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**1,985 ANIMALS CARED FOR**

- 1,557 ANIMALS ADOPTED
- 272 ANIMALS RETURNED TO OWNER
- 2,088 DOGS ATTENDED TRAINING CLASSES + PLAYGROUPS
- 354 CALLS TO BEHAVIOR HELPLINE
- 199 ANIMALS FOSTERED
- 32 TRANSFERRED TO RESCUE

**LIFE-SAVING WORK**

**Growing Our Impact**

**OUR COMPASSION KNOWS NO BORDERS, & OUR PROGRAMS PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN SAVING LIVES & ELEVATING ANIMAL WELFARE IN OUR COMMUNITY & BEYOND.**

Growing lives is at the heart of our work. This past year, we reached important milestones including an increase in animals adopted and a record number of animals transferred to the Potter League through our Fetching Friends Transport Program, including dozens of homeless animals from shelters in disaster zones who found refuge at the Potter League.

- Increase of Animals who received veterinary care
- More Animals spayed/neutered
- More Animals Adopted
- More Animals we cared for.
- Increase in amount spent on C.A.R.E. Fund PETS
- Increase in Animals Fostered
- Increase in Behavior Helpline CALLS & EMAILS
- More Pounds of PET food donated to food pantries or OTHER shelters
- More Animals Microchipped

**COMPASSION IN ACTION**

- **1,839** ANIMALS VACCINATED
- **5,156** VETERINARY EXAMS PERFORMED
- **719** ANIMALS SPAYED/NEUTERED
- **37** ANIMALS WERE CARED FOR BY OUR PET SAFE HOUSING PROGRAM FOR **396** DAYS
- **THE C.A.R.E. FUND (COMPANION ANIMAL RELIEF EFFORT) SPENT **$21,198.60** TO HELP **105** OWNED PETS IN NEED OF VETERINARY CARE
- **1,025** ANIMALS WERE MICROCHIPPED
- **4,421** lbs. OF PET FOOD DONATED TO FOOD PANTRIES OR OTHER SHELTERS

**HUMANE EDUCATION**

- **9,589** STUDENTS
- **462** EDUCATION PROGRAMS

**33,628** VOLUNTEER HOURS

**8,467,796** IMPRESSIONS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

**151,761** VISITORS TO WEBSITE
he Potter League for Animals is preparing to celebrate our 90th year and we are committed to making each passing year better for animals and people in our community. 2018 was certainly a year we can be proud of. With the addition of the League’s first full-time veterinarian, our capabilities grew and our focus broadened. By fully utilizing our veterinary suite we are now able to recognize and treat illness sooner, move animals through the shelter more quickly, and bring in more animals than ever before to evacuate shelters. The majority of our spay and neuter surgeries are now performed in house so we know animals adopted from us will not reproduce and they will get to go home faster.

Our veterinarian also helps us expand our outreach to underserved people and animals. Thanks to the support of a caring donor we have been able to provide free wellness examinations, vaccinations and microchips to pets of people living in public housing. Many of these animals have never had a complete wellness exam or received all of their vaccinations. Additionally, we support people in need by providing pet food to the Martin Luther King Food Pantry and providing free behavior assistance through our behavior help line.

In addition to our regular Fetching Friends transports this year we rescued animals in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey in Houston and Hurricane Maria’s devastating impact on Puerto Rico. These animals had been in shelters before the hurricanes struck, but needed to be moved out to make room to house the pets of evacuees. All found a safe place at the Potter League.

Throughout our history, we have remained focused on strengthening the bond between people and animals. This year we pre and post-tested students in our school based humane education programs finding that our six week programs in elementary schools throughout the Island make a real difference in the way kids relate to animals.

The Potter League is continuing to grow our commitment to animals throughout Newport County. Not only will we provide exceptional care for the animals in our shelter, we envision a time when no animal goes without proper food, shelter, comfort, veterinary care and most of all, a loving home. We know that with the support of our caring community, we can make that dream a reality.

All of the growth of the Potter League must be credited to our community. That community includes our caring staff, an active volunteer base whose contribution is felt throughout everything we do and you, the supporters of the Potter League for Animals now and in the future when we will all experience a better world for animals and the people who love them.

For the Animals,

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2018 REVENUE & EXPENSES

OUR MISSION
As the heart of a humane community and in partnership with that community, the Potter League for Animals is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of animals. We promote the humane treatment of all animals and provide shelter and care for lost or unwanted companion animals. Through education, commitment to a standard of excellence in the care of animals, and fostering relationships between people and animals, we enhance the animals’ lives and enrich the human experience.