



OUR MISSION

The Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire improves animal welfare in our communities by helping pets and the people who care for them.



Programs

Adoption

Animal Cruelty

Barn Cats

Behavior Help

Companion Animal Assistance Fund

Lost & Found

Low-Cost Spay/Neuter

Pet Food Pantry

Surrender

Transport

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WITH YOUR HELP, OVER 2,000 PETS
AND THE PEOPLE WHO CARE FOR
THEM ARE HELPED EACH YEAR!



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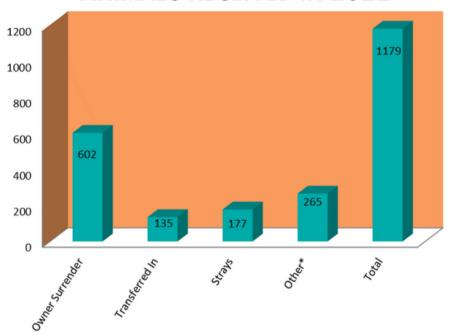
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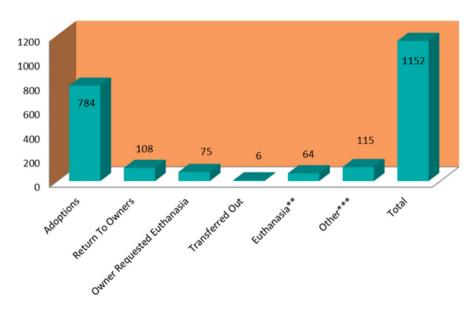


ANIMAL STATISTICS

ANIMALS RECEIVED IN 2022



ANIMAL OUTCOMES IN 2022



*Other includes animals at the ARLNH for services such as Animal Cruelty Investigation, born in care, Spayapalooza, exams, adoption returns and owner requested euthanasia.

^{**}Any animal euthanized was considered "unmanageable" or "untreatable" due to serious medical or behavioral issues.

^{***}Other includes animals returned to owner after services, dead on arrival or died in our care.



YEAR IN REVIEW

2022 was FILLED with happenings! Here are just a few...



Maggie

Maggie, a six year-old mixed-breed dog's life changed drastically when there was an addition of a newborn in her home. Having never been socialized with children, Maggie's stress level went through the roof, and her inability to bond with the child resulted in Maggie being surrendered along with Otis, the other dog in the home.

Maggie and Otis were pretty horrified to have arrived at the shelter. It took some time for them to start to trust us. Maggie stayed with us for a few months before she started to deteriorate. She had arrived chunky and despite an increase in food, had lost several pounds. Her stress was causing her to quite literally waste away. We made adjustments. Maggie was started on some medications and supplements, to ease her mind. She moved into my office during the days. She put some of the weight back on. But when you work in the shelter, you are never at your desk 100% of the time, and on those days where I was needed elsewhere, Maggie was paying the price.

Maggie needed to move, Maggie needed to explore, Maggie needed to feel alive. (All of our shelter pets do!) So Maggie and Naomi Stevens, Chief Operating Officer hit the streets and trails of Bedford, Amherst, Merrimack, and New Boston. They walked, they ran, they hiked, and they drove. They were out there, rain or shine. Taking over an hour every night (after all the other pets are put to bed) to forget that Maggie is a shelter dog in need of a home. They were just friends having fun. Friends leaving the stress of the day behind. Friends - knowing that 5 or more miles of exercise will make the nighttime sleep come easier. Friends making the waiting for a home a little more bearable. After 339 days at the shelter, Maggie found her forever home and a few days later, Otis did too.



Alister is a big, handsome boy who was living out in the woods of New Boston. To say he was living his best life is an understatement. He had the world in the tip of his claw, he ate all the mice he could catch, and given his stunning good looks, I'm sure won over the ladies of his block. But his best of times came to a sudden halt when something big happened.

What happened? We have no idea. But we know it was something big based on the way he arrived at the Animal Rescue League of NH with a huge gash across his neck. A good samaritan found him injured outside and helped him make his way to us. While we try our best to improve animal's lives, we think Alister feels that the past ten months with us have been the very worst of times.

It started when he arrived and we immediately sedated him to further assess his wounds. If you think that was a bad way to start his time with us, picture him waking up after being treated for his neck injury, neutered, having one (very broken) tooth taken out, and wearing a shirt! I suspect he was not our biggest fan. Nevertheless we began a stray animal quarantine period that was necessary due to state laws and spent time with him to try to win him over. He declined our friendship...but we kept trying. When his quarantine period was over, we found him a nice home as a barn cat where he could go back to his ideal lifestyle.

Life as a barn cat suited him well...until day twenty-one hit and he ran into a big problem. His neck wound had opened back up again. Alister then came back to the Animal Rescue League of NH and underwent multiple surgeries to close up his wound. Unfortunately, due to the extent of his injury and the possibility of the wound to continue opening up, he was no longer a good candidate to live outside as a barn cat. Alister was adopted right before Thanksgiving and is living his best life in his new home.

Hardship struck a family of eight Chihuahuas, leaving them and their owners in a bind. Needing shelter and safety, they moved into their 4-door sedan, a tight squeeze for eight dogs (regardless of their size) and two humans. Wanting a better life for this little pack, their owners did what they thought was best and reached out to the Animal Rescue League of NH to help find new homes for their pint-sized gang. Of course, we said we could help - and we weren't too concerned because friendly, small dogs are always in high demand. We welcomed Nikita, Nikoli, Kenda, Tippy, Alexis May, Lola Ray, Speckle, and Luna with open arms - literally - they were handed to us one by one! These cuties won us over quickly...and us them. Though nervous, and a little wobbly, these Chihuahuas were just gems.

There was a problem though – most had terrible dental disease. If you've ever owned a small dog, you might know what I am talking about. These little breeds are known for having really bad teeth, often even at a younger age. A dental procedure with this much damage could cost over \$2,000 for EACH! But we knew we couldn't stop there. We had to keep doing everything we could to get these Chihuahuas into new homes.





Nikita, Nikoli, Kenda, Tippy, Alexis May, Lola Ray, Speckle and Luna

One by one we began their assessments. They needed spay/neuter surgeries, vaccines, heartworm tests, preventatives, microchips, and most of them needed extensive dental surgery. We took out lots of broken, abnormal and really smelly teeth. Some of them didn't have many teeth left when we were done! But they felt much better!

Finding homes for these Chihuahua's came easily, as no one could resist their charm, and newly fresh breath. Their smiles are more gums than pearly whites. Now pain free and in new homes, they have a whole lot to smile about!



Luna before a dental procedure

Oh Luna. While her extreme under bite shows off her big, beautiful, crooked buck teeth, she just knows she is beautiful on the inside. At only seven months old, she spent her whole life so far struggling to eat, drink, and do rabbit things.

Those incisor teeth are extremely important for rabbits. They are supposed to be straight, and align with the incisors on the top of her mouth (although for Luna, those happen to be crooked too). They use them to grab hay, their main food source, and pull it into their mouths.

Unable to use her incisors, Luna lived on an unhealthy diet of all rabbit pellets. By the time she came to the ARLNH she had cuts on the inside of her mouth where her overgrown teeth were growing into her gums.

Luckily, we were able to give Luna a full dental procedure which involves trimming and grinding her teeth down to a normal length. Sounds gross right? But we were able to get her teeth back on track to do what she is supposed to do, eat healthy hay!

Luna...feeling much better and able to do "rabbit things" after a much needed dental procedure





OUTREACH/INVESTIGATIONS & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



In 2022,

Maureen Prendergast, Director of Outreach & Investigations, helped 119 animals (5 dogs, 77 cats, 35 rabbits and 2 tortoises) through our Outreach & Investigations program!

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

COMPANION ANIMAL ASSISTANCE FUND (CAAF)

Helps pet owners with one-time, non-emergency, extraordinary animal medical expenses so that animals may receive necessary care and remain in their loving homes. The program assisted 17 families (that included 13 dogs and 4 cats) by providing \$12,571.99 in financial assistance in 2022.

SPAYAPALOOZA

Our low-cost spay/neuter program altered 73 animals (14 dogs, 10 rabbits and 49 cats) in 2022.

PET FOOD PANTRY

Our Pet Food Pantry provided food to dozens of regular, local pet owners throughout 2022. The Pet Food Pantry also provides food to a number of communities in the North Country through established drop-off areas and volunteers. We also provide food to some local wildlife rehabilitators as well as a number of smaller, local, non-profit animal rescue groups that may not have consistent sources of food donations.

SAFE HAVEN

The Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire recognizes the need to protect pets involved in domestic violence cases, as few shelters for humans have the ability to house animals, leaving victims to face the difficult decision to either leave their pets behind or remain in an abusive situation.



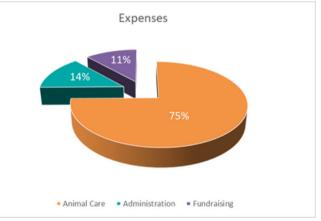


75%

of our expenses are for animal care & programs







REVENUE		
Program Services	\$124,371.00	13%
Donations & Special Events	\$1,304,348.00	131%
Grants	\$31,357.00	3%
Investment & Interest Income	-\$466,493.00	-47%
Total Unrestricted Support and Revenue	\$993,583.00	100%
EXPENSES		
Animal Care/Programs	\$861,541.00	75%
Administration	\$157,426.00	14%
Fundraising	\$133,181.00	12%
Total Expenses	\$1,152,148.00	100%



VOLUNTEERS

174

THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!



2022 Volunteer Of The Year *Denise Fo*x

Pictured with Leah Miller, Community Engagement Coordinator and Marianne Jones, CEO



Gloria MacVane & Marie Kohler celebrating 25+ years of service to the animals!

VOLUNTEERS WE THANK YOU!















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