

2025 IMPACT REPORT



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

The Arizona Animal Welfare League has served our Phoenix community for over 50 years. While our roots are and will always be in animal rescue and adoption, we have evolved into a community-centered organization that is focused on supporting both pets and the families who love them, acknowledging that what happens to humans, happens to their pets. We believe no one should have to give up a beloved pet simply because of financial hardship, that animals belong in loving homes, not in the shelter, and that with affordable and accessible community resources we can keep vulnerable animals out of the overburdened shelter system and with their families.

True to our roots, we remain committed to saving the lives of animals with higher needs - particularly pets from small, rural shelters across Arizona who are at high risk for euthanasia.



OUR IMPACT
AT A GLANCE
3,749
LIVES SAVED



IN THIS YEAR'S IMPACT REPORT, YOU'LL READ ABOUT HOW YOU HAVE ALLOWED AAWL TO . . .



**FIND HOMES
FOR PETS WITH
HIGHER NEEDS**



**ENSURE VET CARE
IS AFFORDABLE
AND ACCESSIBLE**



**KEEP
FAMILIES
TOGETHER**



1,653
Dogs Saved



2,096
Cats Saved



92
Rural Rescue
Trips



22
Rural Rescue
Partnerships



7,700
Vaccines
Administered
to Pets in Our
Community



700+
Pet Served at
Our Mobile
Vaccine Clinics



3,100+
Pets Served at
Our On-Site
Community Clinic



Your generosity has created a meaningful impact for deserving animals in our community, and as you plan your year-end philanthropy, we hope you will consider extending your support with an additional gift before December 31 with a direct gift, a gift of stock, or from your donor advised fund.

With gratitude and partnership,

Alessandra Navidad **Alessandra Navidad,**
President and CEO

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

Two long-time AAWL donors are matching all donations - dollar for dollar - up to **\$25k** through December 31, 2025. The donors, who wish to remain anonymous, created a foundation to enrich the lives of animals and their philanthropy is tied to deep-rooted family beliefs around kindness to all living beings. It is their hope that they can inspire you to give generously, knowing your gift is doubled.

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HOMES FOR PETS WITH HIGHER NEEDS

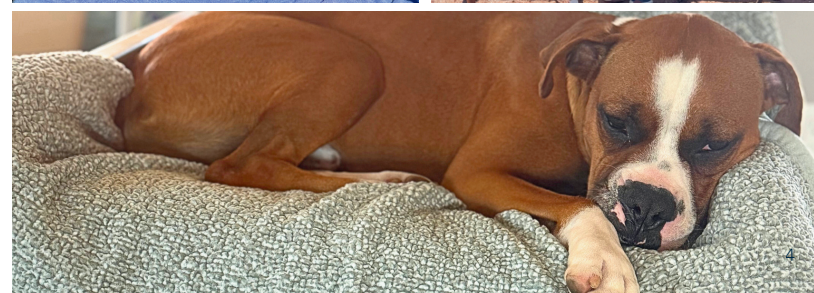
At the heart of our mission is a deep commitment to supporting rural and urban shelters across Arizona. We've built strong, lasting relationships with all of our rescue partners and recognize the unique challenges each of them face, from limited capacity to a lack of resources for complex medical or behavioral care. As we grow our rescue network to reach rural communities facing high euthanasia rates, we're already seeing powerful results—like our new partnership with Greenlee County, where their percentage of pets leaving safely increased from 15% to 75% in just a few months. We also continue to collaborate with larger shelter partners to take in animals who require more individualized medical or behavior care than they can offer.

MIGOS

Migos is one of many stories — an underweight dog who was just over a year old when he was transferred to AAWL from a rescue partner. While in our care, Migos tested positive for Valley Fever, a fungal infection that without lengthy treatment can cause irreversible effects such as seizures, heart failure, or even death.

By catching this illness early, our medical team gave Migos the care he desperately needed for his extensive road to recovery. Soon, he was ready for adoption and swiftly found his forever home with one of AAWL's incredible volunteers.

These partnerships are vital for frequently overwhelmed shelters, where they cannot keep up with the influx of animals coming through their doors, like Migos, who need expensive and lengthy medical care.



SHILOH

Shiloh was just three years old when he was diagnosed with stomatitis by one of our partner shelters before he was transferred to AAWL. With painfully swollen and red gums, the only effective treatment for stomatitis is often the removal of all teeth. If left untreated, it can lead to severe, chronic pain, difficulty eating and oral infections that can significantly decrease a cat's quality of life. Our medical team was able to perform a full mouth extraction to treat Shiloh's stomatitis and after a couple weeks of recovery, Shiloh was ready to go up for adoption and soon found his forever home.

Unfortunately, many shelters don't have the time or resources to provide this level of care as a full mouth extraction can be 3-4 hour dental surgery requiring several weeks of recovery time. We are prioritizing taking cats with stomatitis from our partners because your support allows us to have the capacity to perform these surgeries in-house at our clinic and provide them with the individualized care they need and deserve to find their home.



AFFORDABLE, ACCESSIBLE VET CARE

Thousands of pet families in communities around Phoenix live in what is considered a veterinary desert—where access to vet care is difficult and access to affordable care is nearly impossible. This is why AAWL is focused on bringing essential veterinary services and resources directly to these neighborhoods, providing pets the low-cost care they need to stay healthy and with the families who love them, rather than entering the stressful shelter system.

Earlier this year, we launched our Mobile Veterinary Clinic in East Maryvale and have been hosting a monthly vaccine clinic in partnership with Isaac School District. Within just a couple of months of operation, we realized the need for these services was so high that we increased our veterinarian capacity from one vet to two vets in order to better meet the demand to serve more pets

ANTONIA

Like so many of us, to Antonia and her daughters, their pets are members of their family—they care deeply for them and want nothing more than to keep them safe, healthy, and by their side. But for Antonia, who lives in East Maryvale, balancing the needs of her children with the expense of preventive care for their pets isn't easy.

Fortunately, she found out about AAWL's new monthly mobile clinic after a previous visit to one of our vaccine events. It was a huge relief to be able to bring their three dogs and their newly rescued cat to our mobile clinic for much-needed, low-cost vaccines and preventive care.



Our team spotted a tick on one of their dogs and provided Nexgard treatment for all of their pets, protecting them from parasites that can cause serious health issues. We also shared resources on how to get future treatments to keep their animals protected.

There are thousands of pet families like Antonia's that are one unexpected yet preventable veterinary bill away from heartbreak. With your support, we will continue to expand access to our vet services to be able to support more pet families and improve health outcomes of pets in our community while also preventing more animals from entering the shelter system.



KEEPING PET FAMILIES TOGETHER

Our adoption support program continues to make a meaningful impact on our pet families. In 2025, our team did 2,500 follow-ups to recent adopters and were able to intervene on 229 potentially returned animals - ultimately helping keep those pets in their homes. Taking it one step further, we have also expanded our efforts to support pet families who did not adopt from AAWL but who are considering giving up their pet. By intervening when a pet family calls AAWL and providing them resources and tools, we prevent them from having to make that heartbreaking decision.

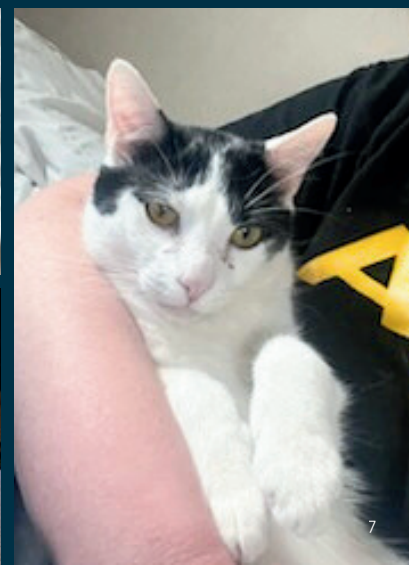
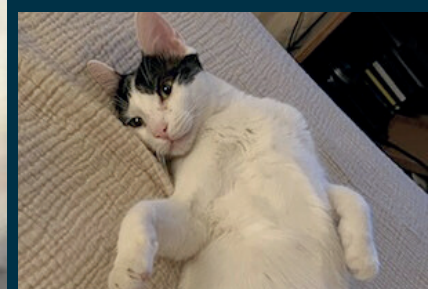
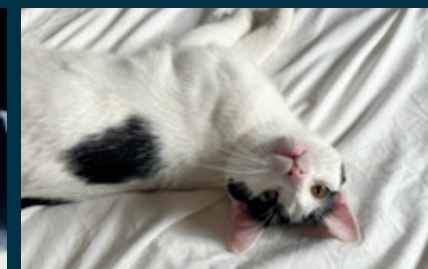
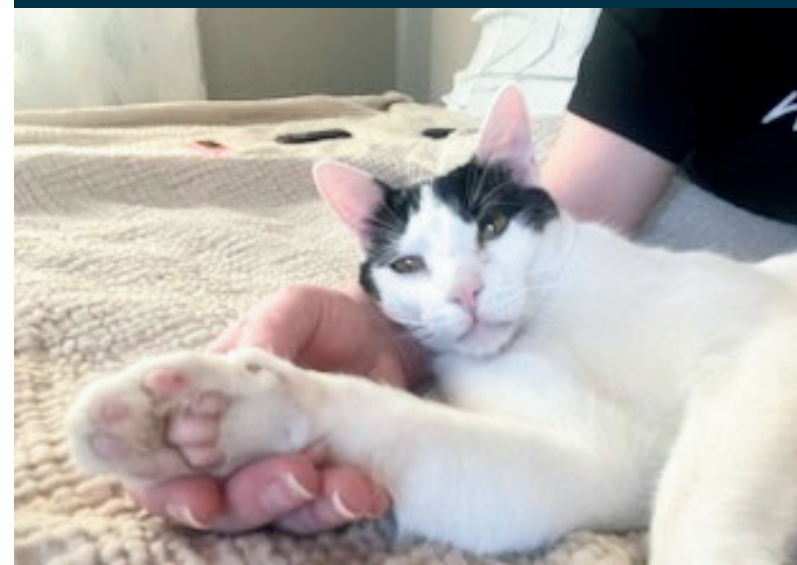


BOOKER

Bobby, now Booker, found his forever home after being with AAWL for over a month - but our support didn't stop there. Booker joined a family with two other cats in the home, but their senior cat didn't tolerate this new addition to the family and showed her disapproval with hisses and growls, while the other cat in the home would go outdoors regularly and would come back to an upset Booker swatting and instigating fights.

After getting in touch with our Adoption Support Team and being connected to our Feline Behavior Manager, it was determined that Booker did not recognize the outdoor cat as part of the home and the older cat needed more time to acclimate to Booker. Thus, a support plan was put in motion and after 5 months of supervised playtimes, treats, and positive associations through scent, this new kitty trio has settled in well together.

Without our team's intervention and opportunity to share knowledge and resources, Booker could have been one of the hundreds of returns we see every year and would've spent even more time in a stressful shelter environment.



KEEPING PET **FAMILIES** TOGETHER

BEAU

For those animals who do end up needing to enter or re-enter the shelter system, AAWL will still be there to set them up for success. Bouquet, now Beau, was a shy, nervous pup when he ended up back at the shelter after being adopted as a puppy. Fortunately, after spending some time in a foster home, Beau gradually began to open up and before long, he found his forever family. Wanting to give Beau the best start possible, his new family even adopted another puppy, Lucy, at the same time so she could help him feel more confident in his new home.

Our team also provided the family with private dog training sessions focused on helping Beau adjust to people, loud noises, and feeling secure in confined spaces. Now a year later, Beau is thriving and his days are spent wrestling and napping with his sister.

