

Spring 2020

# Animal Tails

**Homeless Pets  
YOU Saved**

**Spay it Forward**

**2019 in Review**



**Building Community**

since 1948

# What **YOU** Achieved in 2019

## ADOPTIONS

**Cats**  
1,067



**Small Furries**  
148



**Dogs**  
906



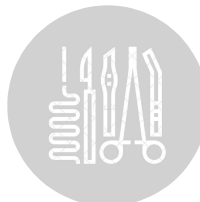
**5,689**  
Pounds of  
Pet Food  
Distributed



**1,280**  
Wellness  
Exams  
Performed



**827**  
Pets  
Fostered



**4,988**  
Spays/  
Neuters

**95%**

**Save Rate**

1,387 Pets Transported from  
Overcrowded Shelters

**52,248 Volunteer Hours**



**670**



**Humane Education  
Participants**



**63**



**Pet Therapy Visits  
Conducted**

**On behalf of all the pets and people  
whose lives you touched...**

**Thank you for your help!**



## Alumni Corner



**There's something** about the stories of our alumni coming out of their shells with their new families that warms our hearts more than anything else. This picture was sent in by Deborah N., who is loving her new addition, Minnie. Minnie means a lot to the whole family, but especially Deborah's son, who has autism and hyperactivity.

"It's like she knows Jacob thrives when she's calm...Minnie always maintains a relaxed demeanor around him, she allows him to hold her and lays beside him... **I don't know what her previous life was before we met her but I do know she's changed our lives forever.** Thanks again!" --Deborah N.

We're confident this human-animal bond goes both ways...and if **Minnie could speak, she'd say "thanks" as well--for the gift you gave her of a forever family!**



**Moose, a beautiful hound** who was named for her ears the size of antlers, was timid and sweet-natured, and from her physique **we theorize she was used for breeding.** When Moose tested heartworm positive too, we rolled up our sleeves to find her a foster home where she could undergo the expensive and lengthy treatment.

Thanks to the support of our amazing fosters, as well as the donors who make this network possible, **Moose learned trust and basic commands from her foster mom.** Moose made such progress in her foster home, and was **a much braver lady when she came back to the shelter.**

The day of her adoption, Moose left behind nursing litter after litter, fear of the unknown, and moving from place to place.

**Moose found stability and love, because of you.**



# Homeless Pets YOU Saved: Lemonade, Chip, Tyson and MORE

## When Life Gives You Lemons...

Lemonade, a four-year-old calico kitty, was rescued from a nearby shelter where she might not have made it out otherwise. Only cats aren't meant to be in cages...**Lemonade did not thrive in the shelter environment**, and instead pawed for hours at a time at the front of her cage to be let out. Luckily, a foster home had room for Lemonade, and **she was one of 827 pets fostered in 2019.**

Lemonade quickly sweetened to her foster home, but NOT the other cats there. It became clear Lemonade needed to be an only cat, or the "queen of the castle" as her foster mother put it. Months went by without the right home appearing, and **AWA, thanks to your support, began extra-actively promoting Lemonade for adoption.** A long-term volunteer, Carol M., came across one of the fliers promoting Lemonade, and fell in love with her beautiful eyes and outstretched paws. Carol's beloved cat had recently passed away, making her "castle" empty.

The picture to the right is the day **Carol brought Lemonade, now Callie, home to her castle**, where she is found most often snuggling in Carol's arms, or surveying her kingdom atop the bureau.



## Two-for-One Deal

Chip, a one-year-old black lab, arrived from a Southern Transport and we noticed right away that **something was wrong with his leg.**

Chip could barely put weight on it as time went on, and it stuck out at an unusual angle. Our veterinarian determined that he would need his front left leg amputated, an expensive procedure that we did not anticipate when taking in Chip. As a result, we turned to our incredible AWA community, and **people like YOU stepped up and generously "Chipped In" for his surgery.**

**The outpouring was so great**, that not only were we able to amputate Chip's leg, but **we were also able to help another dog, Tyson**, who suffered from a similar injury.

Chip and Tyson, now living pain-free lives as tripods, were **both adopted by their foster moms.** The foster moms had seen them through their surgery, recovery, and helped Chip and Tyson get back on their feet!

**We share our thanks with them, as well as our thanks with YOU for making stories like this happen.**



## Spay it Forward: YOUR Donations at WORK

### Coupons aren't the only thing being snipped...

Thanks to your support, **in 2019 we spayed/neutered a FANTASTIC 4,988 pets a low/no cost to their people.** Each of those pets will have a better life quality, longer life span, and the surgery halts their part in the overpopulation cycle. We are so appreciative for your role in making these victories happen!

Just as in its formation 50 years ago, spaying/neutering continues to be a top focus of the work YOU make possible through our pet clinic. With the can-do attitude of the clinic team, several general community spay/neuter days were held. In just two of these events, held in February, nearly 100 cats were "fixed" - many of them feral cats, who will no longer fear giving birth to unwanted litters of kittens.

While some of these events were supported by grant funding, others were made possible by donors like you.

So we want to thank **YOU** for spaying it forward!





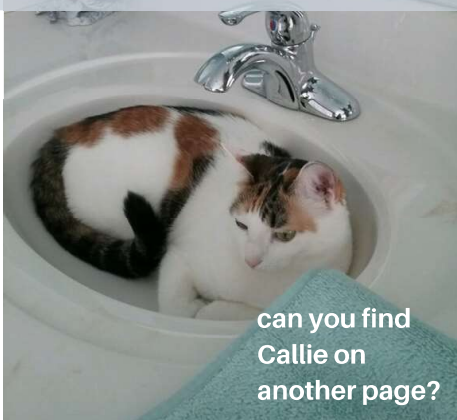
# Happy "Tails" From Our Friends

Calle came house trained, dog friendly and ready to love everyone...For a dog that was found in Puerto Rico and flown to the States to end up in a shelter in NJ - we couldn't have asked for anything better!" —Alicia



"Thandie (a hoarding survivor) seems to like her new home. She's been cuddling with us nonstop! Thank you Animal Welfare Association!" —Audrey B.

Callie is just the company I wanted. Such fun to watch her explore new things. She is training me to look UP when she calls. We are learning to love each other." —Carol M.



can you find  
Callie on  
another page?



"Bruce (formerly Nanook) is clearly miserable in his new home 🤔 Just under a month since he joined our family and he has us all cracking up every day!!" —Jennifer B.



"Update on Sailor, now Skylar. It has been one year since Skylar came into our lives and it has been one fun filled year. She loves to cuddle and to camp and fits into our family perfectly. Thank you AWA for helping us find the missing piece to our family." —Rob and Caitlyn F.



"There are not enough words to describe the wonderful experience we had with adopting Renlee (aka Misty the kitten with no eyes) from the AWA... She is making herself right at home♥ Thank you!" —Laura S.



"Happy from Puerto Rico is doing great! We love him so much! He has such a funny personality and has adjusted well to his new home! He just came back from the groomer looking very handsome! He loves to go for walks and has a favorite frog squeaky toy that he doesn't let out of his sight! We are so happy that "Our Happy" found us!" —Jennifer B.