



The Animal Foundation Community Meeting

January 24, 2026



Welcome

All of us for all of them.™



What is The Animal Foundation?



Founded in 1978 as a low-cost spay and neuter clinic, The Animal Foundation is one of the highest volume single-site animal shelters in America.

As an open-admission shelter, The Animal Foundation takes in every pet who comes to us in need, no matter how sick or injured. From the expected dogs, cats, and rabbits, to pigs, chickens, and exotic pets, we serve them all.



Our Goal

We want a future where every pet has a home, and every home is empowered to care for them.



2025 By the Numbers



Dogs

15,513

↑ 6.20%



Cats

11,142

↑ 24.26%



Others

2,296

↑ 4.55%



2025 Intake Totals

28,951

↑ 11.39%

How did they get here?



Via Animal Protection Services



Via Shelter Admissions



Dog Outcomes

Adoption
6,862

23.37% YoY increase

Return to Owner

4,282

2.32% YoY increase

Transfer

2,284

2.98% YoY increase

Humane Euthanasia

1,925

-5.96% YoY decrease

Other Outcomes

226



Cat Outcomes

Adoption
5,394

45.27% YoY increase

Return to Owner

392

0% change YoY

Transfer

757

32.11% YoY increase

Humane Euthanasia

1,754

38% YoY increase

Other Outcomes

395



Outcomes - Other Animals

Adoption
1,298

16.20% YoY increase

Return to Owner

123

15.17% YoY decrease

Transfer

207

25% YoY increase

Humane Euthanasia

383

-19.37% YoY decrease

Other Outcomes

231



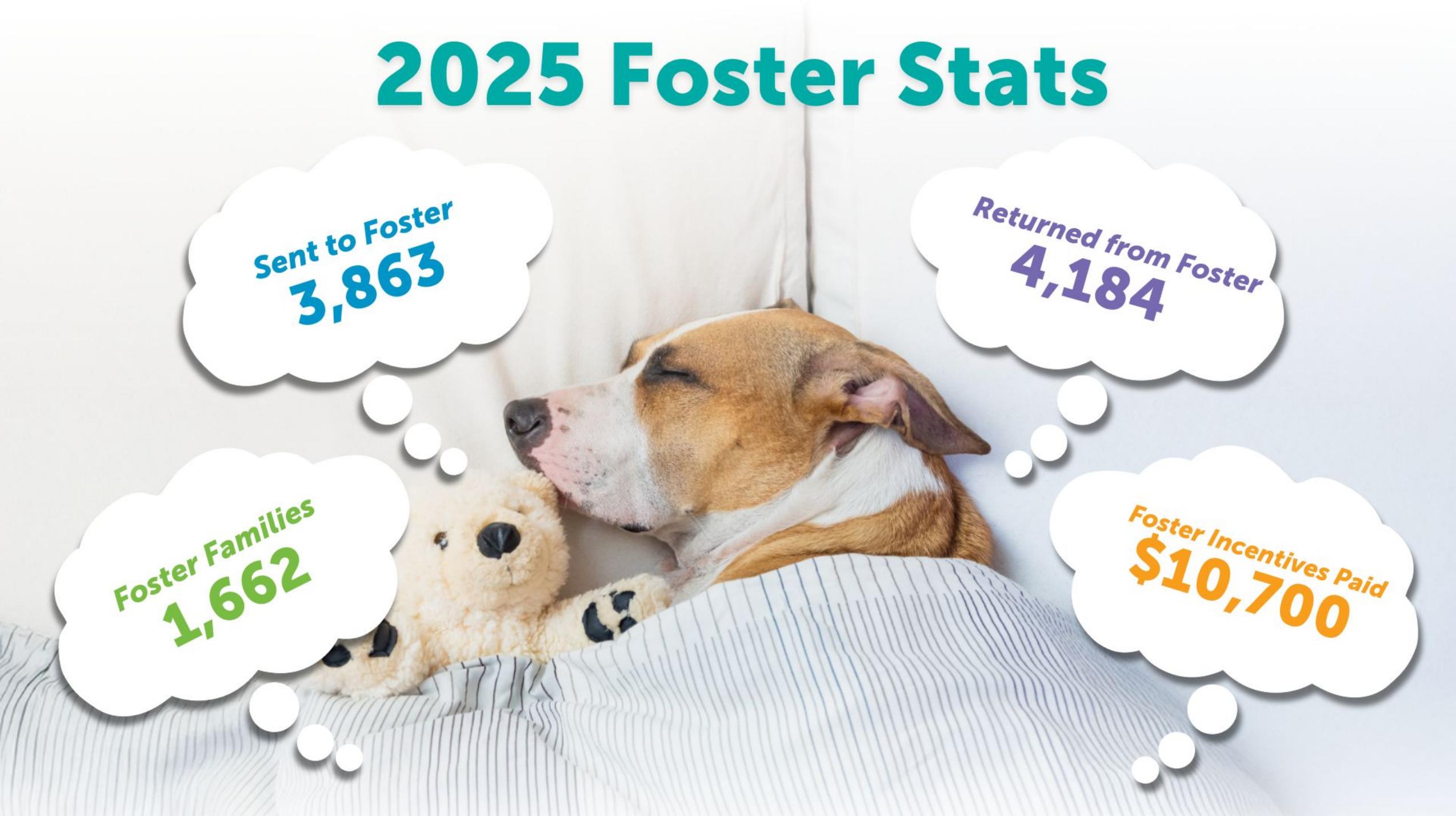
2025 Foster Stats

Sent to Foster
3,863

Returned from Foster
4,184

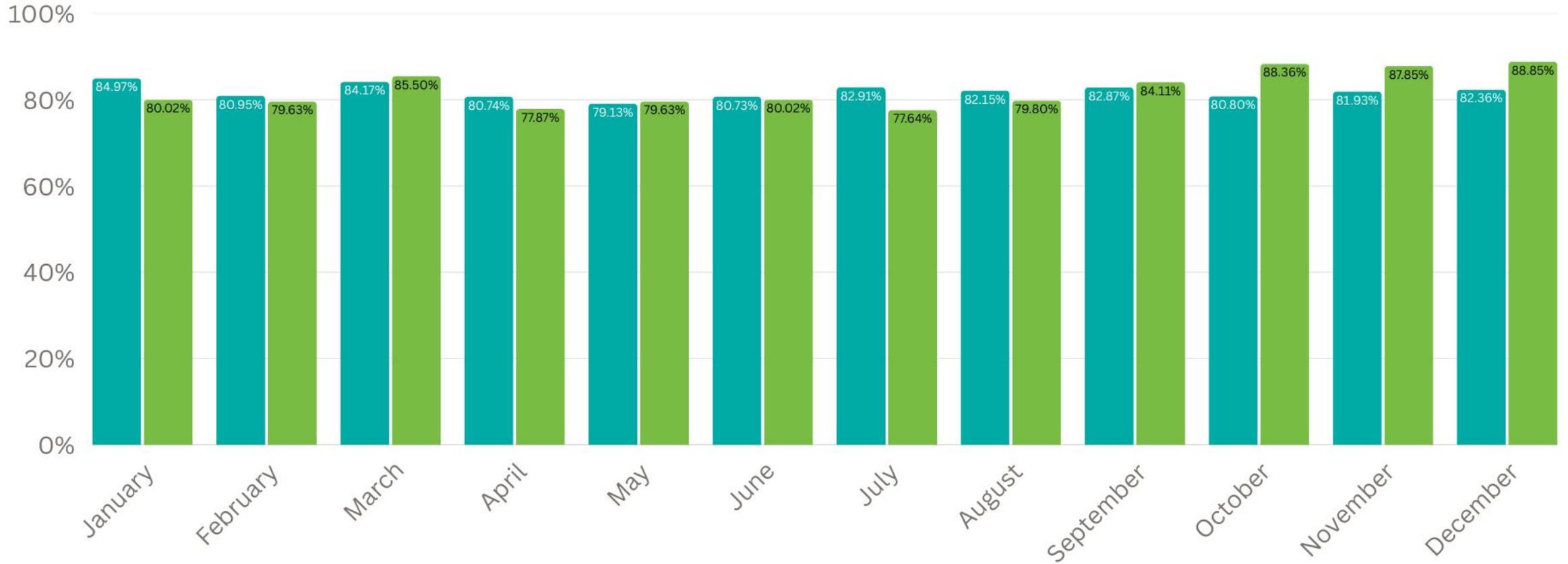
Foster Families
1,662

Foster Incentives Paid
\$10,700



Live Release Rate

● 2024 ● 2025



Year over Year Increase: 1.71%

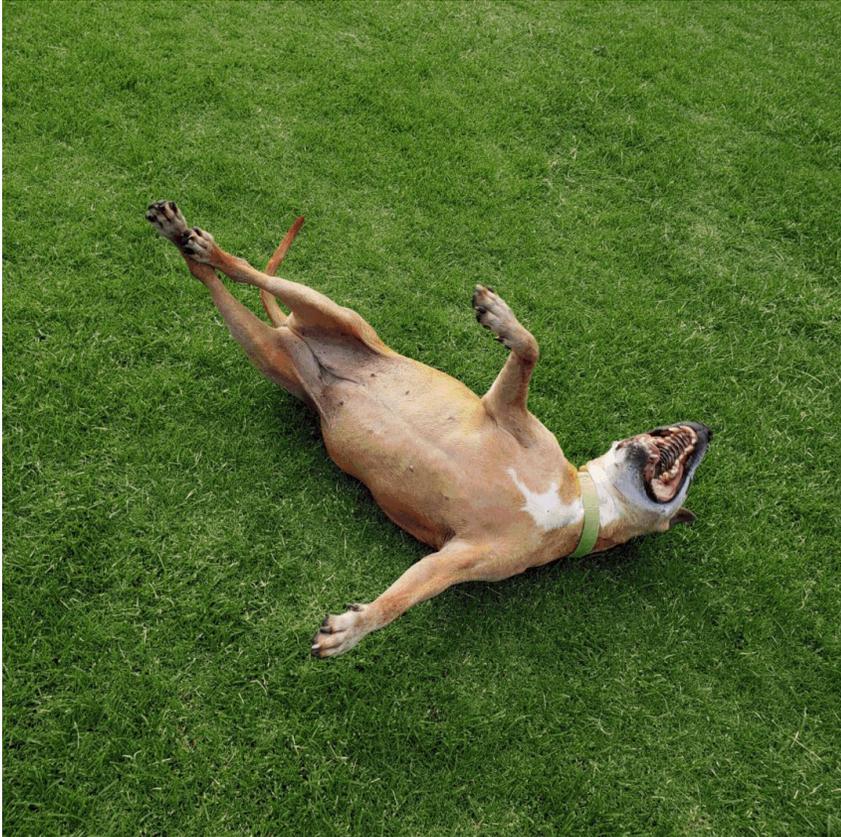


Lifesaving Programs

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Foster Field Trips



Foster Field Trips provide dogs with a day out of the shelter, boosting their mental health and increasing their chances of adoption.

- In addition to our two full-time foster field trip staff members, in 2025 we added two additional temporary employees to help get even more dogs out of the shelter.
- **In 2025, 2,721 animals went on a foster field trip!** This is an increase of 111.58% from 2024.
- **In 2025, there was a total of 3,128 total foster field trips,** which is a 207% increase from 2024.



Feline Programs



- **We provided SNR services for 1,925 felines,** which is an increase of 19% from 2024.
- **We provided RTF services for 277 felines,** which did not require spay/neuter services.
- **In 2025, we sponsored 3,296 feline surgeries,** which is more than a 260% increase from 2024!

Beyond trapping and surgeries, we continue to support the community by offering deterrents and, when needed, food assistance working to balance the needs of caregivers and neighbors, *including those who may not be cat lovers.*



Feline Programs - Kitten Nursery



The Animal Foundation employs overnight kitten caregivers during kitten season to provide the around the clock additional care and attention that neonatal and nursing animals require.

- **In 2025 1,906 animals were housed in our nursery (mostly kittens, but some puppies too!).**
- Our kittens spent an average of 16 days in the nursery, which is up 45% from 2024.



Paw Partners



Our transfer team helps strengthen lifesaving collaboration with rescue organizations by expanding placement opportunities for animals who may benefit from specialized care, foster-based rescue, or placement outside our immediate community.

- Transferred **2,793 animals** to rescue partners in 2025
- Worked with **100 active rescue partners**, including **53 new partners** who joined in 2025
- Provided targeted transfer incentives to support placements, helping **95 dogs** move to rescue through incentive programs totaling **\$19,100**
- Expanded out-of-state rescue partnerships, increasing transfers from **22 animals in 2024** to **102 animals in 2025**



Keeping Every Person and Pet Together (KEPPT)



Keeping Every Person and Pet Together (KEPPT) is a comprehensive support program designed to help pet owners navigate financial, medical, or behavioral challenges—preventing pet surrender and keeping families together. In 2025, KEPPT:

- Provided **67,312.77 pounds** of dry dog and cat food to community members
- Distributed **54,807 cans** of wet dog and cat food
- Assisted **236 families** with critical medical support for their pets
- Invested **\$13,299.02** directly into community pet medical assistance in 2025



Emergency Pet Food Pantry Event



As food insecurity continued to affect many families in our community, on November 4, 2025, The Animal Foundation stepped in to help pet owners navigate financial hardship without having to give up their pets. By hosting an emergency pop-up pet food pantry, we provided immediate support to families in need—helping keep pets fed, cared for, and out of the shelter.

Thanks to the incredible support of our community, the event was a tremendous success and we assisted 1,253 dogs and 512 cats by giving out 6,000 pounds of dog food and 2,500 pounds of cat food on that day alone.



Low-Cost Vaccine Clinic



Our Low-Cost Vaccine Clinic provides an affordable, preventative care option for pet owners—helping keep pets healthy in the community and reducing the risk of disease within our shelter population.

- Vaccinated **6,001 owned dogs** in 2025
- Vaccinated **1,942 owned cats** in 2025
- Microchipped **1,213 owned dogs** in 2025.
- Microchipped **425 owned cats** in 2025.
- Offered essential vaccines including rabies, DAPPv, bordetella, canine influenza, lepto, FeLV, and FVRCP
- Provided deworming services and microchips to support long-term pet health and safety



Free Vaccine & Microchip Events



Free Community Vaccine and Microchip Clinics help protect pets where they live—reducing the spread of preventable disease in the community and safeguarding the health of animals in our shelter. By bringing services directly to families, including rural areas, we reduce risk before pets ever enter our doors.

- Hosted **9 free vaccine and microchip clinics** in 2025 at The Animal Foundation and in underserved communities like Laughlin and Searchlight
- Provided free vaccinations against the most common and deadly canine and feline diseases
- Offered free microchipping services to help reunite lost pets with their families
- Prevented disease outbreaks by addressing risk at the community level—before that single sick pet could impact the shelter population



Pet Support Hotline



**NEED
PET
HELP?**

Our Pet Support Hotline is just a phone call away...

Call (702) 955-5932!

Launched in 2024, The Animal Foundation's Pet Support Hotline was created as a direct, accessible way for the community to get help with lost and found pets, rehoming support, and access to critical pet resources.

In its first full year of operation in 2025, the hotline became a vital lifeline for pet owners across Las Vegas—**handling more than 57,000 calls and helping families find answers, support, and solutions that kept pets safe and out of the shelter.**



Public Training



Bark to Basics, launched in 2024, completed its first full year in 2025, offering low-cost, certified dog training classes to the public as a proactive intervention to keep pets out of the shelter.

- Our Certified Professional Dog Trainers provided accessible support to pet owners and awarded **27 free five-week Bark to Basics courses to at-risk shelter dogs adopted by the public.**
- The program recently expanded with the launch of Polished Pup, an intermediate class, and Puppy Prep, our first-ever puppy training program.



The CARE Fund



The CARE Fund (Companion Animal Rehabilitation & Enhancement) provides lifesaving medical care for animals with the most severe injuries and illnesses—when treatment goes beyond our in-house veterinary capabilities.

- Funds emergency and specialty surgeries for critically injured animals
- Supports long-term rehabilitation for cases of cruelty, neglect, or trauma
- Ensures every dollar carries forward to help the next animal in need
- **In 2025, we raised \$190,300.26 to directly support 242 severe medical cases in our care**



Adoptions Updates



Through a partnership with Human Animal Support Services (HASS), The Animal Foundation addressed functional challenges within the adoption program by professionalizing the shelter adoption program, including the adoption counselor role.

- Increased training provided to all adoption staff.
- Mentorship to adoption leadership staff.
- Implementation of foot traffic data & client feedback.

This collaboration resulted in:

- Additional communication throughout the adoption process.
- Development of publicly accessible dashboard.
- Shortened meet and greet / processing waiting times.
- Increased number of adoptions taking place daily.



Get Involved!

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Volunteers Needed!

When you volunteer at our Las Vegas animal shelter, you're volunteering for the highest-volume single site animal shelter in the nation, so you can rest assured that your time and effort makes a huge difference. We rely heavily on volunteers every day, year-round.



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Donate!

Your tax-deductible charitable donation helps provide shelter, medical care, behavioral enrichment, and more for thousands of homeless, injured, and neglected animals waiting to find a home and a family to love.



Become a Foster!

Volunteering to foster a pet provides a lifeline for animals who may be having difficulty adjusting to animal shelter life, need a little extra care to recuperate from an injury, or who are young and simply need time to grow before being ready for adoption.



Advocate!

Advocate for pet-friendly legislation at the state and local levels to help animals in need. This includes supporting initiatives that improve public safety, increase resources for animal protection services, and promote responsible pet ownership within the community.





Thank you!





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TAF Annual Public Meeting

Saturday, January 24, 2026 | 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

The meeting included leadership Hilarie Grey, Dr. Casey Miller, Terran Tull and Daryl Sprague from The Animal Foundation (TAF).

Hilarie introduced the team and welcomed everyone to the Annual Public Meeting.

Attendance was about 27 people

Shelter Overview

Hilarie went over the history of the shelter with opening in 1978 as a low cost spay and neuter clinic and now it one of the largest shelters in the country. Last year are intake was 28,951 animals. Up 11.39% from the prior year.

Presentation

The team had a 20 minute PowerPoint presentation, taking turns presenting slides. The presentation covered TAF's life-saving programs and current initiatives.

Public Comment Guideline:

The following ground rules were established for questions:

- One question per person
- A maximum of two minutes per speaker
- Comments and question must remain respectful

Members of the community asked several questions and shared suggestions during the public comment portion of the meeting.

- A question was raised regarding whether TAF would assist with housing animals for individuals working to regain housing stability. Terran responded that we do not have the kennel space but can assist with food and supplies through our KEPPT program.
- A member asked why there was no annual meeting last year. It was explained that the meeting was not held because the new contract was being negotiated at that time.
- A community member asked how many dogs are currently in foster care. Terran Tull responded that approximately 1,000 dogs are in foster care, not including foster-to-adopt placements.
- Concerns were expressed about the rising cost of cat traps, which have increased to approximately \$125, making them unaffordable for some community members attempting to assist with trap-neuter-return (TNR) efforts.
- A suggestion was made to increase fines for illegal fireworks, with the additional funds potentially being donated to The Animal Foundation.

- It was suggested that TAF explore partnerships with retired veterinarians or mobile clinics to assist with spay and neuter services.
- A prior volunteer expressed appreciation for TAF's life-saving work and emphasized its importance to the community.
- A question was asked regarding the current number of veterinarians on staff and how many additional veterinarians would be needed to meet the demand for spay and neuter procedures.
- A community member asked how many Veterinarians we have on staff. Dr. Miller responded with 7 and ideally would like to have 9. There is a shortage of veterinarians that can do this specialized work.
- A community member asked about euthanasia practices at TAF. Dr. Miller stated that euthanasia is considered a last resort and is carried out in accordance with established protocols and professional guidelines. The process is not open to the public.

Daryl thanked everyone for attending this meeting