



the  
**animal**  
foundation

*All of us for all of them.*

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**2016**  
**IMPACT REPORT**

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# dear friend,



I came to The Animal Foundation a little over a decade ago because I saw an opportunity to transform a broken system at the highest volume single-site animal shelter in the United States, where the lives of lost, homeless, abandoned, and often mistreated animals were at stake.

Much like a public hospital, as an open-admission shelter, The Animal Foundation takes in every animal who comes to us in need, no matter how sick or

injured. From the expected dogs, cats, rabbits, reptiles, and birds to horses, pigs, chickens, fighting roosters, and occasional exotic animals, we serve them all. Just like a hospital, we can't save them all. What we can do, with your continued support, is save every healthy and treatable animal who comes into our care.

Today, thanks to a solution-driven, hard-working team of staff, volunteers, board members, and community partners, The Animal Foundation is a truly different organization than it was when I arrived. Together, we have taken The Animal Foundation from being an animal shelter in crisis to being one of the largest lifesaving shelters in the country that is on the cusp of becoming one of the best and most successful.

In the coming pages, you will read about the remarkable progress we have made toward our Mission: Possible 2020 goal through lifesaving programs that address the root causes of pet overpopulation and homelessness. We would not be where we are today if it were not for the support we receive from the Las Vegas community when people adopt our shelter pets, spay and neuter their pets, engage in our other lifesaving programs, volunteer, and of course, donate.

It is your continuing kindness and generosity that will take us to the next chapter in our story. That chapter includes new facilities that will allow us to increase our capacity to save more lives in a humane and healthy way and to become one of the highest volume nonprofit animal shelters in the United States saving all healthy and treatable animals who come into our care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine Robinson".

Christine Robinson

Chief Executive Officer, The Animal Foundation

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# ◦ sage

Thanks to your support, Sage, an underweight and shy stray when she came through our doors, recently celebrated her two year adoption anniversary in her forever home.

Her first year and a half were filled with idyllic companion animal adventures. Sage played on beaches and went on city walks and hiking adventures from coast to coast. She went camping and even kayaking.

Her newest adventure is practicing her skills to become a therapy dog. Sage will soon be visiting hospitals, assisted care facilities, and veteran centers, demonstrating what lucky rescue pet owners already know – given a chance, our lost, homeless, and abandoned animals pay it forward in spades.



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# our story today is one of dramatic progress and a bright future

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The story of The Animal Foundation today is one of resilience, strategic focus, hard work, and determination. Many people in the community still remember our darkest hours a decade ago but aren't fully aware of who we are today. Context is important.

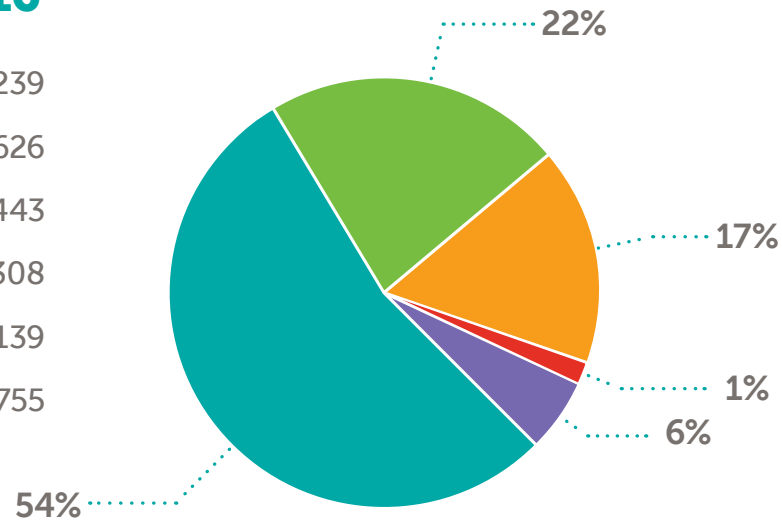
In 2016, The Animal Foundation saved nearly 21,000 animals. This is more than all the animal rescue organizations in the state of Nevada combined. Even more amazingly, we saved more animals than any other single-site animal shelter in the nation.

The Animal Foundation is the second highest volume nonprofit shelter in the United States overall. With the achievement of our goal to reach zero euthanasia of all healthy and treatable animals who enter our care by the end of the year 2020, we are poised to become one of the highest volume shelters in the nation to do so.

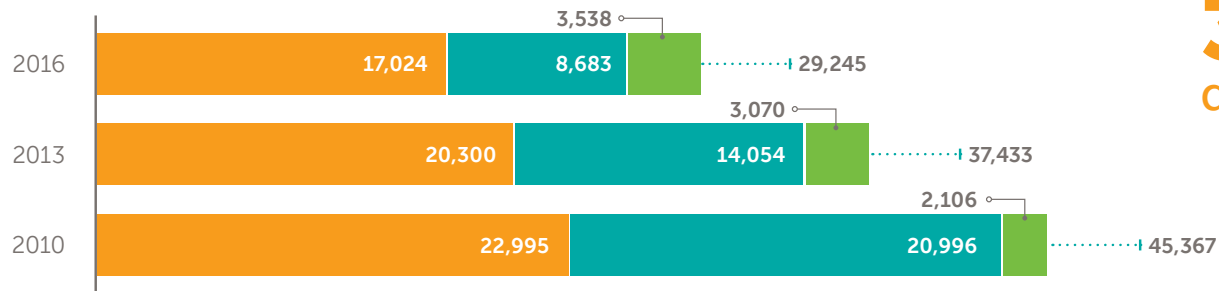
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## POSITIVE PLACEMENTS 2016

1	Adoptions	11,239
2	Return to Owner	4,626
3	Transfer Partners	3,443
4	Returned to Field	308
5	Trap-Neuter-Release	1,139
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>20,755</b>



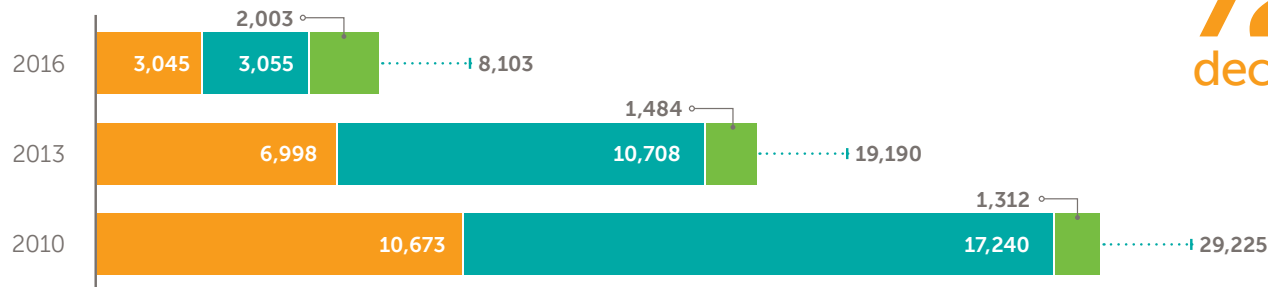
## INTAKES



**36%**  
decrease since 2010



## EUTHANASIA



**72%**  
decrease since 2010



# mission: possible 2020 – how “all of us for all of them” works

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Saving lives is a three-pronged effort based on lowering intakes, increasing positive outcomes, and ensuring The Animal Foundation can properly house and care for all animals who come into our care.

We have many effective programs we continue to grow that address these three key objectives. We provide education and resources to keep people and pets together, deliver lifesaving medical and behavioral help to ensure pets in our care are healthy and adoptable, and continue to increase our reach with Paw Partners for more placement opportunities. These programs, together with renovating, upgrading, and expanding our facilities will help us reach our goal to save all healthy and treatable animals who come into our care by the end of the year 2020.



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## **ADOPTIONS**

The Animal Foundation offers pets for adoption on its main campus and at its Everyday Adoption Center in partnership with PetSmart Charities. Cats can also be adopted via select Petco locations in the Las Vegas area.

## **LOW COST WELLNESS SERVICES**

Our Low Cost Wellness Clinic offers spay/neuter, microchipping, and vaccine services at a fraction of the cost of traditional veterinary hospitals.

## **ANIMAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS**

Our enrichment experts have implemented a number of important programs such as Dogs Playing for Life and Four on the Floor to keep pets stimulated and happy during their stay, as well as to facilitate each pet finding a loving home.

## **KEPPT**

The Keeping Every Person and Pet Together (KEPPT) program is an owner-surrender intervention program designed to help keep pets in their homes and out of the shelter by providing lifesaving resources like medical care, pet supplies, and education.

## **COMMUNITY CATS**

The Animal Foundation, in partnership with Best Friends Animal Society, has a trap-and-release program designed to save the lives of free-roaming community cats, while at the same time protecting them and reducing the overall cat population.

## **PETS FOR LIFE**

In 2014, The Animal Foundation was chosen by The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) to join this lifesaving program to help underserved communities by conducting door-to-door outreach to help ensure families have access to pet services regardless of socio-economic status.

## **PAW PARTNERS**

To expedite adoptions, or for treatment or rehabilitation beyond our resources, The Animal Foundation has a network of 139 local and regional partners where animals are transferred.

## **CARE** *(Companion Animal Rehabilitation & Enhancement Fund)*

CARE is a fund used to provide animals who enter our facility with treatment, care, and medical procedures above and beyond The Animal Foundation's current wellness capabilities.

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# mission: possible 2020 – what is still needed to reach our goal

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In order to increase our capacity to save lives in a humane and healthy way, significant renovations to our existing shelter facility are paramount, including updated and more robust veterinary surgery facilities. A new structure to house adoption areas for cats and other small animals, a community education center, and administrative offices are also necessary.

The overall investment for the enhancements, new facilities, and program support is \$35 million. Many within the community have already stepped forward to support this effort. But it will take all of us.

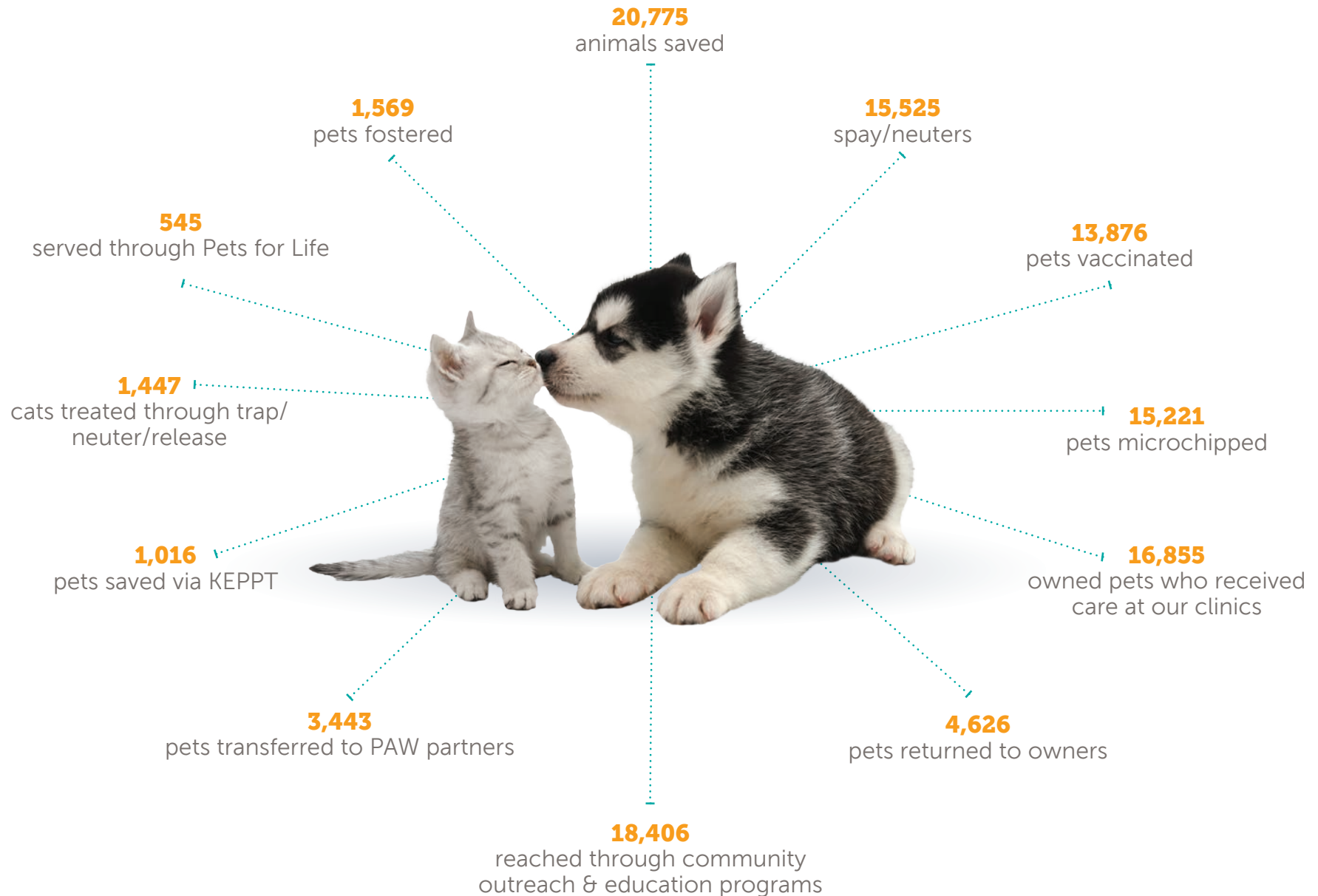
As of this printing, \$31.6 million has been raised toward our goal but we still need to raise \$3.4 million from individual donors like you to fund the vitally needed new building and updated facilities. Successfully reaching our capital campaign goal will help us meet and exceed nationally accredited standards of housing and care for our animals. It will allow us to encourage and increase adoptions, improve medical care, and provide much-needed space for the highly effective lifesaving programs at The Animal Foundation. Please help us as we continue to make progress toward Mission: Possible 2020 – All of Us for All of Them.







# 2016 by the numbers







# ◦ biscuit

**Biscuit was picked up by Animal Control as a confiscation during an eviction. During her 10 day legal hold, her owner did not reclaim her. She then became a ward of The Animal Foundation, and was made available for adoption.**

**A five year old cat, she came to us in early June, during the beginning of our busy season when the shelter was almost at capacity and we had an abundance of kittens up for adoption.**

**Six weeks passed and Biscuit was still with us. Fortunately, Biscuit was one of the 226 pets who found a loving forever home last year on National Clear the Shelter Day.**

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# saving lives is truly a community-wide effort that starts with you

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## **VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers are a lifeline for The Animal Foundation and have a tremendous impact on our ability to save lives and provide the care needed to pets as they wait for their forever homes. Last year, 816 volunteers donated 23,205 hours to our pets and our mission.

## **FOSTER CAREGIVERS**

Foster Caregivers are vital to our ability to save animals that need temporary, short-term care. Often, these animals are too young to be adopted or need a little special care following treatment for illness or injuries. For some, the kennel environment is just too stressful. Last year, 1,569 pets were helped through foster care, thanks to 410 foster caregivers.

## **EVENTS**

The Animal Foundation conducts many different types of events through our community outreach programs and fundraising efforts. Our most-anticipated and largest fundraising event every year is Best in Show. A star-studded event, Best in Show 2016 was a record-breaking success with \$351,418 raised, 56 dogs adopted, and 1,787 attendees.

## **FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

The lifesaving work of The Animal Foundation would not be possible without the financial contributions of all our generous supporters. The cost to care for each of the nearly 21,000 animals saved in 2016 through our lifesaving programs was about \$250. Whether giving an annual gift, monthly contribution, grant, or bequest, it is the generosity of our faithful supporters like you who make these happy endings happen. We, and our four-legged guests, are very grateful for your support.

## **IN-KIND GIFTS**

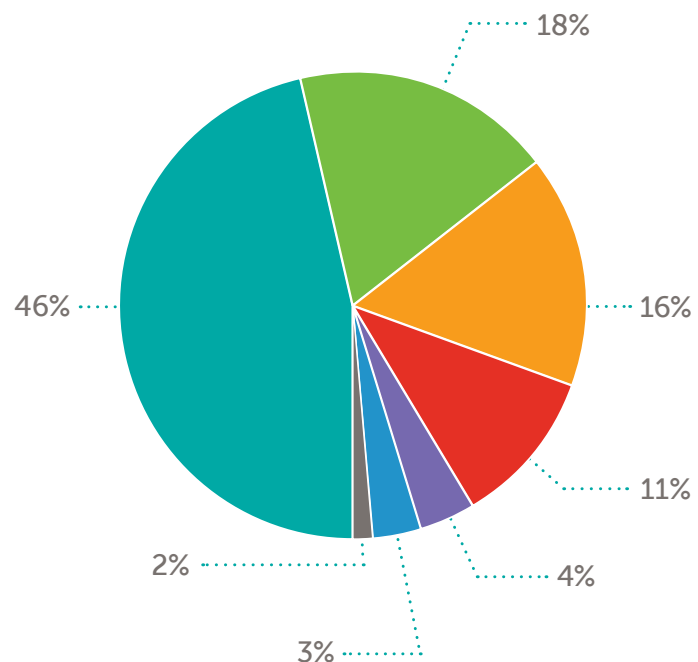
Many of our generous donations come in the form of much-needed supplies. Businesses, schools and other organizations conduct supply drives and donate throughout the year, but Giving Tuesday marked the apex of these efforts. The Animal Foundation ran a campaign to fulfill our entire Amazon Wish List. The goal was reached and supporters donated over \$21,000 in items to support programs throughout the organization.





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# audited financial results 2016

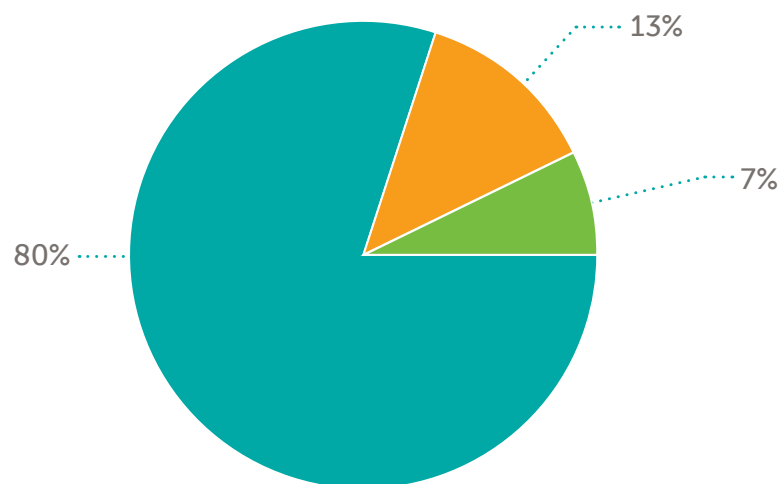


## 2016 EXPENSES

1	Program Expense	\$7,311,155
2	Management & General	\$1,162,427
3	Fundraising	\$686,632
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$9,160,214*</b>

## 2016 REVENUE

1	Contract Revenue	\$4,236,283
2	Program Revenue	\$1,671,980
3	Grants & Contributions Released from Donor Restriction	\$1,480,720
4	Contributions	\$982,714
5	In-kind Donations	\$357,521
6	Special Events (net of \$84,663 expense)	\$306,183
7	Other	\$144,381
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$9,179,782</b>



\*Includes non-cash depreciation of \$619,125.



# captain hook



At just three months old, Captain Hook was picked up by Animal Control as a stray suffering from vomiting and diarrhea – and a congenital defect. He had no lower left leg and paw.

Nicole first spotted the puppy she named Captain Hook while he was in Lost & Found. The day he was released to adoptions, she was first in line to adopt.

Today, Captain Hook can walk around the block and has seemingly boundless energy to play at the dog park. In an effort to avoid back problems, Captain Hook was recently fitted with a custom prosthesis leg. Nicole's goal is to one day go hiking with Captain Hook at Red Rock.

Captain Hook is just one of the many homeless, abandoned, and often neglected animals who enter our care and keep us steadfast in our resolve to save all the healthy and treatable animals.



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