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2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

All4Paws appreciates and is thankful for all the support from donors, volunteers, and adopters.

While our primary mission is to compassionately and responsibly rescue as many helpless and hopeless dogs and cats as possible, we recognize the need to be good stewards of the support we receive. One of our values is to use all resources entrusted to us as effectively and efficiently as possible. As an organization dependent upon and serving others, we want to be responsible and accountable for what we do while being transparent with everyone who helped do what was accomplished in 2020.

*From everyone at All4Paws and all the many dogs and cats rescued and adopted in 2020, a very special
THANK YOU!*



1187
Animals Rescued



1072
Animals Adopted



450
Animals Fostered




4,320 lbs
Food Donated to
the Community



16
Felv & FIV
Cats Adopted



123
Heartworm Positive
Dogs Adopted



79
Free/Low Cost Spay
/Neuter Surgeries



80
Senior Animals
Adopted



43,957
Volunteer
Hours



36,000 lbs
Pet Food
Consumed



45,370 lbs
Cat Litter
Used



115
Active Volunteers

UPDATE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Every year seems to bring different challenges and duties ranging from hurricane evacuation and recovery to a sudden intake surge of animals from puppy mills or hoarders. 2020 proved to be no exception with the onset of Covid virus throughout most of the year and the resulting challenges. Shutdowns, people quarantines, social distancing, remote working, curbside delivery and wearing masks were just some of the many subjects that were common topics all year.

THE CHALLENGE

The first quarter of 2020 was impacted by everyone's reaction to the virus. Animal adoptions were down as people became adjusted to a different 'normal' way of life. New regulations were issued to protect the masses requiring All4Paws shelter and Rescue Treasures operations to change how business was done. Rescued Treasures closed for eight weeks starting mid March, then reopened with shorter hours and new procedures and restrictions, and finally back to a two shift operation in October. The shelter shut down completely or in part for much of the year handling adoptions by appointment and many activities curbside. Off site adoption events, shelter programs for kids and similar activities came to halt because of the virus. With the Covid restrictions and the spread of the virus, volunteer opportunities were reduced both onsite and offsite.

THE GOOD

A number of good things happened in 2020 thanks to special efforts by staff and volunteers. A new dog intake and quarantine facility with its own exam room and laundry was completed and put in use in January. In late February we received a call that All4Paws was a finalist in the *Innovation Showdown* sponsored by Petco Foundation and funded by them and a number of other investors. *Innovation Showdown* is a competition for animal welfare organizations such as All4Paws to submit innovative ideas to improve the impact of animal rescues through new approaches. On May 22 the official program aired announcing that we had been awarded \$230,000 for our idea of a *Clinic In A Can* – a spay/neuter clinic constructed from two 40 foot shipping containers (see next page for

update). The *Palmetto Day of Giving*, a statewide fundraiser in May went virtual in 2020 and All4Paws supporters donated more than in 2019, helping to fund the rescue and rehabilitation of more dogs and cats. Despite reduced days and hours of operation, Rescued Treasures sold more donated goods and contributed more to the operation of All4Paws than the previous year. In early fall we completed a new dog exercise, training, and walk area on our clinic property providing a safer and more effective area for various activities. This same area was used in December for an outdoor, mask-wearing, social-distancing picture with Santa event with individually wrapped refreshments.

THE WONDERFUL

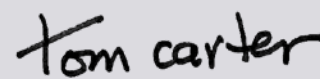
Most importantly, All4Paws rescued and adopted more animals in 2020 than in 2019. With Covid restrictions many more families and individuals fostered animals during the year making each animal better adjusted to fit into a forever home. As part of the increased number of rescues, more special needs dogs were rescued and more money was spent on special surgeries than the previous year. Dogs like Smokey who was shot in the muzzle at close range, Tupelo (now Morrison) who had a jaw frozen shut from earlier injury and was starving to death, and S'mores a dog with two broken legs and damaged spirit.

We do what we do every day because thousands of dogs and cats - abandoned and lost, helpless and voiceless, scared and hungry, abused and hurt - need someone to be their champion and give them help, love, hope and a home.

We are extremely grateful and **THANKFUL** for all the Staff, Volunteers, Board, Donors and Adopters who made 2020 something special for hundreds of special dogs and cats and the people they touched.

To each of you, a special *Thank You!*

Tom Carter,



Board President, All4Paws

CLINIC UPDATE . . .



After being awarded \$230,000 by Petco Foundation and other Investors for our idea of a Clinic In A Can in May of last year, the next few months were spent raising the balance of funds needed to make the clinic a reality while finalizing design and obtaining the necessary documentation and permits.

An originally planned fundraiser was canceled because of Covid. It was repurposed as a virtual silent auction event to help raise additional clinic funding. The initial grant award, the auction proceeds and donations by supportive individuals provided the money necessary to make the clinic a reality. Obtaining the necessary drawings and documentation took longer than expected due to Covid related delays but an order for the clinic was finally placed in early November of 2020.

Having ordered the Clinic In A Can and the required medical equipment, we expected to have the clinic on site by mid March of 2021. However, part of pursuing innovations is breaking ground on untraveled paths. Although we obtained all local approvals and building permits in October of 2020, we found we had to meet additional state and federal requirements to make the concept replicable for others, adding more delays.

Currently, we expect the Clinic to be shipped by late March arriving before mid April for May of 2021 completion. Much of the medical equipment supplied with the clinic along with additional equipment purchased by All4Paws has already arrived or will be on hand by mid March.

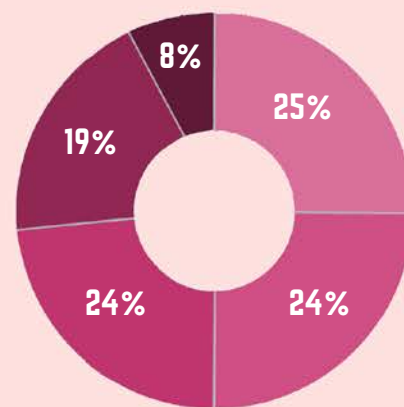
While waiting on the clinic to be installed and operational, much attention has been focused on improving our spay/neuter process and building the supportive systems to make the clinic operations as efficient as possible.

Because we expect to provide more free/low cost spay/neuter services to our community with the clinic, we have established a *Spay/Neuter Fund* to cover the associated out of pocket expense of providing help to individuals and other rescue organizations. You can donate to this fund by following the **DONATE link on all4pawssc.org** or by **sending a check to All4Paws marked for Spay/Neuter Fund to 708 Petigru Dr., Pawleys Island, SC 29585**

DID YOU KNOW?

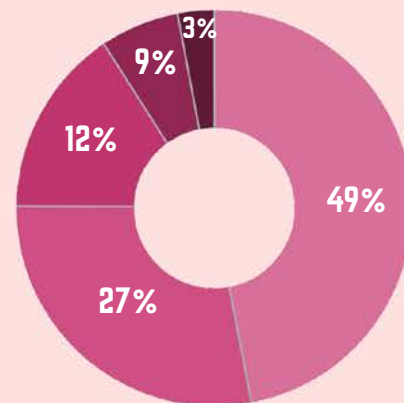
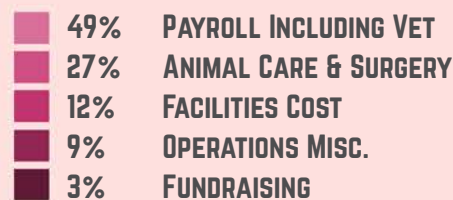
WHERE MONEY COMES FROM:

It takes just over \$2,200 a day to fund All4Paws. A fourth of the total revenue in 2020 came from adoption fees. Another fourth was funded by grants followed by ongoing and special fundraisers. The balance of revenue was donations from individuals and the proceeds from Rescued Treasures resale store.



HOW MONEY IS SPENT:

Rescuing, caring for and placing dogs and cats is a very labor-intensive endeavor. While approximately half of all money spent on operations is for payroll expense, including our own vet, volunteers provided just under two-thirds of the hours needed to accomplish what was done.



WHERE DO ANIMALS RESCUED BY ALL4PAWS COME FROM?

One of the best Animal Adoption songs ever recorded is “Choose Me”, one of a number of songs in the *Songs to Save Animals* campaign a number of years ago. While the song is about pet adoption, the opening verse is about where rescues come from. This is a fitting introduction to explain where dogs and cats rescued by All4Paws come from.

Most of the animals rescued by All4Paws have a similar story. Be it a dog or a cat, the typical journey starts with being homeless and helpless. Over 87% of all dogs and cats rescued by All4Paws in 2020 came directly to All4Paws as strays or were picked up by someone as strays and turned into a municipal shelter and later transferred to us. We get fewer dogs directly as strays (21%) as most come through various municipal shelters, a stopping point on the way to us. More cats (51%) come directly to All4Paws – driven largely by the large area feral cat population. The history of the animals coming from municipal shelters and strays is very limited and little is known about their past. Based on our experience, it is easy to believe their background is similar to that in the lyrics above. While they may feel lucky to be here, many are still frightened, confused, uncomfortable with humans, but willing to receive and then share love.

Some animals come from other shelters or organizations we partner with because of hoarding or puppy mill closures. In July we took in 25 beagles from a puppy mill in North Carolina and these dogs, like similar situations, were in poor health, filthy, and very scared. All4Paws helped a number of other groups in 2020 by providing similar help to many other hopeless animals. All4Paws rescues animals across the southeast, mainly from South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

Other dogs and cats received by All4Paws are *relinquished by their owner* for various reasons (13%). Occasionally, some individuals treat their dog or cat as a recyclable toy and when they don't want it any more, decide to discard it. We are glad to take these animals and place each into the loving home they deserve to be enjoyed and be loved. Some pets are turned in because the owner died and there is no one in the family that can or will take care of them. These animals come in depressed and confused, having just lost their best friend. Then there are those who must surrender their pet because of unforeseen circumstances – having to move to a small apartment that doesn't permit pets, an illness in the family that makes them unable to care for the pet, or other unexpected events. These individuals show up with tears in their eyes, faces swollen from crying all night, hating to relinquish their pet but having no other choice. These pets come anxious, depressed, and confused - hoping their owners are just on vacation and will be back in a day or two to take them back.

Receiving the dogs or cats is just the beginning of the rescue effort, as they must overcome their fears, learn to trust people, and learn a new set of behaviors. We are blessed and thankful for the many volunteers who help with this enormous task and who give of themselves in such an unselfish way.



“ I was born in a back alley,
About a year ago.
My momma was a stray like me,
Where she is now I don't know.
I've been chased, I've been yelled at,
I've lived most my life in fear.
But you can **call me Lucky,**
Since I wound up here!
Choose me!
I'm a good dog... ”

WHERE DO OUR SPECIAL NEEDS ANIMALS COME FROM?

Our *special needs animals* are those dogs and cats that, for no fault of their own, have been born with defects or became innocent victims of abuse, an unfortunate accident, or disease that deem them unadoptable in the short term and expensive to heal and rehab in the longer term. We refer to these as *compassion animals* and we have a *Compassion Fund* to help fund their care. Because of the high financial cost and the significant resource commitment to make these animals adoptable, many shelters and rescue organizations refuse to keep or accept them. All4Paws gets calls and social media requests frequently asking us to take such animals because, without our help, there is no hope for another day.

Zane, a sweet baby boy, was found by construction workers in a ditch in Pawleys Island. Covered with fleas and scabs, this little fella was very *lucky he wound up here*. Examined, treated, loved on, healed, and then adopted.

Dimitri came to us from a municipal shelter, sad and abused. Previously she had been used as a bait dog in dog fighting. Not only did Dimitri suffer from physical abuse, but she had to learn to trust humans all over again.

Emily, a hound mix, was discarded and left in physical shambles along a local highway. Picked up by a good Samaritan and brought to All4Paws, Emily was *lucky she wound up here*. Through our compassion fund, we were able to give her the surgeries to replace one hip and rehab the other hip. Now, thanks to people like you, Emily is living in her loving forever home.

In September we took in **Blue** and all her siblings from a municipal shelter. Shortly after arriving the whole crew came down with Parvo – a highly contagious virus resulting from exposure to viral particles via fecal material from an infected dog. Published survival rate for puppies without treatment is

50% or less but with immediate intense treatment the survival rate is 80% or greater. The outcome for Blue and all her siblings was much better – every puppy survived and all have been adopted into their forever home. During the year All4Paws received multiple puppies with Parvo and all survived except one puppy that was too weakened and dehydrated to help. All this was possible because our staff and our **volunteer Parvo vaccine crew** provided exceptional care to really sick puppies. Parvo is just one of many reasons we quarantine incoming animals until we are sure they can safely mix with other dogs and be ready for adoption.

Maze, a 7-month-old hound mix, came to us from a municipal shelter suffering from demodectic mange, a curable skin infection, along with other skin issues. After weeks of treatment and care, Maze's hair started to grow back and she has since been adopted. **Penn**, another skin compromised dog, came to us from another local municipal shelter. Penn, short for "Pennzoil", had mange that the owner had treated with Motor Oil, an old wives tale that just makes things worse. After weeks of treatment and care from All4Paws, Penn was healed and adopted. Like Maze, Penn was *lucky to end up here!*

Roadie, a young cat, was rescued by our Operations Director just over a year ago. She was driving to a vet clinic in Mount Pleasant when she saw a wounded kitty in the middle of the road. Thinking nothing about her own safety, she stopped suddenly, retrieved the cat from oncoming traffic, and continued on her way to the vet. It turned out the cat only had minor injuries and a very wounded spirit, both treated at All4paws. Roadie, if she could talk, would tell everyone that she was really *lucky she wound up here*.

Because of your help and support, all of these and hundreds more were **lucky they wound up here!**



Zane



Emily



Blue



Maze

Who Finds All The Cats?

The majority of cats received at All4Paws are local free roaming feral cats. Most of these are trapped and turned in by a group of individuals one could call feral cat stormtroopers, an unofficial group of individuals fanatically compassionate about the plight of free roaming cats and the associated overpopulation problem. Unlike the bad-guy *stormtroopers* in *Star Wars*, these are honorable and good people who have a wide range of contacts, equipment and courage to trap mostly unwilling cats to get each spayed or neutered and return each to their territory. Whenever possible, cats are domesticated and adopted into a loving home. It is easier to picture what a *feral cat stormtrooper* is like if we share an example.



Nicole Barksdale & Georgie

Nicole Barksdale is her name and she volunteers at All4Paws and other places as well. She got hooked (recruited) while volunteering at her church taking food to people in need. A person she delivered food to had 5 outdoor cats, none spayed or neutered because of the expense. Nicole had been a fan and supporter of AlleyCatAllies (a national not for profit that shares information about cat overpopulation and approaches).

She volunteered to trap, get cats fixed, and return them to the lady. Then it just happens – you know you can make a difference so you become a *feral cat stormtrooper*.

Shortly after being recruited and the word spread of her achievements, Nicole was asked to help at a mobile home park in Murrells Inlet. A couple had two outdoor area cats with 6 kittens they were feeding. The couple was told to get rid of some of the cats, be evicted, or give the manager

permission to remove them to do what everyone feared would happen. Nicole trapped all the cats, got all 6 kittens adopted, and had the mother cat fixed to stop any future family additions. Since then she has trapped cats in multiple places in Pawleys Island. In 2020 Nicole trapped 36 cats (22 adult cats and 14 kittens).

When asked about her most memorable encounter, she shared the story of Georgie, a young orange kitten that had somehow crawled under the hood of a pickup truck at International Paper in Georgetown and rode all the way to Pawleys Island. Upon arriving home, the truck owner heard a noise and raised the hood only to find a grease stained, scared little kitten under the hood. He placed the kitten on his porch to go inside to get something to hold the kitten but it had disappeared by the time he returned. Having no luck finding the kitten, they contacted Nicole and she went there late at night to help find the kitten. Georgie had fallen inside an upside down fire pit and could not get out. The cat slept all day and cried for help at night and that is how they found her. Georgie was taken to All4Paws, examined, cleaned up, and then adopted.

Other cats come to All4Paws from municipal shelters like Orangeburg and Horry County shelters. No one knows the number of free roaming feral cats in Georgetown County or in Pawleys Island, but would be measured in the thousands if we could count. Having our own clinic will allow All4Paws to support many individuals like Nicole and other not-for-profits like *Bikini Beach Cat Rescue* by providing low cost spay neuter services.

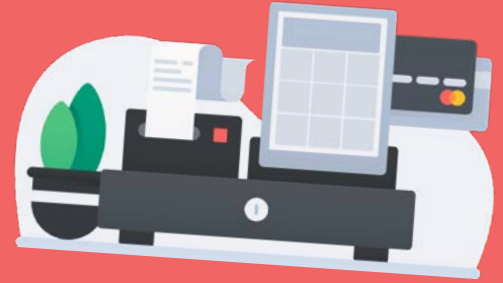


Georgie

A NEW WAY TO SUPPORT ALL4PAWS...

Starting March 1, 2021 it will be possible to donate your extra change for each purchase made with any credit card by **"rounding up"** the amount of your purchase to the next even dollar amount.

To sign up, go to all4pawssc.org and click the **DONATE** button. This will take you to a sign-up page where you can select **"Round up"** to sign up. Then just link any one or all of your credit cards to All4Paws. You can limit the amount of money you want to contribute this way and you can choose where you want your donation to be used – for compassion fund, operating support, spay/neuter fund, or whatever. You can stop the **round up** any time.



While this may seem like small change, the accumulative donations will help rescue and save hundreds of homeless and helpless dogs and cats. So, sign up today, please.

Other Ways To Support All4Paws



One of the most enjoyable ways to support All4Paws is to go shopping at our upscale boutique resale store, Rescued Treasures, across from Fresh Market in Pawleys Island. All the proceeds from Rescued Treasures support the rescue, care and adoption of homeless dogs and cats. In addition to shopping, you can donate items for resale as everything for sale in the store was donated by people like you who support our mission.



During the recent months of confinement and quarantine, many people have increased online purchases. A frequent site is amazon.com. Amazon has a mirror website called smile.amazon.com that has all the same items at the same prices. By purchasing items on smile.amazon.com instead of amazon.com a percentage of each sale is donated to any charity you choose such as All4Paws. To sign up, go to amazon.com and type in smile.amazon.com and follow the links to sign up and choose your charity. Each time you purchase something you simply go to smile.amazon.com. While the amount donated with each purchase may appear small, the power of this source of support is having as many people sign up as possible – so sign up today, please. It is free and it is a wonderful way to support what we do.

There are other options to donate to All4Paws on our website including giving directly to our Compassion Fund, our Spay/Neuter Fund, General Operations support, or In Honor/In Memory of someone special or a loved pet. If you choose to donate by check, simply send your check to **All4Paws, 708 Petigru Drive, Pawleys Island, SC 29585** and note in memo blank your area of support interest.

Besides donating or sharing your money, you can donate your time. You can volunteer at the shelter, at Rescued Treasures, at offsite events, or even foster a special dog or cat. To volunteer or check out opportunities, go to our website and click on 'Volunteer' tab and find something you want to do to help hundreds of hopeless animals find hope and a forever home.

LOOK INSIDE...Our 2020 Review

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VOLUNTEER**

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