet Sunny, formerly Hamster, is doing great! She is the perfect addition to our family. She is good with the cats, gentle with our elderly dog, Trixie (17 yrs) & has formed a best friendship with 9 year old Sandy. All three of our pups have been adopted from AWA. Thank you for making these life long loves possible.





LJ, formerly Spencer, is doing terrific! All of his brothers and sisters love him. He especially bonded quickly with my three legged cat and my larger dog. I think he is loving his new home!"

Trent went home! He was at AWA for eight months so it was an exciting day when he found his new home.

1,459 dogs, cats and small furries found their forever homes at AWA in 2022





Mr. Big (now Brewzer) is such a big goofball and a cuddler. He loves that he has a big backyard to play with his ball. Then, he gets to come in and take a snooze on his own personal couch to build up some energy to play some more!



#### 2022 BY THE NUMBERS - ADOPTION CENTER & PET CLINIC

9,670

Vaccines were administered to community pets

1,488

Pets received wellness exams at the Pet Clinic

1,171

Animals got a second chance through AWA's Transport program

1,110

Shelter animals were spayed or neutered before going to a new home

826

Shelter animals required medical care and treatment before adoption

585

Animals benefited from staying with a foster family

581

Pets in the community received spay or neuter surgery

541

Pet received care through Vets on Wheels (VOW)

374

Shelter animals received behavior training/rehabilitation

218

Public Training Classes were offered to pet owners

### FROM MEAT FARM TO A LIFE FULL OF LOVE AND COMFORT

Odri, now Ari (which means beautiful or pretty girl translated from Korean) came all the way from South Korea to find her forever home.

Ari was rescued from certain death from a meat farm. Her days were spent in a cramped, dirty wire cage with minimal care. Fortunately, a caring community of people thought her life had value and was worth saving, and she found her new life through AWA.

She's adjusting well; she gets the zoomies every day and entertains her family by skidding around the house on the hardwood floors. One of her favorite new things is a Kong full of Mini Milkbones.

Ari is living the life she deserves thanks to the generosity of supporters like you!





#### **CONNIE'S PAIN IS GONE**

Connie, a two-year-old gray tabby recently came to AWA from a local shelter partner. She didn't come here for medical reasons, but simply to have a better chance of catching the eye, in a less crowded space, of a forever family.

Because she was very scared it was decided that she would stay in Dr. Emily's office, a quiet environment where she could hide until she felt safe enough to interact with people. When Dr. Emily examined her, she discovered a strange bump and decided to explore the cause. To her horror, the bump was a pointed air rifle pellet that was lodged under Connie's skin in front of her right ear.

Imagine the pain and trauma this poor girl experienced, it is so sad that she had to encounter this kind of cruelty. It is understandable why she was hesitant to let anyone near her.

With relief from her pain she now welcomes attention from the staff and is looking for that special family to take her home.

Your support provides a safe nurturing place for emotional and physical healing.



#### **FIVE MONTHS AT AWA**

Even though Frankie was a staff favorite seeing him find his forever home was a day to celebrate. He came to AWA early in December 2022. He was here five months and he was definitely ready to leave AWA for his new life.

It is because of dedicated donors like you that Frankie and others like him have the extra time they need due to medical treatment, behavior rehabilitation or because the perfect home takes a little longer to find.



#### IT'S KITTEN SEASON

It is hard to replace the nourishment and care a mother cat can provide for her kittens, but when orphans arrive at AWA the medical team and foster volunteers do everything in their power to ensure these vulnerable babies have a fighting chance to survive.

Keeping them warm and their bellies full take lots of dedication and means some sleepless nights, but watching them grow and thrive is a wonderful reward.



#### **KEEPING PETS HEALTHY AND WITH THEIR FAMILIES**

AWA's Vets on Wheels (VOW) was thrilled to be back providing free and accessible veterinary care to pets in the City of Camden on May 24th. This first VOW event of 2023 served over fifty pet owners, many with multiple pets. Services offered included: vaccines, deworming, flea and tick preventatives, microchipping and more.

Beginning in June VOW will be at Pyne Poynt Park the third and fourth Wednesday of each month through October.

Having access to preventative medical care for their pets is vital for pets to stay healthy and remain with their families. AWA also distributes pet food to all VOW attendees.

We thank Subaru of America and the Camden County Commissioners for generously supporting this lifesaving program that benefits Camden pet owners and their pets.

#### **DAY CAMPS AT AWA**

This new program at AWA has been very popular with kids and their parents.

When kids have a holiday or school break they can spend the day with the animals at AWA. Many fun and educational activities keep them engaged and interested.

A unique activity that the kids seem to love was clicker training a rabbit. A visit to the Community Cat room was also a favorite. The animals surely enjoyed the extra attention. Other activities included: reading to the animals, a look at common parasites under microscopes, making adoption posters, designing their dream shelters, meeting pet therapy dogs, touring the shelter, and more.





**Town Center.** 

It was a fun day for all who participated. Paws & Feet is AWA's BIGGEST fundraiser of the year. The \$122,000 raised will help provide daily care, medical treatment and behavior rehabilitation for the animals that come to AWA seeking a beautiful new life.

A BIG THANKS to all who supported the 25th year of this important and enjoyable event.



#### **WAYS YOU CAN HELP HOMELESS ANIMALS**

Puppies and kittens are coming through the doors at AWA bringing a lot of cuteness!

Before adoption these little ones require vaccines and spay/neuter surgeries.

Will you help them and the adult animals in our care as they wait for their new homes?

# AWA'S NEW PET SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Put a furry face to your donation!
Our Pet Sponsorship program helps
support a select group of animals
that need some extra help.

These adoptable pets may already have a higher-than-average length of stay, they may be older, or have health or behavior challenges that make it more difficult to find their forever home.







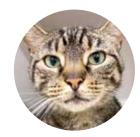
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## SHOP AWA'S CATALOG OF COMPASSION

AWA's Catalog of Compassion gives you, an animal lover, an opportunity to personalize your gift to honor or memorialize a loved one.

These symbolic gifts will allow AWA to provide safe shelter, nurturing care and a new beginning in a loving home. Your gift will make a positive difference in the lives of every animal that comes through AWA's doors.







A lot is happening at AWA during the summer months, don't miss out!

