Message from Neil Trent, President/CEO

I am very proud to report that the Animal Welfare League of Arlington (AWLA), Arlington County’s only animal shelter, far exceeds national standards with an overall placement rate of 95 percent. The percentage of companion animals that were either adopted, returned to their owners, or transferred to one of AWLA’s network of rescue and rehabilitation partners has increased each year since 2010 (when it was 76%).

As an open admission shelter for Arlington County, it is our duty to accept every Arlington animal surrendered to our care, independent of the circumstance. Every day we strive to protect vulnerable animals, as well as to find loving and permanent homes for all companion animals in our community.

With more than 1,600 dogs, cats and small companion animals coming through our doors in fiscal 2015, how did we achieve such a high positive outcome rate?

An Army of Volunteers: More than 500 volunteers provide love, enrichment, and exercise to animals during their stay at AWLA. In the fiscal year just ended, volunteers gave more than 25,000 hours of their time in service to AWLA shelter animals. Dogs enjoy daily off-site walks and organized play groups lead by volunteers. Stuffed Kong toys and other enrichment items keep their minds stimulated throughout the day. Cats and small companion animals take pleasure in daily one-on-one play and cuddle time with volunteers.

Network of Foster Homes: Some animals need special care which is best provided in a home environment. The League places puppies and kittens too young for adoption, animals recovering from illness or surgery, and animals with special needs in one of more than 65 foster homes.
homes. In FY2015, 304 animals benefitted from AWLA’s foster program. Foster families take animals into their homes for as little as a weekend or up to several months depending upon the animals’ needs. AWLA provides foster training and covers all expenses associated with caring for a foster animal, including food and medical expenses.

State-of-the-Art Shelter Medicine with Donor Support: AWLA veterinary staff tends to the medical needs and well-being of the League’s animals. In FY2015, more than 800 life-improving procedures and surgeries were performed on AWLA shelter animals. The Woody and Mickey Healthy Pet Fund gives AWLA the resources to provide medical care for shelter animals that is beyond what most shelters can do.

Professional Behavior Team: AWLA has a well-trained behavior team that assesses the behavioral needs of dogs and cats. They put enrichment and behavior modification programs in place to keep shelter animals mentally healthy and to help animals become more appealing to adopters. They share strategies with adopters to help make each placement successful, as well as provide follow-up advice and help when needed.

Storytelling: Nearly 16,000 people follow AWLA on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram. Over 100 animals alone landed their adoptive homes via a news story or social media.

Because AWLA has been so successful at placing animals through these efforts, there are sometimes available spaces on the adoption floor. At those times AWLA will take animals from under-resourced and overburdened shelters in Virginia and beyond, including West Virginia, Louisiana, Florida, Korea, and Puerto Rico. In FY2015, 600 dogs, cats, and small companion animals were transferred into AWLA, where they were adopted into loving homes.

To join AWLA’s mission to improve the lives of animals and learn about becoming a foster parent, volunteer, or donor or to view AWLA’s diverse selection of companion animals including dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, guinea pigs, and hamsters visit www.awla.org.

Neil Trent, President and CEO

Volunteer Visiting Veterinarians

Thank you to our visiting veterinarians who donate their time to diagnose and treat our shelter animals.

Dr Kayleen Gloor & Dr Natasha Ungerer from Clarendon Animal Care

Dr Adrienne Hergen from Shirlington Animal Hospital

Dr Molly Tango - Columbia Pike Animal Hospital

Dr Katie Dennehey, Dr Michael Robinson, Dr Jessica Garcia, Dr. Jeff Newman - Caring Hands Animal Hospital

And thank you to Dr Fred Jones of Arlington Animal Hospital who volunteers at our eight low-cost rabies clinics each year.
The AWLA Volunteer of the Year is Marnie Russ. She had started her own lobbying firm 10 years ago and was working from home, so decided to help out in the cat room during lunch breaks. At the time, AWLA was just starting our foster program, so Marnie decided to give it a try and fell in love with fostering, especially with the fragile babies that needed bottle feeding! This led to Marnie becoming completely enthralled with sheltering, promoting spay/neuter, and the development of foster programs. Marnie fostered 60 cats and kittens in 2014 alone, including unweaned babies and pregnant or nursing mothers. Marnie has been a spectacular member of the AWLA foster team, and many animals have thrived and gotten their forever homes because of her care and compassion.

- We welcomed 188 adults and 33 children to our volunteer program this past year, bringing the number of active volunteers to 528.
- We provided 880 hours of training for volunteers.
- Non-foster hours of volunteering=14,739 (equivalent to seven full-time employees)
- Volunteers helped staff 33 special events around the community spreading the word about the League.

1,253 children and 559 adults participated in lessons.

Our new Paws and Read program had 50 children practicing their reading skills by reading to shelter cats.
Nearly 3,000 companion animals have something to say: THANK YOU!

Your generous support last year helped us:

- Prevent littering: 768 pre-adoption, 188 low-cost for the public, and 26 spay/neuter surgeries for feral cats

- Get up on our feet: 304 animals nurtured and/or rehabilitated in foster care

- Flash sparkly smiles: 20 dental treatments for shelter animals

- Overcome serious injury and illness: three orthopedic surgeries, one tumor removal, one eye surgery, three heartworm treatments, 12 cats and kittens recovered from ringworm

- Be safe: 795 low-cost rabies vaccinations and 147 micro-chips at our public clinics

Photo: Jeremy Robbin
Stay in our forever homes: 45 pets of low-income residents got emergency veterinary care, 65 expectant parents benefitted from “Baby Ready Pets” classes, 15 animals were sheltered at no charge when their owners experienced health or housing crises.

Barney

Barney came to the AWLA from the Stafford County (VA) Animal Shelter because he needed specialized care for one of his eyes. When he arrived at our shelter, staff and volunteers quickly fell in love with Barney’s playful personality. We scheduled an appointment for Barney with Dr. Corcoran, a veterinary ophthalmologist, at VetVision. Dr. Corcoran determined that Barney could not see with his right eye, likely from trauma when he was very young. Enucleation (or removal) of the eye was recommended so that Barney would not be troubled by discharge or need any long term maintenance. Generous donations to the Woody and Mickey Healthy Pet Fund paid for Barney’s surgery.

Barney made a speedy recovery and was quickly adopted. His happy new family reports, “Wonder (Barney at AWLA) is doing great and adjusting nicely to apartment life in Arlington.”

Thanks for your generosity!
Happy Tails!

George

George’s owners received the Shiba Inu puppy from a friend but noticed that one of his back legs was deformed and that he had trouble walking. They could not afford veterinary treatment so they surrendered him to the League. We quickly sent him for x-rays at Clarendon Animal Hospital. Radiographs revealed no fracture, but the left knee was so severely displaced that the quadricep muscle on that side was contracted severely. The right knee also luxated significantly. We contacted Dr. Tibor Lazar of Lazar Veterinary Surgery who came to the shelter to examine George. He was unsure whether or not the left limb was salvageable given the damage to the surrounding musculature. During surgery Dr. Lazar decided it was best for George to amputate the left rear limb because surgical repair of the knee was impossible. He did repair the right rear knee. George then spent several weeks in foster care, receiving pain medication and going to physical therapy. When he was fully recovered one of our volunteer professional photographers who had fallen in love with him decided to adopt him. George now lives a healthy, happy life as a treasured friend and photography model.

Trevor

Trevor is a special cat who came to us from family with two young children. They thought he would do better in a quieter home. Unfortunately, even with the best care for him, Trevor was stressed at the shelter. His anxiety caused him to leave little presents outside of his litterbox, and sometimes he became overstimulated. So we placed him in a foster home to get a break from the shelter and to see if he would learn to use his box again. During that time he made friends with his foster mom’s dogs and loved to sleep next to them. He got to really run around and play and showed his funny personality. Trevor also displayed his endearing side, loving to be held close and cuddled. After he was successfully using the litterbox in his foster home, Trevor came back to the shelter for adoption. One lucky person saw what a catch he was and couldn’t wait to add him to her family. Now Trevor lives with another AWLA alumnus, Liam, and his adopter reports that they are great buddies. Turns out Trevor likes to hang off his mom’s shoulder while she is standing or walking and then he LOVES snuggles. He has a favorite chair that he uses to look outside the window and sometimes falls asleep when standing up. We are so glad that we gave Trevor the second chance that he deserved.

Photo: Teresa Villatoro

Photo: Jeremy Robbin
Johanna and Katniss

Johanna and Katniss, a bonded pair of Mini Rex, Mini Lop rabbits started out at the Rockbridge SPCA and then came to a local rescue group where they spent several months but received little adoption interest. Since we have dedicated space for rabbits in our shelter, we were happy to transfer Johanna and Katniss into our adoption program. After staying with us for several months, Katniss suffered an injury requiring immediate surgery. The rescue group Friends of Rabbits and our incredible pool of foster families helped make her recovery possible. AWLA volunteer, Nicole Roberts quickly stepped forward to offer her home and expertise to help ensure Katniss would make a full recovery and remain bonded with her littermate, Johanna.

Our foster parent feared that Katniss would be lethargic, and not willing to eat after surgery, but it was soon apparent that her injury and major surgery had not slowed her down. She was running around as much as she could in her restricted area and ate everything she could. Although she had to keep Katniss and sister Johanna apart for a month, it was comforting to them to be able to see each other and interact through the bars of their pens. After Katniss was completely healed, they bonded again.

They spent their days sleeping on the window seat, soaking in the sunshine and their evenings doing binkies, crazy runs and using foster mom as their own personal jungle gym. A few weeks later, a wonderful couple applied to adopt the bunnies. Their adopters report that “When we brought bunnies into our lives, we thought we’d be giving them a good home, but we had no idea how much personality they would have, or how quickly and well they would fit into our family. They both have their own unique quirks that make them more lovable every day! Katniss is our brave explorer, while timid JoJo is our stubborn, albeit timid, go-getter. We’ve only had them for a few months, but I already can’t imagine our lives without them!”

Happy Tails!
Having Fun For Our Cause

2014 Golden Paw Gala

Our Golden Paw Gala on November 1, 2014, gave animal lovers a chance to go glitzy and hobnob with some glamorous shelter dogs.

2015 Walk for the Animals & Pet Fest

The Walk for the Animals & Pet Fest on May 9, 2015, brought 500 animal lovers and their dogs to Arlington’s Bluemont Park to celebrate the human-animal bond with a three-mile walk or one-mile stroll. It was the largest animal-centered event in Arlington.

Photos: Jeremy Robbin
# Animals Sheltered in Fiscal 2015

**(JULY 2014 - JUNE 2015)**

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| Adopted | 417  | 648  | 185        | 1250  |

| Outgoing Transfers to shelters and rescue groups within Virginia | 9    | 5    | 5          | 19    |
| Outgoing Transfers to shelters and rescue groups outside Virginia | 15   | 4    | 29         | 48    |
| Return to Owner/Guardian | 217  | 42   | 6          | 265   |

| Animals Euthanized | 105  | 128  | 8          | 241   |
| Healthy (includes owner requested euthanasia) | 0    | 0    | 0          | 0     |
| Treatable-rehabilitatable (includes owner requested euthanasia) | 0    | 0    | 0          | 0     |
| Treatable-manageable (includes owner requested euthanasia) | 0    | 0    | 0          | 0     |
| Unhealthy & untreated (includes owner requested euthanasia) | 105  | 128  | 8          | 241   |
| Total Euthanasia | 105  | 128  | 8          | 241   |
| Owner requested euthanasia (unhealthy/untreatable only) | 77   | 83   | 4          | 164   |
| Adjusted Total Euthanasia | 28   | 45   | 4          | 77    |

| Subtotal Outcomes (Excludes owner requested euthanasia (unhealthy/untreatable only)) | 686  | 744  | 229        | 1659  |
| Died or Lost in Shelter Care | 0    | 4    | 6          | 10    |
| Total Outcomes (Excludes owner requested euthanasia (unhealthy/untreatable only)) | 686  | 748  | 235        | 1669  |

| Ending Shelter Count-June 30, 2015 | 20   | 94   | 25         | 139   |

Annual Live Release Rate = \(\frac{(Adoptions + Returns to Owner + Transfers)}{(Total Outcomes)} \times 100\%\)

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96\% \quad 94\% \quad 98\% \quad 95\%
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* Based on the Asilomar Accords (http://www.asilomaraccords.org/)
Animal Control

Our animal control department works with Arlington County residents to enforce county and state laws, provide information on humane animal care and peaceful co-existence with native wildlife. They investigate all report of potential animal cruelty or neglect and administer and enforce rabies quarantines.

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League Services

Emergencies in Arlington
We respond to animal emergencies 24 hours a day.

Adoptions
We always have animals who need good homes. If you live in Virginia, DC, or Maryland call us about adopting a companion.

Animal Control & Cruelty Investigation
Animal control officers pick up stray dogs and respond to citizen complaints about animals in Arlington.

Community Services
The League sponsors community services that help people and animals. Visit our website at www.awla.org or call (703) 931-9241 x 200 for information.

Lost & Found
Call (703) 931-9241 x 200 or visit our website at www.awla.org to report all lost and found animals. We can help find animals’ owners and return lost pets home again.

Wildlife Rescue & Problems
We’ll help get injured or abandoned wildlife to a licensed rehabilitator whenever possible. We’ll also help you discourage wildlife from moving into your home.

Rabies Control
See the calendar on the back cover for clinic dates and times.

Speakers & Humane Education
If your neighborhood is having animal problems or problems with irresponsible animal owners, you might want a League representative to address your civic association. We also present educational programs on many topics to schools and clubs. Visit our website at www.awla.org or call (703) 931-9241 x 213 for information.

Pawpourri, the newsletter of the Animal Welfare League of Arlington, 2650 S. Arlington Mill Dr., Arlington, VA 22206, http://www.awla.org, is mailed to League supporters. If you receive multiple copies, please notify us and pass them along to friends.

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When: Saturday, November 7, 2015
Where: Reagan National Airport’s Historical Terminal A Building
To Learn More: visit www.awla.org

Don’t miss out on this exciting and unique live art auction benefiting the Animal Welfare League of Arlington and Homeward Trails Animal Rescue. Local artists have donated their pieces to be auctioned off by professional art auctioneers. In addition to the live art auction, enjoy live music provided by the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Quintet, a large, upscale silent auction featuring more than 100 items, food, beverages, and dancing. Leashed dogs are welcome to attend!

Happy Tails!
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FY 2015 Financial Report

The audited financial report will be available from the League in November 2015.

Revenue and Support FY 2015

Arlington County Contract for sheltering/animal control* $1,374,517.00
Programs Revenue $292,669.68

Fundraising
Events
(Casino Night/Fall Event, Walk, Misc. Events) $174,552.40
CFC/United Way: $121,994.54
Contributions (bequests, general donations, major gifts) $854,231.89

TOTAL: $2,817,965.51

Expenses FY 2015

Animal Control* (405,136.69)
Shelter Operations* (1,324,800.68)
Community Outreach/Programs (462,659.69)
Management/General (31,169.42)
Fundraising (409,082.39)

TOTAL (2,632,848.87)
TOTAL GAIN/(LOSS): $185,116.64

Temporarily Restricted Funds FY 2015

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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.

** Revenue represents FY15 donations, not the entire balance of the funds.
Save the Date: Saturday, November 7, 2015
Reagan National Airport, Historic Terminal A

**PawCasso**
A dog-friendly art auction to benefit the Animal Welfare League of Arlington and Homeward Trails Animal Rescue

*Music by the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Quintet*

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**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

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**Rabies & Microchip Clinics**

Please bring dogs on leashes and cats in carriers.

Rabies Shot: $10 • Microchip $30

- Oct 22 • Dec 3 • Jan 28
- 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.