Friendship Animal Protective League of Lorain County

2021 Impact Report

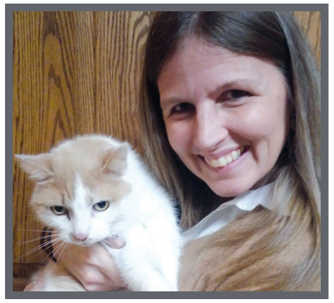


Athena was one of the sixty dogs and puppies removed from a kennel in Columbia Station in January. She spent days in intensive care being treated for parvo and weeks in a foster home recovering from the illness. One year later, Athena is living with her new, loving family. Her dad brought her to the shelter to show off how far she has come since being rescued. Photo on page 4 of Athena and her dad.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

AMY RICHARDS



What a year! 2021 was incredibly hard on all of us – humans and animals alike. I want to extend my personal gratitude and that of the rest of the Board of Directors when I thank our very generous donors, our amazing staff and volunteers and our entire Friendship family of adopters. While we feel the strain of the ongoing pandemic, I assure you, our beloved animals at Friendship APL know no difference. The care our animals receive from our staff and volunteers is truly second to none. This past year, we provided care or support for over 6,000 animals! Our pet food pantry is our newest initiative and is providing food for over 30 families a month. After a long hiatus, our Pat-A-Pet Program has started back up, bringing pets and smiles to assisted living residents throughout Lorain County. Boy and Girl Scout troops are once again visiting the shelter and collecting donations for our furry friends. Our team has certainly made the best of this tough year!

Looking ahead to 2022 and beyond, we are going to continue to prioritize our mission, which is to SAVE AS MANY LIVES AS POSSIBLE. We will also focus on renovation projects that will allow our staff to help more animals in our community. We are adding a second surgical suite with the hope that we will be able to perform more low-cost spay and neuter surgeries for the public. We would like to add a "Catio" (an indoor/outdoor play area for enriching the lives of our cats) for volunteers and adopters to enjoy and spend more time with our shelter cats. Finally, we would like to remodel our adoption area to better accommodate the over 4,000 adoptions we facilitate each and every year.

On behalf of the Friendship APL Board of Directors, I want to wish you a safe and happy 2022. We appreciate all you have done to support our mission-driven work in 2021 and look forward to an even better 2022.

Sincerely,

Amy Richards

Board President



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6,496
COMPANION ANIMALS
were provided either a ***temporary home, wholesome food*** or ***medical attention*** thanks to the incredible team at Friendship APL.

15,892
HOURS OF SERVICE
by our steadfast and compassionate volunteers.

4,447
SPAY AND NEUTER SURGERIES
were performed by our incredible medical team.

411
ANIMALS WERE RESCUED
by our brave humane officers.

464
pets were fed by our **PET FOOD PANTRY** launched in 2021.

412
COMMUNITY CATS were trapped, neutered and returned through our TNR program.

12 DAYS
Average length of stay for an adult dog before finding their new family.

24 DAYS
Average length of stay for an adult cat before finding their new family.

4,459
homeless pets found their **FOREVER HOMES**

1,953
DOGS WERE TRANSFERRED TO OUR SHELTER
from ***30 different Animal Hospitals, Police Departments, Animal Control, Humane Societies*** and ***Rescue Organizations*** across Ohio.

175
AMAZING FOSTER FAMILIES
opened their homes to **671 PETS** in need of extended care.

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MORE THAN JUST ADOPTIONS

Some people think of Friendship APL as the place where you can come play with a warm and fluffy puppy, but we are far more than that. In 2021, many of our programs expanded dramatically. As public support grows year over year, so have the services we are able to provide to our community.



Our humane team began the year strong. After a thorough investigation, our officers seized 62 dogs and puppies from a Columbia Station kennel. Every puppy in the kennel had been exposed to parvovirus and almost all would require emergency medical treatment to save their lives. Under the leadership of Humane Officer Sue Hixson, our team seized 411 animals from cruel or neglectful circumstances in 2021. New Ohio laws have strengthened our ability to identify potential acts of cruelty, but it has also kept our officers busy as they respond to animals in distress.



Our medical team has expanded access to low-cost spay and neuter services and basic care to the public under the guidance of Allysa Leboda, who celebrated her ten-year anniversary with Friendship APL. She and her dedicated team provided spay and neuter services for 500 companion animals and 412 feral cats. They also fixed 235 dogs for our friends at the Lorain County Dog Kennels and 184 dogs and cats for local rescue groups. This amazing team is helping stem the tide of pet overpopulation in Lorain County. We hope to continue to expand these programs over the next few years thanks to help from our friends at the Community Foundation of Lorain County and the Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust.

Many families have struggled to keep their heads above water during the pandemic. We know that many good people may be forced to choose between feeding themselves and their pets. We do not want anyone to have to make that decision because things are tough now. Beginning in March of 2021, our team answered the call by opening a food bank for at-risk pets. We have provided food and other essentials for 464 cats and dogs since this program began. Our Pet Pantry is open the second Saturday of the month between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to Lorain County residents.

Every year since Executive Director Gregory Willey took the helm in 2009, Friendship has made it a priority to help more animals than the year before. In 2010, we helped 1,100 companion pets. This past year, his incredible team of staff and volunteers provided a total of 6,496 animals with a temporary home, medical care, and/or wholesome food. We are able to do that with the support of our wonderful donor base who have generously supported our mission to make our community a better place for all animals.



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.





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