We, at the Animal Welfare League of Arlington (AWLA), are proud of our accomplishments over the past fiscal year. More than 3,000 companion animals and 9,000 residents in Arlington County and around the D.C. metro area benefitted from AWLA programs, services, and events throughout the fiscal year. We increased our adoptions, decreased euthanasia, and maintained an overall positive outcome rate for all companion animals above 92 percent, which significantly surpasses the national standard.

Pat Ragan, chair of the AWLA board of directors, said,

"The Animal Welfare League of Arlington received three significant awards in the past year: the Abbie Award as Arlington’s best nonprofit; the Compassion Award by the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies; and a resolution by the Virginia General Assembly for “improving the quality of life of animals in Arlington County and the commonwealth.” We look forward to 2014 as a milestone year for AWLA – it is our 70th anniversary and we are planning a number of exciting events to celebrate our wonderful legacy and to lay the groundwork for even more success in improving the outlook for our animals.

Our trap-neuter-return program prevented a potential population increase of 12,000 feral cats over the next seven years, and we were able to socialize and adopt 80 kittens from feral mother cats. The League provided 280 shelter animals with medical testing and treatment that would have been beyond the means of most animal shelters. We helped low-income residents spay or neuter 131 pets and get emergency medical treatment for 24 pets. Many of these community pets may have been surrendered to shelters if this help had not been available. Our enhanced communications efforts have increased exposure for our shelter animals and for animal issues in our community.

These successes would not have happened, however, without the help and dedication of 650 volunteers,
3,438 donors, 924 adopters, 57 foster families, and 59 rescue partner organizations. We look forward to even more success in improving the lives of animals in fiscal 2014. Please join us in making Arlington a great place for animals. Visit our shelter, adopt a pet, attend our events, sign-up for our eNewsletter, download Arlington Pets (a free app), and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

**Fostering**

Over the past year we have greatly expanded our foster program including dedicating a full-time staff position to fostering. In 2011 we had seven active foster homes; we currently have 57 available homes. For FY13 we sent 271 animals into foster care, which is 52 more than FY12. The biggest areas of growth were adult dogs, puppies and adult cats.

We are extremely grateful to the dedicated people who provide foster care in their homes for our most vulnerable animals. Without their generous gifts of time and attention, these 271 animals might not have received the chance that they deserved.

**Humane Education, Community Services and Volunteers**

AWLA staff made 14 visits to schools and community centers, hosted three birthday parties, made 83 presentations, and gave 42 tours of the shelter—reaching 1,081 children and 242 adults.

Our community service programs helped two residents with temporary safekeeping of their animals during times of crisis; assisted 24 residents with emergency veterinary expenses; and provided 131 animals with reduced cost or free spay/neuter surgery.

We welcomed 191 new volunteers this year for a total of 650 volunteers, who gave approximately 35,000 hours of their time in service to the League.

**Paws Applause**

We thank visiting veterinarians who donate their time to examine shelter animals and veterinarians who have helped the League by performing surgeries in our surgical suite.

- Dr. Natasha Ungerer and Dr. Kayleen Gloor of Fairfax Animal Hospital
- Dr. Adrienne Hergen of Del Ray Animal Hospital
- Dr. Jeff Newman, Dr. Katie Dennehy, Dr. Jessica Garcia, Dr. Jamie Todd, Dr. Jaci Sites, Dr. Ann Planeta, and Dr. Neil Coleman of Caring Hands Animal Hospital
- Dr. Andrew Nguyen of Columbia Pike Animal Hospital
- Dr. Kristen Hitt
- Dr. Fred Jones of Arlington Animal Hospital, who donates his time to our low-cost rabies clinics
Foster-to-Adopt Helps Make the Right Match

We are always looking for new ways to get animals adopted. This year we have offered a few potential adopters the option to foster the pet they are interested in before making the final decision to adopt. Callaway is a perfect example of how this option was a win-win situation for everyone. Callaway is a large hound mix who we transferred from Potomac Highlands Animal Rescue (PHAR), a partner rescue in West Virginia. He was with that organization for many months with no adoption interest. We transferred Callaway in to give him a better chance for adoption, but he was here for about three months without much adoption interest. Then one day a man who had lost his own dog a few months before wanted to meet him. He was really smitten with Callaway, but his wife was out of town for a week. Part of the adoption process requires all household members to meet and agree on the chosen pet. This meant that Callaway, already becoming depressed in the kennel, would have to wait for another week in the shelter.

The couple wanted to find out if Callaway would be a good Arlington dog considering he had come from a very rural area. How would he react when they left him at home to go to work? We decided to have the man take Callaway home to foster while his wife was out of town. After about three weeks of fostering the couple knew Callaway (renamed Sam) was the dog for them. They completed the adoption and all are living happily together. The option to foster gave the adopters the time to figure out how Sam would do with them, and it benefitted Sam to be in a home environment.

A foster-to-adopt helped us to place a pet who was not getting any interest on the adoption floor. Even when a foster-to-adopt turns out not to be the right fit, we still gain insight about how the pet adjusts to a home environment. That pet also can take a break from the stress of shelter life and enjoy the comforts of home, even if for a short time. Each shelter animal presents unique challenges; we will continue to seek creative solutions to finding permanent, loving homes for all our animals.

Sam (formerly Callaway) enjoys life with his new family.

Animals Fostered

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Each year the AWLA board of directors honors a volunteer who has made an outstanding contribution to our mission to improve the lives of animals. There are always a number of deserving candidates. This year’s honoree is Beth Burrous. She started in 2007 as a dog kennel assistant, showing the League’s adoptable dogs to the public, and from there she has blossomed into one of the League’s greatest assets. Beth genuinely cares for all of the dogs she encounters. She is very generous with her time, coming into the shelter to give special attention to the dogs that need it. This includes extra long walks, extra playtime, and obedience training. She is very proactive in their care and works with the adoptions staff to suggest ideas to improve the experience of our shelter animals. She helps with special events and uses her talents to train new volunteers.

Beth has made donations to help animals in our care: she made it possible for us to buy a custom-made cart for a dog named Molly who was missing a front leg. She also worked patiently with Molly to help her get accustomed to the cart. Beth is a true team player; she even brings in home-baked goodies to share. Beth gives generously of herself and her time, and we hope she will continue to be a part of the AWLA team for many years.

Adoptions

Left: This family fell in love with Rudy.
Right: Oliver goes home with his new friends.
Animals Sheltered in Fiscal 2013
(JULY 2012 - JUNE 2013)*

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Annual Live Release Rate =
(Adoptions + Returns to Owner + Transfers)/(Total Outcomes) x 100 = ___%
92% 92% 96% 92.44%

* Based on the Asilomar Accords (http://www.asilomaraccords.org/)
Fundraising Highlights
By Lisa Kirschner, Director of Development

The staff and animals at the Animal Welfare League of Arlington are enormously thankful to all of our donors and supporters whose help enables us to perform services for the homeless animals in our community. During the Fiscal Year 2013 over 3,438 donors gave $385,778 to the League in response to our appeals, the donation envelopes from Pawpourri, and unsolicited donations. Your support is essential to all of our endeavors.

We would like to thank everyone who donated to the League during our last fiscal year.

**Humanitarians: $20,000+**
Best in Shelter
Mr. and Mrs. Merton Dick Van Orden

**Heroes: $10,000 - $19,999**
Anonymous
Julie Gould and Percy Ivy

**Champions: $5,000 - $9,999**
Anonymous
Ms. Jeanne M. Broyhill and Mr. Joe Ventrone
Foundation Source
Segue Technologies

**Guardians: $2,500 - $4,999**
Ms. Karen Albert and Mr. Shawn Kelley
Ms. Betty J. Aldrich
Anonymous
Ms. Beth Burrous and Mr. Kevin Baer
Ballston Animal Hospital
Ms. Julie Beckham
Mr. Mike Blank
Peter and Shirley Bookman
Caring Hands Animal Hospital
Mrs. Frances DiBari
Ms. Barbara A. Duckworth
Mr. Martin Lee
Mr. Steven Loving
Ms. Gillian McPhee and Mr. Storm DiCostanzo
Ms. Kristine Munn
CarolAnne Nargi
NOVA Cat Clinic
Pro Feed Pet Nutrition Centers
Debra and David Rose

Time for a Walk
Mr. Robert S. Waters
Ms. Jacolyn Wetmore
Dr. Jerry Winberry
Woofs! Dog Training Center

**Kindred Spirits: $1,000 - $2,499**
Act for Alexandria
Randi Aldrich and Jason Rosenberg
Anonymous
Jenni Barnes
Stephen Barto
Patricia Joy and Martin Baumann
Jerry and Ann Belyea
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Berry
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Ms. Jackie J. Borgel
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Mark Treadaway and Bob Kenney
Lisa Kirschner
KissAble Canine
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Susan Lee
Ms. Marianne LePelley
Loyalty Pet Care
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Mr. Allen K. Mears
Col. Rhoda M. Messer, Ret.
Ms. Melissa Mitchell
Ms. Susan Morrill
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Dr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Newman
Mr. and Mrs. Ron Novak
The Paul Klingenstein Family Foundation
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Mr. Eric S. Petersen
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Patricia and Bob Ragan
Mrs. Ellen H. Rainey and Mr. Terry Rainey
Regional Veterinary Referral Center
Mr. and Mrs. Ribbentrop
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David and Debra Rose
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Susan and David Sherman
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Mr. Thomas Straub  
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For a complete list of donors please visit our Web site at www.awla.org/donate.

**CFC and United Way Donors**

The League raised $94,600 from the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), United Way, and other workplace giving programs. If you work for a participating organization, please consider designating the Animal Welfare League of Arlington for your 2013 contribution. Our CFC number is 90065, and our United Way number is 8804. Many thanks to our CFC donors for the 2012 campaign year! For a complete list of donors please visit our Web site at www.awla.org/donate.

**Bequests**

Remembering the League in your will can turn your compassion for animals into your legacy for the future. This fiscal year the League received bequests from four generous individuals whose love and compassion for animals still lives on with their bequests totaling $307,467.41:

- Estate of Rosemary Davis
- Estate of Virginia Hale
- Estate of Lucy Oliver
- The Pietro and Thelma Raffielli Family Foundation

If you are interested in adding the League to your will (or have already done so), please contact Lisa Kirschner at lkirschner@awla.org or at 703-931-9241 ext. 220.

**Events**

Each year the League hosts two major fundraisers that benefit the homeless animals in our community. The Walk for the Animals had a record breaking year raising $106,000 and registering 861 individuals. Catsino Night and Silent Auction raised $75,300 with 260 people enjoying an evening of music, silent and live auctions, and casino style gaming.

On June 6th the League participated in Do More 24, a 24-hour day of giving hosted by the United Way of the Nation-
al Capital Area. With your support we raised $10,404 from 193 people.

Additionally, each year the League is involved with many small events throughout the community. These community supported events raise $16,237 to help homeless animals.

These fundraising milestones are achieved with the great support of our community: from our supporters who attend each event, the donors who support them, and our very generous sponsors. Every year, the League asks local businesses to sponsor our two major fundraisers either with cash sponsorships to help defray our costs or with items that can be used as prizes or auctioned off in our silent auction. If you are interested in sponsoring one of our events or donating an item, please contact Sally Harte at sharte@awla.org.

**Pet Pals Monthly Giving Program**

Throughout the year the following people make automatic monthly donations to support the League. Thank you for your generous donations. With your support you raised over $19,800 to help the animals:

- Zahra Alwazir
- P. E. Anderson
- Anonymous
- Aurora R. Bafrene
- Jennifer Baskin
- Diane Boudalis
- George Bowles and Elizabeth Cheyney
- Lisa Branco and Jonathan Dox
The Healthy Pet Fund provided surgery for Phoebe.

make our shelter animals more adoptable. The staff and animals at the Animal Welfare League of Arlington are extremely grateful to all the donors that have helped us raise $40,497. This fund helps animals such as Phoebe, who was brought to the League because her owners did not have the time to care for her. A physical examination at the League showed that she had a mass in her lower abdomen. Our veterinary team performed surgery on Phoebe and discovered that she actually had a hole in her abdomen. They were able to remove a portion of muscle from her inner thigh and use this muscle to patch up the hole. We are happy to report that Phoebe recovered from surgery and has been adopted into her new home! Last fiscal year the Healthy Pet Fund provided 280 shelter animals with essential medical care.

Ross-Roberts Emergency Veterinary Assistance Fund

Everyone at the Animal Welfare League of Arlington would like to thank the donors that helped us raise over $33,818 to offer no-interest loans to members of the public who needed emergency veterinary care for their animals.

Low Cost Spay/Neuter Fund

Generous donors gave $8,132 to help spay or neuter pets of low-income owners. This fiscal year 131 animals in our community benefitted from low-cost or free spay/neuter surgery.

The Bob Ragan Humane Education Fund

Recognizing the critical need that education plays in understanding and respecting animals, Bob and Pat Ragan began this fund to underwrite a variety of animal welfare activities that will stimulate children and adults to recognize and promote the important role animals play in all of our lives. In its first year this fund has raised $6,505 towards humane education initiatives.
FY 2013 Financial Report

The audited financial report will be available from the League in November 2013.

Revenue and Support FY 2013

Arlington County Contract for 
sheltering/animal control* $1,360,908.00
Programs Revenue $248,898.44
Interest & Dividends $83,019.25
Unrealized & Realized Gains 
( Losses) on Investments $217,609.24
Fundraising 
Events: $240,727.34
(Catsino Night/Fall Event, Walk, Misc. Events)
CFC/United Way $94,600.70
Contributions $797,472.47
TOTAL: $3,043,235.44

Expenses FY 2013

Animal Control* ($374,601.98)
Shelter Operations* ($1,244,775.08)
Community Outreach/Programs ($448,949.75)
Management/General ($30,069.00)
Fundraising ($351,929.55)
TOTAL: ($2,450,325.36)
TOTAL GAIN/(LOSS) $592,910.08

Temporarily Restricted Funds FY 2013

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*Under terms of a contract with Arlington County, the Animal Welfare League of Arlington provides the County’s animal shelter and animal control services.
Inaugural Golden Paw Gala

PUParrazzi get ready! The Animal Welfare League of Arlington will roll out the red carpet to honor superstar shelter animals during its inaugural Golden Paw Gala and A-Cat-Emmy Awards on Saturday, November 2, 2013, at the Westin Arlington Gateway. Proceeds will directly benefit shelter and homeless animals, community programs and services supported by The Animal Welfare League of Arlington—the County’s only humane society.

Meet and mingle with some VIPs (Very Important Pooches) aka, shelter dogs, that will walk the red carpet to represent the hundreds of animals that will benefit from the evening’s proceeds.

Dr. Katy Nelson of The Pet Show with Dr. Katy on News Channel 8 and Scott Thuman, WJLA anchor of Good Morning Washington, will serve as co-hosts. Joel Silverman, professional Hollywood animal trainer, current host of the nationally syndicated TV series, former host of Good Dog U on Animal Planet, and author of What Color is Your Dog?, will give a demonstration with “Foster,” a rescue shelter pup trained for movies and commercials. Special guest Wayne Pacelle, President and CEO of the Humane Society of the United States, will deliver keynote remarks. Three honorees will be recognized with an A-Cat-Emmy award for their exemplary contributions to the health and welfare of Arlington’s shelter animals.

This glitzy benefit event will include a cocktail reception, silent and live auctions, dinner and program. Join us for an evening of fun, fur and philanthropy while helping to make second chances PAWsible. For more information and to purchase tickets visit www.awla.org.

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Adoptions

Left: Pearl (formerly Piano) and Buddy (formerly Placido) in their new home.

Right: Pete found a loving family.
Animal Control

AWLA’s four animal control officers handled approximately 5,000 cases in fiscal 2013 including:

- Assisting fire and/or police: 64
- Bite investigations: 292
- Park patrols (for dogs off leash): 2,844
- Possible neglect investigations: 91
- Stray animals: 624
- Wildlife Calls: 1,549

Our animal control officers not only protect the public and enforce the laws, but they are the first responders to some of the most vulnerable in our community—animals in need. Timber, a young Akita, was found by an animal control officer abandoned in a crate in an apartment. Timber was brought to AWLA where his life was transformed and he was given a second chance with his new adopter.

Timber when found by officers and with his new family.

AWLA Veterinary Services

By Edward Maher,
Director of Animal Care and Veterinary Services

Our veterinary surgical suite and medical facility have continued to grow over the past year. Every dog, cat, and rabbit is sterilized prior to adoption. Post-operative complications are extremely rare. We performed 826 surgeries and 33 dentals on our shelter animals, 68 spay/neuters of feral cats, 41 low-cost spay/neuter surgeries for Spay Day 2013, and 603 surgeries for other animal shelters and rescue organizations. For the year we have totaled 1,571 procedures!

An upgrade to our surgical suite in FY2013 included the addition of an ultrasound machine. Ultrasound, a high-tech tool long used on the human side of medicine, now brings new benefits to an increasing number of animals every year. Veterinarians have begun using ultrasound to diagnose illnesses and chart a course of treatment, often at less risk and suffering to the animals. Ultrasound enables veterinarians to peer inside a pet’s body and to view more detailed images of tissues than provided by X-rays. It can also be used without placing an animal under anesthesia. Many thanks to the Paul Klingenstein Family Foundation for providing us a generous grant to cover a portion of the equipment and to Julie Gould and Percy Ivy, founders of the Woody and Mickey Healthy Pet Fund, for donating the balance of the funds to purchase this diagnostic tool. We look forward to continually improving on the medical services we offer.

Trap-Neuter-Return

In fiscal 2013, AWLA neutered 28 feral male cats and spayed 40 feral female cats. Based on assumptions from The Feral Cat Times, on average one female cat gives birth to six kittens per year. Kitten gender is 50 percent female, and only 25 percent of kittens survive to reproductive age. If all surviving female kittens become adults and reproduce with the same birth and kitten mortality rates, then one female cat and her offspring could produce up to 400 cats in seven years. Taking a more conservative number of 300 offspring, that means that the AWLA trap-neuter-return program prevented the birth of 12,000 feral cats over the next seven years. There were also 80 feral kittens brought into AWLA that were young enough to be socialized and adopted into loving homes.
This year the Animal Welfare League of Arlington established a strategic communications department. Its purpose is to fulfill the long-term goals of differentiating and generating public awareness for the League and its programs and services as well as influencing potential pet guardians to adopt from AWLA. In order to raise the public profile of the organization and distinguish the League from the numerous other animal rescue groups in the greater-DC area, we created a communications plan with strategies and tactics to be implemented in fiscal 2014. Plan initiatives are designed to elevate awareness among northern Virginia/DC metro residents for AWLA and its programs and services, drive AWLA animal adoptions, and position AWLA as the preeminent animal welfare organization in the region.

In just six months, AWLA strategic communications efforts have established a foundation for a robust communications program and have reached target audiences through a comprehensive traditional and social media campaign.

• Successful Facebook strategies like the “Three, Name Your Fee,” promotion helped achieve 69 cat adoptions in June including 14 cats over three years; a video produced for Animal Control Officer Appreciation week resulted in 1,153 views on Facebook and 142 views on YouTube; a video, “Best Friend for Frankie,” a long-term resident at AWLA, resulted in his placement in a permanent home.

• Participation in animal welfare industry partner community outreach events, such as the ASPCA’s Paws for Love (Feb. 14) and Paws for Celebration (July 30), brought awareness to AWLA and its adoptable animals on a national platform among elected officials.

• During the third and fourth quarter of fiscal 2013, we averaged two stories per week with a total media placement of 43 stories.

Join the conversation with us: Sign up for our enewsletter, like our Facebook page, follow us on Twitter, subscribe to our YouTube channel, and download our Arlington Pets free app.
AWLA Pit Crew

The Animal Welfare League of Arlington Pit Crew is a volunteer group founded in February of 2011 to facilitate adoptions of bully breeds, to educate the community about responsible dog ownership, and to support guardians of bully type dogs with outreach and education. As part of this, the

AWLA Receives Awards for Sheltering Practices

Throughout the year the League has received industry, state and local accolades, including a 2012 People’s Choice ABBIE Award for “Best Community Nonprofit” sponsored by Arlington Economic Development; the 2013 Compassion Award from the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies for demonstrating strong leadership qualities and for reducing the euthanasia of healthy and treatable dogs and cats in the community; as well as a resolution from the Virginia General Assembly in honor of the League’s efforts to reduce the number of animals that need to be euthanized. The Assembly resolution, patroned by state Sen. Barbara Favola (D-31st), commended AWLA for “improving the quality of life of animals in Arlington County and the commonwealth.” It passed both houses of the legislature without opposition. As reflected by these awards, AWLA significantly exceeds national sheltering norms, with 92 percent of the cats, dogs, and small companion animals we take in having positive outcomes. Senator Favola presented the League with the resolution on Tuesday, September 3, 2013.

Participants enjoy a pack walk.

AWLA Pit Crew has established a pack walking group, which provides guardians of ALL dog breeds an opportunity to exercise in a controlled setting. The goal is to create a supportive, welcoming environment where all dogs and their guardians can exercise, socialize, and continue to work on training in a safe, positive setting. These are structured, on-leash walks where dogs are given lots of space to work on arousal, confidence, or polite manners while on leash. If you are interested in taking part in these walks, please email pitcrewwalks@awla.org for more information! Again, the group is open to any dog regardless of breed.

Senator Barbara Favola (right) presented the Virginia General Assembly resolution to AWLA Board Chair Pat Ragan and President/CEO Neil Trent on September 3.
League Hours
Visiting:
Noon – 7:00 p.m.  Monday
Closed Tuesday
Noon – 7:00 p.m.  Wed. - Fri.
Noon – 4:00 p.m.  Sat. - Sun.
Receiving Incoming Animals:
8:00 a.m. – 10:30 p.m. daily
Emergencies: 24 hours a day

Workplace Giving
The League depends on our many donors who donate each year through their workplace giving programs, the United Way and the Combined Federal Campaign. These donations allow the League to continue its good works. As this year’s campaign begins, if you work for a participating organization, please consider designating the Animal Welfare League of Arlington with the appropriate codes.

Combined Federal Campaign
(CFC) # 90065

United Way
(UW) # 8804

Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign
(CVC) # 8068

Rabies & Microchip Clinics
Please bring dogs on leashes and cats in carriers.
Rabies Shot: $10 • Microchip $30
Oct 4 • Dec 5 (1st Thurs)
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Please bring proof of a prior rabies shot (a rabies certificate, not a tag) to get a three-year rabies shot. Without it, your pet will receive a one-year shot.

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