

animal welfare matters



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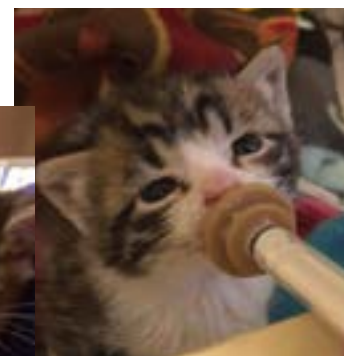
Kitten Season Begins Early at the AWLA

When a two-week-old kitten was brought to the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (AWLA) by a good citizen in early January, the Foster Manager exclaimed, "His name should be Casper, because it's hard to believe he exists!" The AWLA generally does not begin to see these newborn kittens until the spring, so it was unusual for Casper to have come through our doors so early.

Little Casper signaled an early beginning to this year's "Kitten Season:" the time when AWLA begins to be flooded with newborn kittens. He was all alone — without his mother — and would need to rely on the loving care of a foster for everything from bottle feeding every two hours to stimulation to go to the bathroom and, of course, lots of affection.

Luckily, Casper's foster mother reports that he was a model kitten. When he first joined her, the AWLA provided her with a stuffed "Snuggle Kitty," a plush toy cat that has a simulated heartbeat and emanates heat. These can help kittens like Casper feel like they are still curled up with their mothers. For the first week, this "kitty" was his constant companion, playmate, jungle gym and source of security. But after he got to know his foster family better, he ventured further away from his electronic mama.

Fast forward a few weeks and Casper not only started drinking kitten formula on his own but he would "break



Above: Casper feeding via syringe

Above: Casper and his plush best friend

out" of his enclosure whenever his fosters came by to snuggle. Casper ate heartily and put on the pounds, while his amazing foster caregivers socialized him and introduced him to daily housecat life: litter boxes, baths and lazy Saturdays in front of the TV.

By April, Casper had gained enough weight that he was ready for his neuter surgery, and then to find his new family; most cats, including Casper, are ready when they reach approximately 2½ pounds. While Casper was the first kitten to arrive at the AWLA this season *and* the first to be adopted with the help of his amazing fosters, we have already seen several more litters come through our doors and are expecting another busy season.



Above: Casper shows how he's put on the ounces

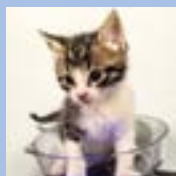
If you would like to assist our fosters caregivers by making a donation of items like much-needed newborn kitten formula, bottles, warmers and more, visit our wish list at AlexandriaAnimals.org/KittenSeason. To those who have already donated, on behalf of Casper, we thank you for your generosity. For more information about fostering animals in need like Casper, visit AlexandriaAnimals.org/Fostering. 🐾



AWLA matters at a glance



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kittens



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Apparel, housewares and more available at AlexandriaAnimals.org/Shop.

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Check Out Our Designs...



Megan Webb and Peaches

Letter from the Executive Director

From the desk of Megan Webb



My experience in animal welfare has shown me that while we help animals in so many ways, they also have a way of coming into our lives when we need them most.

Last year, on Christmas, I returned home from the shelter and opened the door to hear nothing. I recognized that terrible silence. Five years before, I had come home to that same quiet and discovered my dog, Suzie, lifeless in the living room. Now I had the urge to turn around and leave, but instead, I gathered my courage and turned on the light. My parrot, General, was hunched on his perch. He

looked up and barely whispered “squaaak”. Panicked, I gathered some of his favorite foods and offered them to him. He gently touched each with his beak, but then he ruffled his feathers and looked away. I gently scooped him up, placed him into his carrier and raced him to the emergency veterinary clinic.

I sat in the empty waiting room, clutching General’s carrier as tears streamed down my face. I had never planned on having a bird; General found me. He had come to the shelter as a stray several years earlier. When staff saw he wasn’t thriving, they asked to put him in my office for more socialization. He would sit on my chair and chatter as I worked. After a few months, he had put on weight, his feathers had brightened and he was no longer depressed; it was clear he was ready for adoption. I told myself, as I had with hundreds of animals that I had bonded with before, that my job was to prepare him for his new life and let him go. The day he was adopted, I was surprised by a sudden and overwhelming feeling of loss. When I went to tell him goodbye, I found myself whispering to him, “You can always come back if you need to”.

About three months later, General did indeed come back; his adopter felt he never really bonded with her. When he turned and saw me, he shrieked a loud and excited “Squaaaaaak!” and I knew I was officially adopted. I brought him home, and he immediately made himself comfortable. He waddled around the house with my dogs. Over time, his clipped wings grew out, and he gained the strength to fly. He loved to stand and watch while I cooked and comment on everything I did. Each night he would hide under my bathroom sink to sneak attack my toes and “giggle” when I pretended to be scared. He even liked cuddling on the couch. He taught me so much about being a bird, and this little green creature filled with personality became a beloved part of my life.

A technician walked me to the back of the clinic and transferred General into an incubator where he rested himself on a towel, too weak to perch. I’d seen many sick birds during my career; I whispered to him that it was okay to go, sensing this time he wouldn’t be returning.

The quiet in my house after his death felt nearly unbearable. I reminded myself of my intense grief after Suzie’s death, but also that when I thought I could never love another animal as my own, a man walked into the shelter and stretched out his hands to reveal a tiny, one-pound Chihuahua puppy he had found abandoned. The little ball of fluff needed a foster and I volunteered. In fact, I needed him even more, and my grief transformed into something else as he filled my house with life and energy. That puppy — now my dog Colonel — is a daily reminder after General died that I need to remain open to possibilities. I reached out to Phoenix Landing, a bird rescue organization that has helped the AWLA many times, to let them know I could foster if needed. Several weeks later, they contacted me about a parrot in need, Peaches. After ten years, her owner could no longer keep her. She arrived at my house suffering from intense grief and loss. I understood and we comforted one another. Now my house, once again, is filled with happy bird sounds.

It can be hard, even impossible, when our cherished friends leave our lives, but it helps to remember that a new companion might be right around the corner, waiting for when we need them most to enter — and most of all improve — our lives. ❤️

Shelter's Rich Program of Services Is Lifeline for Cats

Sneaks was 14 years old, suffering from untreated diabetes and other issues when he was surrendered to the AWLA last April. He was emaciated, his inky coat dull and speckled with dandruff. Dr. Kaci Angelone, AWLA's staff veterinarian, ordered injections of intravenous fluids and an array of food choices to stimulate his appetite. To keep on top of any changes in the cat's health, Dr. Angelone took Sneaks under her wing as an "office cat," a common practice at the AWLA for animals who need special attention.

At any given time, several cats partner as "office mates" with AWLA staffers. Most are cats seeking a little extra socialization before they are ready for adoption or in need of observation for medical or behavioral issues. Many eventually move on to the adoptions floor to meet the public, and others are made available for adoption directly from an office or a foster home.

Under Dr. Angelone's care, Sneaks' appetite improved and he became more active. Since he had also begun eating more consistently, the treatment for his diabetes could commence, which would require him to stay with a foster caregiver, who could dedicate the extra time Sneaks would need for daily injections and blood testing to be sure he was responding to his medications.

AWLA has a dedicated team of fosters who regularly take in animals in need of individualized care in a home setting. Some of these cats have significant medical or behavioral needs, some are senior cats and others are kittens, too young for adoption and in need of round-the-clock care. AWLA's Community Outreach and Adoptions Coordinator Echo Keif found the perfect landing spot for Sneaks in the home of Janelle and Andrew Hartley.

The first order of business was to start Sneaks on insulin for his diabetes. A demonstration by Keif got them on their way, and soon the Hartleys had rearranged their schedules to administer insulin to the cat every 12 hours. "Even when he wasn't feeling good, he was still a snuggly, happy cat," Hartley recalled. "He wanted to sit in laps and be petted. He was always so sweet."

By September, after spending three months at the Hartley home and making regular visits to the AWLA veterinarian, Sneaks was feeling much better; with his blood sugar now under control, he was no longer begging for water. The AWLA realized it was time for Sneaks to start looking for his new home. With some help from shelter volunteers, his story was shared with followers of the AWLA, and he was brought to the shelter for regular foster adoption showcases.

Eventually a picture of him caught the eye of Christina Thompson her boyfriend, Dane Howard. Sneaks' medical diagnoses didn't scare them a bit. All they could see was his now silky coat, green eyes and outgoing personality. Seven months after a seriously ill Sneaks had arrived at the shelter, he had found health — and his home. The bright outcome for Sneaks was a direct result of AWLA's services carefully designed to help cats. "When we heard he got adopted, we cried," said former foster caregiver Janelle Hartley.

Sneaks has adjusted well. "Sneaks is really low-maintenance and takes his insulin very well," Thompson said. "Having a senior cat has been amazing for us. Any time someone's looking to adopt a pet, it's important to have an honest idea of one's lifestyle and what age of pet is best for them. Sneaks is absolutely the perfect cat for us because he fits in so perfectly with our lifestyle. The health issues are just a small piece, we just love him so much. I think he has a lot more life in him." 🍷



Sneaks was a model patient for Dr. Angelone.



Sneaks caught the eye of Christina Thompson and Dane Howard.

Weather Delay Didn't Dampen the Dog Show

For the first time in more than a decade, the City of Alexandria made the decision to postpone the Ballyshanners' St. Patrick's Day Parade, including the AWLA's Fun Dog Show, due to extremely windy March weather conditions. The events were rescheduled for two weeks later — the day after St. Patrick's Day — but that certainly didn't dampen the spirit of the crowd, who showed up in large numbers to see the festively costumed canines and vote for their preferred pups.

Winners were chosen by audience applause in four categories: Best Costume, Most Talented, Best Owner/Canine Look-Alike and Most St. Paddy's Spirit. Each winner received a "Pet Troy" award in honor of the parade's Grand Marshal, the late Pat Troy, as well as a selection of pooch- and people-friendly gifts, courtesy of the *(cont. on page 7)*



Congratulations to all of our winners!

Puppy Tails... *Every year, hundreds of dogs come to the AWLA, and they all have a different story to tell. Here are just a few of the pups who shared our shelter and our hearts this spring.*

Boxer Mix Trades Alexandria for Somewhere More Exotic

Two-year-old boxer mix Max came to the AWLA in late 2017, and the most obvious thing about this well-behaved pup was the size of his smile. The second was less fortunate: Max had a limp that was caused by tears in both of his cruciate ligaments (similar to the ACL in humans) in his back legs.

While the AWLA tried to figure out the best course of treatment for Max, we worked to find him enrichment during his stay, including a holiday foster with one of our dedicated volunteers, Samantha Elfmont. Her whole family — including French bulldog Tootsie — fell in love with Max, and they would have been happy to take him on for longer, but they were moving to Mexico shortly after the new year.

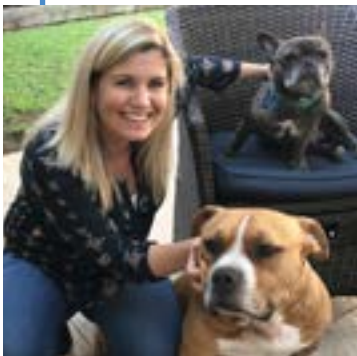
The AWLA sent Max to a general veterinary surgeon to perform the surgery needed to correct the ligament tears, but upon further examination, the condition was deemed so severe that the surgery would need to be performed by an orthopedist. Max returned to the shelter without the surgery.

When Elfmont heard from Mexico that Max was back, she knew it was a sign. “We knew Max had a long road ahead of him with the surgeries and recovery time, but we fell in love with Max at Christmas, and since he was our last foster to not get adopted, it only made sense that we take him,” said Elfmont. “We wanted to give this former stray a forever home, a place where he would be well-taken care of and find peace during his recovery.” Elfmont worked with the team at the AWLA and her own family in the Alexandria area to have Max adopted remotely and flown to San Antonio, Texas, at her expense and drive to her home in Mexico.

The morning Max left Alexandria, it snowed, but he was already thinking of the warmer climates of Mexico. Elfmont reports that Max already loves their backyard — and the warm weather — and she is in touch with his new veterinarians daily to determine the next steps of his treatment.



Max looking his best to impress adopters.



Max with his new family

Husky on the Run Rescued by the AWLA

AWLA's Animal Services had been receiving calls about Damien the husky since November. “He got out of his yard somehow and his owner reported him missing,” recalls Sgt. Tammy Doran. Animal Services heard about a sighting of a wolf-like dog in Alexandria's Winkler Botanical Preserve, and after receiving confirmation from the facility's groundskeeper Tom, they began to make weekly trips to look for him, riding through the preserve in Tom's golf cart.

The weather got colder, and the search became more urgent. While huskies were bred for colder temperatures, every animal reacts differently to changes in temperature, and no animal should be left outside in temperatures lower than 32° without access to a windproof structure and clean, unfrozen water. Still, even through the chilliest days of December and January, the Damien sightings continued.

Then in March, everything changed. Officers Doran and Megan Boyd were making their weekly tour through the park, and there he was. They quickly gathered their equipment and managed to capture him before he could run once again. He was skittish and hungry, but he was finally in a position to get the support he needed.

At the AWLA, Damien was unaccustomed to handling after months of living in the wild. Officer Doran devoted additional time to him to win his trust and make him comfortable as so he could be vaccinated and get much-needed grooming and attention. Damien is staying in the care of the AWLA while all parties involved determine the best next steps for this adventurous pup.

Senior Stevie Finds a Family Even Before He Finds a Home

When Stevie came to the AWLA in November, the staff thought he was blind and deaf. The 10-year-old Skye terrier was not responsive to people around him and was lethargic in his kennel. The AWLA staff evaluates each animal's unique needs and felt Stevie would do better in one of our VIP suites (AKA staff offices) to get a bit more attention.

Chief Operating Officer Stella Hanly took him in to her office, where he enjoyed the company of her and her own dog Rupert. As his energy level rose, we realized he did in fact have limited hearing; however, because Stevie had not been groomed for a long time before he came to the AWLA, his hair had grown into his eyes, leading to infections. The



Stevie and Stella Hanly
Courtesy of DeSilva Studios, LLC

damage was so significant that it was determined the best option would be to remove both of them, to alleviate his pain and stop the spread of the infection. During the surgery, surgeons also removed several of his teeth which were also diseased and painful.

After his surgery, he recovered first in the home of foster caregivers and then once again in his VIP suite with Stella and Rupert, where he received lots of attention from staff and volunteers who stopped by with treats, ear scratches and kind words. Stevie was out of pain for what was likely the first time in many years. He now greeted visitors eagerly and was excited to go on adventures, from walks to visiting school groups to playing in the snow.

His story was shared on social media regularly, and AWLA followers asked for updates and shared well wishes for the good-natured senior. One of those followers, who'd been observing Stevie's journey, came by to see him. "It seemed like a good match from the beginning," Hanly shared when she first met Stevie's future adopters. "They understood how to interact with him, and were ready to take on the challenges — and also gifts — of a dog like Stevie."

Stevie was adopted in early spring. Hanly had been with him for his whole journey and wanted to document how far this once-detached pup came. Volunteer photographer Alison DeSilva of DeSilva Studios was happy to help tell this story, and captured some amazing shots of Stevie with his best friend. While Stevie came to the AWLA on his own, he left with a family larger than he ever realized, everyone wishing him the best of luck on the next chapter of his story. ❤️



Stevie and his new mom stroll around town.

Award-Winning Summer Camps Expand the Horizons of Alexandria's Youths

Dear Parents,

With summer fast approaching, families are dreaming of all the summer staples: warm days, ice cream trucks, vacations, splashing in the pool and of course, summer camp! I'm gearing up for my second year of summer camps with the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, and I couldn't be more excited.

*Last year, I joined the AWLA to build upon the organization's long tradition of providing an educational, entertaining summer camp to the community. The camp experience was wonderful for the shelter and campers alike, and we can't wait to host them again this summer! This time, we will have daily lessons focusing on things like animal health, jobs that work with animals, Virginia wildlife and more. There will be furry visitors, crafts, field days and even "class pets" (adoptable residents of AWLA) who will be cared for by the campers! I'm especially excited this year to feature guest speakers **daily** to provide lessons and hands-on learning for our campers.*

It is my goal to provide a camp that is experiential and instills or broadens each attendee's love for animals. After hearing from parents of last year's campers, we've decided to extend the length of camp each day, to provide children with a fuller experience and make childcare planning easier for parents. It will be structured yet fun and will foster a respect for animals and understanding of responsible pet ownership in the next generation of animal lovers. I can't wait to see the smiling faces joining me again for camp this year, so please visit AlexandriaAnimals.org/SummerCamp to learn more and register.

Sincerely,
Lana Larson, AWLA Youth Programs Educator



Join Us Monthly to Learn More about Animal Welfare

The AWLA is excited to launch a brand-new monthly speaker series, helping to expand upon our goal to educate and inform our community about issues related to responsible pet companionship, animal welfare and sharing our community with wildlife. The series kicked off earlier this year with a presentation from Gene Baur of the Farm Sanctuary, providing more information on the food on our tables.



Gene Baur and Blossom

Later in the spring, AWLA's Animal Services spoke to attendees about the influx of baby wildlife they would see in the spring and how they could help keep those animals safe.

Speakers will present on a monthly basis, usually the final week of the month, but check out the AWLA website regularly for updates on upcoming events at AlexandriaAnimals.org/Events or email connect@alexandrianimals.org to be added to a mailing list and receive alerts when new events are added. ❤️

Recognizing Our Supporters

The Lasting Legacy of Pandora

When [Andrew Palmieri](#) talks about his dog, Pandora, it is easy to feel his deep affection for her. The stories he tells paint a picture of a little dog who outsmarted Palmieri more than a few times (a difficult accomplishment even for the smartest among us). When Pandora was a puppy, Palmieri would try to keep her in one portion of his house, but she would leap onto the kitchen counter, shimmy along a ledge and hop onto the dining room table to take charge of the entire house once again, undefeated. “She was a very smart dog,” he laughed. “She just never put her intelligence to good use.” However, that could be debated, since she used her wits to not only win his heart but also inspired him to serve as AWLA’s pro bono counsel for the last 22 years, impacting the lives of countless animals. We would say that is a pretty smart dog!



Palmieri met Gordon Kromberg, a longtime AWLA Board member and eventual board President, in the mid-1990s. Kromberg had multiple dogs, including a Spitz named Felix, who Palmieri credits for his decision to adopt a Schipperke called Pandora. Palmieri began to take an even more active role at the AWLA, serving as our pro bono legal counsel and negotiating the AWLA’s contract with the City for the new Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, modernizing the AWLA’s governance structure and advising on countless contract issues. Over the last few years, Palmieri has helped to grow the AWLA’s legacy donation program, not only becoming a planned donor himself but also helping the AWLA maintain records of all active estates and trusts in which the AWLA is a named beneficiary and serving as AWLA’s primary interface with executors and

trustees to facilitate communication, transfer of documents, and payment. He and his staff have streamlined this process for our generous benefactors and understand that these bequests make it possible for the AWLA to expand its functions and better serve Alexandria’s Animals and their owners. When there are issues beyond his areas of practice, Palmieri frequently calls on his colleagues at Vola Lawson Animal Guardians Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr LLP, where he is the co-office managing partner for its Washington, DC, office, to share their expertise as needed, including Jeffrey Glaser, Edward Levin, Sherry Flax and Robert Gill.

Palmieri has been an active resident of the City of Alexandria since 1985. His generosity extends not just to the AWLA but a variety of community organizations, including the Alexandria Waterfront Commission, the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, Visit Alexandria (formerly the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association), the Alexandria Industrial Development Authority and The Campagna Center, where he is currently the Vice Chair of the Board.



Pandora

He says that he is most impressed by the growth in services provided by the AWLA, especially the significant increases in adoptions and transfers, as well as the reduction in euthanasia. Palmieri, as is his nature, is always quick to share the credit for accomplishments; he says there is a long list of individuals, including colleagues, who played a part in AWLA’s history, and he highlights the contributions of Vola Lawson, Charlotte Hall and Megan Webb for their leadership and drive to make the AWLA the “best in class.” While

we applaud the support of these trailblazers, we would certainly add Andrew Palmieri — and Pandora — to the list of those who helped make the AWLA the organization it is today with their gifts of time and expertise. ❤️



Growing Along with the AWLA Volunteer Program

[Linda Clark](#) remembers when the volunteer program at the AWLA was very different. She began volunteering in the 1980s, when the shelter was on Payne Street. The roles for volunteers were very different then from what they are now, and she mainly helped clean out cat kennels and walk dogs. “I used to walk the dogs through the cemetery over there,” she recalls.

Clark volunteered while working full-time and took a hiatus from volunteering while she went to graduate school, but she couldn’t stay away too long. When the AWLA moved to the current Vola Lawson Animal Shelter facility in 2004, she rejoined the program along with her husband. The pair would visit the tiny volunteer office — which has since been converted to a broom closet — and sign in to walk the dogs. At the time, she thought the volunteer program seemed a bit foreign to the staff, who weren’t sure how their own roles fit in with those of the volunteers.

The volunteer program has certainly expanded from those early days. Clark, who had previously worked only with dogs and cats, now takes on so many more roles at the AWLA. She helps at the front desk on weekends, greeting visitors, taking calls and answering questions.

Alexandria's Animals Benefit from a Compassionate Bequest



An outstanding “dog mom” is continuing to make a difference for the animals of Alexandria.

Deborah Ann Rubie DeSantis, who passed at the age of 58, sought to support those in the community who take care of its four-legged creatures and has continued her mission even after her death with a generous bequest to the AWLA. “Debbie was a very, very good dog mother,” her sister Pamela Margaux of Charlottesville recalled. “And she was so appreciative of the people who take care of animals. She knew that shelters are in need of funding, and that was the reason for the gift in her will. The other half went to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital. Children and animals were her greatest affections.”

Ms. DeSantis was a successful interior designer, earning a bachelor’s degree in the field from the University of Maryland and first practicing her profession in California. DeSantis moved back to the D.C. area in 1991 when she got married, continuing her career here with a company that designed hotel lobbies, airport interiors and corporate offices. Beyond interior design, Ms. DeSantis had a passion for her dog Emerson, named for poet Ralph Waldo Emerson. DeSantis and her husband had rescued Emerson, who was an Australian shepherd/collie mix.

Her interest in animals extended to a photographic safari they took to South Africa, where she captured numerous photographs of wildlife. “She enjoyed all of the animals she saw on safari and took wonderful pictures of the lions, elephants, giraffes and zebras,” her sister recalls. DeSantis and her husband also frequently traveled to Europe and Asia.

“Deborah DeSantis’ amazingly generous gift is making a huge difference in the lives of the animals of Alexandria,” AWLA Executive Director Megan Webb said. “We are truly honored that Ms. DeSantis trusted the AWLA to continue her legacy of compassion, and we will ensure that many, many animals are helped in her memory.”

Margaux says Ms. DeSantis had also arranged to be an organ donor. “Upon her death, five families were given new hope with the donation of her heart, lungs, kidneys and corneas. She was just a very compassionate person who had a great love of life,” she said.

If you would like information on making a bequest to the AWLA as part of your will, please contact us at legacy@alexandrianimals.org.

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She also serves in a variety of administrative roles, from assisting with the volunteer program to sifting through safety requirements to helping manage foster agreements. She helps to coordinate the busy schedules of the amazing volunteer photographers and their teams, and reaches out to adopters to see how their new family members are adjusting. And in her spare time, she hits the road with the AWLA, attending community events to show off adoptables and inform the public about the shelter. She also mentors other volunteers who are just learning the ropes at the AWLA. Clark says nowadays, she feels much more like she — and all volunteers — are truly a part of the team.

Linda Clark has volunteered more than 500 hours with the AWLA, and that tally is only since the AWLA started tracking the time the volunteers dedicate in 2008. Director of Operations and head of the Volunteer Program Jessica Almond says, “She keeps me sane, on track and organized by helping with all of our volunteer and foster program records and data entry. She does a wonderful job training new volunteers how to help at the front desk, and she is a joy to have at events. She takes on any task we ask and does it with grace and skill.”

Clark enjoys the variety her many volunteer roles allow her, and that she has the flexibility to help both at the shelter and from home. “I really value my interaction with the staff and the public,” she says. “I just really enjoy the opportunity to work with so many compassionate people doing something so worthwhile.”

DOG SHOW (continued from page 3)

amazing event sponsors. Thank you to all of our Fun Dog Show participants, and special congratulations to our four “Pet Troy” winners: Brett & Ringo (Best Owner/Canine Look-Alike), Fionnbharr (Most St. Paddy’s Spirit), Duke (Best Costume), “Ozzie” Awesome Dog (Most Talented).

2017 Vola Lawson Animal Advocates

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December 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018

AWLA commends our Vola Lawson Animal Advocates (VoLAAs) for contributions made from December 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018. Thank you to the City of Alexandria, which allows us to continue to provide care, control and sheltering services to Alexandria's Animals.



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Thank you to everyone who donated in honor or memory December 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018. AWLA mails a card to the recipient; donations of \$250+ are recognized here.

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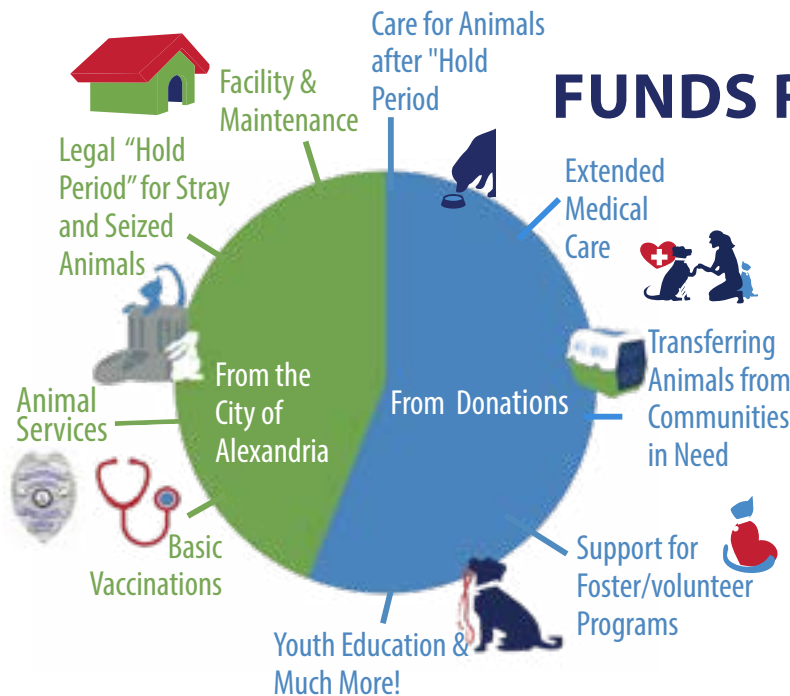
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