

ANIMAL REFUGE LEAGUE OF GREATER PORTLAND

COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

2019

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A LIFE-SAVING ORGANIZATION



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US

It's an exciting time to be a part of the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland.

As animal welfare and sheltering changes nationwide, we proudly find ourselves at the forefront of collaboration and creativity in this very special sector. We're carving out a footprint, establishing what it looks like when a community and a shelter work together with one goal: **to save lives.**

Our mission to nurture the connection between pets and people means we are providing the resources to ensure that pets are loved and cherished as family members. It means that the ARLGP serves as a destination, not just for adoption, but for humane education, pet health, and behavior support.

Every day we challenge ourselves to think outside of the kennel. To understand what each animal that comes through our doors needs. We commit to providing the highest level of shelter and comfort while in our care. And, we commit to providing resources to them and their new family after adoption day.

Your support serves as a reinforcement of our work 365 days a year. Thank you for recognizing the ARLGP as an impactful and vital nonprofit in our community.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patsy".

Patsy Murphy, Executive Director

CONNECT WITH PATSY: Want a tour of our modern, forward-thinking facility? Want to learn more about the work we are doing both in and outside the shelter?

Let's talk saving lives: (207) 517-3930 | pmurphy@arlgp.org



FORMING FAMILIES & BONDS FOR LIFE

Since our founding in 1911, helping animals find their way home has been our goal. Over the past 108 years we have helped hundreds of thousands of pets find a new beginning.

Every day we get to watch the magic of families finding their new companions. Our highly-skilled adoption counselors and animal caregivers spend their days meeting each pet, understanding their needs and ideal home. They advocate for each animal individually, to find a family that can provide them with the tools they need to succeed. **The best part? Receiving the post-adoption photos, videos and notes of happy pets flourishing in loving homes.**

DATA DIVE: ADOPTIONS BY THE YEAR

2018: 4,026	2015: 3,247
2017: 3,465	2014: 2,211
2016: 3,213	2013: 2,379



THE NEXT GENERATION OF ANIMAL ADVOCATES

Our humane education department teaches kindness and compassion towards animals to 10,000 students annually.

Students ranging in age from toddler to college are learning how to be responsible for pets, how to read their body language, how humans make an impact on their wellbeing, and how we show them respect and kindness. **Through humane education programming, we are cultivating a community of youth ambassadors and advocates.**

FUN FACTS: Our humane education lessons are hands-on! The shelter is the classroom for kids, meeting a variety of animal species, ages and breed and learning how to nurture our human/animal bond.



A COMMITMENT TO PET HEALTH

We commit to providing each animal with the veterinary care and treatment they need to be healthy and happy, before finding their new family. From routine spay/neuter surgery, to extensive dental procedures. Weight loss plans, intestinal obstructions, torn ligaments and more; we see incredibly complex cases and concerns come through our doors.

SPOTLIGHT ON GUS: Arriving to us at nearly 140 pounds in October of 2018, Gus spent nine weeks in our care to help get him on a healthy track to adoption. On adoption day Gus weighed in at 116, and was all smiles heading home with his new family.



OUR LIFE-SAVING SAFETY NET

We know that collaboration is the key to saving lives.

The ARLGP Safety Net stretches thousands of miles throughout our home state, region and country, **working with more than 60 rescue and shelter partners.**

Why? In other regions of the country, shelters have more animals than they have adopters for them. The ARLGP Safety Net is a network of collaboration that helps these shelters move adoptable animals to the ARLGP to find loving homes in Maine. These partnerships reduce the burden of overcrowded kennels and foster homes where they come from. We pay particular attention to welcome senior and special needs animals, knowing that their chances in an overburdened shelter are slim. **Thanks to you, they are welcomed here with open arms.**

LIFE-SAVING STATS: In 2018 we welcomed 752 pets from Maine partners and nearly 1,800 pets from national partners.



Your investment in the ARLGP makes possible multiple collaborations in our community and beyond.
THANK YOU FOR JOINING OUR MISSION OF SAVING LIVES.