



POTTER LEAGUE FOR ANIMALS

Programs and Activities

Animal Care:

- Adoption of dogs, cats, rabbits, small animals
- Surrender of animals from our service area
- Animal housing for Newport, Middletown, & Portsmouth Animal Control Departments
- Lost & Found database
- Microchips and identification tags
- Veterinary care, spaying/neutering and inoculations of shelter animals
- Bathing & grooming of shelter animals
- Cremation services
- Crate rentals
- Rehabilitation and socialization of shelter animals with behavior problems
- Foster Care Program
- Active transport program bringing dogs and cats for adoption from overcrowded shelters

Animal Assisted Activities:

Pet visits to: **[under review and re-organization now]**

- Nursing homes in Newport, Middletown & Portsmouth
- Newport Hospital
- Newport County Mental Health Clinic - day treatment program & to individual therapists
- Visiting Nurses - visits to homebound elderly
- Child & Family Group Homes
- Maher School
- Special Education Classrooms

Animal Behavior and Training:

- Large variety of obedience training courses for dogs
- Behavior HelpLine to offer problem-solving suggestions to keep animals in their homes
- Training classes for volunteers to improve animal handling skills
- Socialization programs for cats
- Enrichment program for dogs and cats
- Pet University – free lectures and classes for pet owners
- Behavior evaluation to assess a dog's personality and to match people and animals for the most successful adoptions

Community Outreach Programs:

- Pet loss support group
- Financial assistance for veterinary care and sterilization for pets owned by families struggling to pay for services

Outreach activities that include vaccination and microchip clinics in low income neighborhoods. Program is currently expanding as we work in neighborhoods to help solve problems for underserved communities
PetSafe Program to offer free temporary housing for the pets of victims of domestic violence or seniors in need of short term hospitalization
Informational booths at community events

Humane Education:

Third grades in Newport, Middletown, Portsmouth public and private school systems - 8 lesson program
Seventh grades at Gaudet School and Thompson Middle School – 5 lesson program
High Schools – Program oversight and mentoring for senior graduation projects;
Financial responsibilities and pet ownership program
Reading Fur Fun – Literacy support for struggling young readers
After school program activities
Visits or presentations to pre- schools, day care centers and youth organizations
Shelter tours
Link between Child Abuse, Domestic Violence and Animal Cruelty

Legislative Efforts:

Work with the Ocean State Animal Coalition on a wide variety of legislative initiatives
Charter member of Rhode Island Legislative Animal Action Coalition resulting in passage of key state legislation between 1992 and 2001

Public Relations:

Weekly Pet Advice column in The Newport Daily News
Radio appearances on WADK
Paw Print-Press Newsletter
Dog of the Week and Cat of the Week advertisements multiple publication
Social media – Facebook, Instagram, Twitter

Volunteerism:

Approximately 1200 volunteers participate annually in our programs; approximately 250 are regularly engaged and help us enrich the lives of animals...and the people who love them.
Our inclusive volunteer program welcomes families as well as physically and mentally challenged adults and children.
Community service and community restitution opportunities
High school and college student internships

Collaboration:

Founding member of the Ocean State Animal Coalition that operates the RI Community Spay-Neuter Clinic, a high-volume, high-quality, subsidized companion animal sterilization clinic. Veterinarians and staff are trained through the Humane Alliance national model.