Donation FAQs

Since 1946, the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (AWLA) has been a resource for our community and a shelter for homeless animals. Because of the generosity of our neighbors, each year we care for more than 2,000 animals. We help animals find homes and we help keep beloved pets with their families during difficult times.

We have big plans, and we’re going to keep pushing forward to help animals — and the humans who love them — thrive across our community. Join us to make Alexandria a better and safer place for animals and their human companions.

How can I support the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria?

- Make your secure online donation here: DONATE NOW!
- Create a recurring gift each month or every quarter and become a Loyal Friend
- Send your donation to us at:
  Animal Welfare League of Alexandria
  4101 Eisenhower Avenue
  Alexandria, VA 22304
- Call us to donate via credit card at 703.746.5661
- Make a gift in honor or give a gift in memory of a friend, family member or pet.
- Designate AWLA through your workplace giving campaign:
  ▪ United Way #8372
  ▪ Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) #92767
  ▪ Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign (CVC) #200286
- To create a planned giving legacy gift, contact the Development Office at development@alexandriaanimals.org or 703-746-5661 to discuss:
  ▪ Making a gift of stock
  ▪ Designating the AWLA as a beneficiary of your estate
- Shop to support the AWLA by donating an item from our Amazon wish list, designating the AWLA as your Amazon Smile charity or shop with a partner who is donating proceeds to advance our mission.
• Raise funds with friends and family by hosting a social media fundraiser

How can I give to support adoptions, the shelter, senior animals or those with special medical needs?

• Donate to Rosemary’s Senior Fund helps provide extra medical care for older dogs or cats.
• Donate to Sarah’s Fund, established to help provide special medical treatment.
• Adopt it Forward and make a difference by covering the adoption fees for a specific animal.
• Adopt the Shelter to help provide for the animals at the AWLA and see your name displayed on a special space at the shelter.

How will I be acknowledged and recognized for my gift?

• All donors will received a receipt for their donation. Online donors will receive an immediate email, while donations made by mail or phone will receive a receipt in the mail.
• Donate $1,000 or more per year (or 100+ hours of your time!) and you will be recognized as a member of the Vola Lawson Giving Society.
• Sponsorship of AWLA events and programs will highlight your company as a community partner. To learn more about opportunities, contact the Development Office at development@alexandriaanimals.org or 703.746.5661.

Can I donate new or used pet supplies?

We have a donation cart located outside our front entrance Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., weather permitting. We welcome most new or gently used pet supplies, including open bags of pet food or treats. Unfortunately, we are not able to accept animal or human prescription medications (other than flea, tick or heartworm...
preventatives), used litter boxes, used cat trees/scratchers, pillows, sheets/comforters, knit blankets, sleeping bags, styrofoam products, rugs/carpet, newspapers, plastic bags or human clothing.

There are receipts located on our donation cart that you can fill out to claim donations when you file your taxes.

**Are my gift and my donation information secure and private?**

The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria respects the rights and privacy of our donors. We do not sell or share donors’ personal information to any other entity. Donors are recognized in the organization’s annual reporting to the community. Donors wishing to remain anonymous should notify us of this at the time a gift is made. Learn more about our Accountability and in our Privacy Policy.

**Is the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria a nationally recognized charity?**

Yes! The AWLA is a 501c3 charity organization (EIN: 54-0796610) that has been recognized for meeting nationally-recognized standards for efficacy and transparency.
How can I speak to the Development Office at the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria?

The development team would be happy to connect with you! Contact us at development@alexandriaanimals.org or 703.746.5583.