



Impact Report

2021



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CARE STL is the no-kill open admission shelter dedicated to saving the unwanted, abused, neglected, and homeless companion animals of the City of St. Louis.

We exist to create a supportive community rooted in collaboration, compassion, and caring, for people and animals.

Founder's Message

In 2021 CARE STL saved 97% of the animals that came through our doors! Amazing, isn't it? We think this is extraordinary. As an open admission shelter we answer the call to help anyone who needs us - helping pets and their owners alike. We do not cherry pick or turn away any animal in need. In three short years, you have been instrumental in saving 6,480 lives. It is my privilege to speak for those 6,480 animals who have no human voice, to say, "Thank you so much for all you have done." Even in a year that brought endless difficulties, nothing could prevent us from doing this lifesaving work together.

However, the sad reality is that, to this day, the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic continues to effect us greatly. Many members of our community can no longer afford to take care of their pets, so they end up relinquishing them to us. Our facility was designed to care for 70 dogs and 20 cats, yet it now houses over 220 animals. As difficult as it is to care for a shelter population this large, your unwavering support means that our animals continue to receive the love and compassion they deserve from our dedicated staff and volunteers. Since our inception we have found loving homes for 3,474 stray, abandoned, abused, neglected or surrendered animals who found themselves in our care, and we continue to match animals with loving families every single day.

We have great plans for 2022. With you by our side, I am confident that we will succeed in making these plans reality. I'm very excited to share the start of our new Training and Enrichment Department, which is focused on preparing animals that need a little extra help for life outside the shelter and in a home environment. We are also focused on expanding our community outreach efforts, to offer more low-cost spay & neuter services for pets and community cats.

Your continued financial support and advocacy is integral to creating a much brighter future for the homeless animals who find themselves in dire need of help. Every single day we do everything in our power to provide St. Louis City animals with a safe, supportive sanctuary that gets them off the streets and out of harm's way, into loving homes. Our task is difficult and never ending, but with you by our side, with your kindness and compassion, these animals will find their safe haven and bright future at CARE STL.

Thank you.



Weng Horak
Founder and Chief Lifesaving Officer



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Intakes: 2,461

1,144 cats

1,216 dogs

101 small animals



Outcomes: 1,931

1,411 adopted into loving homes

660 cats

725 dogs

26 small animals

100 animals transferred

185 lost pets reunited with owner

Lifesaving veterinary services

1,858 spay/neuter surgeries

2,059 pets microchipped

134 dogs treated for heartworm

7,115 vaccinations administered

A community rooted in collaboration, compassion and caring

432 foster families

357 regular volunteers

9,784 volunteer hours

78 corporate/community service groups

250 community cat TNRs

3 community wellness clinics

320 owned community pets vaccinated

110 owned pets microchipped

20,640lbs pet food distributed



Serving the growing needs of pets and people since 2018

Total intakes: 6,480

Total adoptions: 3,474

Total transfers: 1,026

Total cat TNRs: 407

Total owner reunifications: 557

Total spay/neuter surgeries: 3,854

Looking Ahead

CARE STL is expanding community initiatives focused on the best possible outcomes that will keep pets in their homes in 2022.

- New Training and Enrichment Department focused on keeping adopted pets in their homes
- Expanded veterinary clinic with new advanced equipment to provide more advanced onsite veterinary care and reduce emergency clinic visits for shelter animals
- Resume community outreach programs suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic, including humane education and senior assistance
- Expanded community outreach with more community pet wellness vaccine and microchip clinics in more neighborhoods
- Contact cate@icarestl.org to find out how you can support CARE STL's community-focused initiatives



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