

ADOPTIONS

The Humane Rescue Alliance adopted **949 animals** (500 cats, 372 dogs, 77 other) in the first quarter, sending these previously homeless animals to new, forever homes.

INTAKE

While success in adoptions is crucial, the need is constant. During the first three months of 2018, we received **1,735 animals** in need of homes (779 cats, 781 dogs, 175 other) through our normal intake channels (lost/stray, owner-surrender, HLE seizure, etc.)

HUMANE LAW ENFORCEMENT

Our Humane Law Enforcement Officers conducted **more than 400** field operations each month that were necessary to thoroughly investigate the **386 cases** that are currently open as well as the **454 cases** that were closed in the first quarter of 2018. During this time, our officers issued **86 warnings** and **363 educational advisories**. These field operations include (but are not limited to) visits to properties, viewing animals, interviewing witnesses, transporting animals for veterinary care, court appearances, rechecking properties to ensure compliance.

- In February, HLE officers secured **3 guilty** counts against an offender resulting in 75 days confinement for each count (all suspended), 3 years of supervised probation, as well as a mental health evaluation. Although the confinement portion of the sentence was suspended, the perpetrator is now facing two years for violation of probation from a previous arrest, as a result of the animal cruelty conviction.
- HLE officers were instrumental in securing a **guilty** conviction for a woman who intentionally set her apartment on fire with her sister's cat inside. Unfortunately the cat died as a result. She received a sentence of 14 months incarceration (to serve); 3 years supervised release; \$100.00 fine. Had Animal Control and HLE not been involved in the way they were - it is doubtful animal charges would have been sought.
- In March, after a year-long investigation and court case, HLE secured a **guilty** verdict against Kevin Ratiff of Washington, DC. Ratiff was convicted on three counts of cruelty to animals after severely neglecting his three dogs.
- A possible hoarding situation investigated on March 15th resulted in an **intake of 35 cats**. Field officers removed them from the home after they were surrendered. All of the cats were entered into our system, received medical evaluations, were vaccinated, and placed into cages for their stay prior to being made available for adoption.

ANIMAL CONTROL

HRA's Animal Control Officers responded to **3,245** calls from January through March. These calls range from stray/lost animals to wildlife concerns in every area of the city.

■ In March alone, our Animal Control Investigators conducted Prohibited Animal Inspections of the following animals:

- 1 Penguin (4yo)
- 1 Redfooted tortoise (38yrs old)
- 2 Panamanian Golden Frogs
- 1 Bald eagle (12 yo)
- 1 Eagle Owl (21yo)
- 1 Alligator (1.5yo)
- 1 Beaver (4yo)
- 1 Otter (4yo)
- 1 Prehensile Tail Porcupine (7mos)
- 1 Sloth (20yo)
- 2 Wolves (10mos)
- 1 Virginia Opossum
- 1 Gray Fox
- 1 Argentine Tegu
- 1 Australian Laughing Kookaburra
- 1 American Alligator
- 1 Burmese Python
- 1 African Crested Porcupine
- 2 Llamas
- 4 Pygmy Goats
- 4 Sicilian Donkeys
- 4 Katahdin Sheep
- 6 baby chicks
- 1 Bantam Chicken
- 2 Ducks
- 3 Rabbits (Flemish, Lionhead, and Dutch Cross)

MEDICAL CENTER

HRA's full service medical center offers discounted veterinary care to clients that make less than \$55,000 per year. During the first quarter of 2018, **240** income-qualified clients received discounted care. In addition, our medical center performed **1,049** surgeries and saw **1,244** patients.

COMMUNITY CATS

Our Community Cat program provides services for the District's cat population that lives outdoors in our neighborhoods. **253** community cats were sterilized over the three-month period through our TNR efforts.

In January, The Community Cat Medical Fund provided for the treatment of additional medical issues in **14 cats**: wounds in 6 cats, URI in 4 cats, dentals for 3 cats, and a limp in 1 cat.

On January 13th, HRA hosted a winter shelter workshop for DC's community cats. More than **80 people** come out to make winter shelters. We completed 40 winter shelters, with 40 bins donated to make more in the future.

HOPE

HRA's HOPE Program identifies neighborhoods in Washington, DC identified as having a lack of veterinary and pet care alternatives. Through HOPE, we provide many of these services on a free or low-cost basis.

From January – March:

- **218 animals** receiving benefits through the HOPE program.
- **159 families** benefitted from HOPE's work.

PET PANTRY

In March, our Pet Pantry launched to provide residents who sometimes struggle to feed their pets, with food and supplies. Any DC resident is eligible to receive food from the Pet Pantry once per month for each owned animal.

- **19 total clients**, including 9 pet owners who participated in the legacy food bank program based out of Oglethorpe.
- **43 total animals** (27 dogs, 16 cats) were enrolled in March.

HUMANE EDUCATION

HRA's robust Humane Education program focuses on educating our youth about the importance. In the first quarter of 2018, HRA executed **34 programs**, with **542 youth** participating.

FOSTERING SUCCESS

- Possible feline exposure to panleuk led to HRA's fostering department to place **33 cats and kittens** in foster homes, a monumental task.
- Due to extreme cold and failing heating units at our New York Avenue facility, HRA was able to secure foster homes for **23 dogs within 24 hours**.

NEW PARTNERSHIP

HRA reached an agreement with the **Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech** (VMCVM) to launch a strategic partnership to provide expanded education for veterinary students and an increased capacity for quality veterinary services to the Washington, DC region. The agreement will establish an innovative model in veterinary medicine, education, and animal welfare.

ASSISTING OTHER SHELTERS

In January, NYA Animal Caregiver Cecilia Holt and Community Cats Manager Erin Robinson were deployed to **Ohio** to assist the **ASPCA** at a shelter operation which has been caring for ten different populations from cruelty cases and disasters.