

ADOPTIONS

The Humane Rescue Alliance adopted **1,368 animals** (838 cats, 455 dogs, 75 other) in the third quarter, sending these previously homeless animals to new, forever homes.

- In August, our annual Clear the Shelters event sponsored by NBC and Telemundo resulted in **160 adoptions** in one day.

HUMANE LAW ENFORCEMENT

Our Humane Law Enforcement Officers conducted **1,067 field operations** between July and September. These operations were necessary to thoroughly investigate the **703 cases** that are currently open as well as the **286 cases** that were closed in the third quarter of 2018. During this time, our officers issued **120 warnings** and **327 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.

- Officer Ingle drafted and submitted **17 separate search warrants** for items seized as evidence on a case involving a seizure of **12 animals** in July.
- Officer Moyer provided testimony to the Grand Jury for a case where a **kitten was killed in front of a child** during a domestic dispute; the kitten belonged to the child.
- Field Services was successful with their combined efforts in **seizing an illegal animal** from a home as well as animals suspected to be used in **dog fighting** along with a large amount of **dog fighting paraphernalia** from the same home.

INTAKE

While success in adoptions is crucial, the need is constant. From July – September of 2018, we received **2,160 animals** in need of homes (1166 cats, 884 dogs, 110 other) through our normal intake channels (lost/stray, owner-surrender, HLE seizure, etc.).

- With Hurricane Florence heading toward landfall, HRA accepted **22 animals** from the Norfolk, VA animal care facility. They, like many other shelters, were proactively evacuating animals ahead of the storm. This transfer allowed Norfolk to accept more animals from areas most impacted by the hurricane.
- Kitten season resulted in HRA housing an average of **210 cats daily** for the month of July – almost double the number of cats during the winter months.

ANIMAL CONTROL

HRA's Animal Control Officers responded to **4,605 calls** from July through September. These calls range from stray/lost animals to wildlife concerns in every area of the city. In the third quarter, our Animal Control Investigators conducted Prohibited and Exotic Animal Inspections of the following animals:

- 72 horses
- 17 ponies
- 1 western hog-nosed snake
- 2 three-toed box turtles
- 1 Fennec fox
- 1 South American maned wolf
- 2 Clydesdales
- 1 Dictator Scorpion
- 1 Marine Toad
- 1 Tortoise
- 1 Red Foot Tortoise
- 1 Alligator
- 1 Legless Lizard
- 1 Albino Boa
- 1 Eagle Owl
- 1 Prehensile Tail Porcupine
- 1 Armadillo
- 1 Patas Monkey
- 1 Opossum
- 1 Sloth
- 1 Great Horned Owl
- 4 Llamas
- 4 Goats
- 3 Pygmy Goats
- 3 Katahdin Sheep
- 4 Donkeys
- 9 Rabbits
- 1 Ball Python
- 1 Lionhead Rabbit
- 2 Sheep
- 2 Ducks
- 3 Chickens

CASES OF NOTE

■ In July, officers responded to a call of a dog hanging itself. They arrived on scene to find a **German Shepherd** tied out in the rear of the address with no one home. The dog had become badly entangled in its cable tie out with the cable tightly wrapped around its abdomen and cutting into its skin. ACOs, along with the help of a neighbor with wire cutters, were able to safely free the dog from the cable and unwrap it from around its body. The dog was then immediately transported for emergency medical care.

■ ACO/ACI/HLE investigations were able to gather the information necessary to obtain a search warrant to remove an **illegal alligator** from a home in Southeast DC. These investigations as well as evidence gathered during the execution of the warrant to remove the alligator facilitated the issuing of a second search warrant for dog fighting that was executed at the same property the very next day.

■ Animal Control was called on for assistance to capture and transport a **bald eagle eaglet** which had been forced out of its nest. ACO located the bird and

along with assistance from the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) loaded the large eaglet into a carrier in a van and transported it to City Wildlife for rehabilitation.

■ In August, after receiving a call regarding a **young deer stuck in the fence** at the National Zoo, an ACO responded and coordinated with the Metropolitan Police Department and the DC Fire Department, as well as veterinarians from the zoo to sedate the deer so it could be safely removed from the fence and then released in a nearby wooded area.

■ In September, HRA's dispatch operator provided assistance to a patron who was calling after their **Yorkshire terrier** began choking on a piece of food and was having trouble breathing. Our dispatcher stayed on the phone with the panicking patron and helped guide them through first aid for their dog until an ACO was able to arrive on scene and provide hands on assistance. The patron called back the following morning so thankful for the lifesaving assistance she received the night before – she was almost in tears.

MEDICAL CENTER

HRA's full service medical center offers discounted veterinary care to clients that make less than \$55,000 per year. During the third quarter of 2018, the Medical Center saw **1,567 patients**, including 277 income-qualified clients who received discounted care. In addition, our medical center and mobile unit combined to perform **1,189 surgeries**.

- During the month of July, HRA veterinarians and technicians in the shelter performed a total of **1,234 medical exams**, averaging 40 exams per day (twice the number of an average veterinary clinic).
- HRA's Medical Center began to offer **acupuncture**. Dr. Hamilton, who has been doing acupuncture for several years, will be offering it to our Medical Center clients as well.
- Six puppies seized in a recent HLE case all **tested positive for parvovirus** and were treated in the Medical Center.
- In September, **six shelter patients** required treatment and/or amputation of a hind limb this month.
 - **Freddy** – a kitty who received hind limb amputation due to a severely deformed left stifle and hock
 - **Bran** – a dog from an August HLE seizure with a deformed left hind limb and luxated hip
 - **Southy** – an older hefty cat with a broken left tibia
 - **Squish** – a five month-old puppy with a fractured tibial growth plate
 - **Umbro** – tiny foster kitten with luxated left hip and possible femoral head fracture
 - **Kingston** – a stray pit bull type dog who was hit by a car and sustained life-threatening injuries to his left rear limb received emergency stabilization and left hind limb amputation

COMMUNITY CATS

Our Community Cat program provides services for the District's cat population that lives outdoors in our neighborhoods. **319 community cats** were sterilized over the three-month period through our Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) efforts. The Community Cats team provided outreach and support via **2,061 calls**, emails, and conversations over the three month period.

The Blue Collar Cats program, established as an alternative for cats that are not social enough to live indoors as pets, **put 21 cats to work** from July through September. The program places cats with adopters who are interested deterring and controlling rodents, while providing food, shelter, and care for the cats.



QUARTERLY REPORT

THIRD QUARTER 2018

FOSTER

In the third quarter, HRA's foster team placed **453 animals in foster care** and adopted **309 from foster homes**. In September, the foster program successfully placed **34 animals** in to foster homes for emergency, temporary placement to make space in-shelter for incoming animals from areas affected by Hurricane Florence.

BEHAVIOR AND TRAINING

HRA's Behavior and Training department plays a vital role in assessing the behavior of our shelter residents as well as providing continuing classes to adopters and other DC residents who care for pets.

In September, HRA's Behavior Department hosted a regional workshop: **Aggression in Dogs – Safety, Defensive Handling, & Training**. Seventy-five people attended, including trainers, behavior consultants, and animal control officers from organizations across the area.

HUMANE EDUCATION

HRA's robust Humane Education program focuses on educating our youth about the importance of the humane treatment of animals. In the third quarter of 2018, HRA executed **25 programs**, with **347 youth** participating, as well as a week-long Caring Kids camp with **14 campers**.

PET PANTRY

HRA operates a Pet Pantry 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.

By the end of September, **509 families** were enrolled in the program with **949 total animals**. In the third quarter alone, **9,183 lbs.** of pet food were distributed to pet owners.

HOPE

HRA's Help Out, Partner, and Engage (HOPE) program supports 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 July – September:

- **356 animals** received benefits through the HOPE program.
- **196 families** benefitted from HOPE's work.

In July, HOPE staged a vaccine clinic at Ketchum Elementary School. **223 animals** were vaccinated (171 dogs, 52 cats) and **41 animals** signed up for spay/neuter at the event.