

# Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter

## 2021 Annual Report

Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter (Friends) is the 501(c)3 nonprofit fundraising partner of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. With the support of many pet-loving donors and volunteers, Friends funds important needs beyond what the Shelter's budget can provide. By funding a myriad of critical programs to support pets, Friends joins in the Shelter's efforts to ensure every Shelter pet is offered the best opportunity to find and remain in a loving home.



In 2021, with the generous support of our animal-loving community, **Friends provided \$154,159 in support to the Shelter:**

- 26 pets were provided medical care, including emergency life-saving medical care in the amount of \$26,311.
- 456 adopted dogs received a collar, personalized tag and leash; 686 adopted cats received a personalized tag and a collar (if requested) in the amount of \$4,316.
- 27 pets were provided dentals in the amount of \$20,776 to improve overall health, reduce pain, and help set pets and their adopters up for success.
- \$1,765 was provided toward items for the Shelter's enrichment program.
- 649 spay/neuter surgeries for community cats as part of the Shelter's Trap, Neuter, Return program in the amount of \$46,425.
- 1,225 dogs and puppies, 989 cats and kittens, and 185 rabbits were provided treatment as part of the Shelter's comprehensive parasite prevention program, to administer flea and tick prevention and dewormer to all dogs, cats, and rabbits immediately upon intake, in the amount of \$47,602.
- Small animal habitat enclosure installed at the Shelter in the main lobby to house mice, hamsters, and rats, for a total of \$6,142.
- In support of the Shelter's 'Smalloween Adoption Event,' Friends provided goodie bags for adopters with supplies for mice, guinea pigs, and rabbits, including food and habitat enrichment, for a total of \$822.
- 23 pets highlighted on Friends' social media as part of the Friends Spotlight Program.

**Keep up with Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter!**

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## Friends' Success is Their Success



Friends extends a helping hand to pets in need, both big and small. **Scrappy**, a 15-year-old horse, ended up in a bad situation, and this most unusual case called for our immediate help for this sweet horse.

Scrappy was neglected and left without proper food and care, and he was around 200 pounds underweight due to being starved for so long. He was eating bark from trees to feed himself, causing serious gastrointestinal issues. One of the symptoms Scrappy suffered from was colic - abdominal pain that if left untreated can be fatal. Scrappy also had several other health issues that needed treatment, including an eye infection and bacterial skin condition that tends to affect horses who are malnourished and emaciated.

Scrappy is a sweet soul who needed help to get back to a comfortable and healthy state. Friends provided funding for him to be transferred and cared for at the Middleburg Humane Foundation, where he has since made a full recovery and found a new home!

While we are unsure of where **Mozzarella** came from, we are grateful he found his way to the Shelter after he was picked up by the Fairfax County Animal Protection Police. He was limping and clearly in rough shape, covered in hives from allergies. Mozzarella could not put weight on his back right leg and was immediately taken to the Shelter's contract veterinarian, Pender Veterinary Centre, where x-rays revealed that he had a compound fracture to his femur. His only option for a shot at a comfortable future was to perform a femoral head ostectomy (FHO) surgery. Surgical procedures such as these are extremely costly, but Friends was able to fund the cost of his surgery without hesitation due to the support of benevolent donors and supporters.

As the fundraising partner of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, we believe in giving second chances, and that is exactly what we were able to give Mozzarella! Mozzarella recovered from his surgery and was quickly adopted by his new family, never looking back on his past difficulties.



Thank you for making our work possible!

## Shelter Expenditures of \$154,159 in 2021

