



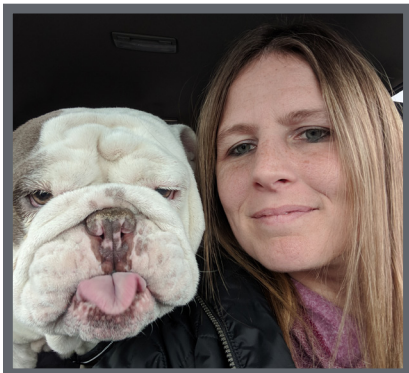
# 2020 *Impact Report*

*Friendship APL delivered 8-week-old Scout (aka Finn) to the doorstep of his new home and into the arms of his amazing new family.*



# MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

 **AMY RICHARDS**

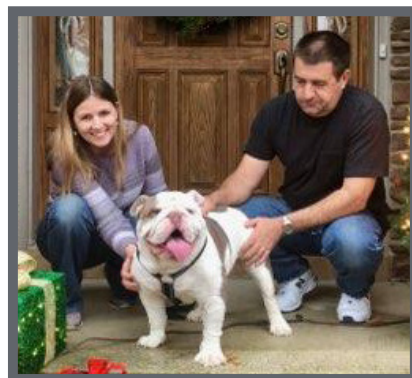


In 2020, we experienced more change in our country (and around the world) than ever before. During these uncertain times, the staff of Friendship Animal Protective League stepped up and continued to provide the standard of care needed by our animals. I am honored to be associated with an organization that has been saving and rehoming animals in our community for over 60 years.

This annual report reflects the lifesaving efforts our staff, volunteers and Board of Directors performed during a year when nothing was normal. Overnight, our staff had to reinvent how to find animals loving homes when in-person adoptions were no longer safe. They had to reimagine how to protect companion animals in need while at the same time protect themselves from this new, invisible threat. They had to redefine fundraising for the medical care these vulnerable pets desperately need at a time when live events were cancelled across the state.

*I am very proud of the adaptability of Friendship APL, which enabled us to provide a safe place for over 4,500 companion pets in 2020.*

On behalf of the Board of Directors for the Friendship APL, I want to thank the staff, volunteers and all of our donors who gave so generously this year. Without your incredible support, we could not provide the food, shelter and treatment these pets need and deserve. **OUR MISSION IS SIMPLE: SAVE AS MANY LIVES AS POSSIBLE**, and that mission is only achievable with your continued support.



Sincerely,

*Amy Richards*  
Board President



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**Thanks to your support,**

**4,596**

Companion animals were sheltered or provided medical care for at Friendship APL



**While others were locked down**



**3,195**

Spay and Neuter Surgeries performed by our amazing medical team

**Friendship APL rocked on**

**3,361**

of our furry friends brought love and joy to families during a difficult year



**Saving thousands of lives in 2020!**



**11,706**

hours of service contributed by our brave and dedicated volunteers

# FRIENDSHIP IS **ESSENTIAL**

2020 began like any other year. Who knew that by the end of the year, we would have to completely reimagine how we rescue, provide care for and adopt our companion animals. Our goal had always been to stay one step ahead of the curve. We knew that to continue helping as many animals as we could during this unprecedented time, we would have to take steps to ensure the safety of our staff, the public and our shelter pets.

Have you ordered curbside pick-up at your favorite restaurant? Well, that was our first step in creating a safe environment. That's right—curbside adoptions! Families would fill out adoption applications online, meet virtually with one of our staff and schedule a time to meet and adopt their new family member. This process was good for dogs but it proved more difficult to introduce families to cats and kittens.

The second step was to convert our catteries into meeting rooms where families could safely interact with our adoptable animals. In 2018, we created four large cages to house multiple cats in the same room. These structures have large glass doors that would act as barriers to allow would-be adopters to safely interact with our adoption counselors. That is the way Trinity, formerly Elsa, met her forever family (see photo).



The final and most popular step we took was delivering pets right to your home. Uber Eats, meet Uber Pets! Friendship APL staff crisscrossed Northeast Ohio delivering furry bundles of joy to loving families. We put tens of thousands of miles on our cars, cleaned up tons of messes in our backseats and brought joy to hundreds of families struggling through the lockdown. This is how 8-week-old Scout (aka Finn) arrived at the doorstep of his amazing new family (see cover).

Our ability to quickly adapt to a year filled with turmoil allowed us to find adopters for our pets at an incredible rate. Sure, it was exhausting and sometimes smelly, but it worked. It allowed us to assist thousands of animals from local families struggling financially to care for their pets and rescue animals from overcrowded shelters.

Thankfully, our donors saw the amazing work we were doing and supported us throughout this difficult time. Their gifts made our work possible during a time when Friendship was needed more than ever!



# SUPPLY WISH LIST



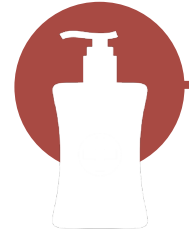
## **Cats**

- Canned Cat and Kitten Food (Pate)
- Dry Cat and Kitten Food
- Kitten Milk Replacement
- Cat Litter (Non-Clumping)
- Cat Beds
- Cat Toys



## **Dogs**

- Dry Dog and Puppy Food
- Canned Dog and Puppy Food
- Puppy Pads
- Dog Beds
- Dog Toys
- 4-Foot Leashes



## **Cleaning**

- Bleach
- Paper Towels
- Dish Sponges
- Hand Sanitizer and Hand Soap
- Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Tall Kitchen Trash Bags
- Trash Bags (45 gallon)



## **Medical**

- Saline Solution
- Q-Tips
- Latex-Free, Non-Powdered Gloves (Size: Large)



## **Small Animals**

- Pine Bedding
- Small Animal Food
- Timothy Hay/Small Animal Treats
- Critter Water Bottles
- Untreated Wood Chew Sticks



## **Miscellaneous**

- Pet-Safe Salt
- Gift Cards for Pet Stores/Gas
- Copy Paper
- Tape/Staples/White-Out/Highlighters/Dry Erase Markers
- Gently Used Towels, Sheets and Blankets



## **MISSION**

We are dedicated to ensuring that no 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.



## **CONTACT US**

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Tuesday: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
Wednesday: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
Thursday: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
Friday: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
Saturday: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
Sunday: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM