

ADOPTIONS

1,234 animals were adopted at the Humane Rescue Alliance (764 cats, 383 dogs, 87 other) in the fourth quarter, sending these previously homeless animals to new, forever homes.

INTAKE

From Oct. – Dec. of 2018, we received **1,999 animals in need of homes** (1,053 cats, 810 dogs, 136 other) through our normal intake channels (lost/stray, owner-surrender, HLE seizure, etc.).

- **Victory:** Our dispatchers received multiple calls about a **small black piglet**, running at large and in distress, in NW DC. HRA officers were able to safely rescue and transport the juvenile, male pig to the New York Avenue adoption center, where our medical team quickly realized he had several puncture wounds, likely from a bite. He was treated and sent to Gratitude Gate Farm Sanctuary to grow and thrive.
- **Barry Farms:** When the residents of Barry Farms were told of the impending demolition of their buildings and their mandatory relocation, they contacted HRA for help with their outdoor community cats. HRA has given the cats a new lease on life, through adoption, or ongoing care through HRA's community cat program.
- **Dubai Cats:** We received five cats rescued from Dubai, thanks to a relationship with a Dubai-based animal rescuer. Louise, Luna, Polly, Sasha, and Juliet have all been adopted!
- **Ariel:** Dr. Hathaway brought home Ariel, a 3-year-old dog, from Puerto Rico. After a brief stint of being lost in DC – and thanks to the work of Dr. Hathaway and M.A.R.T. – she was adopted by Dr. Hathaway's parents and now lives in Delaware!

HUMANE LAW ENFORCEMENT

Our Humane Law Enforcement Officers conducted **1,255 field operations** between Oct. and Dec. These operations were necessary to thoroughly investigate the **644 cases** that are currently open as well as the **367 cases** that were closed in the fourth quarter of 2018. During this time, our officers issued 122 warnings and 340 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, and rechecking properties to ensure compliance. Officers responded to **530 new allegations** of cruelty, abuse, and/or neglect.

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HUMANE LAW ENFORCEMENT CONT.

A woman was arrested in October and charged with seven counts of cruelty to animals after HRA impounded **seven dogs who had been suffering from scabies for several months**, as well as mite infestations, immunosuppression, severe hair loss, and untreated corneal ulcers. Thanks to incredible dedication and care from our medical and animal care teams, all of these dogs were adopted!

Another woman was arrested in October and charged with one count of cruelty to animals in the case of a **deceased Chihuahua-type dog**. After responding to a call in which our officer was asked to pick up a deceased dog, the HLE officer found an emaciated, deceased female Chihuahua-type dog in a plastic trash bag on a curb in SE DC.

An offender was found guilty of cruelty to animals following a case that lasted almost two years. A jury convicted him on seven charges and sentenced him to 55 days confinement and two years of probation. He must pay court fees and restitution to HRA. In addition, he was issued a “stay away” from animals during probation, must take an anger management class, and was **forced to forfeit his four dogs**, which have been in HRA’s care for more than a year.

Emaciated Dog Case: HRA received an anonymous tip that lead officers to the picnic area of Langdon Park NE where they discovered a pit bull-type dog deceased and abandoned. HRA posted a reward for information regarding the case.

In early December, HLE executed a search warrant and seized **four cats living in deplorable conditions** at a residence in Northeast DC. Shortly after, HRA’s field services team brought in 11 cats in need of urgent placement, as part of a large-scale surrender case—bringing the total number of cats in our care to nearly 200!

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 Dec., **761 families** were enrolled in the program with **1,413 total animals**. By the end of the year, **23,615 lbs. of pet food** were distributed to pet owners.

FOSTER

In 2018, HRA’s foster team placed **1,553 animals in foster care** and **783 animals were adopted** from foster homes. The foster program continues to increase its capacity to house and care for the most vulnerable populations of animals, including kittens and puppies under the age of 8 weeks and therefore too young for adoption. In 2018, the foster program drastically increased the number of kittens and puppies placed into foster care, compared to 2017.



QUARTERLY REPORT

FOURTH QUARTER 2018

ANIMAL CONTROL

HRA's Animal Control Officers responded to **4,020 calls** from Oct. through Dec. These calls ranged from stray/lost animals to wildlife concerns in every area of the city. In the fourth quarter, our Animal Control Investigators conducted Prohibited and Exotic Animal Inspections of the following animals:

- *502 Horses
- 21 Clydesdales
- 2 Belgian Gelding Horses
- 1 Eastern Screech Owl
- 6 Llamas
- 8 Donkeys
- 1 Nubian Goat
- 12 Pygmy Goats
- 9 Katahdin Sheep
- 3 Chickens
- 2 Ducks
- 3 Rabbits
- 2 Ponies
- 1 Calf
- 2 Camels
- 1 Flemish Giant Rabbit
- 1 Great Horned Owl
- 1 Zebu
- 3 Sheep

* Conducted multiple daily inspections of the animals and facilities at Capital One Arena for the International Horse Show. This week-long event saw more than 500 horses coming through DC to compete.

CASES OF NOTE

- Animal Control Officers responded to the scene of a **deer that had fallen 8-10 feet into a pit** at a local church in SE. After extensive planning and logistics, they were able to safely sedate the deer, hoist it out of the pit and then reverse the sedation. The deer was later released into the woods adjoining the church property.
- ACOs were able capture **two raccoons** that had either attacked or were threatening to attack DC residents and get them submitted for rabies testing. Both of these raccoons came back positive for rabies and officers have subsequently distributed informational materials to the communities they were found in to educate residents on the rabies virus and how to stay safe around wildlife.

HUMANE EDUCATION

HRA's robust Humane Education program focuses on educating our youth about the importance of the humane treatment of animals. In the fourth quarter of 2018, HRA executed **70 programs**, with **816 youth** participating.

HOPE

HRA's community-based outreach initiative provides people and animals in under-resourced areas of DC with services and information. The Help Out, Partner, and Engage (HOPE) program offers pet services to participants at no charge, including spay/neuter surgeries, vaccinations, food, and other supplies, as well as behavior and training advice. In 2018 HOPE:

- Enabled spay/neuter surgeries for **600+ animals**
- Provided nearly **2,000 free vaccines**
- Helped **hundreds of families**

MEDICAL CENTER

HRA's full service medical center offers discounted veterinary care to clients that make less than \$55,000 per year. During the fourth quarter of 2018, the Medical Center saw **2,059 patients**, including **397 income-qualified clients** who received discounted care. In addition, our medical center and mobile unit combined to perform **1,123 surgeries**.

CASE HIGHLIGHTS

BEANIE

Beanie came to HRA as a stray in mid October with a **severely imbedded collar**. Dr. Annie removed the imbedded collar and began treating Beanie's large infected neck wound. By October 29, Beanie's wound had healed beautifully. Since then she has been spayed and had a small mass removed from her ear. She has since been adopted and now lives in Alexandria, Virginia!

SUNFLOWER

Sunflower came to our New York Avenue location as a stray in November. At intake she was noted to be thin and vomiting. She had a veterinary exam right away and we found that she was pregnant with a fetus stuck in her birth canal, causing her to be very sick (a condition known as "**dystocia**"). We were able to take her to surgery right away on our Mobile Veterinary Clinic and surgically remove the fetus with an emergency spay. She recovered completely from her surgery and was adopted at an offsite event. She now lives in Falls Church, Virginia.

PIGGY

Piggy, an approximately 3-month-old puppy, was surrendered to HRA on New Year's Eve after being diagnosed with a **gastrointestinal foreign body**. It was apparent on X-ray that Piggy had foreign material in his stomach and intestines that was causing him to be very sick. HRA veterinarians removed a sunglasses strap that was extending from Piggy's stomach down through his intestines and causing his intestines to accordion onto themselves (a condition called intussusception). After removing the strap, it was clear that a portion of his bowel was very unhealthy and needed to be removed. Piggy is recovering well and has since been adopted!

BEHAVIOR & 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 November, the department organized a meet and greet of the National Capital Area Animal Shelter Behavior group. This group will continue to meet throughout the year to share ideas and discuss how best to meet the challenges in the region and at our individual shelters.

COMMUNITY CATS

Our Community Cat program provides services for the District's cat population that lives outdoors in our neighborhoods. **313 community cats** were sterilized over the three-month period through our TNR efforts. The Community Cat team provided outreach and support via **2,045 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 **35 cats to work** from Oct. through Dec. The program places cats with adopters who are interested deterring and controlling rodents, while providing food, shelter and care for the cats.