



20 Annual 23 Report



Potter League
Enriching Lives

AUGUST 1, 2022 – JULY 31, 2023



A Year of Transformative Impact

Fostering Brighter Futures:

An Annual Review of Community,
Commitment, & Compassion



the heart of a humane community

The Potter League for Animals, Rhode Island's leading animal resource center, provides crucial care, shelter, and second chances to animals in need. As a donor-supported nonprofit dedicated to the well-being of companion animals in Rhode Island, we express deep gratitude for your support. This year, we've impacted over 15,000 animals, providing essential care and creating a brighter future. Ongoing support allows us to celebrate achievements and make a positive difference in the lives of animals and people. Thank you for being a crucial part of our journey.



keeping families together

At a veterans' assistance event, our Community Navigator encountered Chris, an unhoused veteran facing challenges like unstable housing and unemployment. Despite finding temporary shelter for his cat, Stripes, through a friend's kindness, Chris struggled to meet both their needs. Our Community Navigator swiftly connected him with our Pet Food Pantry, alleviating the financial strain on Chris while ensuring Stripes' well-being. Thanks to supporters, we addressed immediate needs and laid a foundation for a more stable future helping Chris and Stripes to find permanent housing together. This success story, showcases the transformative impact of our Community Navigator, keeping families together through challenging times.

I. Our Impact

24,958

services provided to our community including lifesaving veterinary care, sheltering, training, education, and so much more.

15,604

animals were impacted by our programs and services.

II. Animal Care & Adoptions

2,012
animals adopted

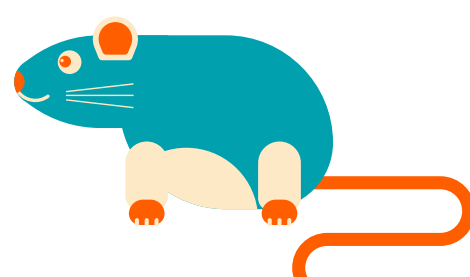
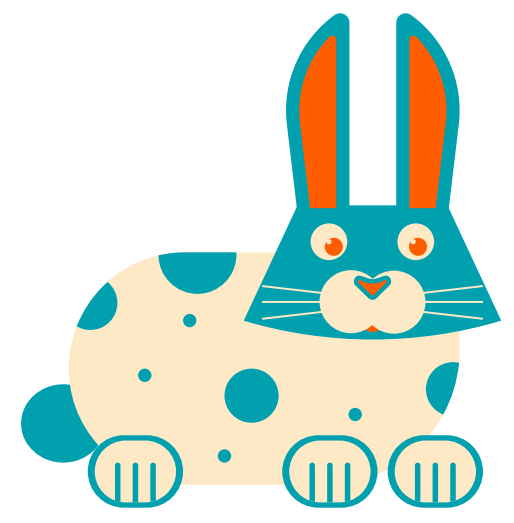
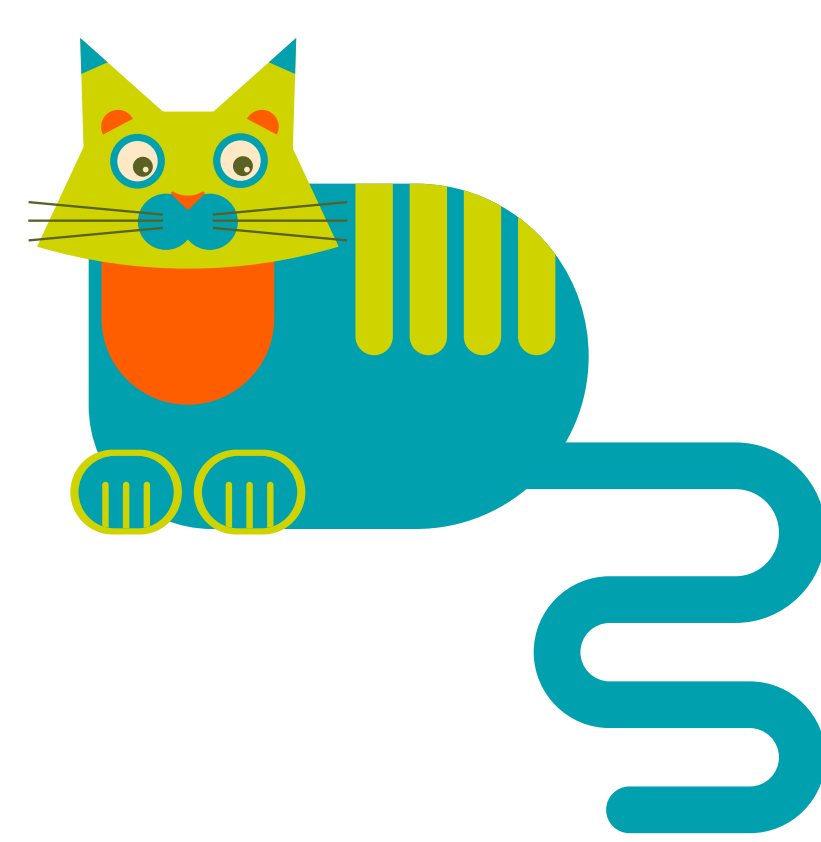
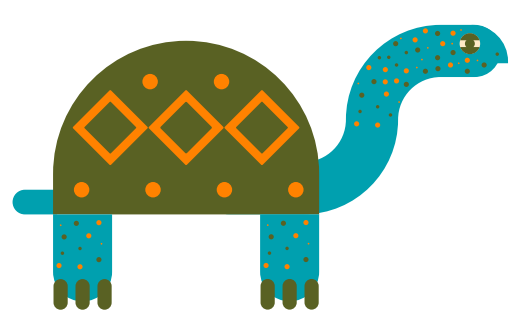
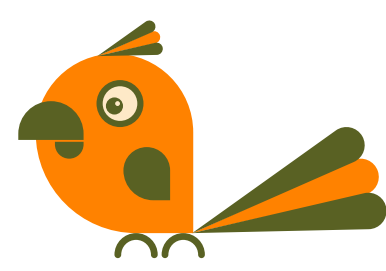
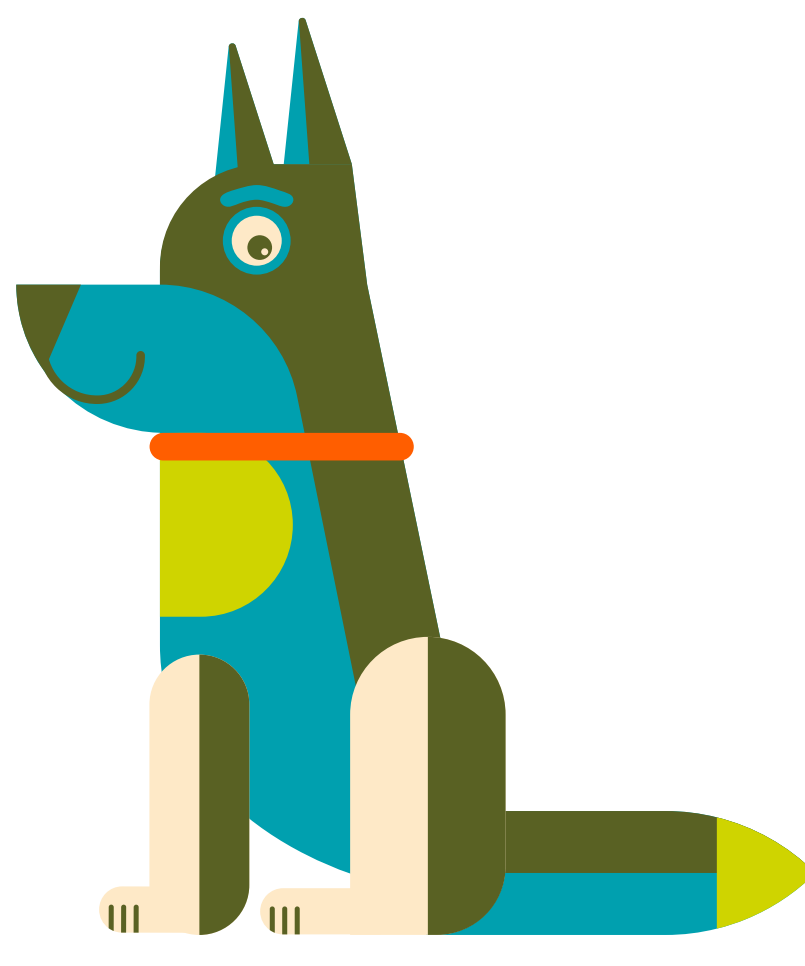
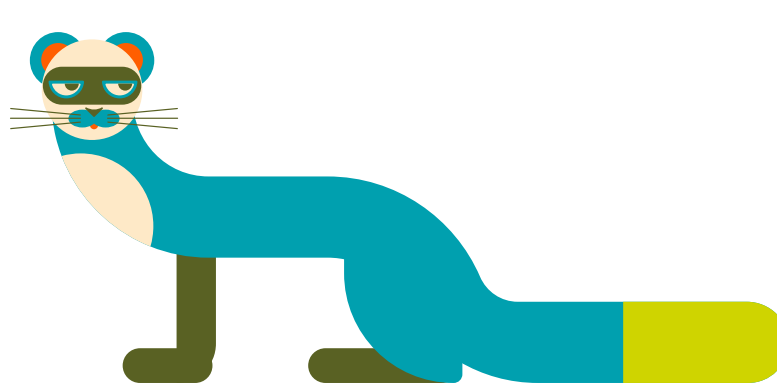
This year, we are proud to report a record 2,012 animals, were adopted contributing to the well-being of our community.

199

stray animals reunited with their families

18

animals transferred to rescue



III. Foster Program

A dedicated network of individuals provided essential foster care, offering comfort and support to animals in need.

705 animals fostered

Each animal in foster care creates additional capacity for animals at our Animal Care & Adoption Center.

298 foster caregivers

Individuals who opened their homes to provide love & care for animals waiting to be adopted.

9,485 number of days animals were in foster care

Every day in foster care animals experienced love and care while on their journey to permanent homes.

IV. Shelter Medicine

1,126 shelter animals spayed & neutered

724 shelter animals microchipped

1,971 shelter animals vaccinated

3,378 vaccinations administered

Our Shelter Medicine Program ensures comprehensive care for homeless animals. Beyond fundamental services like spaying, neutering, vaccinations, and microchipping, our dedicated veterinary team performs a diverse array of essential surgeries, providing personalized care to ensure the well-being of each resident. This reflects our unwavering dedication to providing a nurturing and healing environment.

IV. Community Programs

At the heart of our mission is the conviction that pets and people are meant to be together. We firmly believe that the ability to love and care for a companion animal goes beyond economic indicators. The bonds between people and their pets contributes to the fabric of resilient communities. Our programs are designed to offer essential assistance, ensuring that families can keep their beloved pets with them—where they belong.

32,375

pounds of free cat food, dog food, and supplies distributed through our Potter Pet Food Pantry, supporting individuals in need.

65 pets housed temporarily for 2,260 days

through our Pet Safe program for pets of victims of domestic violence, homelessness, pets displaced due to fire, hospitalization & other emergency situations.

70 community animals microchipped

187 community animals vaccinated

\$9,273

of financial assistance was granted to 40 pets through the C.A.R.E. (Companion Animal Relief Effort) Fund to provide assistance to pet owners who are unable to finance the medical treatment.

V. Behavior & Training Center

Our Behavior & Training Center prioritizes the mental and behavioral well-being of animals in our care and in our community through programs such as playgroups, obedience classes, our free behavior helpline, private consultations, pre-adoption counseling, follow-up support, and engaging lectures and events.

2,627 dogs attended training classes & playgroups

417

training classes & playgroups

555

behavior helpline calls & emails

VI. Volunteer Program

335 volunteers

21,628 volunteer hours

Volunteers form the cornerstone of our mission, elevating the lives of animals and collaborating with staff across all departments. We provide diverse volunteer opportunities for adults, youths, teams, and more, fostering collective impact and support for our ongoing initiatives.

VII. Humane Education

3,928 students

259 programs

Emphasizing our commitment to nurturing a compassionate community, our education programs play a pivotal role in fostering empathy for animals. Through engaging day camps, interactive classroom programs, enlightening in-shelter tours, and a diverse array of activities tailored for kids and families, we create lasting impressions and instigate positive change. We not only aim to educate but also to inspire a generation that values and advocates for the well-being of animals, creating a ripple effect of empathy and compassion.

VIII. Spay & Neuter Clinic

5,689 dogs & cats spayed/neutered

\$78,321 provided in additional subsidies & assistance

3,120 vaccinations administered

Located in Warwick, Rhode Island, the Potter League Spay & Neuter Clinic is unwavering in its commitment to tackling companion animal and community cat overpopulation. Through the provision of superior-quality, subsidized, and affordable spay and neuter services, we actively contribute to enhancing the health and well-being of our community's animals.

IX. Engagement

Our website, and various online platforms, play a central role in our initiatives. We actively seek to connect with the community, leaving a positive and lasting impression, promoting our mission, and advocating for the care and protection of animals.

4,080,778 social media impressions

291,951 website visitors

X. Pets In Need Veterinary Clinic

2,208 pet vaccines administered

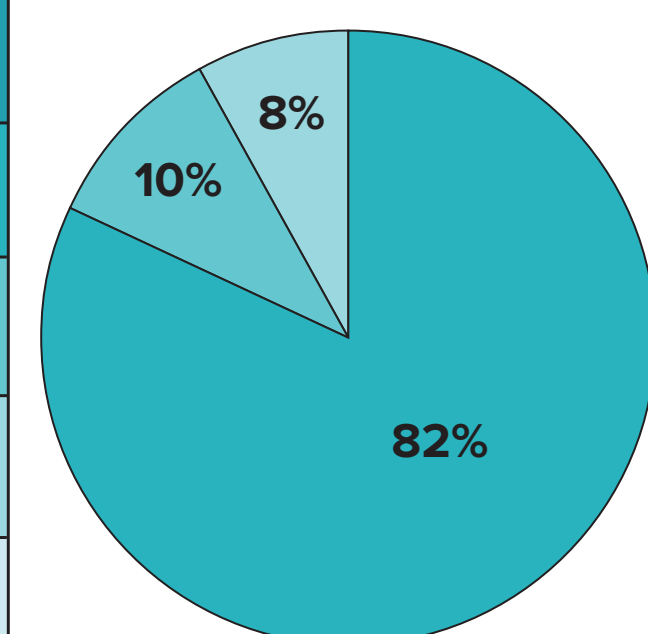
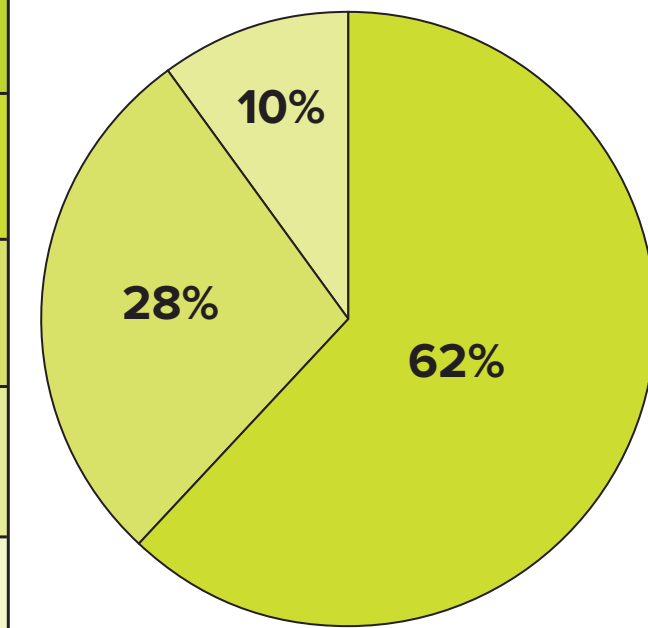
4,066 animals provided veterinary care

4,383 veterinary appointments

The Potter League Pets In Need Veterinary Clinic offers subsidized veterinary care to the pets of low-income Rhode Island residents and disabled veterans. Serving as a crucial bridge for those facing financial barriers to essential veterinary services, our clinic is dedicated to fostering a community where every pet, regardless of financial circumstances, can access the care needed to lead a healthy and joyful life, ultimately keeping families together.

XI. 2022-2023 Revenue & Expenses

Income		
contributions	\$3,126,822	62%
income from services	\$1,399,618	28%
investment return	\$516,431	10%
total	\$5,042,871	100%
Expenses		
programs & services	\$4,110,692	82%
fundraising	\$495,994	10%
support services	\$418,363	8%
total	\$5,025,049	100%



XII. Board of Directors

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