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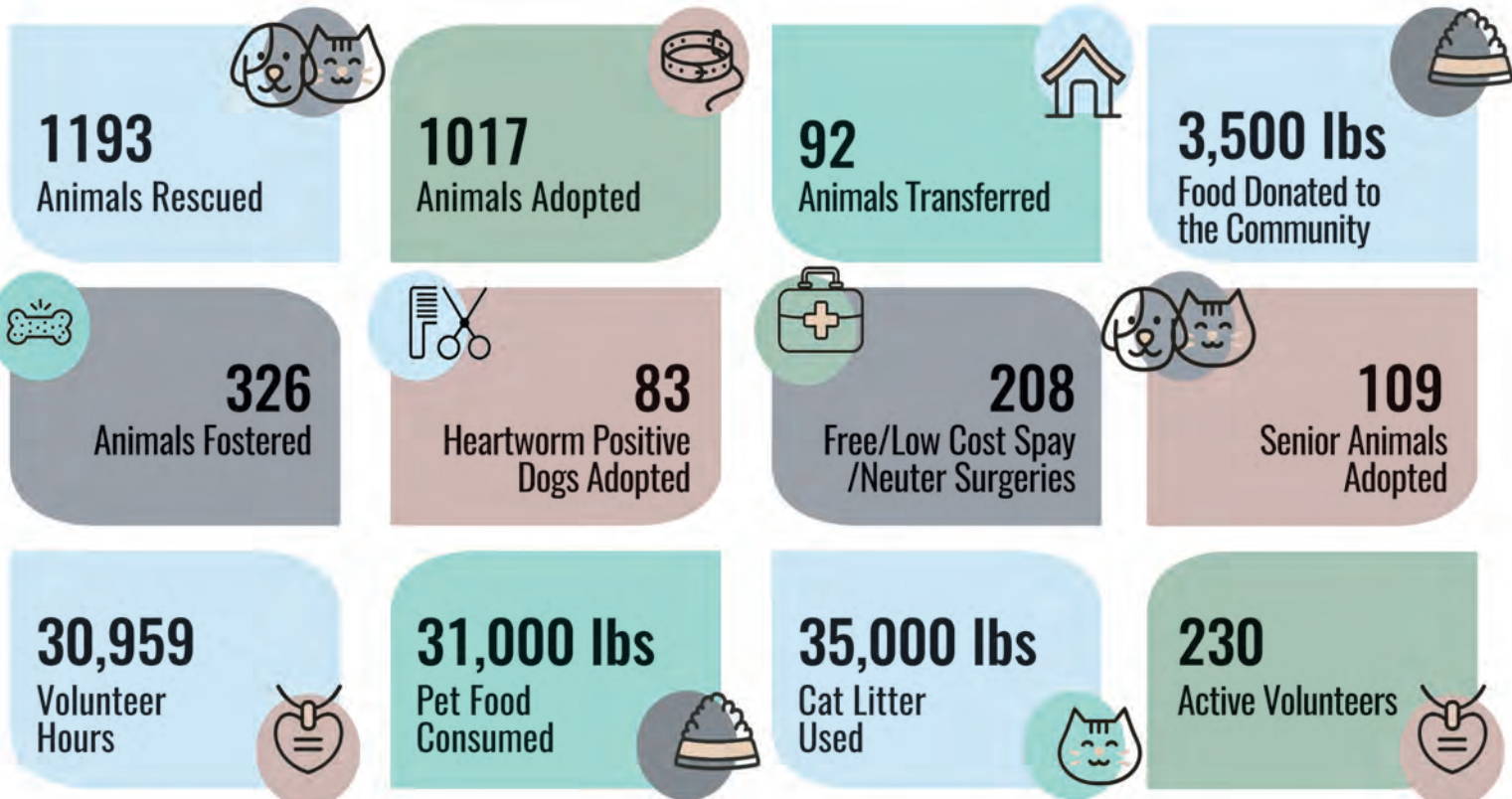
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2019 YEAR IN REVIEW

All4Paws recognizes and appreciates the support from donors, volunteers, and adopters.

While we want to compassionately and responsibly rescue as many helpless and hopeless animals as possible, we recognize the need to be good stewards of the support we receive. We strive to use all resources entrusted to us as effectively and efficiently as possible. We also want to be transparent sharing with supporters what we together have accomplished.

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



AN UPDATE FROM OUR DIRECTORS

Our primary mission and focus is to rescue as many ownerless and scheduled to die, lost, abandoned, and abused dogs and cats as possible while being a valued community resource. We rescued and adopted more animals in 2019 than the previous year. Of those rescued, 300 were what we call Compassion Animals (dogs and cats that have special needs that most shelters are not willing to address). Compassion Animals like Phoenix, a lab mix puppy who came to us with severe burns, and Wren, a young Boykin Spaniel who suffered from persistent seizures caused by a genetic defect were cared for and then adopted only because caring individuals volunteered their time and supporters contributed to our Compassion Fund. (See story on page 5).

The number of active volunteers increased significantly in 2019 allowing us to start new and expand existing programs. A Vaccination Station was started using qualified volunteers to administer some vaccines as directed by our vet, freeing up vet time for more critical care needs. The Hissy Kitty Committee was started by having volunteers and visiting youth feed shy cats and kittens with cat food on popsicle sticks as a way to socialize cats making them more adoptable. Dog's Day Out program was formalized and expanded where volunteers can take dogs to the beach or other places, getting them away from the shelter environment. We expanded the Tales 4 Tails program that gives children and animals a quiet place to focus while receiving positive attention and a good story. In 2019 volunteers contributed two thirds of the total hours spent doing everything done at All4Paws! To all our volunteers, a big THANK YOU!

Many other things were done in 2019. Rescued Treasures, our upscale boutique resale store grew their support and expanded in 2019. (See page 4). Business Partnerships were developed that represent long-term collaboration with shared interest and support for what we do. We continued to partner with Baskerville Food Pantry supplying over 3,500

pounds of pet food to individuals and families in need. Aspiring students from Teach My People volunteer program and other youth groups visited All4Paws frequently to socialize cats and dogs and learn about proper animal care and handling.

One of the important events of 2019 was the purchase of adjoining property for expansion made possible by a special donor. The property will be and is used as a safer dog walking and training area and has provided a place for us to locate a prefab storage building. Having the new storage space has allowed us to convert our existing garage to a new dog intake and quarantine area. (See story on adjoining page.)

At the beginning and end of every day, it is all about the animals and the people they impact. The numbers on the front page do not measure the compassion, love and support we receive from the community, individuals, and organizations that make it possible to rescue as many ownerless and scheduled to die, lost, abandoned, and abused dogs and cats as possible. We are truly grateful to be able to start this year with such an amazing family of animal lovers dedicated and committed to our life saving mission.

With humble gratitude and appreciation,

Allison Gillespie *Katie Sculac*

ALLISON GILLESPIE,
Operations & Founding
Director

KATIE SCULAC,
Administrative Director



EVEN THE SMALLEST ACTS OF COMPASSION HAVE HUGE IMPACTS

How the



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COMPASSION FUND *was born*

All4Paws has always been willing to take in severely damaged dogs and cats that other shelters refused. In the beginning, All4Paws had very limited resources, making such decisions a real act of faith. Two dogs claim much of the credit for starting what we call our **Compassion Fund** – a separate bank account used for special needs dogs and cats who deserve hope, help and a chance to live and love.

Razz, a small mixed breed ball of fur, was originally rescued from a high kill shelter and adopted to a local home. For whatever the reason, Razz didn't want to stay and managed to escape only to find himself in a terrible place – in the headlights of a fast moving car.

Found by a compassionate Deputy Sheriff, lifeless on the side of the road, Razz was brought to All4Paws. Razz was taken for immediate medical treatment and the diagnosis was grim – a broken back, spinal injury, fractured pelvis, broken right hind leg and a fractured left hind leg. Razz's journey to recovery involved chiropractic care, laser therapy, water therapy, and a lot of love and encouragement. After six weeks he took some slow wobbly walks and after eight weeks the little critter actually ran! One little dog given less than a 25% chance of surviving became a poster dog on the hearts of the staff and volunteers at All4Paws demonstrating that the hopeless deserve hope and the helpless deserve help – no matter what!

Razz was adopted, actually a couple of times, and returned to All4Paws each time. What we didn't know was that Razz had developed an amazing bond with Abbey, a rescue from a horrific hoarder situation. Just as we had helped Razz recover, he had helped Abbey recover from her terrorized past by helping her to trust people and bonding in a special way. The happy ending is that Abbey and Razz were adopted together and reside together with a wonderful loving family.

Mackenzie, a 3 year old Beagle and Walker hound mix, was taken to a municipal shelter to be euthanized. A picture of the dog with its mangled face was accidentally posted on social media and came to the attention of All4Paws. After some effort, we were able to rescue Mackenzie and transport her to Pawleys Island. When we picked her up, we could see the bone through her upper jaw and part of her lower jaw. Taken to surgery upon arrival and following initial efforts to close the jaw and to reform and reshape the mouth and lips, it was discovered that the jaw was broken. While in surgery the vet had to repair a severe cut on the side of her face. The cut was supposedly done by someone who thought she had been bitten by a snake and the cut made to remove infected tissue.

Following surgery, x-rays were taken to assess repair efforts only to discover that Mackenzie had hundreds of



buckshot pellets in her face and shoulder. Mackenzie had actually been shot at close range with a shotgun, multiple times, and had barely survived! Because of the degree of damage, stem cell therapy was used to regenerate the missing parts of her face so she could be normal – at least near normal as possible for it was not possible to restore sight in her damaged eye.

After months of rehabilitation, Mackenzie was adopted into one of the most wonderful homes she never dreamed existed. Like Razz, Mackenzie imprinted on the memories and hearts of staff and volunteers the need to give hope to the most extreme hopeless and help to the most damaged helpless.

Following these and some other compassion experiences, All4Paws established our Compassion Fund to always have the financial resources to respond to the extreme hopeless and helpless animals among us having special needs. Since then, many have been rescued and rehabilitated that never would have been given a chance. Names like Iris, Willow, Tulip, Violet..... live today because we cared enough to go beyond sympathy and pity and extend real compassion to some deserving creatures having special needs.

You can help save more animals like Razz and Mckenzie by contributing to our Compassion Fund. Simply go to the link or send a donation to All4Paws marked "for Compassion Fund". www.All4PawsSC.org/donate/compassion-fund/

GROWING BIGGER AND BETTER...

In early 2019 All4Paws invited an outside organization to audit how we do what we do. The Audit team, sponsored by No Kill South Carolina, was composed of experienced animal shelter personnel. The objective of the audit was to identify areas of potential improvement. One of the most significant recommendations was that we needed to improve our dog intake and isolation/quarantine space. The existing space was too small and not adequately located to provide the desired isolation. A grant request was written and Petco Foundation approved funding to make whatever improvements possible within the space constraints that existed.

A property search effort by the Board of Directors resulted in purchase of adjoining property, paid for by a special donor. Having this property expanded our options and changed our plans. We purchased a pre-fab storage building and emptied the existing garage. We are now in the process of converting what was a garage used for storage to a new dog intake and quarantine facility.

The new facility will include an exam room, raised isolation kennels, laundry facilities and a food storage room. This will provide the total isolation recommended in the audit. The new facility is being paid for by Petco Foundation grant funding and in part by a bequest from an earlier volunteer. The new facility is expected to be operational in February of 2020.

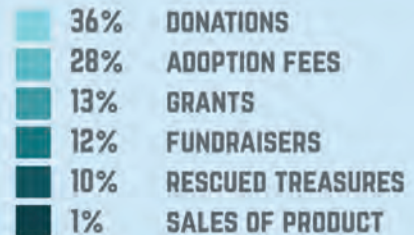
In addition to the current benefits and use of the new property, future plans are to construct our own spay-neuter facility when appropriate and when needed.



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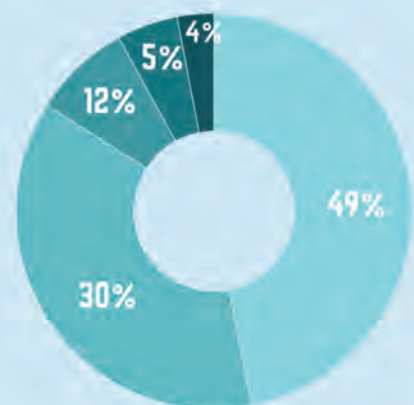
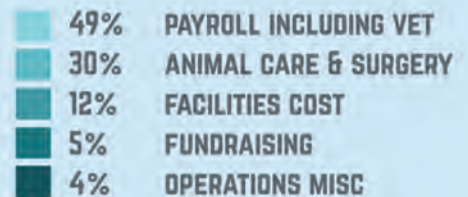
WHERE MONEY COMES FROM:

It takes just over \$2,000 a day to fund All4Paws. A little more than one quarter of funding comes from adoption fees, the rest comes from individual donors, foundations, Rescued Treasures Resale Store, and Fundraisers. All4Paws receives no government funding or fees to support what we do.



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 is on payroll, including our own vet, volunteers provided over two-thirds the hours needed to accomplish what was done.





HERE WE GROW! Rescued Treasures Expands in 2019!

Rescued Treasures was established in 2018 solely to provide financial support to All4Paws and its mission. Thanks to the boundless generosity of the community, we continued to receive high-quality donations in 2019. Bursting at the seams with great merchandise and an ever-expanding customer base, Rescued Treasures seized an opportunity to expand when the adjacent space unexpectedly became available in October. Time is money, and with neither to waste, our volunteers rolled up their sleeves and went to work.

Other 2019 Highlights:

For the second year in a row, RT was voted Best Thrift Store & Best Accessories Store in the South Strand News Readers Choice Awards and Finalist in 5 other categories!!



In 2019, Rescued Treasures provided 10% of All4Paws' annual revenue, allowing the shelter to continue to fulfill its mission of helping as many lost, abandoned, abused, and homeless dogs and cats as possible.

2019 was a year of growth—in donations, customers, sales, and space—all of which benefit the dogs and cats of All4Paws! What could be better than that? We look forward to 2020 when Rescued Treasures will celebrate it's second anniversary in April. Keep an eye on the Rescued Treasures Facebook page to see what we have planned!

We need your help! Want to volunteer at the store or assist with furniture pickups? If so, please complete an application online at RescuedTreasuresSC.org or call the store at 843-314-3316 for details.



More than a dozen volunteers, led by RT Furniture/Home Décor Manager Jane Kokel, put forth a Herculean effort to get the new space open in record time, cleaning, painting, hanging art, etc.



The result was an "art gallery" and additional display space—an instant hit with customers. More treasures to find!



Rescued Treasures celebrated its one-year anniversary in April with "Paws 4 Tea," a customer appreciation event that featured cookies, scones, and tea sandwiches. Barb Myslinski chaired the event.



In August, Rescued Treasures held an ice cream social to express our appreciation to our fantastic volunteers.

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