

# ANNUAL REPORT 2021



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TO LOVE A CANINE RESCUE



# A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & FOUNDER

Wow! 2021 has come to an end and what a blur it was!

This past year was even more of a crazy ride than 2020. We started with hope for an end in sight, but questions still remained. Mask? No mask? Shut down again? Numbers going down... Numbers on the rise... Through it all, TLC stayed strong.

We worked together to keep doing what we do best - saving lives! If this pandemic has taught us anything, it is the power of teamwork and the healing power of pups. We banded together, worked hard, stayed fluid, changed when we needed to and managed to get through it all, coming out stronger at the end of a bizarre 12 months. While it was better than the year before, 2021 was still filled with what-ifs, challenges and uncertainties.

Together though, we made it. And we saved so many lives! We could not have done it without ALL of our volunteers, adopters, donors, sponsors, and supporters. At TLC, we say "until they all have a home" but that won't happen without teamwork. One Team, One Love, One choice... Rescue. We cannot do what we do without ALL of YOU! THANK YOU! 2022 is a New Year and a new beginning, and we look forward to even more growth and saving more lives!



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5K

**BETH**

From a tattered box by a highway to a cozy home with a loving family, Beth has had quite the journey. And thankfully, a journey with a very happy ending.

## 2021 Highlights

- Celebrated 8 years in May
- 858 Dogs' Lives Saved in 2021 (864 adopted)
- 5372 Dogs' Lives Saved Since Inception (5266 Adopted)
- 501(c)(3) Nonprofit EIN: 46-2618710
- Named Top-Rated Nonprofit by Great Nonprofits for 6 Consecutive Years: 2016 - 2021
- Achieved Platinum Level of Transparency from Guide Star
- Over 18,325+ Followers on Facebook and 5,946+ on Instagram



## Mission Statement

Our mission is to rescue and find permanent homes for abandoned, stray and surrendered dogs in order to minimize the needless euthanizing of animals.

Our vision is to make the right connections between our rescued dogs and families in order to give our dogs their final, happy, loving homes.

One Team  
One Love  
One Choice

**RESCUE**

*Until they all have a home.*

# IN THE LAST YEAR...



## **75 Transports**

(65% Increase over 2020)



## **Collected Donations**

To benefit Chester County Department of Children, Youth & Families



## **Extra TLC Dogs**

We continue to prioritize dogs who need extra love, vet care, or a special adopter



## **9 School Visits**

To continue to share the love of pets with local students



## **Supported CAAR**

In more ways than one. Check out our Corinth-Alcorn connection on pg. 12



## **Raised more than \$56k**

To support pets in need! Our best year yet!



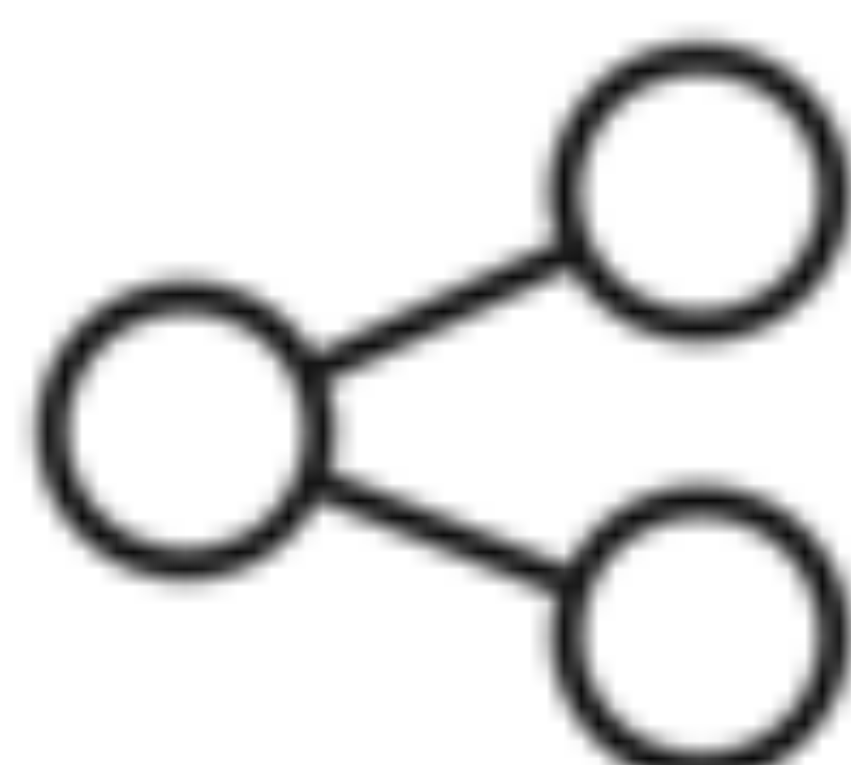
## **Reached 5k Adoptions**

& grew our TLC family even more



## **Saved 211 puppies & moms**

Another amazing milestone to celebrate!



## **Streamlined our Marketing & Applications Systems**

So we can better connect with you

# Fundraising *saves* Lives



Fundraising is fundamental to TLC and all funds raised go directly to helping TLC rescue more dogs that would otherwise be euthanized or to offset incurred veterinary expenses.



In 2021, TLC Rescue hosted 10 fundraising events raising **\$56,427.38!**



6th Annual Raffles for Ruffs  
Total Event Profit: **\$19,680.60**

6th Annual Miles for Mutts  
Total Event Profit: **\$28,043.47**  
Includes Corporate Sponsors

**Additional Fundraisers included:**  
2022 Calendar Sales  
T-Shirt Sales  
Giving Tuesday  
Subaru Loves Pets Grant  
Photos with Santa  
& more!



# HORACE

Sometimes an owner will abandon or surrender their dog to a shelter because they don't want to treat an aging or terminally ill dog. Essentially, they are walking away when their dog needs them the most. These dogs might otherwise be overlooked because of their age or illness and they don't deserve to live out their remaining days in a cold and lonely shelter. Horace is one such dog.

When we met Horace, we knew immediately that he wasn't well; however, we initially thought he had an infection and we were hoping a round of antibiotics would help. After some additional testing, we learned he had terminal cancer. He has a tumor in his nose which created a lump at the bridge and is almost impossible to remove. His foster family was disheartened but didn't hesitate at keeping him as a hospice foster.



Taking in a dog knowing it will never recover takes a huge heart, but we're lucky to have volunteers who understand the needs of a dog in its most urgent situation. While we don't know how much time he has left, Horace would happily live out his days knowing love, dignity, and a soft bed in his foster home.

However, almost a year after Horace arrived, he was doing better than ever. Horace had more energy, more pep and even the vet techs agreed that the lump on his nose even looked smaller!

Knowing Horace was thriving after a year that no one thought he would have, the decision was made to put Horace up for adoption, so he could find his forever home to live out the rest of his days in a permanent home that he so deserves. Shortly after becoming available for adoption, he was scooped up into a wonderful, loving forever home where he is continuing to thrive. This year, we're thankful for Horace... for second chances... and for love healing everything.

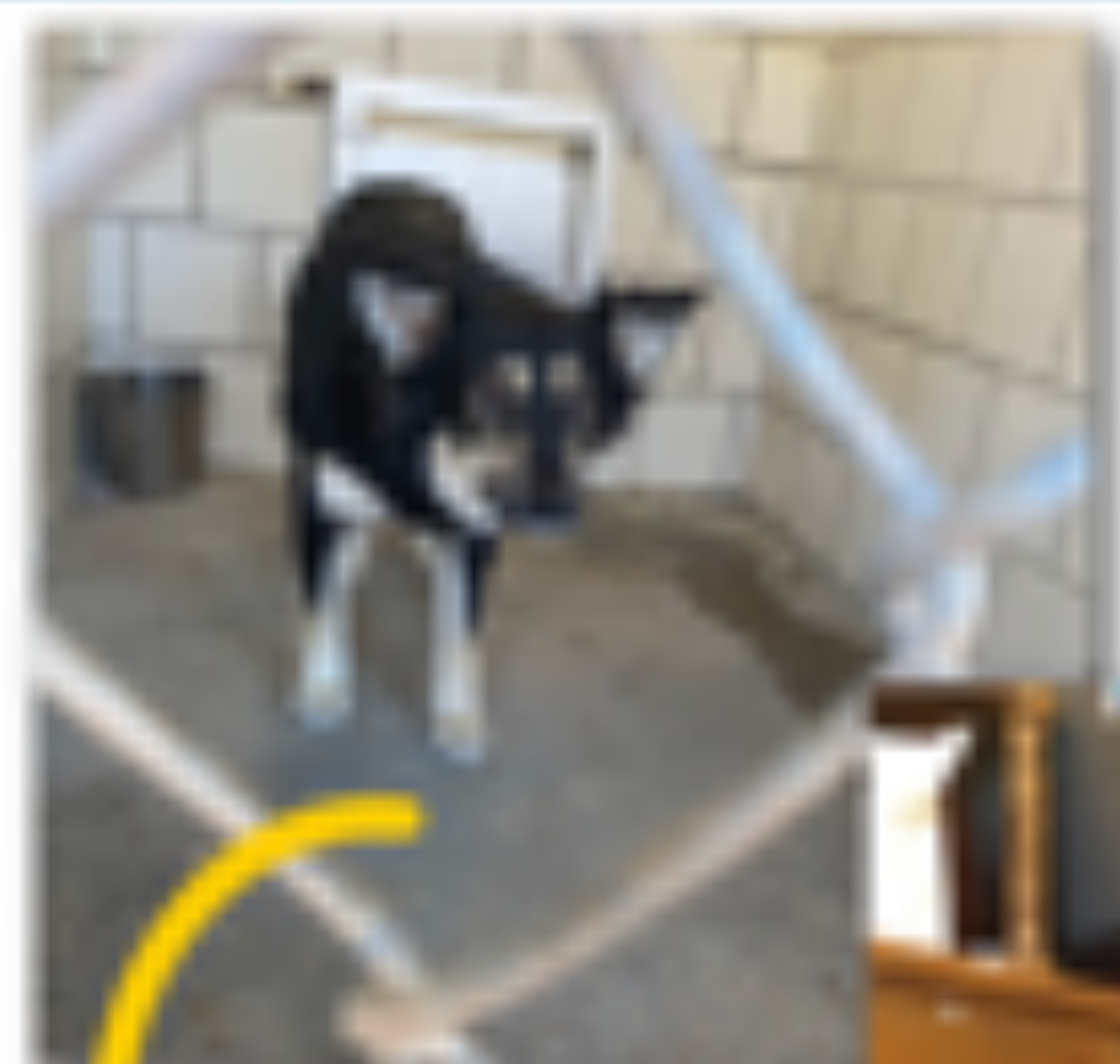
# OH, BABY!

If there is an expecting Mom in need, TLC Rescue is there to help!

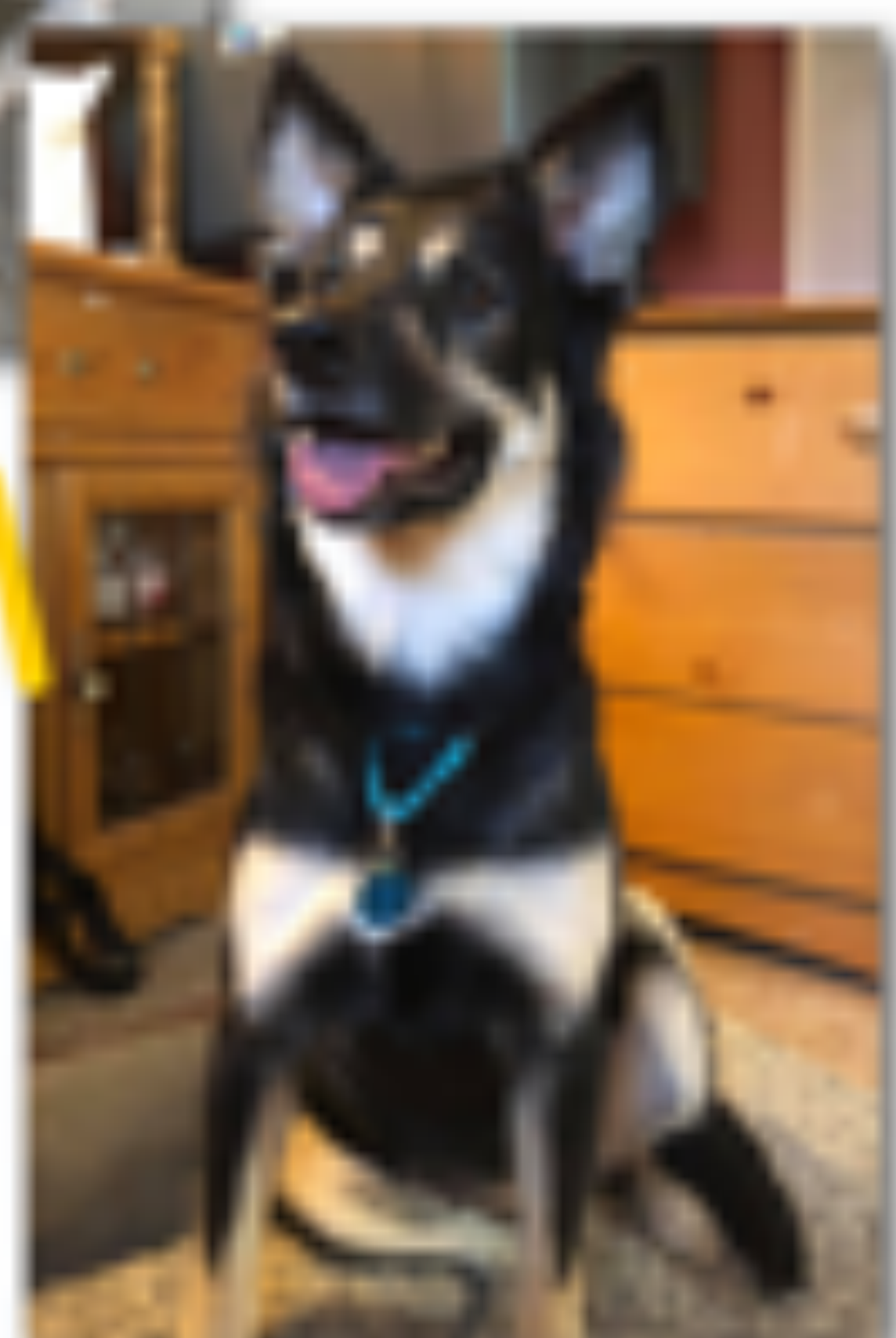


In 2021, TLC volunteers rescued a total of **6 moms** and their puppies from shelters.

TLC volunteers supported those soon-to-be moms and helped bring their **43 combined puppies** into the world.



Moonpie is a great example of what a loving, welcoming home can do for a mom in need.



**Moonpie - 8 puppies**



**Gypsy - 7 puppies**



**Cleo - 5 puppies**



**Samira - 11 puppies**



**Sable - 2 puppies**



**Fallon - 10 puppies**



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Apply online to become a lifesaving foster today.



# Extra TLC

There's a little extra TLC in TLC these days.

Every dog deserves a forever home- some just need a little extra time, love and compassion on the road there. These dogs are our Extra TLC Dogs.

What makes them extra special can be a variety of needs: Heartworm Status, Visual or Hearing Impairment, Physical Ability, or Behavioral Characteristics. Each need making them even more lovable!

The Extra TLC dogs will still have their treatments and medical needs covered through TLC.

One of the most prominent needs faced is heartworm preventative and care. In 2021, TLC covered nearly **\$11,860** in Heartworm treatment for adoptable dogs. This is an average of **\$400-500** per dog with **29 rescued dogs** being treated by TLC this year.

Treatment varies by pet, but our rescue team and fosters make this process as comfortable as possible for the dogs- and as easy and transparent as possible for adopters.

In addition to heartworm, some of our rescues have also experienced skin issues, vision impairment, leg surgery, and more!





# The Cost of Rescue

We've been asked a lot this past year why our adoption fees are "so high." Many people believe rescue is just about picking up stray or unwanted dogs from the streets, people's homes or shelters. While we whole heartedly believe in the fairytale of saving dogs and bringing them to a better life, it comes at a cost.



## The Cost of a Rescue Dog

How much does it truly cost for a rescue to rescue a dog?

Shelter Vetting  
\$95 - \$175

Transport Charges  
\$125 - \$150

Vaccinations  
\$92

Vet Exams  
\$80 - \$100

Spay / Neuter  
\$120 - \$180

Microchip  
\$7

Heartworm / Lyme  
Testing  
\$60

Monthly  
Preventatives  
\$10 - \$40

**\$590 - \$800**

If they are heartworm positive, add an additional \$350 - \$750 for heartworm treatment



We are caring for neglected dogs who often times have not had proper medical care, necessary vaccinations or spay/neuter surgeries to prevent future litters. We are caring for living breathing animals who require transport from the shelters in Mississippi, Tennessee and South Carolina to Pennsylvania. We are welcoming these dogs into our care for a few days, weeks or even months while tending to their physical, emotional or behavioral needs with things like food, doggy daycare or training. While all of this sounds wonderful, it doesn't come free. Even as a non-profit rescue, we still have to pay (often times with a discounted fee) for all of the necessities to properly care for any dog who comes through our rescue.

*Until they all have a home.*

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

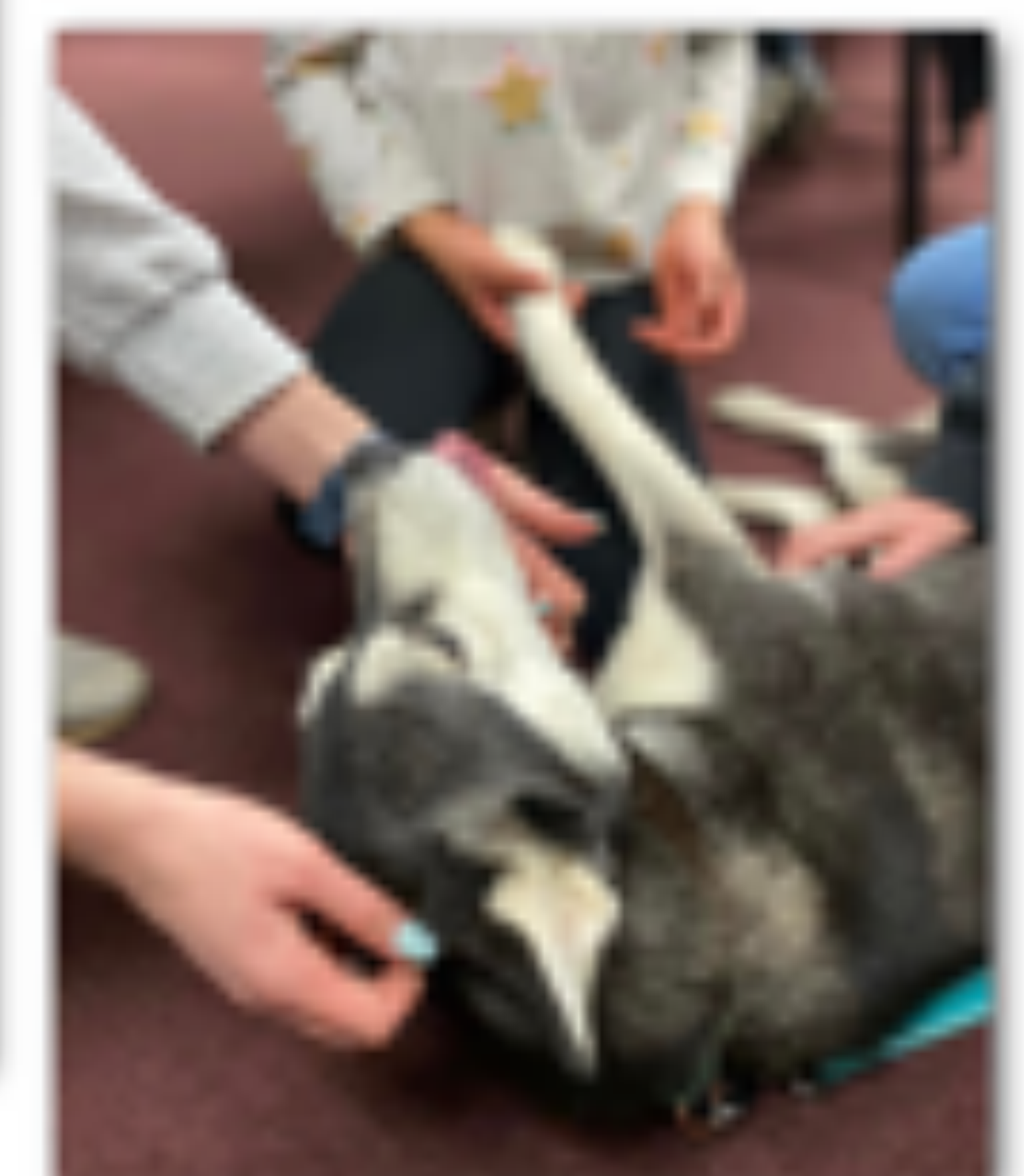
TLC Rescue participates in multiple community events each year and is committed to partnering with local schools, retail businesses and corporations, and participating in community festivals.

In addition to being fun for everyone involved, these engagements are a great way for adoptable dogs in foster care to receive as much visibility as possible. Let's be honest, it's much easier to fall in love with a dog in person when you can experience their personality firsthand than on a computer screen. Events hosted in the community are also a great way to socialize the dogs and continue to teach them appropriate behaviors and how to interact in social settings.

Whether it is dogs in need or people, this team comes through. We couldn't be more proud of our TLC team, who jumped at the opportunity to help community members who might be struggling this holiday season.



This year, TLC collected donations for Chester County Department of Children, Youth & Families who are being cared for by relatives to avoid placement in foster care. TLC made Christmas magical this year for 6 families and a total of 13 children. Every gift on each one of these kids's Christmas lists was fulfilled by generous donations from TLC. Over 70+ presents, 2 car loads, 13 kids, & 6 different homes, TLC kept the magic of Christmas alive this year for 13 very deserving children, 6 very thankful caregivers, and 1 extremely grateful caseworker.



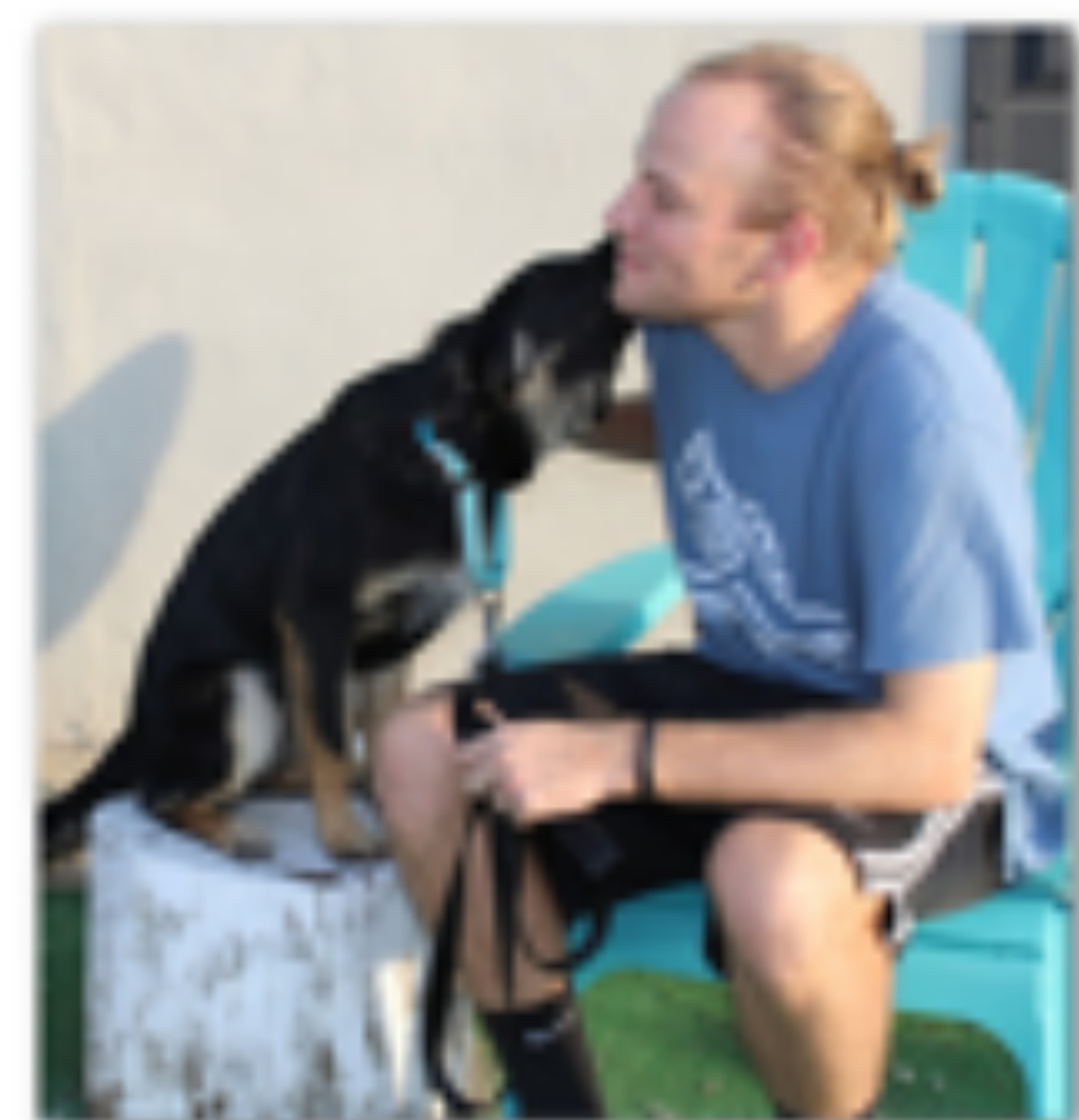
# FREEDOM rides

When dogs, regardless of breed, age, size or personality, end up in over-crowded, high kill shelters, their greatest hope of finding their furever family is to be transported to partnering rescues.

Transports, aka "Freedom Rides", are when the rescues that TLC partners with meets TLC either at a mutually agreed upon location or at the TLC facility to transition their dogs into TLC Rescue's care.

The transport vehicle is greeted with many volunteers who are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to snuggle the welcomed new rescue pups. Upon arrival, each rescue dog is evaluated, weighed, microchipped, vaccinated if needed, and has their spay/neuter status confirmed. The dogs are then greeted by their fosters where they will be cared for until they transition to their furever home. TLC makes a commitment to their partnering rescues that they will work tirelessly to ensure that each dog transported will be given the best care until a family that fits their needs is identified.

This is often the first time a rescue dog feels free and ready to be loved unconditionally.



**75** Freedom Rides in 2021!



# Corinth-Alcorn – A Partner in Rescue

TLC works with several shelter partners to help find homes for the dogs they take in.

From time to time, a group of our volunteers will visit one of those partners to help them with anything that may need to be done. This ranges from dog intakes and assessments, maintenance on the buildings, and preparing for transports.

The most recent trip was to Corinth-Alcorn Animal Shelter in Mississippi, one of our longest partner-relationships. Our group spent three days there, helping in any way they could.



One of our volunteers, Erin Jenesky, had this to say about their most recent trip to Corinth:

**"When you're in the trenches, when you are dealing with what are looked upon as the dregs of society, you would be fooling yourself to think you're not unchanged from experiences such as this. And you'd be doing yourself a disservice to ever forget what you've seen and felt. These animals have been discarded like trash. It's difficult to imagine, but the shelter in many cases is the safest place some of these dogs have ever had."**



Corinth-Alcorn Animal Rescue (CAAR) is the only no-kill animal rescue/shelter in a six county area of North Mississippi and West Tennessee. This area has a serious pet overpopulation, with many animals in need. To say they are overwhelmed would be an understatement, so if we are able to help, TLC is happy to step in and do what we can.

# A Partner in Rescue - Continued

While there, our group worked with the CAAR team to assess dogs and determine any requirements for their adoptions. This included testing the dogs for any behavioral issues and ensuring that they are fully vetted with all medications up to date.

Once assessed, many of the dogs will be transported to rescue partners like TLC. One of those transports was scheduled to leave while our team was visiting, so the TLC group was able to assist in that process as well. TLC is typically one of final steps in finding a dog its forever home, so to be part of the earlier stages was quite rewarding!

Corinth-Alcorn works hard to keep things running. Earlier this year they reached out for help as their building was very run down and no longer adequate for their life-saving needs.

In addition to helping transport the dogs up north so that we could help them get adopted, we also asked our TLC community to help us raise funds to repair their space.



Together we raised \$1,500 to support Corinth-Alcorn's roof repair. This bought CAAR some time to continue their life-saving mission in better conditions.



Now CAAR is in the process of moving to a new location. After being given a tour of the future shelter, our team was able to help with some of the preparations for that transition.

Dog rescue is a never-ending job, as there will always be animals that need homes. It can be one of the toughest responsibilities anyone can take on. By partnering with shelters like Corinth-Alcorn, we're able to share those responsibilities and lighten the burden just a little.

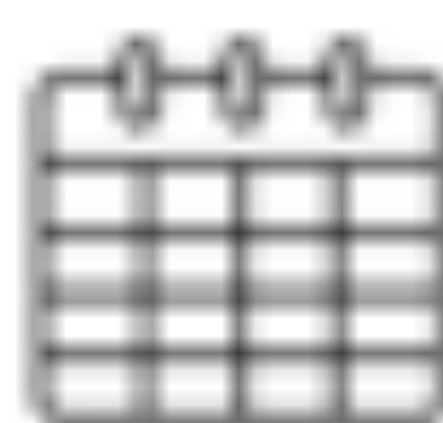
For more information of how to help us lighten the load, please check out [TLCRescuePA.com](http://TLCRescuePA.com) or [corinthalcornanimalshelter.org](http://corinthalcornanimalshelter.org)

# Mini Paws

The goal of our Mini Paws program is to inundate our kids with as much dog education as possible in order to aid them in being responsible pet owners. In addition, it's important to teach our kids the importance of always giving back to their community.



**70+** Mini Paws Volunteers  
(ages 4-18)



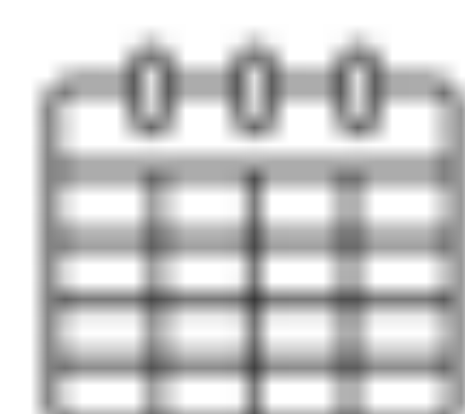
**6** Events



To kick off the year, our kids learned how to properly walk a dog in a public setting, as well as how to walk the puppies who had never been on leash before.



Our resident TLC dog trainer taught the Mini Paws about dog body language and keeping both people and dogs safe at all times.



The Mini Paws were trained in how to help at Meet & Greets, events, and transports!



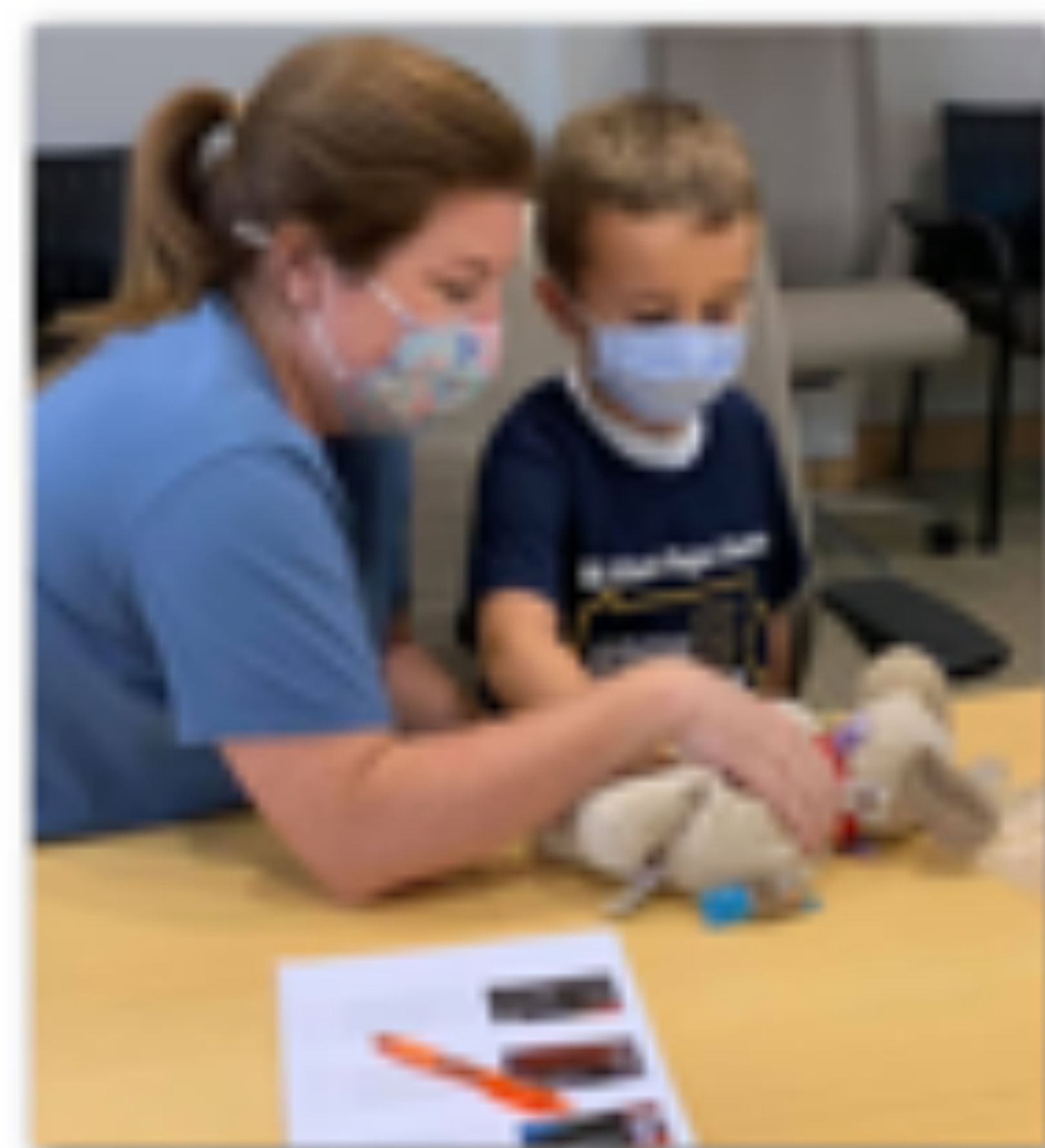
We traveled to Metropolitan Vet (offsite offices) to learn how to perform CPR on our pups and cats. We practiced how to find a pulse and how to do chest compressions on a dog.



The Mini Paws traveled to Sunrise Senior Living in Exton. Kids and pups always bring a lot of sunshine to our seniors citizens, so this is a favorite activity each year!



The Mini Paws learned all about working dogs with presentations and demonstrations from K9 officers and Search and Rescue dogs.



# Fosters & Volunteers

The success and community impact of TLC Rescue would not be possible without the commitment and dedication of its MANY fosters and volunteers. Rescuing homeless dogs for over 8 years is a daunting task that involves a lot of hard work, patience, and the need to be flexible, as rescuing is often unpredictable.

TLC Rescue is so fortunate to have over **384+** active volunteers and **127+** active fosters. We often say, "It takes a village to rescue dogs", and it truly does!

TLC Rescue is committed to supporting every volunteer and foster. Each foster and volunteer is onboarded by one of the directors, or seasoned volunteers, to ensure that they are comfortable and have all their questions answered. Support is always available to the TLC fosters and volunteers and help or guidance is only a call away.

At TLC our will is "Until they all have a home" and the way is continually worked out through all of our amazing, dedicated, and hard working volunteers. We are so grateful for our village.

There's no better time to begin your volunteer journey than **NOW!** With opportunities in-person and virtual, foster and non-foster, there is a volunteer option for everyone!



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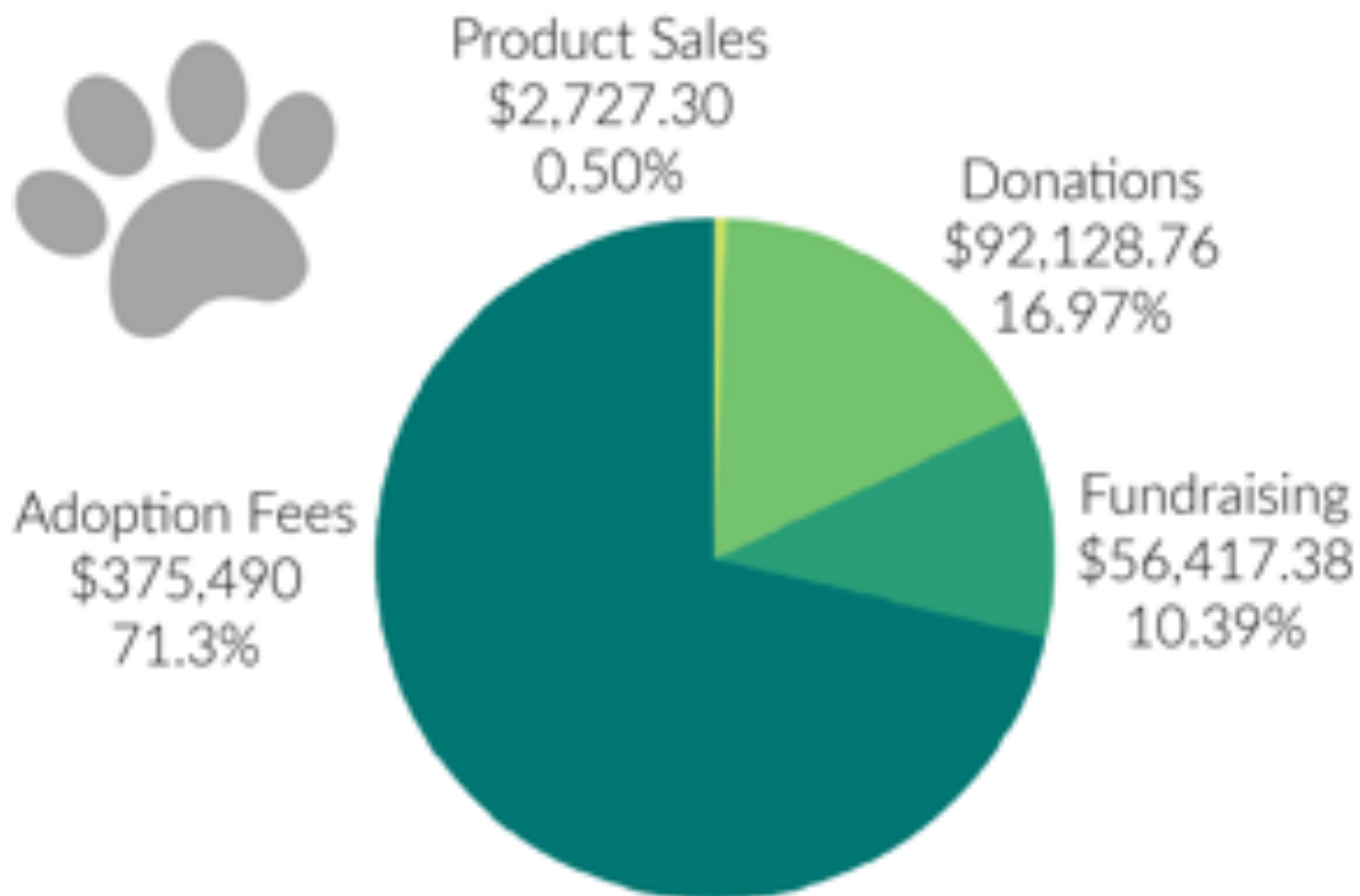


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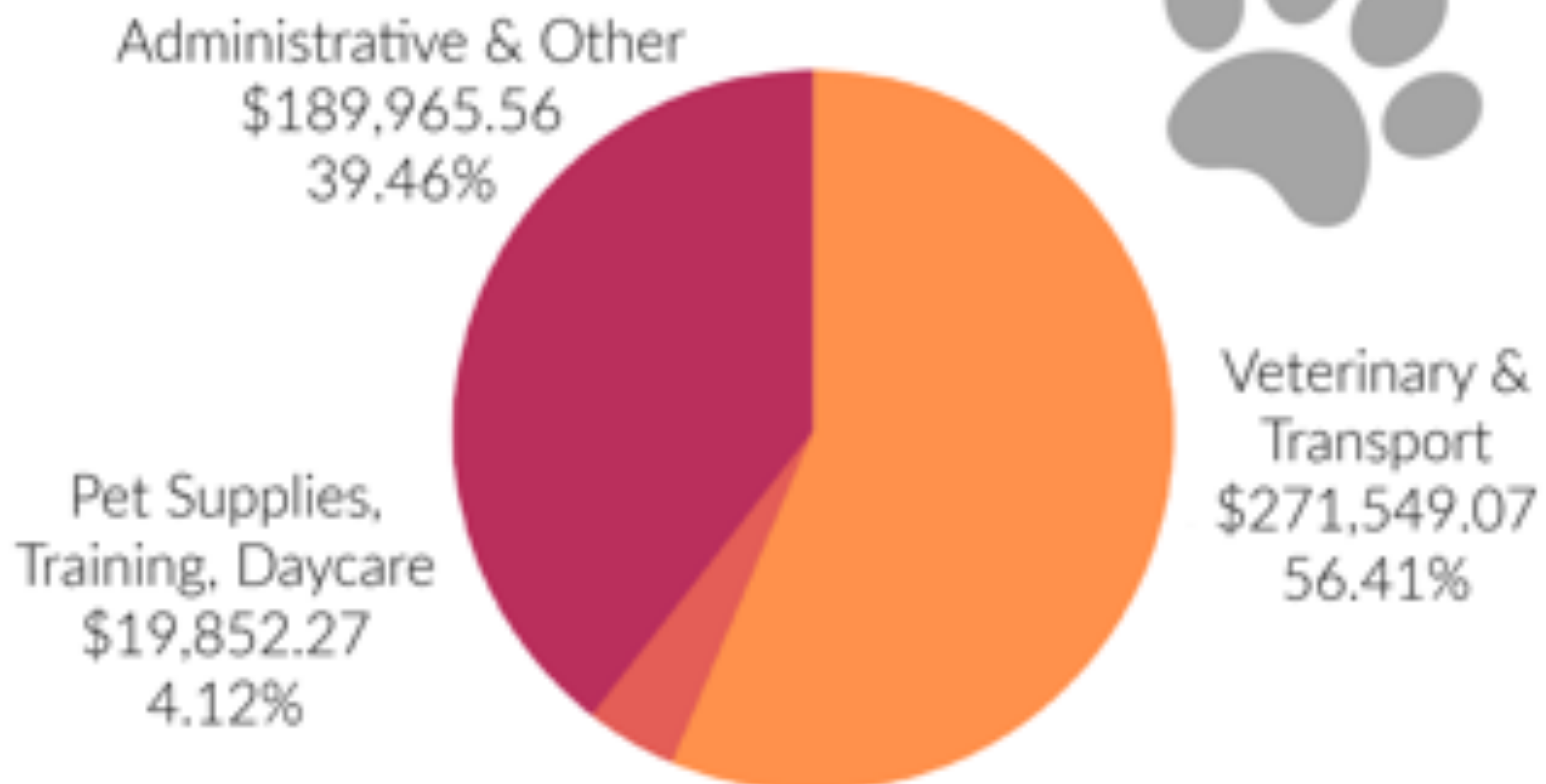




# FINANCIAL SUMMARY



**Total Revenue: \$542,944.87**



**Total Expenses: \$481,366.80**

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