# TLC Rescue PA 2018 Annual Report





# **NOTE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & FOUNDER**

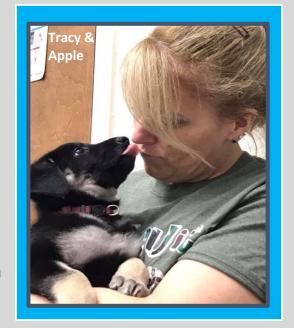
As an incredible year comes to an end, I want to throw a HUGE THANK YOU out to each and every one of you! This year we have saved <u>754</u>!!!! That is AMAZING!!!!! We have found 728 of them their forever homes!!! WOW!!!! In the past year we have been busy saving lives but also, we have built some incredible friendships!  $\bigcirc$ :)



A quick look back...... We added many new faces to our Team and expanded our core management base. We had a few hugely successful fundraisers; Miles for Mutts, Raffles for Ruffs, many Yoga for Pups and a few smaller ones but no less important! Looking forward to these events and more in the coming year! We had 3 of our TLC pups evaluated and taken into training to become service dogs. Blackie, Puma and Daisy were all chosen to be certified. Our Mini Paws chose our pup, Bella, the tripod who survived a coyote attack and parvo to be their Saving Southern Souls pup. With their support and enthusiasm for saving lives they raised over \$1000 to help cover all of her vetting costs. We welcomed many new litters and moms into the TLC family this

year too. We had Mittens (8 pups), Ginger (3 pups survived), Sabrina (10 pups), Baby Girl (7pups), Cardimom (10 pups), Zoya (9 pups), Babka (3 pups survived parvo), Coco (7 pups), Emery (8 pups), Patti (8 pups), Venice (7 pups), Hershey (7 pups), Brigette (5 pups), Izzie (3 pups), Bria (10 pups), Cinnamon (9 pups). These are just the litters with the moms! There were so many more puppies without mom! Not to mention all the adults that we gave a second chance for a better tomorrow! We also had some medical cases that we were able to improve the quality of life or fix or mend their ailments. We had Duke the German Shepherd whose leg had to be amputated correctly since the emergency job done by the shelter's vet left too much of his limb it caused him to be off balance. We had sweet Lady who needed emergency medical care once we got her off transport and we were able

to give her peaceful passing and to know she was loved even for the few hours we were able to relieve her pain before we had to let her go. Ginger survived an emergency surgery that almost took her life and 3 of her 11 pups survived due to the love, caring and quick thinking of one of our fosters. We had a couple litters break with parvo and after many costly vet bills, we were lucky enough to have survivors from all 3 litters. One of those survivors not only survived parvo but before she came down with it survived an attack from a coyote which cost her one of her legs. Sweet Bella never looked back and to this day doesn't mind only having 3 legs. It was a busy year saving lives.



We had a few emergency vetting situations and a few sad tales, but through it all we pulled together and supported each other! I always say it and I truly mean it; I cannot be more proud to be part of such an extraordinary Team! TOGETHER we can do anything! Look what we have already accomplished in 5 short years! The lives we not only saved but we have changed so many! We have given so many a better tomorrow! We promise them that and through many efforts in our power we deliver. 2830 lives saved and changed for the better all because of the amazing Team we have built together!

to expand our operations and efforts in order to save more lives.

# Tracy Long Executive Director & Founder TLC Rescue PA









#### **TLC Rescue 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.

## **TLC Rescue Highlights**

- Celebrating 5 years in May 2018
- 754 Dogs Lives Saved in 2018 (728 Adopted)
- 2830 Dogs Lives Saved Since Inception (2733 Adopted)
- 501(c)(3) Nonprofit EIN: 46-2618710
- Named Top-Rated Nonprofit by Great Nonprofits for 3 Consecutive Years: 2016, 2017 and 2018

# MEET TELCI THE TLC OFFICIAL CAT TESTER



At TLC, we are admittedly partial to dogs, but in 2018 we welcomed Telci (pronounced T-L-C).

Telci was adopted from a local rescue. She is the official TLC "Cat Tester" for the rescue dogs. She has also been known to catch a few pesky mice.

Telci's fun loving, interactive, and playful personality is a welcomed addition to the TLC adoption team. She loves dogs as much as the volunteers, making her great at her job!

# **TLC RESCUE MINI PAWS**



Mini Paws is a TLC program for boys & girls between the ages of 4-18 which trains the TLC junior volunteers on proper animal care and fosters a love of community service. There are 245 Mini Paws, <u>65</u> of which are active members educated about responsible pet ownership and the importance of proper veterinary care, grooming and dog handling.

One of the favorite Mini Paws activities takes place every December when they visit Sunrise Senior Center in Exton with the TLC pups. In the year ahead, TLC will be introducing frequent trainings and enhancing the TLC orientation program. The Mini Paws will be able to assist at Meet & Greets and transports giving them an appreciation for the full dog rescue lifesaving experience.

5th Annual Saving Southern Souls - Mini Paws Project



2018 was the **5th** consecutive year for the Saving Southern Souls Mini Paws project.

Each year, the Mini Paws volunteers select a dog from the South that would otherwise be euthanized absent their support. They host fund raisers to cover all the dogs incurred expenses including:

- Sponsor/shelter pull fees
- Transport fees
- Veterinarian expenses

The dogs that have benefited from the Saving Souls program to date are:

2014 - Cinnamon, 2015 - Venus,

2016 - Louise, 2017 - Max and

2018 - Bella.

# Meet Bella! The 2018 5th Annual Saving Southern Souls Recipient



Bella was saved from Memphis, Tennessee at the age of 4 months old. Bella and her litter of 8 were tragically attacked by a pack of coyotes. Bella and 2 of her siblings survived the attack but were very badly injured. Sadly, her other 5 sibling puppies did not survive.

The coyotes attacked Bella's rear right leg. The infection and bite wound were so severe that she needed to endure multiple complex surgeries. Unfortunately, Bella's leg could not be saved, and it needed to be amputated. Thereafter, Bella and the 2 surviving puppies were infected with Parvo, a highly contagious infection that affects dogs.

Did the parvo puppies survive? **Thankfully, YES!** Bella and her siblings, Sissy & Bubba, all survived. The total veterinary expenses incurred were in excess of \$5000.00, which were thankfully offset by the Mini Paws

Rita's Water Ice fund raising efforts, raising more than \$1,000!

Bella was adopted on August 18, 2018 and joined a loving family that was excited to provide Bella with a wonderful forever life. Bella's adopter is now an active TLC volunteer & foster. Thank you to the Mini Paws team for saving Bella's life!



Bella sun bathing with Laney (1 of 3 siblings)



Bella relaxing in the comfort of her forever home

# **TLC SPECIAL DELIVERIES IN 2018**

## TLC saved <u>16</u> Moms and <u>114</u> pupples in 2018!

6 of these Moms delivered <u>43</u> healthy puppies while they were in foster care. A special thank you to the fosters that supported and nurtured the Moms and their puppies until they found their forever homes.



# 6 MOMS WELCOMED 43 PUPPIES INTO THE WORLD WHILE IN TLC FOSTER CARE

Mittens - 8 puppies

Sabrina - 10 puppies

Patti - 8 puppies

Bridget - 5 puppies

Bria - 10 puppies (C-section)

Ginger - 11 puppies

 Emergency C-section due to complications. Sadly, only 3 puppies survived









# A LOT OF T-L-C IS WHAT SAVED BABY'S LIFE

Baby started out as one of the saddest rescue stories of 2018; however, she transformed both physically and emotionally and ultimately her story developed into a wonderful happily ever after ending.

Baby arrived off of a transport from Mississippi very emancipated, weighing in at only 47 pounds upon arrival. When she settled into her first foster home, she spent most of her days sleeping. Slowly, day by day, she regained her energy and eventually could leap right over the baby gate.

There was a 'village' of TLC volunteers and fosters that helped restore not only Baby's health, but also her faith in humans. Jenn, the Director of Fosters & Volunteers (also a chef) even cooked for her! On her adoption day she weighed in at a healthy 65 pounds!

### What started out as a very unfortunate, scared and sad beginning for Baby....







Ended up as a happily ever after healthy and loved life for Baby



"Saving just one dog won't save the world, but surely it will change the world for that one dog."

# TRANSPORTS - AKA "FREEDOM RIDES"

In 2018, TLC Rescue supported 52 transports from Mississippi, West Virginia and South Carolina

The TLC Rescue journey all begins with transports, also known as the "Freedom Ride".

Transports are a vital step in providing unfortunate dogs a new beginning, and a healthy and safe future life.

# "You can't change a dog' s past, but you can rewrite their future."

~ Anonymous

The objective is to transport the homeless dogs from high kill shelters and overpopulated areas to TLC Rescue. All dogs are then micro-chipped, vetted, brought current on vaccines, weighed, evaluated and spayed/neutered.

The dogs are then placed in volunteer foster homes to assess the dog's needs, where they will be cared for until which time their forever home is secured by an approved adopter.

Each dog comes with their own story. Some require little intervention, while others may need socialization, medical care, training, reminder of manners, or at times to learn how to be a dog.







# **TLC FOSTERS & VOLUNTEERS**

The TLC fosters and volunteers are the backbone of the TLC Rescue organization. Rescuing dogs for 5+ years is only possible with the engagement and support of over <u>130</u> active fosters and 300+ volunteers. <u>12</u> Volunteer Training sessions were facilitated in 2018 to educate the volunteers on various topics such as: caring for heartworms, socializing your foster dog etc.

The fosters and their families open their homes to the rescue dogs and help them to acclimate until which time their forever families are identified. Volunteers help with a multitude of initiatives including: fundraising, marketing, event planning, cleaning, transports, supporting Meet & Greets....and so much more!

## Rescue: It's not just a verb, it is a promise.



# **FUNDRAISING**

### **2018 Largest Fundraisers**

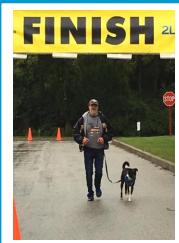
**#1)** 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Raffles for Ruffs May 2018 \$11,524.39 profit generated

**#2)** 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Miles for Mutts September 2018 \$14,402.23 profit generated

#### **Additional Fundraisers**

Barko Bingo T-Shirt Sales Giving Tuesday Yoga for Pups





# **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- Featured on Action News "Shelter Me" in 2014, 2016 and again in 2018 sharing the TLC mission across the Tri-State area.
- Mini- Paws created care packages for Military K9's and their handlers.
- \$1000.00 was raised during the Wags for Warriors campaign to support Alpha Bravo Canine, a non-profit organization that helps veterans through the use of dogs.
- Hosted 50 Meet-and-Greets within the local communities to showcase the TLC adoptable dogs.
- Visited Downingtown East High School 5 times in 2018
  - The goal is to alleviate stress during testing weeks
  - TLC also educates the students on proper dog care, handling and body language.
- Participated in 8 corporate and school visits
- TLC had a presence at 23 local Festival/Community Days
- Hosted 20 Fundraisers (including R4R and M4M)

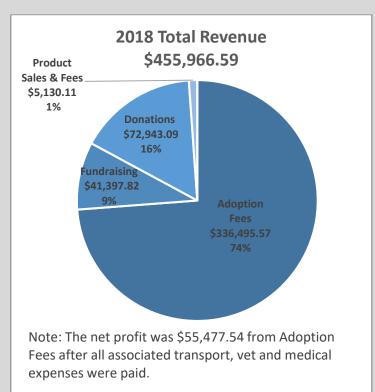


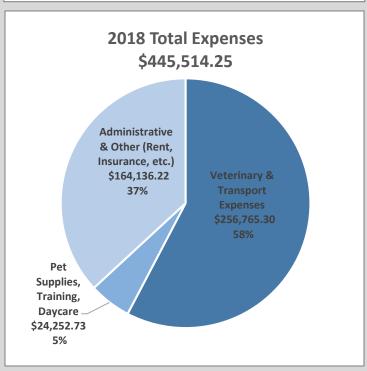






# **FINANCIAL SUMMARY**











Until they all have a home......

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Director of Fosters & Volunteers



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