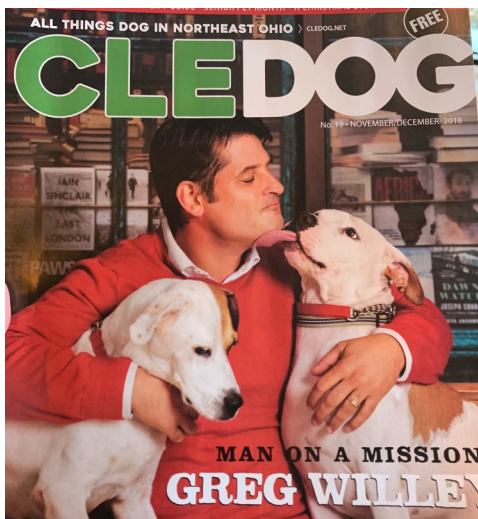


Sentenced to a Lifetime of Love

Kidd came to *Friendship APL* escaping the devastation of Hurricane Florence in the Carolinas. He immediately became a shelter favorite and was featured with Gregory Willey on the cover of *CLEDog Magazine* giving him kisses. However, he was adopted twice and returned because he was simply too much for his



new owners. Kidd was definitely big and strong, but he was an absolute love bug. We couldn't give up on him. All he needed was to learn some manners and basic commands. The inmates at Grafton Correctional

Institute wasted no time and Kidd was eager to learn. Thanks to their efforts, Kidd now went from a hurricane to homeward bound in three short months.

The dogs that are taken into the program are often the most active and intelligent. They are often transfers from other area shelters and rescue groups where they were having trouble finding placement. The dogs enter the program to learn how to direct their energy and brains in a positive direction with the assistance of their handlers.

Our training program at Grafton has truly blossomed over the last five years. The inmates now work with over a dozen dogs at a time. Each dog will go through an intense twelve week training boot camp. The boot camp is led by *Friendship APL* dog trainer, Don Hitchens. During the boot camp, the dogs will learn sit, down, stay, heel, shake and other helpful skills. Most of the time is spent teaching the

dog to walk nicely on a leash. The prison graduates are some of our most sought after pooches finding homes within days of their return.

Oh, the Lengths We Will Go!

When we received the call requesting help for a 4 month-old Lab mix with a broken leg, we had no idea the incredible journey that would transpire. We simply agreed to help get the pup the care he needed. After all, that is who we are.

The pup was brought to an emergency hospital with a broken leg covered in dirt and grease from living in a garage. We gave him the name Diesel because he had the musty smell of used motor oil. His leg had to be amputated due to the extensive damage to the leg which had been run over by a two motor. He received two weeks of extensive care in a foster home to recover from the massive surgery.

Diesel then went on Live on Lakeside to promote our foster program. That is where he met Emily Kaufman, The Travel Mom. She had been looking for a special needs dog to add to her life, and there was Diesel in the studio. The tri-pawed dog stole her heart. To add to the serendipity of the moment, her husband's nickname was Diesel.

Today, Diesel is enjoying his new life in California. He is getting his canine good citizenship. Emily hopes to allow Diesel to bring a little comfort and joy to children who have lost limbs to illness and injury.



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Impact Report

Friendship Animal Protective League



We make our community better four paws at a time.

From the President



More than Numbers

Numbers...defined by the dictionary in many forms but generally listed as an arithmetical value expressed by a word or symbol representing a particular quantity. I have always been fascinated with numbers, not necessarily mathematical or scientific equations, but basic numbers. This is probably why I am an accountant today. But in terms of numbers at Friendship APL there were some significant increases in our commitment to save animals of all kinds this past year. Friendship APL has had a positive impact on the countless animals we have taken in over the years.

In 2018 the shelter took in a record number of animals...4,789 to be exact, which was an increase of 6% from 2017. Volunteers donated over 25,270 hours of time at the shelter and adoptions increased 3%. As a non-profit that receives no public assistance, we rely heavily on donors to meet our ongoing needs of running an animal shelter. It was through those generous donations, bequests, estates and various other avenues of fundraising income that we had an amazing year and enriched the lives of both humans and animals alike.

Friendship APL is committed to all animals, we are not just limited to dogs and cats. This past year we took in a pig or two, some ducks and chickens and bunnies and birds. All interesting numbers in themselves. Our community programs provided services like working directly with Fix Elyria to spay/neuter cats so that feral or unwanted kitten numbers would hopefully decrease. It's been a busy year here. The numbers don't always tell the full story so for that I encourage you to take the time to read this annual report, to get to know some more about us.

I hope the number of service hours and dedication by our volunteers gives you inspiration to attend our volunteer orientation and/or our foster animal training program or simply to get involved with the shelter.

I am privileged to serve on such an outstanding organization which is also very rewarding, sometimes heartbreaking and challenging, but always full of miracles. The shelter is a place where your free time can be spent connecting to animals who may not have had human interaction, where they may feel loved and cared for the first time in their life. Sometimes spending time with animals at the shelter heals the mind and where we truly find Friendship and love.

As Board President I am grateful for your support of the shelter, its animals and the mission, where animals have brighter futures because of people like you. Your kindness is an inspiration to us all and gives us the drive to continue the important work we do here. I am excited for what we will accomplish in 2019 not only in numbers, but also by creating a positive impact in the community and to all the animals that come through our doors.

2018 Board Members

- Deb McFadden, President

Amy Richards, Vice President

Valerie Porterfield, Secretary

Patrick Radachi, Treasurer

Lisa Brown, Trustee
- Dawn Ermler-Fischer, Trustee

David Humphrey, Trustee

Chris Pyanowski, Trustee

Linda Stepan, Trustee

Remus Tomici, Trustee

Adoptions	
2017	2018
1,683 Cats	1,710 Cats
1,920 Dogs	2,058 Dogs
189 Other companion animals	115 Other companion animals

Average Length of Stay
15 Days for Adult Dogs

Compare that to a 27 day average for Ohio shelters and nearly 30 days for U.S. shelters.

27 Days for Adult Cats

Compare that to a 35 day average for Ohio shelters and nearly 44 days for U.S. shelters.

Live Release Rate

95.1%
Dogs & Cats Combined

Volunteer Impact

22,479 Hours
The equivalent of 11 full-time employees.

\$180,230 spent on life-saving medical care

Friendship APL board member Amy Richards and her husband pose with her dog, Fred. Fred came to the shelter in need of major medical care. He would require multiple surgeries to repair the damage done to him at an Ohio puppy mill. The cost of his care was nearly \$6,000. He is one of dozens of cats and dogs we facilitated getting life-saving care throughout 2018.



2018 Financials

