

# 2017

ANNUAL REPORT

ONE TAIL  
AT A TIME  
**DOG  
RESCUE**







## EXECUTIVE MESSAGE

One Tail at a Time was founded 10 years ago with an idea,

*“there’s a lot more we could do to save dogs in shelters.”*

What began as a small group of friends rescuing 15 dogs in 2008 became a community of volunteers

and donors rescuing 586 dogs in 2017. Beyond rescuing more dogs than ever before, One Tail at a Time expanded progressive community support programs and formed a new kitten rescue team. One Tail is prepared to increase our reach and save as many lives as possible, year after year.



## MISSION

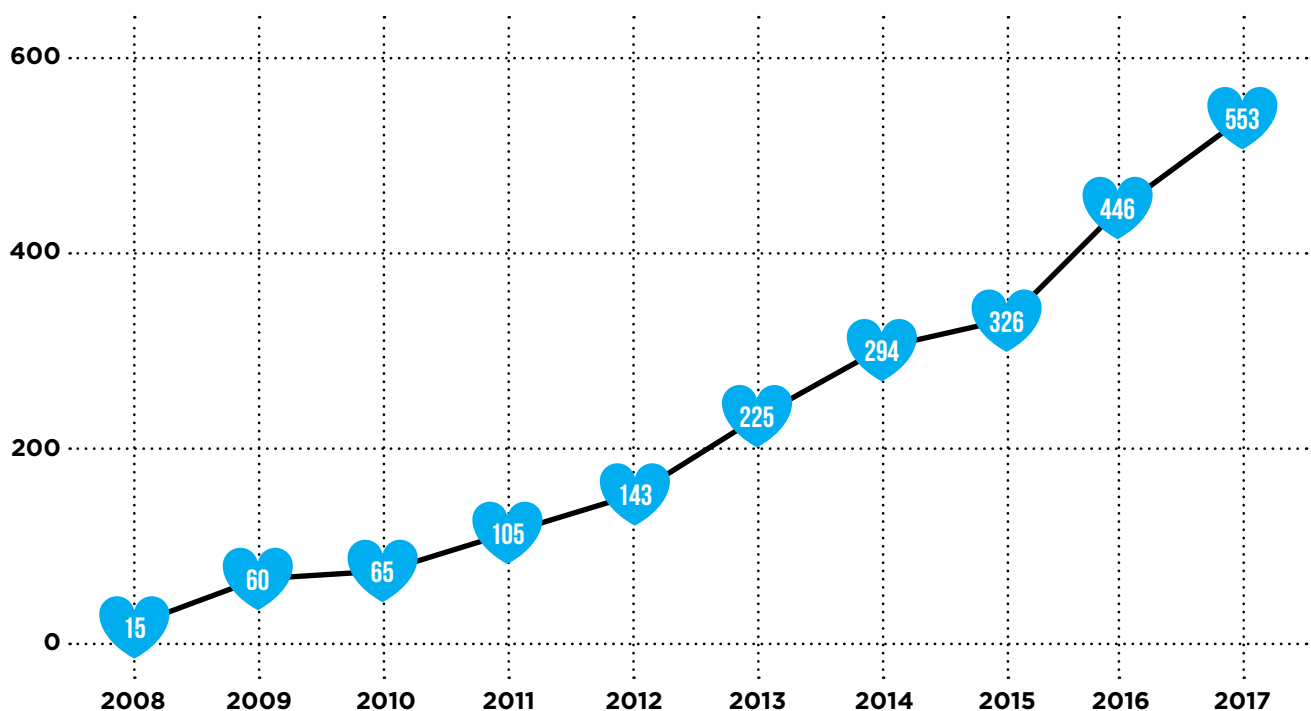
One Tail at a Time (“OTAT”) is a no-kill, 501(c)3 all-breed dog rescue **committed to lowering euthanasia rates in the greater Chicagoland area**. OTAT achieves this through the rescue and adoption of dogs in need, comprehensive support of adopters, and community outreach including humane education programs and assistance for disadvantaged and low-income families.



## WORK & IMPACT

“ **553**  
DOGS RESCUED  
*2.5 X more than 5 years ago* ”

### INTAKES BY YEAR



# EXPANDED SERVICES

Working toward a No Kill Chicago by saving the most vulnerable populations, big dogs and neonate kittens.



## ISO Program

Launched in June, the ISO Program is dedicated to rescuing sick or injured animals that need to be isolated or have specialized veterinary care. This program contributed to an over **30% increase** in dog intakes from Chicago local shelters with over **100+ dogs saved** and One Tail at a Time being the **#1 dog transfer partner for CACC** in November and December.



## Kitten Rescue Team

Formed team to assist neonate kittens, providing round the clock care **saving 26 kittens** in last five months of the year.

*Offering community services to keep families together and keep animals out of the city shelter.*



## CRISP

Chicagoland Rescue Intervention and Support Program (CRISP), in partnership with local no-kill rescues, diverted more than **875 animals** from entering city shelter by helping them stay with their family or joining a no-kill rescue group.



## Parvo Puppies

No longer will our city shelter automatically euthanize puppies with parvovirus. Through an agreement with city shelter officials, we are now notified when parvo positive puppies enter the shelter to give them a chance, **saving 9 parvo puppies in 2017**.



## Community Pet Days

Free services including spay/neuter, vaccines, leashes, collars and other resources provided to **over 450 pets** and their families.



## Houston Relief

Team visited Houston after Hurricane Harvey to assist animal rescue and relief efforts and brought back **7 dogs already in shelter** to make room for local displaced animals.





# FAMILY

## MEET: LITTLE CHUNK

A good samaritan brought Little Chunk (2 months) to the shelter with a broken leg. She was quickly diverted and joined the One Tail family. She immediately made her way to our veterinarian where with the support of our donors she received a necessary amputation. Little Chunk recovered fast, became our tripod mascot, and was adopted in October.

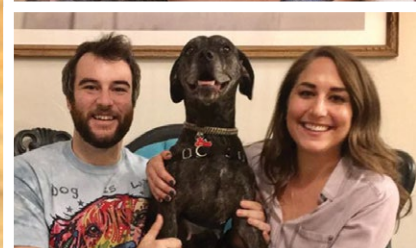
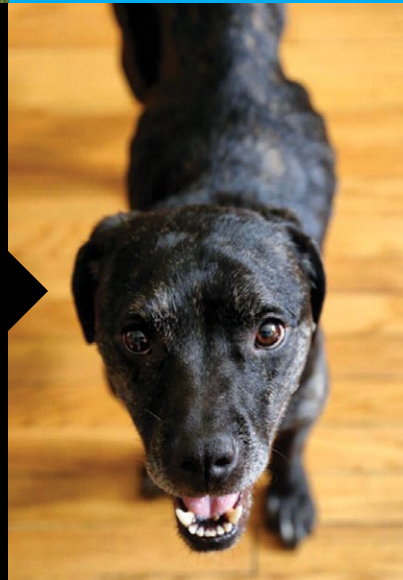


## MEET: TOE SHOE

Toe Shoe was confiscated after being neglected in her home. She was emaciated, weighing only 38 pounds. A photo of Toe Shoe at a crowded animal control showed the power of a moment out of the kennel and in the sun. We rescued Toe Shoe in April and her foster mom quickly fell in love adopting Toe Shoe, now Gypsy, less than a month later. We see Gypsy at so many of our events now because she is such a well behaved and social girl.

## MEET: MILLIE

Millie waited for weeks at animal control to find rescue. When we finally rescued her it was apparent that she was very very pregnant. Pretty soon \*thirteen\* puppies made their way to the universe and Millie diligently fed and took care of every one of them for seven weeks. Volunteers came to support her, and her incredible fosters throughout that time. All of the puppies moved on to new foster homes and were adopted quickly. Soon after Millie was adopted by one of her fosters and is now living the good life in her forever home.



## Made Possible By

300+ volunteers

500+ foster homes

4,000+ donors

500+ members

10+ sponsors

4.5 staff members

4 board members

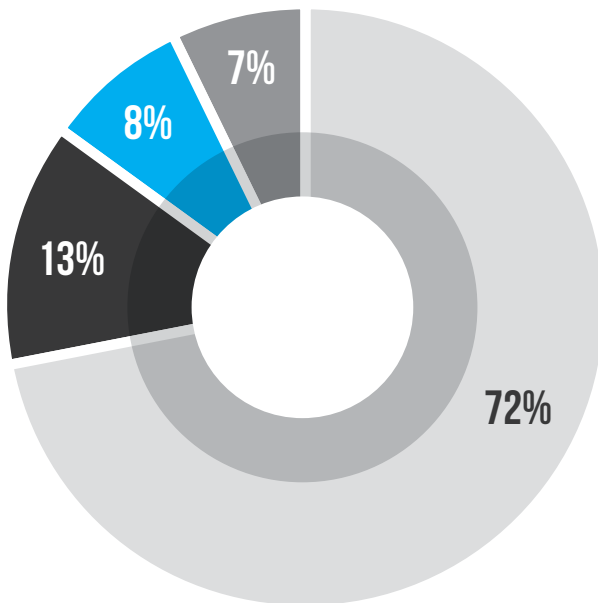
28 associate board members

## FINANCIALS

2017 OPERATING REVENUE  
**\$1,000,000**

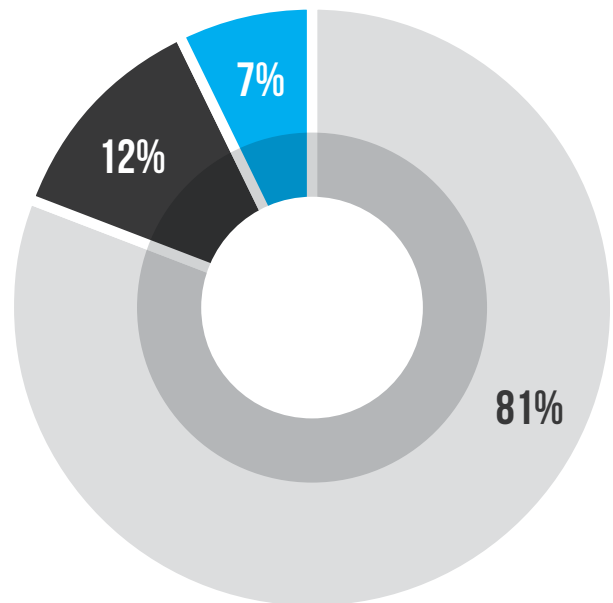
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**50%**  
INCREASE  
FROM 2016

### OPERATING REVENUES AND SUPPORT SERVICES



- ♥ Individuals
- ♥ Adoption Fees
- ♥ Corporate and Foundation Grants
- ♥ Other

### COSTS OF SERVICES



- ♥ Program Services
- ♥ General and Administrative
- ♥ Fundraising



## 2018 GOALS

### GOAL



Save **600** dogs, **50%**  
from Chicago



Save **50** kittens



Expand *C.R.I.S.P.*



Open new *ISO facility*

### STATUS THROUGH AUGUST



Dogs - **71%** of goal (**428**),  
**47%** from Chicago (**201**)



Kittens - **90%** (**45**)



Additional day *added*



*Under contract* pending  
city zoning review