2019 ANNUAL REVIEW

Northeast Animal Shelter
SAVING HOMELESS PETS ACROSS AMERICA
A NOTE FROM BOB CITRULLO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It’s my pleasure to share with you a recap of Northeast Animal Shelter’s achievements in 2019 – and to thank you for the significant role you played in making every one of them possible. We couldn’t do it without you!

Since opening our doors in 1976, NEAS has saved the lives of more than 140,000 homeless pets by providing them with medical care, nutritious food, a warm and safe place to sleep, training, and lots of love until they are adopted.

Regardless of how these dogs and cats arrive at our Shelter, we are committed to finding every adoptable pet a forever family. And with the help and support of our compassionate donors, adopters, staff, volunteers, and friends – we are able to do so.

Thanks for caring.

Bob
ADOPTION PROGRAM

Our proudest achievement of the year was placing 5,485 pets in responsible, loving homes – the most pets ever!

To encourage special people to adopt a pet - and to help special pets get adopted - NEAS offers the following:

- **Seniors for Seniors Program** provides reduced adoption fees to encourage seniors to adopt older dogs and cats

- **Veterans Adoption Program** provides a 30% reduced adoption fee to both veterans and those currently serving in the military

- **Adoption Sponsorships** This program encourages people to sponsor the adoption fee for a senior pet or one with special needs. The adopters are always very grateful!

One of 2019’s most memorable adoptions is Phoenix, a dog from Georgia who had been hit by a car and shot in the jaw. We arranged for Phoenix to receive the urgent medical care he needed and then transported him to our Shelter – where he quickly found his forever family!
SAVING HOMELESS PETS ACROSS AMERICA PROGRAM

NEAS’ Saving Homeless Pets Across America program is at the core of our mission. By transporting thousands of homeless cats and dogs from other states to the safety of our Shelter, they’re able to find forever families, and our rescue partners can take in more pets in need.

$79,600 SPENT ON OUR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

4,787 PETS TRANSPORTED IN 2019

Thanks to donations of pet food and other items from our caring community, NEAS also provides our rescue partners with much-needed supplies.
FOSTER PROGRAM

Foster homes provide a respite for pets who need a more nurturing environment – such as pregnant or nursing moms as well as animals with medical or behavior issues – until they are ready to find a permanent home.

This year, approximately 212 canines and 246 felines received loving care while staying with a foster family. Our fosters are particularly busy each spring during “kitten season” when dozens of new families are born, including Ginger’s litter – Marilyn, Humphrey, Audrey, Scarlet, and Rhett.

We owe a debt of gratitude to these compassionate volunteers.
CARING FOR OUR PETS

MEDICAL PROGRAM

In 2019, Northeast Animal Shelter opened its new medical clinic, enabling our medical team to also perform many common procedures in-house, including spays/neuters, amputations, enucleations (eye surgeries), mass removals, wound repairs, and cystotomies (bladder surgeries).

$977,303
TOTAL MEDICAL EXPENSES FOR 2019

NEAS is committed to giving our cats and dogs the best, comprehensive care possible. Once at our Shelter, all pets receive routine vaccinations, parasite medications, and a health exam.

Gato, is a teen cat who received intensive medical treatment for anemia, ringworm and liver disease. Now called Major Winters, he was adopted by a staff member who provides him with at-home care.
BEHAVIOR PROGRAM

The behavior team provides our pets with the enrichment needed to increase their wellbeing while at the Shelter, as well as training to prepare some dogs and cats for adoption and ensure they become a well-adjusted member of the family.

One of our favorite behavior success stories is Xena, an excitable teen who would jump up on people to get their attention and growl and snap at other dogs. But with the patience, guidance, and training provided by NEAS’s behavior team, Xena is now a well-mannered young lady who gives her parents lots of (appropriate) affection!
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In 2019, NEAS offered a variety of training classes for adopters and the public to help pets stay in their homes for a lifetime. And our new puppy yoga classes were an instant success!

We are especially proud to have launched our Community Pet Food Bank, offering donated food to pet owners in need.

Our Clear the Shelter adoption event – in partnership with NBC Boston – resulted in 60 pets finding a forever home, while our ongoing Clear the Shelter television segments provide much-needed exposure for harder-to-place cats and dogs.

Other community-based initiatives offered year-round include:

SENIOR VISITATION PROGRAM

Residents of nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and senior centers come to Northeast Animal Shelter to enjoy the comfort and companionship that pets provide. And since some seniors are not able to visit the Shelter, our outreach volunteers are happy to bring their own pets to these facilities instead.

BOO RICH HUMANE EDUCATION CLASSES

Through school and youth group visits, children learn about the responsible care and humane treatment of pets with the goal of fostering compassion for all living things.
A robust volunteer program is essential to operating a shelter. Our loyal and hardworking volunteers help clean, feed, and walk our pets, as well as take dogs to parks and special events to encourage adoption. Specially-abled groups help with chores around the Shelter.

To ensure our volunteers have the skills and support they need, NEAS offers ongoing training classes and matches new volunteers with an experienced mentor.

We are grateful for the unconditional love and nurturing our volunteers give to the pets in our care each and every day.

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ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS

30,000+ 🕒
VOLUNTEER HOURS
**PUBLIC SUPPORT**

As a nonprofit, Northeast Animal Shelter receives no local, state, or government funding. Our work is only possible thanks to the kindhearted generosity of donors who support our mission.

We are especially honored to acknowledge the contributions of our closest friends:

- Gold and Platinum Collar Society donors, whose annual gifts total more than $500 and $1,000 respectively.
- Monthly Pledge of Love donors who provide the dependable, monthly income we rely on.
- Forever Friends Legacy Society members who support the Shelter through their estate plans.
- Businesses and organizations that provide products and services that help us care for homeless pets.

**HOW YOUR DOLLARS SAVE LIVES**

- **Animal Care**
  $2,041,343 (45%)

- **Adoptions**
  $853,235 (19%)

- **Occupancy, Cleaning and Mortgage**
  $750,527 (16%)

- **Medical Supplies and Vaccines**
  $386,781 (9%)

- **Food and Kennel Supplies**
  $311,189 (7%)

- **Pet Transportation**
  $157,976 (4%)
Our growing community of online friends plays an essential role in helping to spread the word about “harder-to-adopt” pets, public events and classes, and donation drives.

**EMAIL SUBSCRIBERS:** 60,055

**FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS:** 482,650

**INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS:** 27,100

**TWITTER FOLLOWERS:** 3,382

We encourage you to join our online community:

- [facebook.com/northeastanimalsheelter](http://facebook.com/northeastanimalsheelter)
- [twitter.com/NEAnimalShelter](http://twitter.com/NEAnimalShelter)
- [instagram.com/neanimalsheelter](http://instagram.com/neanimalsheelter)
THANK YOU!

FROM ALL OF US

Thank you to our wonderful volunteer photographer, Cami Johnson, for providing beautiful photos of our pets for use on our website, social media channels, and print materials throughout the year.

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