

People Rescuing Animals ... Animals Rescuing People®



Tony La Russa's
Animal
Rescue
Foundation

2018 - 2019 Annual Report

Dear ARF Family,

Thanks to you, thousands of pets were saved and tens of thousands of people connected with ARF animals for better health and well-being during the 2018 - 2019 fiscal year.

ARF's leadership in disaster mobilization was sought during multiple wildfire disasters. Our team responded with a multi-faceted approach coordinating regional evacuation efforts, clearing adoptable animals out of fire-threatened areas and finding them loving homes. Our in-house veterinary team treated many cats who were badly burned in the Camp and Carr fires. It was so gratifying to see these cats recover; their whiskers no longer singed and their fur no longer gray from ash.

ARF is also excited to share our expertise with shelters nationwide as we expand our Pets and Vets program, bringing the benefits of psychiatric service dogs to more veterans in need. We hope to hit the goal of our campaign in the final weeks of 2019, with less than \$100,000 left to raise. I'm reminded of the generosity of the ARF family every day as I see the construction progress on the new Pets and Vets center. I'm proud of what we are accomplishing together. This expansion will provide invaluable opportunities in Saving Both Ends of the Leash®. Shelters across the country are already interested in bringing ARF's Pets and Vets program to their communities.

Thanks to you, we are pushing the boundaries of excellence in animal behavior, training, and shelter medicine. We are cultivating the human-animal bond in life-changing ways and setting new standards for creative partnerships to expand services to under-served communities.

I'm grateful for your partnership as we build ARF's future and come up with innovative ways to save lives, inspire learning, and connect hearts.

With sincerest thanks,



Elena Bicker
Executive Director



2,632

cats and dogs adopted

Each adoption represents ARF's matchmaking services, carefully pairing families and shelter guests. ARF's team provides medical care, behavior enrichment, socialization, and training to prepare each animal for their new home.

Your support directly saves lives and enables our rescue team to help shelters, which frequently face overcrowding and lower adoption rates.





3,987

spay and neuter surgeries performed

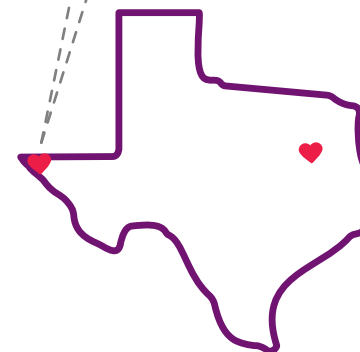
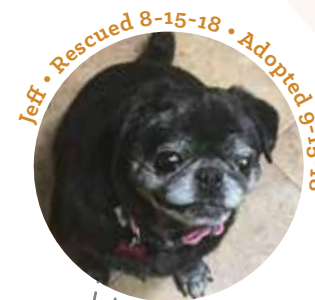
Spaying and neutering remains one of the most effective tactics at reducing the number of unwanted pets entering shelters. ARF's low-cost spay and neuter clinic opened its doors in 2003 and has been providing high-quality, affordable services for dogs and cats ever since. More than 28% of surgeries were performed on the mobile clinic.

1,215

cats and dogs fostered

Volunteer foster families open their homes to help animals recover from illness or surgery, increase social skills, or de-stress from the trauma of losing their previous home. In this fiscal year, more than 50% of animals rescued were fostered in private homes.

Fostering also helps ARF perform home assessments of potential Pets and Vets service dogs and gives puppies and kittens a safe environment with plenty of real-world socialization experiences.



13,363

participants in youth programs

ARF's award-winning education programs reached a record-breaking number of children this year. From classroom visits and field trips to summer camps and birthday parties – ARF offers a wide variety of services to reach the next generation of animal advocates.

Innovative and engaging curriculum teaches kids of all ages about humane treatment and safety – cultivating better care for animals now and into the future.



71,210

people comforted by Pet Hug Pack®

More than 190 therapy animals partnered with 84 facilities, schools, and libraries. The Pet Hug Pack® provides unconditional love, a non-judgmental ear for young readers, and health benefits to assisted-living residents, hospice patients, veterans, medical patients, and others in need.



1,125

exams for EMF clients' & veterans' pets

ARF's Emergency Medical Fund® (EMF) provides affordable, non-emergency veterinary care to families experiencing serious financial crises.

ARF also supports veteran-pet relationships by providing free wellness care and vaccinations for their dogs and cats. Our state-of-the-art mobile clinic travels to regional VA medical centers every week, providing free preventative care on-site for veterans' animals.

41

Pets and Vets matches made

ARF matches veterans with carefully selected shelter dogs free of charge. Veterans and their four-legged companions receive free, personalized training for dogs to become psychiatric service animals. Classes are taught under the leadership of experienced service dog trainers who are fellow veterans. Service skills taught may include waking from night terrors, medication reminders, or alerting to panic attacks, anxiety, and more.

124

animals rescued from Northern CA wildfires

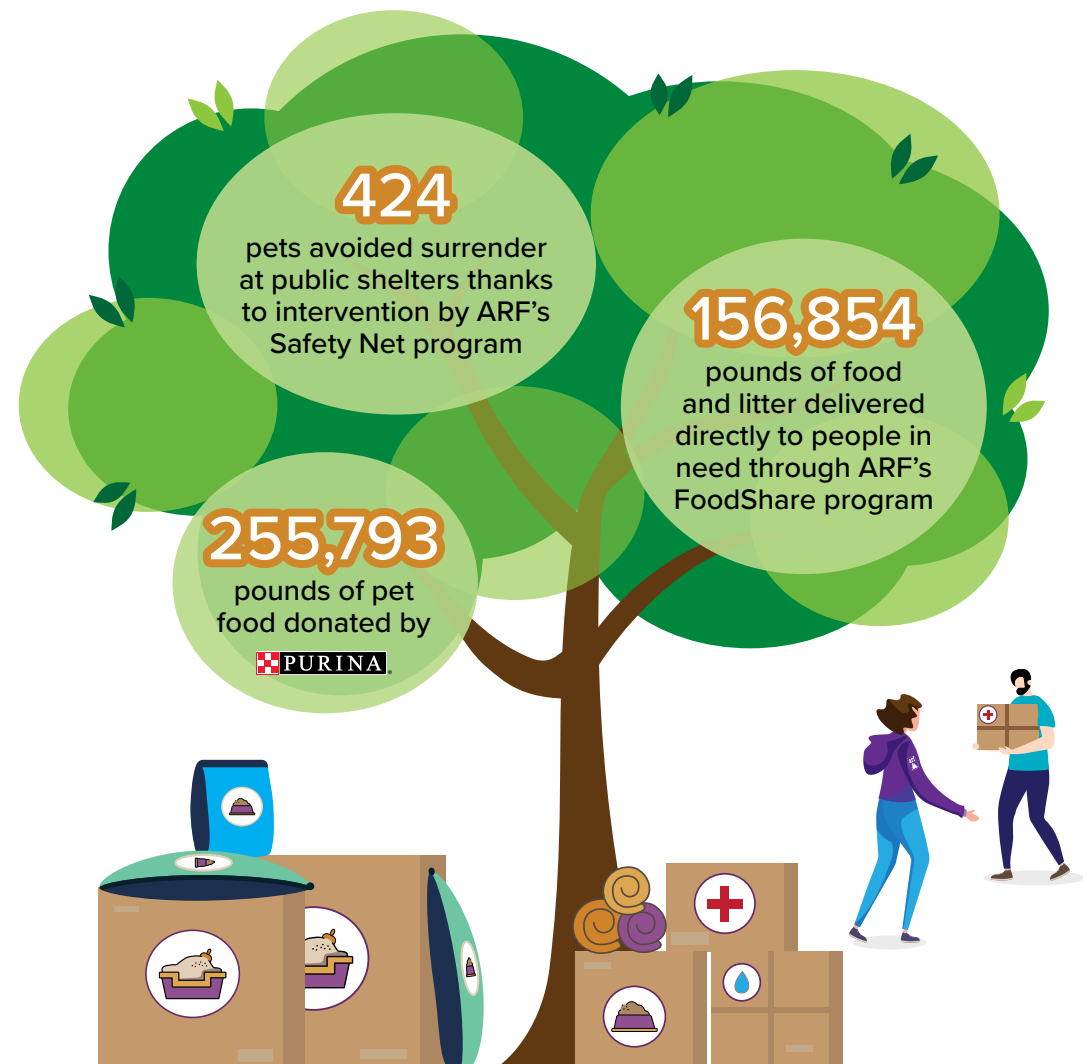
In response to the 2018 Carr and Camp fires, ARF provided disaster relief to more than half a dozen impacted shelters. Numerous deliveries provided burn cream, bandages, vaccines, and other medical supplies. In addition, ARF rescued 124 shelter animals displaced by the fires. Some of these cats and dogs were treated for burns, smoke inhalation, and dehydration. When physically and behaviorally ready, adoptable animals found loving homes and stray animals were reunited with their families.



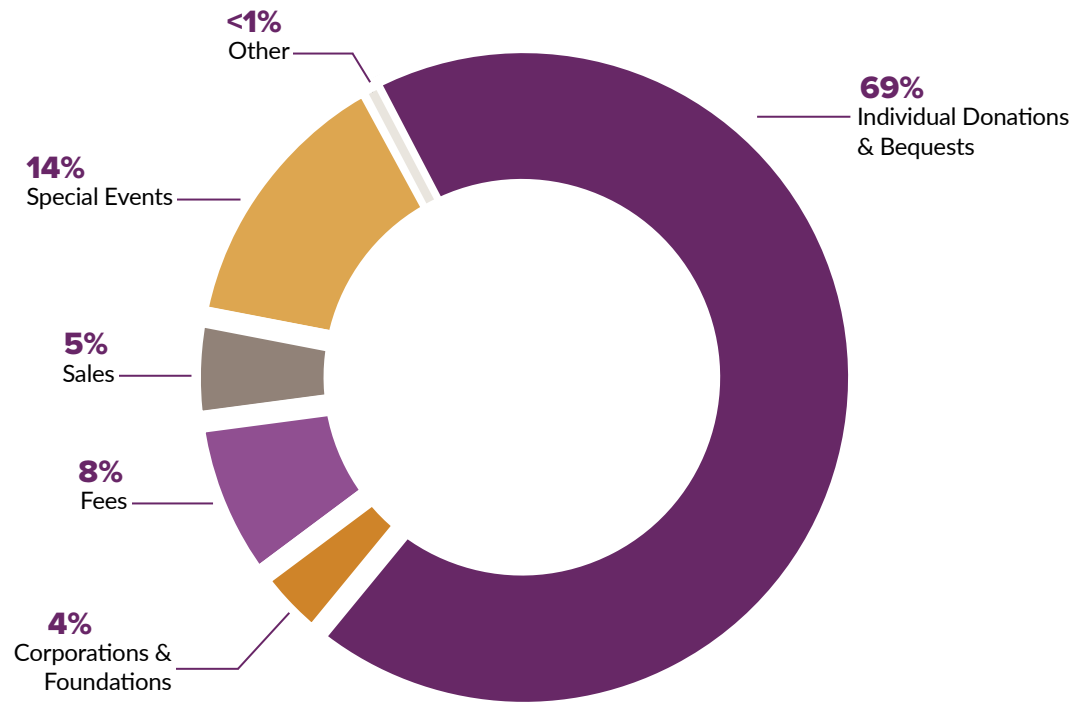
98,862

hours volunteered

Volunteers are the backbone of ARF. More than 600 active volunteers committed to at least eight hours a month, giving their talents and skills to help every aspect of ARF's operations. Some volunteers averaged more than 200 hours per month! Regular volunteers were joined by over 200 corporate or large groups for short-term projects.

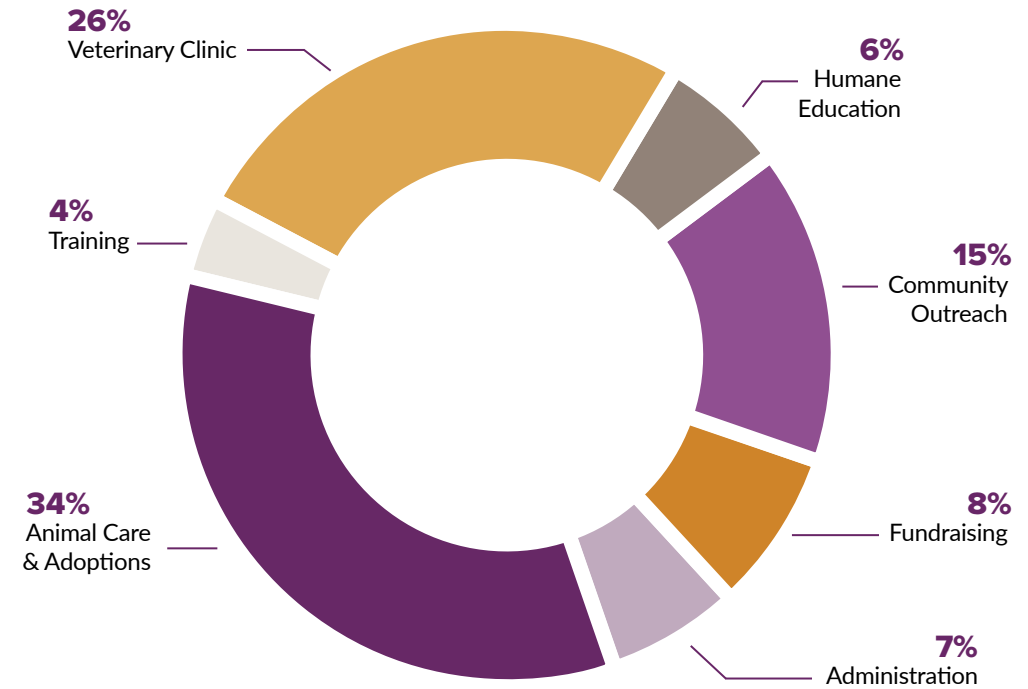


2018 - 2019 Fiscal Year Revenue

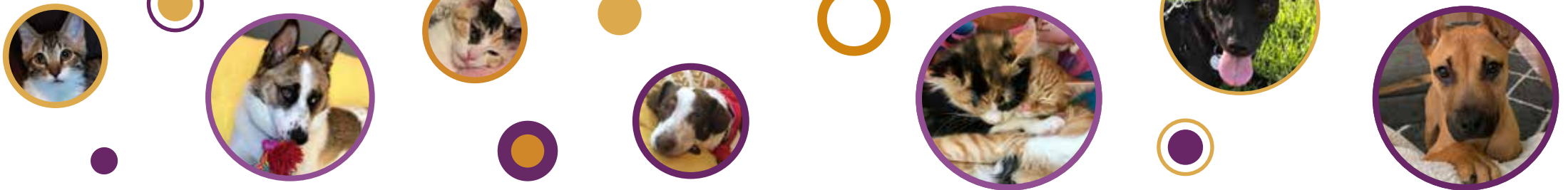


Individual Donations & Bequests	\$8,265,997
Corporations & Foundations	\$442,700
Fees	\$988,735
Sales	\$595,353
Special Events (net)	\$1,716,897
Other	\$30,926
Total	\$12,040,608

2018 - 2019 Fiscal Year Expenses



Animal Care & Adoptions	\$2,818,478
Training	\$320,553
Veterinary Clinic	\$2,162,945
Humane Education	\$506,804
Community Outreach	\$1,269,161
Fundraising	\$651,751
Administration	\$556,629
Program Development Fund	\$3,754,287
Total	\$12,040,608





Abra • Rescued 4-1-19 • Adopted 4-5-19

Earth • Rescued 6-17-19 • Adopted 6-20-19

Core Values

Open • Driven • Educator's Spirit

Strategic Anchors

Save Lives • Inspire Learning • Connect Hearts

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“ARF!!! They are the real deal. You [are] donating to a group that really saves lives. Our shelter in Red Bluff, CA was overcrowded. I volunteer there and was so emotional seeing the ARF crew with their transport truck evaluating animals to take with them. They saved a lot of lives that day.”

- Heidi S.



#1 celebrity-related charity
by Charity Navigator



Charity Navigator's
highest 4-star rating



85¢ of every dollar goes
directly to programs

A responsible steward
of your giving.

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Rescued 5-6-19

Adopted 5-12-19

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