

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

INFORMATION AND
UPDATES FROM
ANIMAL FRIENDS
OF NORTH CENTRAL
WEST VIRGINIA



Greetings



I'm so excited to share what we've been up to at Animal Friends of North Central West Virginia. This year has been amazing, thanks to our incredible volunteers and supporters. We've helped over 350 animals find loving homes and have even expanded our reach in the community.

Our thrift shop has been a huge success, and we couldn't do it without our dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes. We've also had a blast hosting events like the Dog Splash and Halloween Howl, bringing together the community and raising important funds.

But we're not stopping there! We're dreaming big and working towards building a new, larger shelter to help even more animals. With your support, we can make this dream a reality. So, whether you can volunteer your time, donate money, or simply spread the word, we'd love to have you join our furry family!

WHO WE ARE

www.animalfriendswv.org

OUR LUCKY START

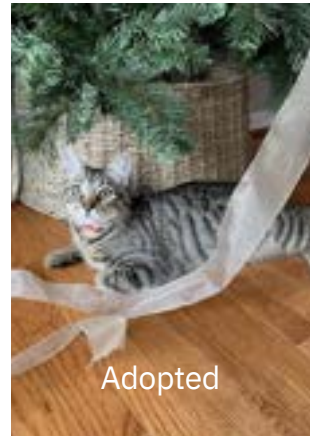
Who would've thought that a gentle, 11-year-old retriever/lab mix could change everything. Lucky came into the lives of a small group of friends in north central West Virginia who had been fostering and caring for rescue animals for many years. Lucky was so mistreated that his hip was dislocated from a violent kick. He had been left to die by those he thought he could trust.

A caring neighbor saved him, providing blankets, food and water until the rescue group arrived, and a member took Lucky home and arranged for orthopedic surgery to repair his hip. He made a full recovery and was an inspiration to this group of animal-loving friends who were quickly running out of room within their own homes for additional animals in need.

Animal Friends of North Central West Virginia (AFNCWV) was born out of a desire by the group to do the right thing for these animals of misfortune. Together, they strived to create a high-quality, non-profit shelter to provide refuge, care and aid for unwanted, abandoned, and abused animals.

The group wanted to provide a shelter where there would be no unwarranted euthanasia. AFNCWV doesn't believe that pets should be killed simply because they have no homes.

As of the last tally in summer 2022, the AFNCWV has helped to save the lives of more than **8,524** animals since registering as a non-profit with the West Virginia Secretary of State in 1999.



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ORGANIZATION

Animal Friends Organizational Chart



We are grateful to the dozens of daily volunteers who provide essential services at our no-kill shelter and the Animal Friends Thrift Shoppe. Currently, we have 5 staff working at the shelter.

Volunteers



Make a Difference: Volunteer with Animal Friends

Animal Friends wouldn't be the same without our incredible volunteers! Last year, our dedicated team donated over 9,500 hours to caring for animals and supporting our mission.

2023

Volunteer Hours

NO-Kill Shelter = 3,500+ Hrs+

Thrift Shoppe = 6,000 hrs+

Over 9,500 Hours

EVENTS IN 2023

Dog Splash

The Dog Splash is our annual and wildly popular—canine pool party in August. The Morgantown Board of Parks and Recreation (BOPARC) allows Animal Friends to rent the pool on the last day of summer operations. Our gracious donors sponsor the fees for pool, tent, and concession stand fees. Admission is by donation. From 10 am – 4 pm, with a local DJ spinning high-energy tunes to set the tone, dogs and their owners play in the pool and enter contests



like fastest swimmer, owner look alike, limbo, and duck pond fetch. Between waterplay and contests, our friends and canines enjoy snacks from the concession stand, including doggie ice cream, with the option to purchase Animal Friends T-shirts and pool toys.



The Howl

The Howl is our annual Halloween event held on a weekend in late October. Dressed in full costume, local dogs put their best paw forward to compete for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place prizes while fun-loving owners enjoy camaraderie and fun!

EVENTS

Canine Egg Fetch

The Canine Egg Fetch is an annual Easter event held at Marilla Park. Animal Friends staff and volunteers decorate the pavilion and then fill Easter eggs with treats or prize slips, hiding them among the grass and trees. After a brief "get to know you" sniff session between dogs and hellos from owners, they head into the park to hunt eggs. When time is up, each owner counts their eggs, and we hand out prizes according to who collected the most eggs and what prize slip they have. Owners are encouraged to offer a donation to participate in this event, which is held rain or shine.



Crafting for Critters

Local crafters set up tables in the Mountaineer Mall and sell their crafts. There is a fee for a table rental and local crafters donate an item that we can raffle.

Camping for Canines

For four years now, local WVAQ DJ "Just Jaime" joins AF Shelter Manager Katie Short, along with some of our adoptable pets, to raise funds and awareness at this high-energy all-nighter. Using her local celebrity status and lots of charm, Jaime camps out until she raises 10k for AF.



The Thrift Shoppe

The Animal Friends Thrift Shoppe allows us to offer great bargains to our customers and, most importantly, provides much needed support for our Animal Friends Shelter, where unwanted, abandoned, and abused animals await adoption.

Founded by Animal Friends of North Central West Virginia for the purpose of providing funding for building and maintaining a no-kill shelter, the Animal Friends Thrift Shoppe, formerly Lucky's Attic, has been in operation since 2003, thanks to community donations and patronage and the goodwill of a volunteer staff. Over 25 Volunteers have provided more than 6,000 hours of donated time to the Thrift Shoppe.



GRANTS

2024 Peterman Grant Awarded to AFNCWV

The Peterman Foundation has awarded a \$50,000.00 grant to Animal Friends of North Central West Virginia (AFNCWV)

West Virginia Spay/Neuter Assistance Program

We were also awarded \$5000 by the West Virginia Spay/Neuter Assistance Program to be used for spay/neuter services. AF uses these funds to alter cats only. Last year we altered 39 cats in Mon, Marion and Preston counties

Monongalia County Commission \$1,500.00

A New Shelter in the Future



While our staff and volunteers work tirelessly, we are often over capacity, leading to difficult decisions that no one wants to make. The urgent need for a no-kill animal shelter has never been more apparent.

A no-kill shelter is a facility that guarantees every adoptable animal a home and never euthanizes healthy or treatable animals. This approach not only saves lives but also improves the overall well-being of the community. Studies have shown that communities with lower euthanasia rates also have lower rates of animal-related crime and public health issues.

A new no-kill shelter in Morgantown would provide a sanctuary for countless animals, giving them a chance at a happy and fulfilling life. Creating a new no-kill shelter requires careful planning and community support. At the end of 2023 we started to plan for a new shelter. We expect by the summer of 2024 to have completed a well-thought-out plan with a passionate community, Morgantown can create a no-kill shelter that will be a beacon of hope for animals in need.

It was decided by the Board, to generate excitement and support for the new no-kill shelter, a summer fundraising campaign is an excellent starting point. The first step will start with the annual Splash event that is fun event that is held each year in August for dogs and their owners. BOPARC allows Animal Friends to rent the pool on the last day that it is open for the summer.

Ordinary Income/Expense FY 2023

Income	
Total Foundations/Purchase Perks	49,894.91
Total Donations	103,645.83
Fundraisers, Ongoing	24,041.66
Total Grants	58,773.00
Total Thrift Shoppe Income	272,232.87
Total Income	508,588.87
Expense	
Total Professional Fees	7,867.10
Total Employee Expenses	1,000.00
Business Expense Total	10,821.69
Depreciation	2,365.00
Total Depreciation Spay/ Nueter Clinic	2,584.61
Total AF Thrift Shoppe Expense	99,634.92
Payroll Expenses	127,974.18
Total Fundraising Expense	8,885.65
Total Shelter/Sanctuary	133,890.10
Total Vehicle Expense	18,358.64
Total Expense	413,823.70
Net Ordinary Income	94,764.57
Other Income/Expense	9,943.88
Net Income	\$104,708.45

A more detailed report is available by opening IRS 990 form located on the Animal Friends Website (www.animalfriendsswv.org) or by using the QR code which will take to the Animal Friends Website.



Contact Information

ANIMAL FRIENDS THRIFT SHOPPE

Phone Number: 304-291-5825 during Shoppe hours; 304-290-0161 after hours

Shoppe Location: Mountaineer Mall, 5000 Greenbag Road, Suite C10, Morgantown, WV 26501

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1090, Dellslow, WV 26531

Shoppe Hours: Tuesday: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Thursday, Friday: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Saturday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

NO-KILL ANIMAL SHELTER

Phone number: 304-290-4PET (4738)

Sanctuary Location: 252 Brewer Road, Morgantown, WV 26508

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1090, Dellslow, WV 26531

Sanctuary Hours: By Appointment Only

Directions to the Sanctuary:

- **From the intersection of Greenbag Road and Don Knotts Boulevard, follow signs to Route 119 South.**
- **Travel approximately 8.8 miles on Route 119 South.**
- **Turn left on Brewer Road.**
- **Stay right and travel approximately .6 mile.**
- **The Sanctuary is on the right.**

Visit BY APPOINTMENT ONLY - NO WALK IN'S

Your cooperation is appreciated