

**ONE TAIL
AT A TIME**



2020 Annual *Impact* Report



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Friends,

We’ve all heard 2020 be described as “unprecedented” and it was no different here. We feel humbled and grateful to have been the “silver lining” for so many as we rescued and adopted out more animals than ever before.

The “pivot” we took to a virtual program was not easy, but our animal care staff accepted the challenge with open arms and with so much success. It seemed like the rest of the world finally caught up to what we’ve known for so long; pets make us better, happier, and healthier.

In addition to our adoption program’s huge success, we were also able to start putting the infrastructure in place to launch our Pet Mutual Aid programming. From our bustling owner support program to people and pet food pantries, our community ensured that we did not forget about our neighbors.

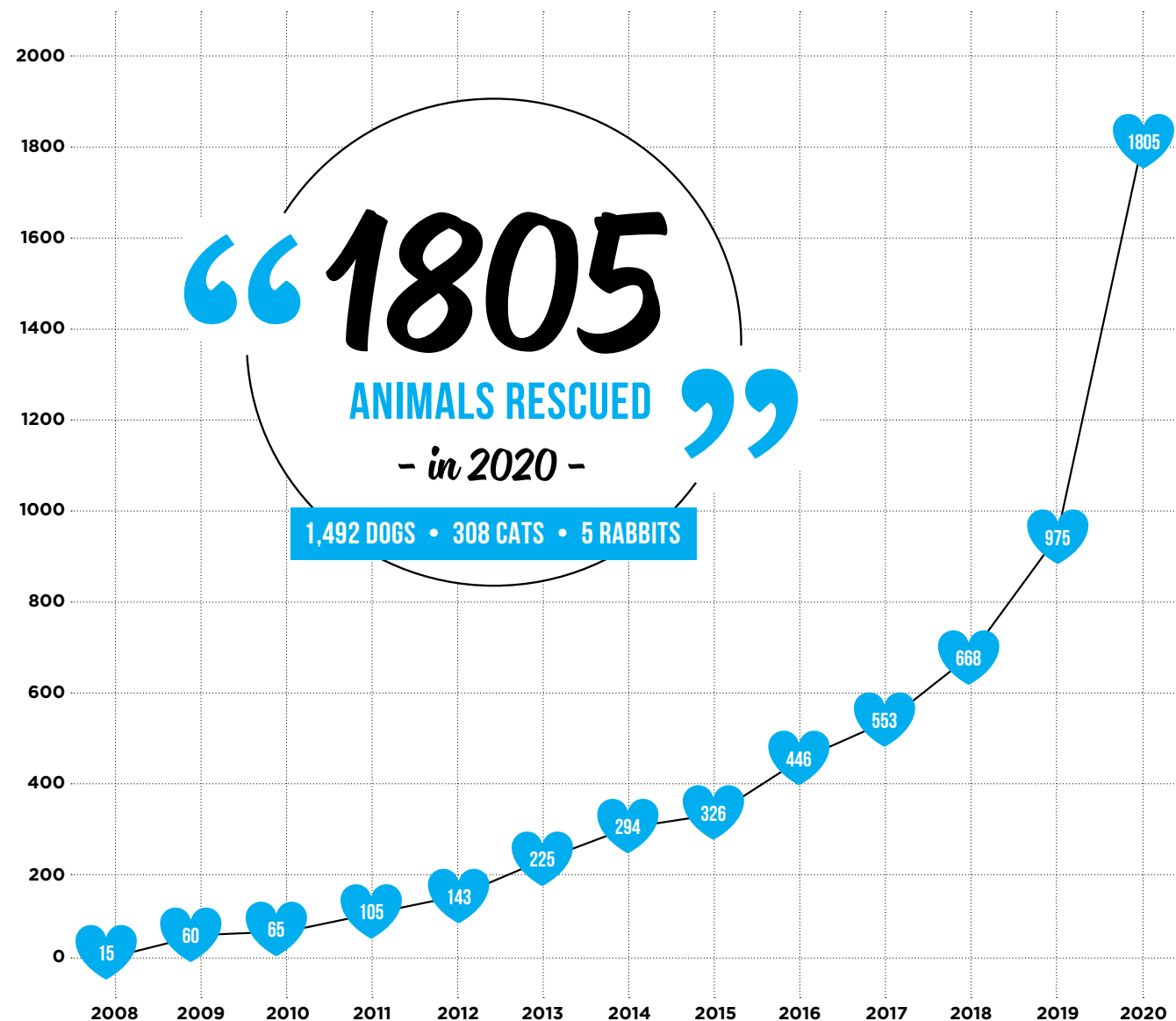
It’s with great excitement that we move to 2021 in hopes that we can replicate this success and save more lives.

- Heather Owen, JD
Executive Director, One Tail at a Time



Impact

Intakes by Year



1805 Pets Rescued

1745 Adoptions

30,146+ Donations

180 Pets Kept with Families Through CRISP

8,585+ Donors

393 In-House Surgeries

2,000 OTAT Members

2,164 Fosters



One Tail at a Time's *Core* Values

COMPASSION

for all animals and the people who care for them. We aim to foster a non-judgmental environment to build bridges and relationships with our community to help keep pets out of the shelter and in the homes where they are loved.

COMMUNITY

ENGAGEMENT

and participation in all our programs. We aim to empower our community to be the change they want to see and rely on our volunteers to provide daily care in foster homes and our facilities.

VULNERABLE

POPULATIONS

are a priority for rescue and support. We aim to deliver programs focused on finding the most vulnerable populations of animals including big dogs, senior dogs, sick dogs, parvo puppies, pitbulls and neonate kittens, and delivering solutions to help them live and be loved.

PROGRESS

AND GROWTH

every day. We aim to consistently be on the front lines of progressive policies and programming in the animal welfare community, knowing that change is made by taking risks, challenging the standard and always thinking differently.

Pet & People Pantries

In 2020, we hosted our 1st people and pet pantries in conjunction with Mothers Against Senseless Killings (MASK) and The Bloc. Throughout the summer, OTAT volunteers fundraised for food and supplies, then organized and distributed those supplies alongside community members in Englewood and West Humboldt Park.

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MASK



THE BLOC
CHICAGO



CRISP

180 **Pets**
Kept with **Families**



Oreo stayed with his family

Oreo came to the shelter in need of emergency surgery. His family didn't have the funds to pay for it and thought they were at the end of their rope. CRISP covered the cost of Oreo's surgery, so that he could stay home with his family (and little girl) that love him very much.



2020 Partners

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ALIVE
Rescue
aliverescue.org

Fetching
Tails
Foundation



MUTTS
OF
THE MIDWAY



SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT



KODIAKCARE.ORG

Through an exciting new partnership with our owner support program CRISP, KodiakCare contributed \$10,000 in funding to keep pets and their people together. Through their support, CRISP is now able to assist pets with more complex medical cases, and in 2020 expanded its geographic area to include the Chicagoland suburbs.

KODIAK CARE

189 **Monthly** CRISP
Donors

Volunteers

2020 Committed Club

Congratulations to our Committed Club volunteers who each dedicated more than 120 hours to our animals in 2020!

Adrienne Pankey, Alex Larkin, Ali Vernasco, Ally Sciandra, Amra Causevic, Amy Gawura, Andrea Wendlandt, Anne Lombaer, Ashleigh Hill, Brenda Ramirez, Candice Burgess, Carla Schwendner, Carol Brod, Carolyn Connor, Charlotte James, Christine Hoffman, Claire Piggot, Courtney Blackwell, Dana Mueller, Deanna Radjenovich, Elissa Jacobsen, Erica Zitron, Erica Torelli, Erika Hellenbart, Erin Pattison, Gen Snyder, Gina Scaletta, Heena Bhatt, Hilary Neiman, Isabel Kadar, Jane Higgins, Jennifer Gardy, Jennifer Lanser, Jess Costello, Jillian Braun, Julie Aplington Cahillane, Julie Triphahn, Julia Adams, Joelle Lindner, Jon Davis, Kaitlyn Dvorachek, Kaitlyn Selser,

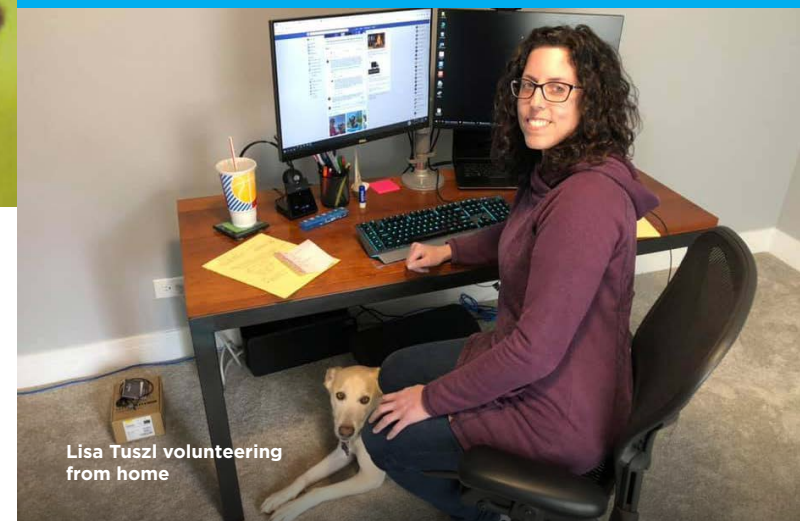
Kate Burke, Kate Truesdell, Katie Fitzpatrick, Katya Shcherbakova, Kelly Sorfleet, Kerry O'Rourke, Kyle Hopwood, Lali Alcaide, Laura Bringer, Laura Hillman, Lauren Chipchak, Lauren Kirlin, Leeanne Richardson, Lindsay Biagi, Lisa Tuszl, Liz Bomgaars Czarnecki, Lizzy Scheinkopf, Madalyn Brooker, Maddie Friedman, Mary Bookman, Megan Brattain, Megan Hasse, Melissa Kula, Michelle Reisin, Mike Szczepanski, Misako Aoki, Monica Michalski, Morgan Pirtle, Moriel Daniel, Natalie Drogos, Olga Bernad, Rachel Barnes, Rebecca OConnor, Rebecca Zak, Rochelle Miller, Sonia Alexandrescu, Tiffany Tran, Tyler Golemb, Yash Varma, Yin Lehw

Virtual Volunteering + More

Our Adoption Center temporarily closed in response to COVID-19, but rescue never stops. Volunteers stepped up to help anywhere and everywhere they could!



Rudy Stewart Training & Behavior Center



Lisa Tuszl volunteering from home

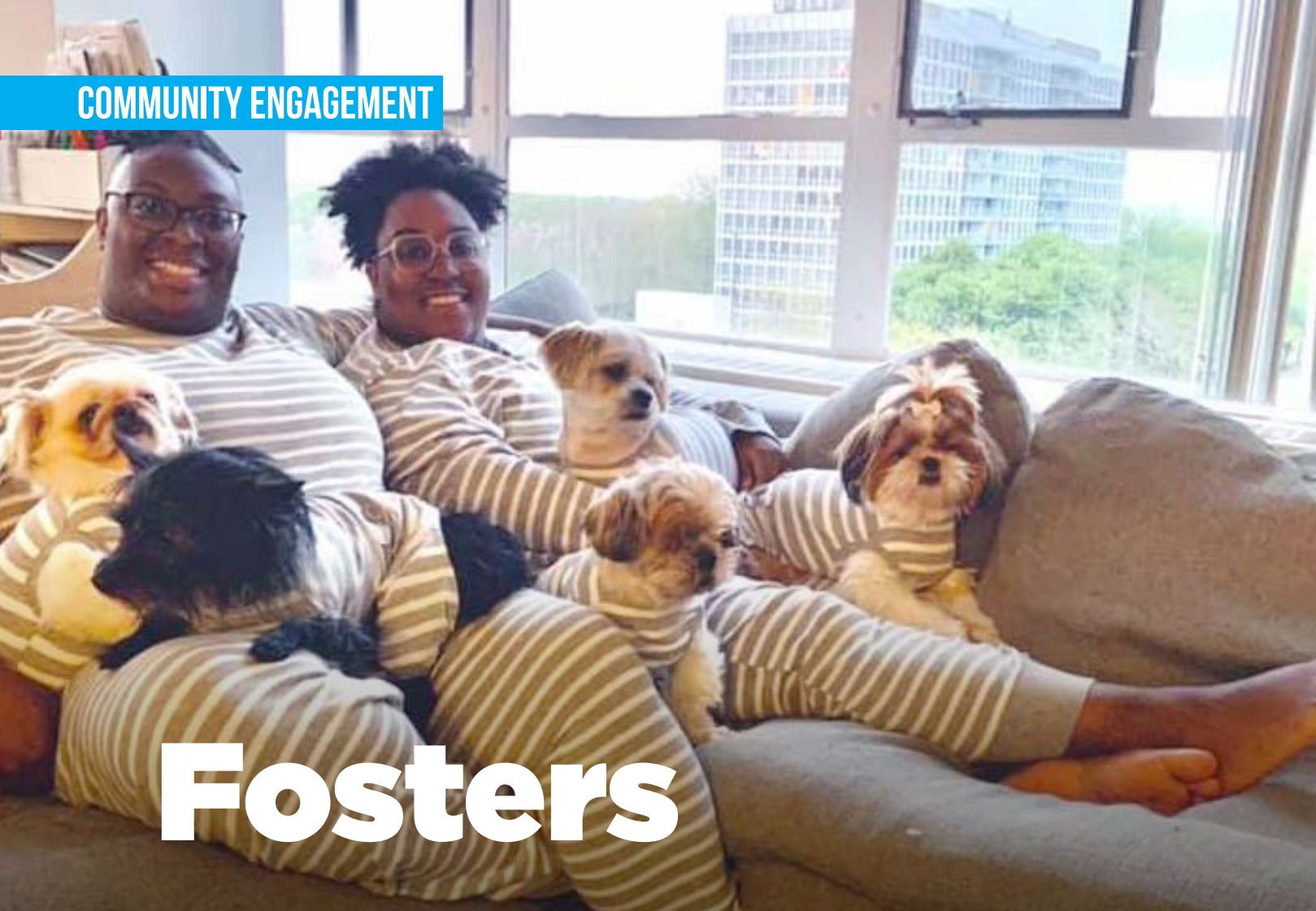


Brian & Sheri Qualizza Isolation Center



Volunteer Transport

- ✓ Volunteer Lisa managed the OTAT command center, managing requests for foster supplies all over the city and coordinating pick-ups and deliveries.
- ✓ Volunteers transported food and supplies from our Adoption Center to foster pets all around Chicago 7-days a week!
- ✓ At the **Brian & Sheri Qualizza Isolation Center**, volunteers helped dogs decompress and socialize while waiting for foster homes.
- ✓ Volunteers continued to mask up and show up for dogs at our **Rudy Stewart Training & Behavior Center**.



Thank You 2020 B-Team!

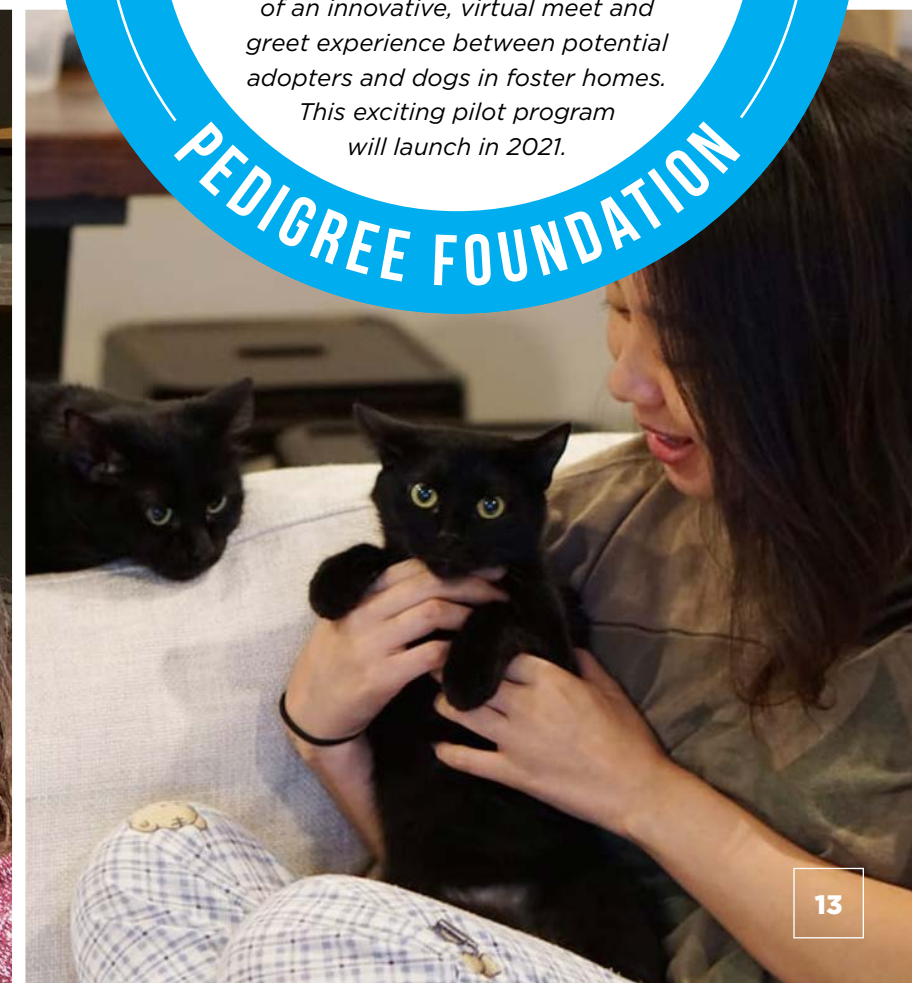
These volunteers provided training & behavior support to OTAT dogs in foster homes.

Katie Seddon, Genevieve Snyder, Jill Grachan, Ashleigh Brodhead, Lauren Scalzo, Lindsay Biagi, Margaret Fraser, Emily Nascizewski, Chloe Dzielak, Megan Gilbert, Bill Mayeroff, Brandi King, Holly Anderson, Mimi Wilcox, Roxanne Bowens, Bob Fisch, Maria Cantu, Gabi Jedrzejewska, Rachel Zak, Rebecca Overman, Sarah Young, Kali Wegner, Jillian Braun, Natalie Deschaines, Liz Czarnecki, Julia Adams, Gustavo Rodriguez, Gina Haro, Luke Wesolowski, Cole Mason, Julie Yang, Rebecca Zak, Mat Stokes, Andrea Wendlandt, Jessica Johnson, Erica Zitron, Carrie Rubinas, Lisa Tuszl, Sam McCready, Chad Lowman, Alex Larkin, Joelle Hathaway, Jim Seiler, Jane Higgins, Kate Burke, Lindsay Bentley



Stay at Home. Foster Dogs!

Early into the COVID-19 pandemic, new foster applications crashed our website. It only took days until we received more foster applications than animals in our care, which meant we were able to support our partner shelters like never before. Through fosters new and old, **we were able to save nearly twice as many lives year over year!**



Team One Tail

➤ 128
Athletes



The Bank of America Chicago Marathon may have been cancelled, but that didn't stop Team One Tail athletes from showing up for homeless pets!

Our 2020 athletes participated in socially distanced fun-runs throughout local neighborhoods to earn their miles while fundraising.

\$63,717 ^{1/2}
➤ **Raised** by
Team One Tail Athletes



VULNERABLE POPULATIONS



1,083 **Medium & Large** dogs



221 **Heartworm positive Dogs**



115 **Senior Dogs**

314 **Cats & Rabbits**



Rescue Stories

Ruth

Ruth was so sweet when she arrived in Chicago, but right away we noticed a number of health problems. She was emaciated, missing fur, and limping. X-rays showed that Ruth had been shot, and her fragile body was filled with bird shot. Ruth got healthy in a foster home and was adopted just in time for Christmas!



The “Baker’s Dozen”

When their owner tragically passed away from COVID-19, OTAT rescued 13 small senior dogs in one day. All 13 seniors needed dental cleanings, and many needed dental surgery. Slowly but surely, the full “Baker’s Dozen” completed their long list of dental appointments and have all since been adopted!



Joy

Joy was found as a stray and sent to a nearby shelter. The shelter veterinarian told us Joy’s mange was the worst she had seen in her entire career. Even the most gentle touch caused Joy’s skin to irritate and bleed. Joy spent many weeks recovering with an amazing foster mom and foster sister by her side. We barely recognized her on the day of her adoption!



Funky

Funky was brought to the shelter by a colony caretaker who was worried about how small and skinny Funky (and his two siblings) seemed. Funky was the smallest of the bunch with suspicious hair loss and a neurological condition that caused his back legs to wobble. After just two days in a foster home, Funky gained 20% of his previous body weight and has since been adopted by his own caring family!

Ellis
Veterinary
Clinic *Now*
Open!



Meet our Growing Medical Team!



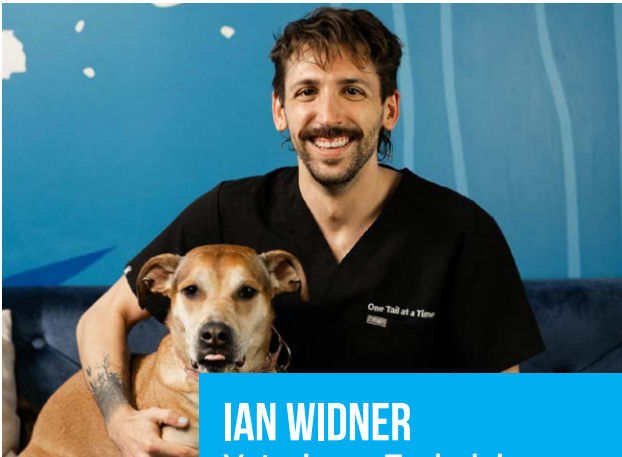
DR. SIMUEL HAMPTON
Veterinarian



ANA KAREN DEL RIO
Veterinary Technician



STACY PRICE
Medical Director



IAN WIDNER
Veterinary Technician

Year One Impact

>1500
Exams

393 Total
Surgeries

362 Feline Leukemia
(FeLV) Tests

712
Heartworm
Injections

And
Much More



PROGRESS AND GROWTH

The Annabelle Clarke & Scotch Jordan Intake Area

is where you'll often find a full house of new rescue dogs. The space doubles as a recovery area for large dogs and for heartworm positive dogs receiving treatment at the clinic.



Lily & Lucy's Kitten Nursery

dramatically changed our cat and kitten program, becoming our first ever intake area for felines and a cozy recovery room for cats and kittens on surgery days.



Nestled away from our larger kennel areas, **Lady Godiva's Puppy Lounge** offers a relaxing nook for mama dogs, puppies, and other clinic guests who simply prefer a quieter space to relax.

Bringing dental cleanings and surgeries in-house has made a world of difference for our senior dogs, thanks to the **Hugo Marshall Dental Suite!**



512 Donors

made our vet clinic possible, contributing over \$825,000 to the OTAT Cooperative Capital Campaign. We wish we could list each supporter individually here, and are grateful for donations that were made of all sizes!

Our digital donor wall can be viewed at onetail.org/cooperative.

Historic Growth

during Uncertain Times



Best Friends

One Tail is proud to save Chicago dogs with Best Friends Animal Society! In 2020, we were awarded over \$22,000 in Rachael Ray Save Them All grant funds to increase OTAT's life-saving efforts for big dogs at Chicago shelters. Thank you Best Friends for another chance to save lives together!

SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT

BEST FRIENDS ANIMAL SOCIETY

#1 CACC Transfer Partner for Dogs!



of Cats Rescued Increased +926%



308 Cats Saved in 2020




422 CACC dog Intakes

New Logo, Same Us

After rescuing more than 300 cats and bunnies, One Tail at a Time Dog Rescue became One Tail at a Time.





OTAT Members!

Making monthly lifesaving possible.

**2000 OTAT
Members**  **\$322,882
Received** 
in **Membership Gifts**

Super Supporters

Thank you to our generous 2020 Super Supporters for supporting OTAT's mission with gifts of \$2,500 or more!

Alana Ibarra	Emery's Kitchen	Patrick and Carolyn Handley
Amgen Foundation - Staff Giving Programs	Esther Barron	PEDIGREE FOUNDATION
Amy Gawura	Euromonitor International	Petco Foundation
Amy Johnson	Fifth Generation Inc.	Phillips Family
Anonymous	Flowers for Dreams Foundation	Rachel Rader and Lu Bear
Anonymous	Fran Federman and Mike Kennedy	Real Dog Moms of Chicago
Anonymous	Heena Bhatt	Renee Ridolfi and David Castro
Anonymous	In Memory of Rosa Moreno	Robert Kabakoff, Katie Smith, and The PR Foundation
Antares Capital LP	James Banks Foundation	Sal Weiner and Ginny Moffat
Augustus + Atlas MacGregor	Janet Petrillo	Shay Hata and the Buy Sell Love Chicago Real Estate Team
BarkRetail LLC	Jennifer Dahlgren	Stephanie Dufresne
Barks N' Rec	Joan and Tyler Schehl	Stephanie Grohovsky
Benevity Fund	JUCA Fund at The Chicago Community Foundation	The Cascio Family
Best Friends Animal Society	Julia Adams and Patrick Monaghan	The Cynthia Elkins Foundation
Beth and Edward Orr	Katie Freeman	The Dominick Family
Brandi and Robert Morris	Katten	The Grey Muzzle Organization
Brian and Sheri Qualizza	Ken C Whitener Jr.	The Neller Pucci Foundation
Carissa Davino	Kenneth Gasper	"TheK9PT - Canine Rehabilitation & Wellness"
Christine Marvin	Kimber Oliver and Michael Loehrke	Uhlir Family
Colleen and Andrew Conrad	KODIAKCARE	Valerie Vanaman
Crystal Hendricks-Kretzer, Kurt Kretzer, and Buster	Law Offices of John C. Coyne	Vitalogy Foundation
Damon Anderson	Linda Konop	Watson the Bumblebee Corgi
Don't Bully My Breed, Inc.	Lindsay Raffaele	
Eden Alcantar	Meghan and Curtis Stewart	
Elizabeth Hermann Smith, West Smith & Riggins		

(Virtual!) Events

SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT



James Banks Foundation
Dedicated to American Canines and African Wildlife

Once again, the James Banks Foundation went above and beyond for Chicago's homeless pets. In addition to their Presenting Sponsorship for Houndstooth at Home, the James Banks Foundation matched \$15,000 in donations made during the event!

JAMES BANKS FOUNDATION



Sit for Shelter Pets

Sit for Shelter Pets was our first annual event to take place from home, and our 2020 fundraisers showed up big time. 170 fundraisers and 12 teams raised \$83,000 for shelter pets, nearly doubling last year's total raised!

Summer Shake Up

Our Associate Board's annual Summer Shake became a virtual Summer Shake Up with celebrity appearances by Patrick Stump of Fall Out Boy, Matt Nelson of WeRateDogs, and more! The event raised over \$43,000, more than doubling any other year's funds raised.



Houndstooth at Home

We held our breath all year long, not knowing what to expect from a virtual Houndstooth Ball. The OTAT community did not let our animals down, surpassing all of our goals and raising over \$200,000 for pets in need...from home!

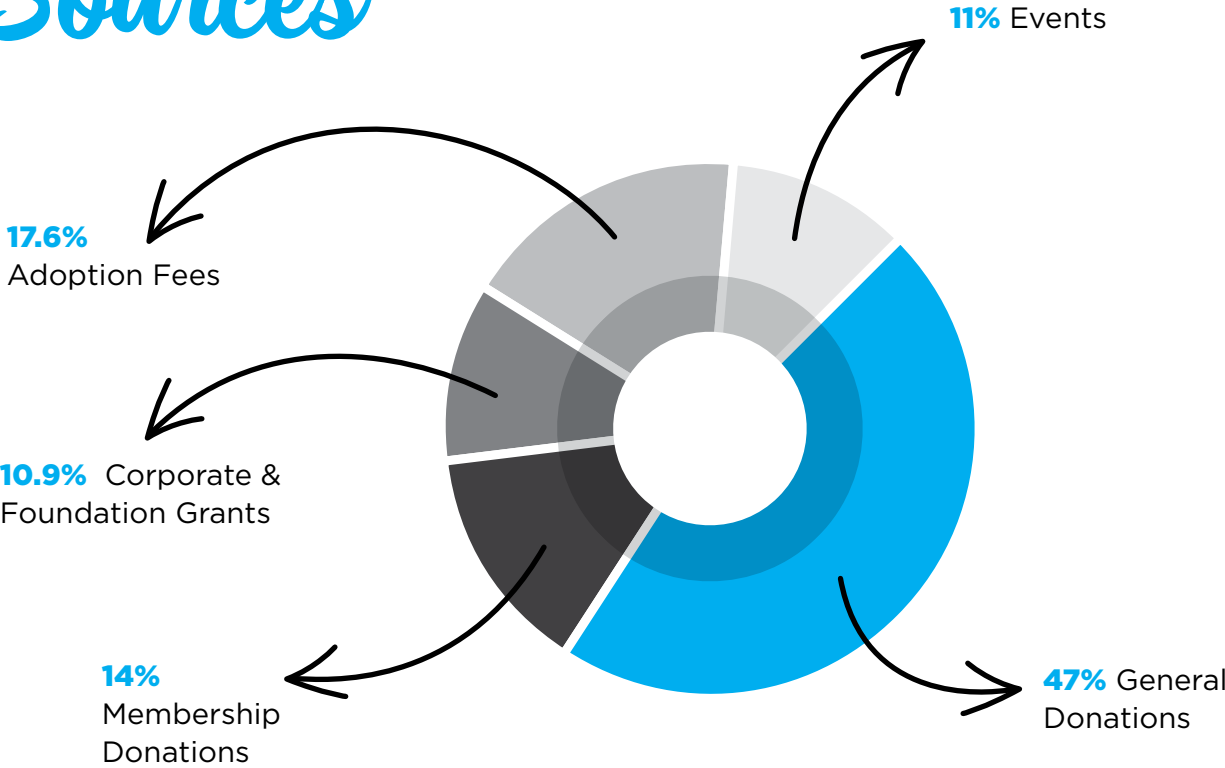


2020 **Revenue:**
\$2,382,186

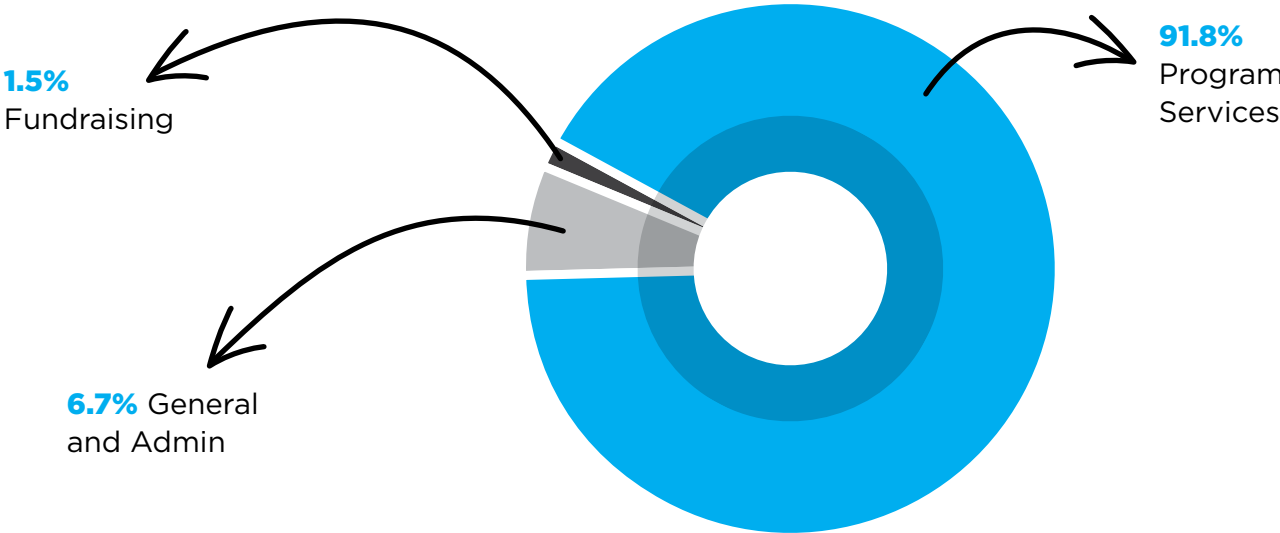
2020 **Expenses:**
\$1,954,652



Revenue Sources



Costs of Services



2020 Board of Directors

HEATHER OWEN, JD

Board President / Executive Director



RACHEL RADER



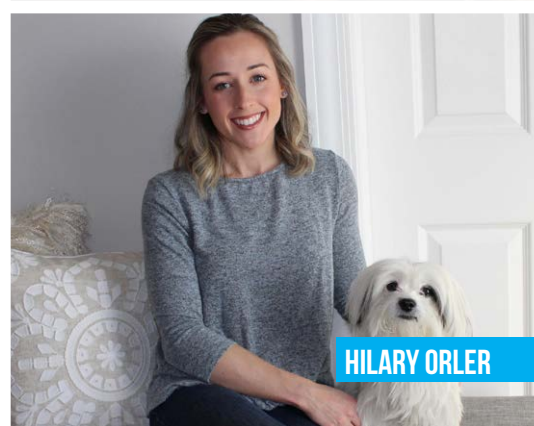
BETH NACCARATO



FRAN FEDERMAN



BRANDI MORRIS



HILARY ORLER



MELANIE VILLANUEVA RODRIGUEZ



2020 Associate Board

Alexis Stamm, Alli MacGregor, Allison Smith, April Muller, Arianna Maggio, Ashley Gear, David Blakeman, Brandi Morris, Bri Roan, Britt Calvert, Cameron Ross, Dan Kovalsky, Eleanor Blackmer, Elizabeth Hermann Smith, Emily Panci, Francisco Maia, Gia Weber, Hilary Orler, Jenni Pstrong, Jessie Biondo, Jillian Braun, Jon Davis, Julie Ihlenfeldt, Julie Schultz, Kaity Blackburn, Liz Lurie-Moroni, Matt Stroh, Megan VanParis, Megan Walendzinski, Natalie Ruzgis, Nicole Sopko, Rachel Zak, Rebecca Zak, Sam Karp, Stephanie Grohovsky, Tabitha Dosch Breakey

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**One Tail
Adoption
Center**

2144 N. Wood

**Brian & Sheri
Qualizza
Isolation Center**

2450 N. Western

**Rudy Stewart
Training &
Behavior Center**

3927 N. Elston

**Ellis
Veterinary
Clinic**

635 N. Western



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