



# 80 Lifesaving Years



# *Mission, Vision and Values*

## **Our Mission:**

Rescue. Nurture. Adopt. Educate.

## **Our Vision:**

A future in which all companion animals find responsible, loving homes where they are free from abuse, hunger, fear and loneliness, and receive the care and respect they deserve.

## **What We Value:**

- The inherent worth of all companion animals.
- The principles and goals of the no-kill movement, which we've pioneered since our founding in 1944.
- The richness and complexity of the human-animal bond.
- The power of humane education, which is the heart of our Mutt-i-grees® Curriculum.
- Our global network of rescue partners with whom we share our decades of experience and expertise.
- Innovation, a hallmark of our 80 years of leadership in animal welfare.
- The generous support of friends and donors who make our work possible.
- Honesty, diversity, integrity, transparency, sustainability and innovation.



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## *A Letter from the President*

Dear Friends,

In the spring of 1944, the North Shore Animal League and Dog Protective Association, Inc., led by animal advocate Marianne H. Sanders, began rescuing homeless dogs on the north shore of Long Island. Although their resources were modest, they had a simple yet powerful new idea that ultimately transformed animal welfare.

That idea? They refused to euthanize healthy dogs. Period! Within a year, their no-kill policy expanded to include cats as well.

It wasn't easy; many considered it impractical, impossible, and even controversial. Nonetheless, these visionaries remained committed to their ideals. As their organization grew, they introduced programs to support their no-kill approach, and before long, their success was undeniable. The world took note.

In the 1970s, Alex and Elisabeth Lewyt provided the resources and inspiration to move the organization to the next level. Fast-forward to 2024 and our milestone anniversary as the largest and longest-running no-kill animal rescue and adoption organization in the world. With 2,000 national and international shelter partners, we've revolutionized animal welfare, inspiring others and setting the standard for excellence in the field.

Last year, as we celebrated our history, I often thought of that wise adage, "Experience is the best teacher." We've certainly gained a wealth of experience over the years, and like our founders, we've learned to trust our instincts and take risks, provided they are guided by responsible planning.

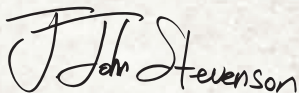
But the most profound lessons — those that give us strength and purpose — come from the more than 1.2 million dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens whose lives we've nurtured and changed forever. Their bravery and resilience have taught us to be brave and resilient. They have always been — and will always be — at the heart of our no-kill promise.

We've also learned to evolve, a skill reflected in the breadth of our mission to Rescue, Nurture, Adopt, and Educate. While our commitment to a no-kill future is fundamental to everything we do, it is most evident in our Mutt-i-grees Curriculum, a preK-12 social emotional learning program that highlights the unique characteristics of shelter pets to teach compassion and empathy. We are shaping the leaders of tomorrow who will continue our tradition of lifesaving innovation.

Over the years, many dedicated and creative people have worked hard to make Animal League America the organization it is today. Most notable among them are people like you who recognize our vision as a better path forward and match our dedication with both financial and moral support. I cannot begin to list all of the lifesaving programs you have made possible. Suffice it to say, your faith in our mission saves lives every day of every year.

And yet, there is still so much hard work to do. We thank you for helping us celebrate our achievements and look forward to your continued support as we draw on the past to create a compassionate tomorrow for animals.

On behalf of the Mutt-i-grees<sup>®</sup>,

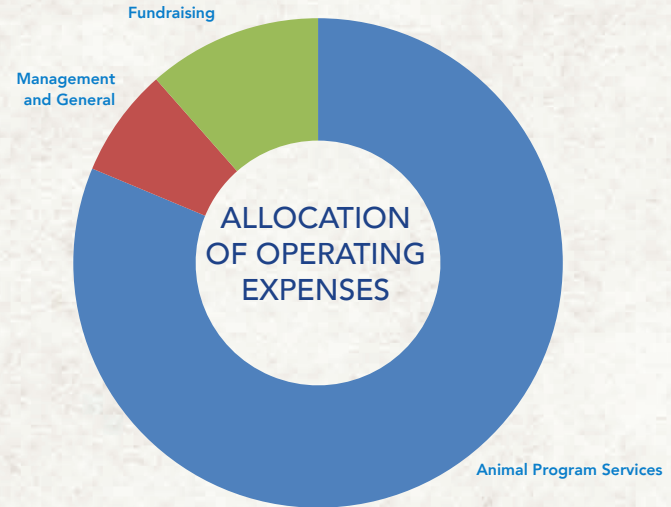
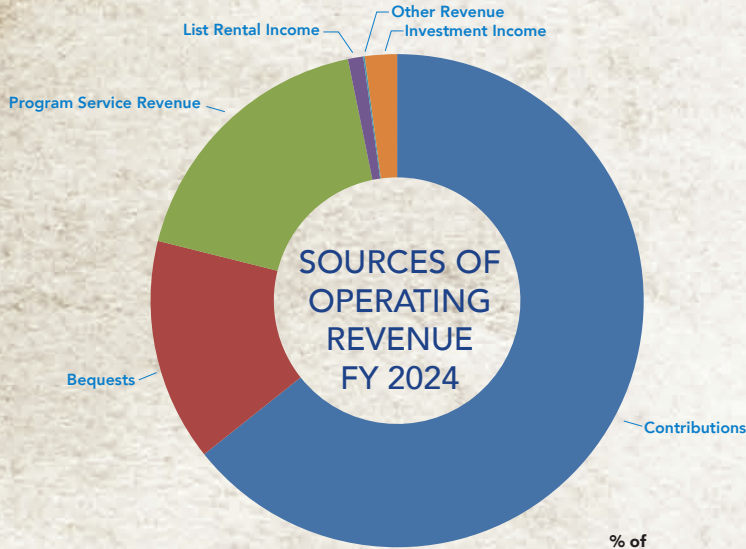


J. John Stevenson  
President & CEO

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# 2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Consolidated Operating Revenues & Expenses for the year ended December 31, 2024



		% of Income
Contributions	\$ 28,866,895	64.3%
Bequests	\$ 6,564,923	14.6%
Program Service Revenue	\$ 8,038,779	17.9%
List Rental Income	\$ 458,777	1.0%
Other Revenue	\$ 66,651	0.1%
Investment Income	\$ 929,319	2.1%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 44,925,344</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

		% of Expenses
Animal Program Services	\$ 41,213,577	81.3%
Management and General	\$ 3,630,397	7.2%
Fundraising	\$ 5,843,790	11.5%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 50,687,764</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



## Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2024

### ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,421,810
Cash for designated purposes	10,419,614
Investments	21,553,956
Bequests receivable	28,820
Land, buildings, and equipment	24,455,912
Other assets and prepaid expenses	3,798,293
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Total Assets	<u>\$ 61,678,405</u>

### LIABILITIES

Accounts and accrued expenses payable	\$ 3,919,055
Annuity payment liability	288,597
Accrued pension benefit obligation	3,157,989
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Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 7,365,641</u>

### NET ASSETS

Without Donor Restrictions:	
Available for operations	\$ 19,713,683
Net investment in property and equipment	24,455,912
With Donor Restrictions	10,143,169
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Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 54,312,764</u>
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Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 61,678,405</u>

## **The Rachael Ray Foundation™ Our Partner in Rescue**

North Shore Animal League America is proud to recognize the extraordinary impact of The Rachael Ray Foundation (RRF) on our no-kill mission. Thanks to their unwavering generosity, we have been able to rescue, nurture and find loving homes for tens of thousands of animals across the country in 2024 alone. RRF's steadfast support fuels critical programs that provide medical care, shelter and second chances to homeless pets. Their ongoing partnership strengthens our ability to execute urgent rescue efforts and extend our reach to communities in need nationwide. Thank you, Rachael Ray, for being a champion for animals in need!



## *Board of Directors and Senior Staff*

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*\*In Memoriam*

# Donate Real Estate & Save Lives



Donate your real estate to help save animals at North Shore Animal League America! We accept all property types with equity and handle everything, including taxes, mortgages, and closing costs. It's easy, and you may get a tax deduction. Make a lifesaving impact today!



Residential



Commercial



Land

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Support



## North Country Initiative's: Commitment to Community Cats

Since 2015, the North Country Initiative Adirondack Region Cat Adoption Center (NCI) has been a vital force in addressing cat overpopulation in upstate New York. The organization utilizes a comprehensive approach that includes Trap, Neuter/Spay, Vaccinate, and Return (TNVR); a humane method for managing feral and stray cat populations. Cats are trapped, provided with veterinary care — including spay/neuter and vaccinations — ear-tipped for identification, and then returned to their outdoor homes. In the cases where they observe signs that the cats are friendly and most likely had once been pets, NCI works to place them in adoptive homes where they can thrive as cherished companions.

### NCI IMPACT 2015 to 2024



**6,892**  
FELINES  
RESCUED



**4,584**  
ADOPTED OR  
TO BE ADOPTED



**1,639**  
RETURNED TO  
MANAGED  
COLONY



**669**  
OWNER ASSIST/  
RETURN TO  
OWNER



**7,892**  
SPAY/NUETERS

## *A Team Effort Saves a Life*



At the heart of North Shore Animal League America's no-kill mission are stories like Little Betty's. At just seven months old, this young, pregnant cat faced a life-threatening emergency. After delivering two stillborn kittens, she became gravely ill due to a third kitten trapped in her pelvic canal. Her owner, unable to afford veterinary care, brought her to NCI's Adirondack facility, where the team immediately took action to save her life.

Little Betty underwent emergency surgery at a local animal hospital before being transported to our Pet Health Centers for continued care. She faced challenges with mobility and elimination, requiring time and dedicated attention to heal. That's when Katerina, a devoted foster caregiver, stepped in to provide a nurturing home. Under her care, Little Betty slowly regained her strength, and as she healed, she formed an unbreakable bond with Katerina's resident cat, Pugsley.

What began as a temporary foster arrangement soon became permanent — Katerina officially adopted Little Betty, ensuring she would never have to face hardship again. "Pug is absolutely in love with her, and I can't imagine separating them," she shared. Today, Little Betty is thriving, thanks to NCI's quick action and the power of our no-kill promise.

Through its dedicated initiatives and compassionate care, NCI continues to make a lasting difference in the lives of cats and the communities they call home, and remains a lifeline for felines in need.



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# Every Life Matters *at Our Pet Health Centers*



Alex and Elisabeth Lewyt Veterinary Medical Center is proud to be accredited by the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) and provides services at about one third less than customary veterinary fees, staying true to our no-kill mission to provide preventive and healing care for pets. In 2024, our Pet Health Centers performed 38,765 exams and 4,358 spay/neuter procedures, and administered 34,305 vaccines. There were also 1,251 pets who received care in our Freed Special Recovery Center.

Our no-kill commitment means that we won't give up on any animal who enters our care — no matter their condition. Whether they need routine care or complex, lifesaving procedures, we spare no effort in giving them the best possible outcomes. However, going to any length to save these lives comes at a significant financial cost. In addition to the veterinary care for the yet unadopted shelter animals, we sustain the care for special needs animals who are adopted with their challenging medical conditions. The compassionate adopters who save the lives of pets with ongoing medical needs are provided with the safety net that Animal League America will continue to cover the costs associated with the conditions of these pets.

## PET HEALTH CENTERS IMPACT IN 2024



**38,765**  
EXAMS PERFORMED



**4,358**  
SPAY/NEUTER PROCEDURES



**34,305**  
VACCINES ADMINISTERED



**1,251**  
PETS WHO RECEIVED CARE IN OUR FREED SPECIAL RECOVERY CENTER

# *A Helping Hand* *Keeps Family Together*

When Silvia's hound mix, Pacino, dashed out the front door and into a busy intersection, her heart stopped. "My husband ran after him and saw everything," Silvia recalled. "Pacino ran right in front of a truck, got hit, flew up in the air, and fell on his side. We didn't think he was going to make it."

Rushing Pacino to a local animal hospital, the family faced a heart-wrenching reality. "Pacino had open wounds and a joint exposed," she told us. "We lost our last dog in December, and now Pacino was hurt. We were going to do whatever we needed to in order to save him, but my husband had been laid off recently, and we simply didn't have the disposable income we used to. It was such a horrible predicament to be in."

At Animal League America, the family found hope in an unexpected place: the Ann M. Bryand Health Care Fund. This fund, designed to support animals and their families during crises, was exactly what Silvia and her family needed. "When they told me about the fund, it brought me to tears," Silvia said. "All I wanted to do was save my dog. That's my baby and it's my job to protect him."

Thanks to the Fund, Pacino received the necessary treatments: sutures, antibiotics, IV fluids, and pain medication. "You brought him back to us and I owe everything to you guys," she said. "Now he's his old self again — chasing bunnies, trying to steal food from the kids, and howling at everything. And I wouldn't have it any other way."



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# The Heart of Our Mission

At North Shore Animal League America, our volunteers are the backbone of our lifesaving mission. From our youngest VolunTEENs to lifelong animal advocates, their dedication ensures the best care for the animals who need us most.



## **ENYA SAKHRANI**

Inspired by her mother, Enya Sakhrani eagerly joined our VolunTEEN program when she turned 16. With dreams of becoming a veterinarian,

she dedicates her time to Bianca's Furry Friends Feline Adoption Center, learning about cat behavior and enriching the lives of adoptable felines. "If I'm having a bad day and I go to BFF, it always cheers me up," Enya says. Her belief in our no-kill mission and deep empathy for animals make her a shining example of the next generation of animal advocates.



## **MICHIKO HASHIMOTO**

Since 2012, Michiko Hashimoto has provided devoted care to the cats awaiting adoption at Animal League America. Having experienced the

transition to Bianca's Furry Friends, she appreciates the improved environment where felines thrive. She finds joy in feeding time and ensuring each cat feels loved. "Michiko always shows up to volunteer with a smile," says Lead Feline Kennel Manager Michael Spiotta. Having adopted two of her own, Michiko treasures the no-kill promise that ensures every cat finds a home.



## **RICHARD COGAN**

After retiring, Richard Cogan found purpose in our Shelter Pet Outreach Team (SPOT), bringing puppies to senior centers and hospitals. Honoring his 98-year-old mother's love

for dogs, he sees firsthand the comfort animals bring. "You put a puppy on someone's lap, and suddenly they're smiling and reminiscing," he shares. Richard's compassion and commitment highlight the incredible impact volunteers make every day.

# Field Trips for Our *Furry Friends*

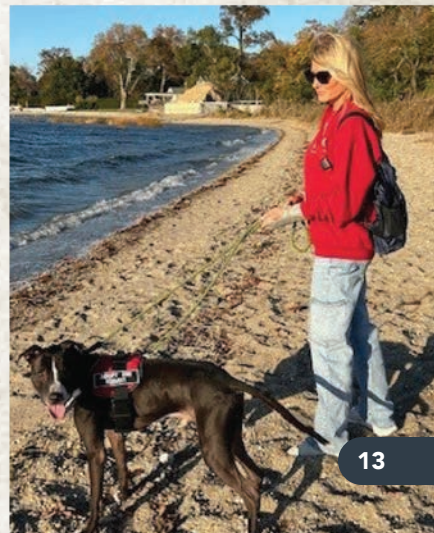


At North Shore Animal League America, our canine residents are embarking on exciting adventures, thanks to the Adventure Club. This innovative program lets certified volunteers take dogs on outings beyond the main campus, opening up a world of new experiences. Whether it's a stroll at Sands Point Preserve or savoring a pup cup at Starbucks, these field trips aren't just fun — they're transformational.

For many of these dogs, everyday experiences like walking on sand or sitting in a car are completely new. The Adventure Club helps them build confidence and social skills, while also giving them a much-needed break from the kennel. The outings also provide invaluable insights for our adoption teams. By observing how dogs react to new environments, staff can update their profiles to reflect their true personalities.

But the Adventure Club isn't just about the dogs — it's a game-changer for the volunteers, too. Our volunteers proudly showcase their canine companions in the community, sparking conversations and raising awareness for the organization. And they get to deepen their bond with the dogs while watching them light up in new surroundings.

The Adventure Club highlights Animal League America's dedication to enriching the lives of all our animals. It's a reminder that while finding them a home is the ultimate goal, making every moment special along the way matters just as much.





## *Our Corporate Partners Are Making a Difference*

East Coast Capital brought boundless enthusiasm and compassion to North Shore Animal League America's campus during their corporate volunteer day. Their team provided much-needed socialization and playtime for the dogs and puppies awaiting adoption, showering our rescues with love.

Their impact didn't stop there — East Coast Capital also played a vital role in welcoming 43 rescued puppies and dogs from our shelter partner in Texas. Helping to offload them from our Mobile Rescue Unit, they ensured these animals arrived safely and comfortably into our care. Their dedication and teamwork exemplify the true spirit of corporate volunteerism.

Through our Corporate Volunteer Program, companies like East Coast Capital create meaningful change while fostering a culture of philanthropy. Their visit left a lasting impression, showcasing the power of collaboration in saving lives.





## *A Conversation with President J. John Stevenson*

For more than 30 years, J. John Stevenson has led North Shore Animal League America with a commitment to innovation and lifesaving impact. As we marked our 80th anniversary, he reflected on our history, growth and the path toward a no-kill future.

1

**Q:** How did you become involved with North Shore Animal League America?

**A:** My love for animals led me here in 1986 when I joined as Special Counsel. Under the leadership of Alex Lewyt, we expanded our programs to save more lives. In 1993, I became President, continuing our mission with the guidance of Elisabeth Lewyt, who served as Board Chair until 2012.

2

**Q:** What are some of the most significant innovations during your tenure?

**A:** Our Humane Relocation Program, launched in 1991, was groundbreaking in rescuing animals from overcrowded shelters. What started as a controversial idea is now a national model. In 1992, we introduced Pet Savers Foundation, helping shelters promote adoptions through advertising grants. In 1993, we took over SpayUSA®, expanding low-cost spay/neuter services nationwide.

3

**Q:** What role does humane education play in NSALA's future?

**A:** Humane education is the key to a no-kill future. Our Mutt-i-grees® Curriculum, developed with Yale University, is implemented in nearly 6,000 schools. It fosters empathy, academic growth, and hands-on animal rescue involvement. Educating young people ensures a future filled with compassionate animal advocates.

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**Q:** What's next for North Shore Animal League America?

**A:** We remain focused on our core mission: Rescue, Nurture, Adopt, Educate. With the dedication of our supporters, innovative programs and a passionate team, we are paving the way for a future where every animal has a chance to find a loving home.

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**Q:** How does planned giving support NSALA's longevity?

**A:** Our vision for a no-kill tomorrow relies on the generosity of our donors. Planned giving secures our ability to continue rescuing and caring for animals for generations to come. We encourage supporters to consider estate planning options that help sustain our mission.



## *Bringing Commercial Breeder Survivors to Safety*

Throughout 2024, our rescue team worked tirelessly alongside our partner, National Mill Dog Rescue, to save the lives of hundreds of dogs and puppies from commercial breeding facilities. One such transport included a brave, pregnant dog named Zoey. As our Mobile Rescue Unit made the trip from Missouri to our Port Washington campus, our rescue team tried to soothe Zoey's anxiety and let her know that she and her babies are going to have a great life. Only days after her arrival, Zoey safely gave birth to two healthy pups and began soaking in all the round-the-clock attention from our Nursery staff.



Most dogs coming from commercial breeders were treated as commodities, never receiving even basic veterinary care or socialization. They need extra patience and support, and we give them medical and dental check-ups, critical grooming, behavior evaluations, and their first-ever toys and treats. With the help from our compassionate supporters, Zoey and her puppies are now safe – but many others still need us.

# Answering the Call After Back-to-Back Hurricanes

When Hurricane Helene unleashed its fury across the southern United States, North Shore Animal League America's rescue team sprang into action. With shelters in the region already overburdened, the urgency to make room for animals displaced by the storm was critical. Our Mobile Rescue Unit hit the road to come to the aid of our partners.

Our first stop was Georgia, where Albany Humane desperately needed help. We delivered vital supplies and took in 20 dogs, helping them better care for the incoming wave of animals. Our team continued to Lakeside Animal Rescue in South Carolina, where we added 13 kittens and two cats to our transport. "Thanks to the relationships we have with our shelter partners in the region, we were able to make plans in advance to provide relief," explained Animal League America's Senior Shelter Manager Karla Scaramuzzo. "Being able to mobilize quickly is so important. These facilities need to be able to take in animals lost after the storm or those needing temporary housing."

After the storm tore through the region, travel was challenging. Downed trees, closed highways, and loss of cell service added to the difficulty of reaching some of the hardest-hit areas. Once safe at our campus, every dog, cat, puppy and kitten received the care they needed — whether that meant surgery, medication, or simply a cuddle and a cozy bed — until they found a home of their own.

Meanwhile, as Hurricane Milton approached Florida with devastating force, our partner Furry Friends worked tirelessly to evacuate cats and kittens from shelters and foster homes across the state, focusing especially on the vulnerable west coast. They transported these animals out of danger, making the long journey to our campus.

In times like these we are reminded of the power of teamwork and the strength of our partnerships. There's no rest when it comes to saving lives — and in the face of disaster, we reaffirm our commitment to protecting animals in need, no matter the obstacles.



# Global Mutt-i-grees® Student Ambassadors: Cultivating Compassionate Leaders

The Global Mutt-i-grees Student Ambassadors program, established in 2014, is designed to identify and recognize exceptional students who advocate for and help raise awareness about shelter pets. In 2024, the program experienced significant growth, engaging students from primary through high school across seven states, Puerto Rico, and six countries. These young leaders, working independently or within clubs and committees, initiated projects supporting local shelters, promoting animal rescue awareness, and providing direct aid to homeless pets.

A notable advancement this year was the inclusion of high schools, fostering deeper engagement through career-oriented activities and shelter partnerships. Ten high schools participated, with students actively involved in feline care and adoption advocacy. Their proficiency in social media amplified outreach efforts, and many joined NSALA's Anipals program, ensuring sustained commitment to our mission. Additionally, older students explored internships and mentoring opportunities, establishing pathways into animal welfare careers.

A highlight of the year was a collaborative project between Florida and New York. Students from Richard O. Jacobson Technical High School in Pinellas County assisted in the humane relocation of cats and puppies, preparing them for transport to North Shore Animal League America's campus. Upon arrival, Abraham Lincoln High School students in Brooklyn welcomed and helped settle the animals. This hands-on experience, funded by the Alonso Foundation, provided invaluable insights into rescue and adoption processes and garnered media attention from WNBC-TV.

Other remarkable  
student-led initiatives  
included:



**GLOBAL  
COLLABORATION:**  
Students from New York,  
Kentucky, and Maryland  
supported peers in  
Bosnia by sending  
handmade blankets for  
rescued animals.



**INNOVATIVE SHELTER SUPPORT:**

Puerto Rican students established food and water stations for stray dogs, ensuring essential nourishment until rescue.



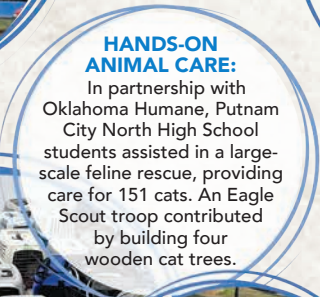
**FELINE FOSTER SUCCESS:**

The Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex BOCES program collaborated with NSALA's North Country Initiative, fostering nearly a dozen medically and socially challenged cats into permanent homes.



**DAILY IMPACT:**

Richard O. Jacobson High School Veterinary Technical program in Pinellas County engaged 40 students in daily shelter animal care, enhancing adoption efforts through active management of the shelter's Instagram account.



**HANDS-ON ANIMAL CARE:**

In partnership with Oklahoma Humane, Putnam City North High School students assisted in a large-scale feline rescue, providing care for 151 cats. An Eagle Scout troop contributed by building four wooden cat trees.



**TRANSFORMATIVE VOLUNTEERISM:**

At Friends of Animals El Paso, Pebble Hills High School student Joshua dedicated over 300 volunteer hours, aspiring to return as a veterinarian.

As the 2024/25 academic year commences, a new cohort of ambassadors from over 50 schools, libraries, and educational organizations is poised to continue this impactful work. Their dedication promises to further influence animal adoptions and foster a culture of compassion and advocacy in the year ahead.

# Global Pet Adoptathon® Unites Pets and Families

Sponsored by Swiffer™ and supported by Rachael Ray® Nutrish®, the 2024 Global Pet Adoptathon Kickoff Weekend at our Port Washington Adoption Center on May 4 was the start of a month-long celebration dedicated to finding loving homes for animals in need. The weekend was filled with joy and excitement as hundreds of visitors enjoyed fun games for kids, delicious food trucks, fantastic vendors, and, most importantly, the opportunity to meet and adopt their new best friends.



## *Tour for Life® Is a Triumph!*

The 2024 Tour for Life proved to be a monumental success, resulting in over 2,300 adoptions. The world's largest mobile cooperative lifesaving pet adoption event, this month-long initiative saved lives from coast to coast. Supported by Rachael Ray Nutrish®, we collaborated with shelters and rescue groups in 60 cities and towns across 37 states. These special adoption events, held over four weeks, highlight the power of community and partnership in making a significant impact on the lives of animals everywhere.



# Walk & Wagers Step Up to Save Lives

The 2024 Walk & Wag Fundraising Challenge rallied animal lovers nationwide to step up, leash up, and raise critical funds to save the lives of homeless dogs, cats, puppies and kittens. Over the 30-day challenge, participants from 90 cities and 22 states walked in solidarity to support North Shore Animal League America's no-kill mission. The 8th annual Walk & Wag challenge culminated on October 19th with a finale at Hudson River Park's Pier 84 in Manhattan. Thanks to everyone who participated, donated and cheered us on!



## *Celebrating 80 Years*

On June 14, friends and supporters of Animal League America gathered at Tribeca 360 in NYC to celebrate 80 years of our lifesaving work. Hosted by animal lover and radio icon Maria Milito, with Animal League America Board Member, National Spokesperson and Foster Parent Beth Stern as Chairperson, the evening was a night to remember. The Rachael Ray Foundation™ received the Crystal Collar Award® for its extraordinary dedication, with Rachael Ray and John Cusimano accepting. Along with a stunning view of Manhattan, guests enjoyed an elegant dinner, lively auction, and a rousing performance by pop icon Taylor Dayne.



## *Homeless Animals' Guardian Angel*

Beth Stern, North Shore Animal League America Board Member, National Spokesperson and Foster Parent, has saved countless lives with her passion, dedication and tireless efforts, and has inspired a global community of animal lovers. Beth's commitment goes beyond advocacy — she fosters pregnant moms and special needs felines, mobilizes her vast social media following, and ensures every animal finds a responsible, loving home.

Her boundless compassion and unwavering dedication remain a cornerstone of our organization. Lending her voice and influence has been priceless, inspiring others to support animal rescue efforts and we are deeply grateful for her impact on our mission.

*Be sure to  
check out  
Beth's Blog  
each month  
[animalleague.org/  
bethsblog](http://animalleague.org/bethsblog)*



## *A Safe Haven for Pearl & Piper*

Adjusting to a shelter environment after losing the only home they had ever known required resilience, but Pearl and Piper never lost their gentle spirits. Today, thanks to North Shore Animal League America's Safe Haven Surviving Pet Care Program®, this senior mother-daughter duo has found a loving forever home where they can enjoy their golden years together.

Pearl's journey began with adversity — she was displaced by Hurricane Sandy as a young cat. Fortunately, she found comfort with a devoted adopter who welcomed her into a loving home. Over the years, her family grew to include her daughter, Piper, and together they shared a peaceful life. When their beloved pet parent passed away, their world was turned upside down.

Thankfully, their owner had enrolled them in the Safe Haven program, ensuring their future was secure. This program allows pet owners to include their pets in their estate planning, guaranteeing they will be cared for no matter what. When Pearl and Piper arrived at our shelter, we provided them with the love and medical attention they needed, including radiation therapy for hyperthyroidism, eliminating the need for daily medication.

Now, in their new home, Pearl and Piper are thriving. Their journey highlights the importance of planning for a pet's future and the impact of our Safe Haven program in ensuring pets are never left without care. Pearl and Piper's story has come full circle — with love, security, and a place to call home.





*“We believe that the best way to ensure the future of our vision and values is by remaining a focused, growing organization with a commitment to long-term stability.”*

*— John Stevenson*



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