

# Intake & Rescue

Type of Intake	# of Intakes 2016	# of Intakes 2017	% Increase/ Decrease
Owner Surrender	1373	1314	-4%
Return	276	267	-3%
Seized/Custody	35	106	203%
Stray	1010	979	-3%
Transfer In	1038	1518	46%
Clinic*	0	349	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3732</b>	<b>4533</b>	<b>21%</b>

## DEFINITIONS

Owner Surrender: Animals surrendered directly by the owner

Return: Animals returned to the shelter by an adopter

Seized: Animals seized or taken into custody by a humane officer

Stray: Animals without an identifiable owner

Transfer: Animals transferred in from other humane societies, rescues or animal control

Clinic: Animals that are brought in for spay/neuter and/or medical treatment

## Primary Partner Agencies:

Fido's Companion

Geauga Rescue Moms and Pups

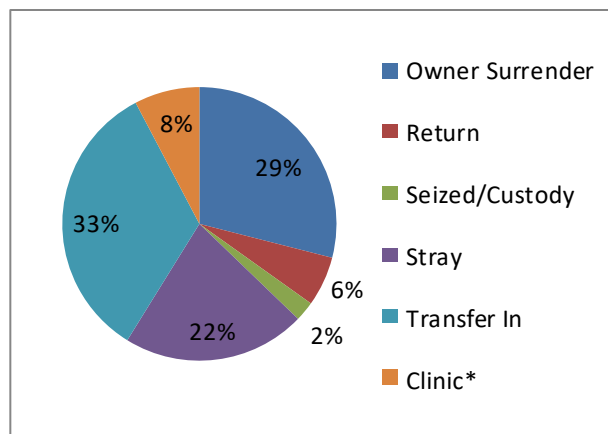
Kaleidoscope K9

Lorain County Dog Kennels

City of Cleveland Animal Control

Huron County Dog Kennels

Richland County Dog Warden



**21%** increase in the number of pets we rescued in 2017



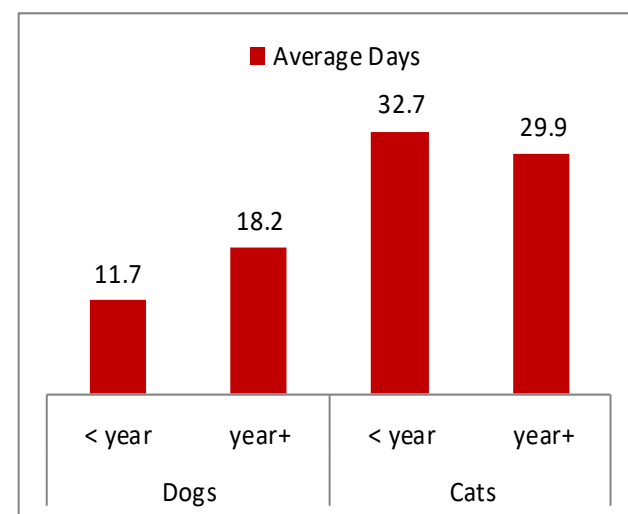
# Caring for Animals

All of our animals is spayed or neutered, vaccinated, dewormed, treated for parasites, and microchipped.

**\$162** is the average cost for caring for each of our shelter animals.

## Length of Stay

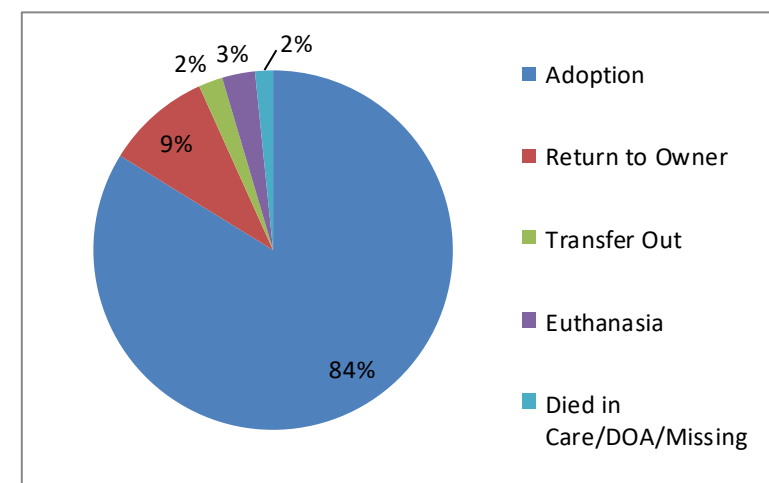
Perhaps the most important measurement of success is how long an animal spends at a shelter before finding a home.



The majority of animals that arrive at our shelter are healthy and with basic care will be ready to find their forever home. However, a few of our dogs like Blue (right) require additional care =. Blue was surrendered to a local veterinarian with parvovirus. We stepped in and covered the cost of care so he could get a second chance. It cost \$3,000 to save his life. Today, he lives with a loving family where he is learning to swim!



# Outcomes & Adoption



Live release is the measurement of all animals that leave the shelter by finding a new home, a special needs dog or cat transferred to another rescue or a stray animal returned back to their family. We have an amazing 95% live release rate compared to an 83% average for Ohio shelters and 78% for the average United States Shelter.

**95%**  
**LIVE RELEASE**

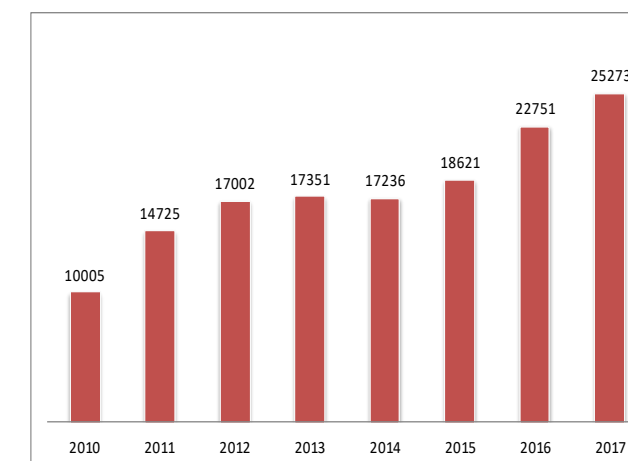


Volunteer of the Year—Wendy Norris

# Volunteers

From posting pets on our website and sharing their stories on social media to cleaning cages and walking dogs, our volunteers are what allow us to save so many lives.

**25,000 HOURS**  
That is the equivalent of over 12 full-time employees



# Message from the Director

**What is a Friendship APL animal?** That was the question that was posed to me in the middle of 2017. It was posited by a volunteer concerned for the welfare of dogs currently housed at our shelter following the rescue of several dogs from the City of Cleveland Kennels.

At the time, news stories were abounding about the overcrowded conditions at the nearby shelter. This was do in part to the number of local shelters assisting with the rescue efforts going on with Hurricane Harvey. This necessary work that was happening on a national scale had the unintended consequence of leaving some animal control agencies without partner agencies to rescue orphaned pets.

I have to acknowledge the fact that these dogs and puppies are more at risk for illness. We found that many of them suffered from kennel cough. We saw incidents of parvovirus rise. This is always a risk. If all the animals we rescued were healthy and perfect, they would not need rescued.

So when someone asked, **“Isn’t your first responsibility to save Friendship animals?”** I simply replied, **“Every dog and cat out there for which we can offer a second chance is a Friendship APL animal.”**

*Greg Willey*

Executive Director







Rescue.  
Care.  
Adopt.

FRIENDSHIP APL  
2017 ANNUAL REPORT

# History

The Animal Protective League of Lorain County was incorporated in 1957 by a group of concerned animal advocates to protect animals in distress in Lorain County. The organization began by housing abused and neglected animals in the back of Fox Veterinary Hospital. It remained there until the 1970s when it moved to their next home on East River Road.

In the 1990s, the organization purchased the six acre property on Murray Ridge Road. In 1997, the shelter opened their doors to the public. The 16,000 square foot shelter was built to house 128 animals at any one time. From 1998 to 2008, the shelter averaged over a thousand animals a year. In 2007, the Animal Protective League of Lorain County adopted a “No-Kill Policy”. They changed their name at the same time to Friendship Animal Protective League (FAPL) to identify with Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, a leader in the “No-Kill movement.”

*FAPL defines “No-Kill” as never euthanizing a healthy, friendly companion animal due to their length of time at the shelter or to make space for additional incoming animals.*

In 2009, FAPL was struggling financially. The decision was made by the staff, board and volunteers to focus all their efforts on to the mission driven work of the organization. Their mission would be to rescue as many companion animals as possible, to provide the best care with the resources available, and to find forever homes faster.

FAPL has established a track record for working with shelters with at risk companion animals throughout Ohio and their neighboring states. They collaborate with small rescues throughout Ohio. This is all in an effort to save more lives as effectively and efficiently as possible.

They also have established programs with local charitable organizations and government agencies to provide additional resources to Lorain County. They built a very successful Trap Neuter Return program in Elyria, North Ridgeville and surrounding communities working with city officials. They created a program for harboring companion animals of victims of domestic violence working with Genesis House. FAPL’s Pat-a-Pet program brings joy to Lorain County seniors.

# Board of Directors

An independent, volunteer board of directors, supported by professional staff, governs the Friendship Animal Protective League. We are grateful to collaborate with such an experienced team of leaders whose innovation, philanthropy, and advocacy guide and advance our strategic objectives.

- Deb McFadden, President**—Vice President of Osborne Capital Group
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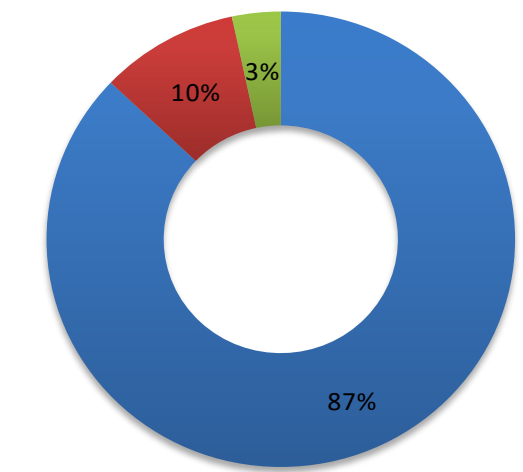


*We are dedicated to ensuring that no companion animal should suffer without the basic necessities to live a healthy life, providing the education to promote and nurture the human/animal bond and treating all those who seek our help with kindness, dignity and respect.*

# Financial Position

**87 Cents** of every dollar donated goes directly toward the care of our four-legged friends.

REVENUE AND SUPPORT	Total
Contributions	\$ 649,935
Program revenue	335,494
Grants	33,100
Sales	55,952
Less cost of goods sold	(42,012)
Fundraising event income	142,294
Less direct event expenses	(76,110)
Investment income	62,834
Other Income	1,188
Gain (loss) sales of fixed assets	(580)
<i>Total revenue and support</i>	<i>1,162,095</i>
EXPENSES	
Program services	785,631
Management and general	86,410
Fundraising	30,271
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<i>902,312</i>



Program Services  
Management  
Fundraising

