

2022 Impact Report

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ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE OF IOWA, INC.

CHANGING MORE LIVES



2022 was a year of large-scale rescues, challenging medical cases, miraculous recoveries, and partnerships with local authorities to help hold abusers accountable. Your support made all of this possible. Here are just a few of the notable rescues of 2022.

BEFORE



AFTER



CUPID, CASPER AND CLOUD

Cupid, Casper and Cloud arrived suffering from severe burns and in need of emergency care. Our veterinarians placed them under anesthesia to evaluate their injuries and began managing their pain and helping them heal. Sadly, Cloud, the most severely burned cat, passed away days later. Cupid and Casper made a miraculous recovery and after two months of healing found a home together.



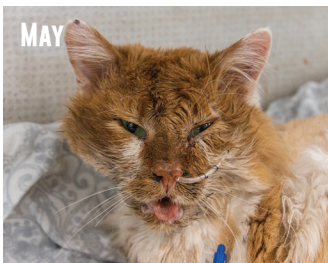
LEE COUNTY RESCUE

Our Mobile Response Team assisted authorities in removing 300+ animals from horrendous conditions at an unlicensed breeder. Dogs and small animals were crammed in filthy cages, and barn animals were packed in disgusting enclosures with no food or water. Many had medical concerns that required weeks of recovery before they could be adopted. The breeders pleaded guilty to animal neglect charges.



KAL

Kal was discovered severely emaciated in a kennel with no food or water in a Des Moines apartment where people were living. When he arrived, he weighed just 44 pounds and likely wouldn't have survived much longer. Over several weeks, Kal gained 30+ pounds, as well as regained his cuddly, bubbly personality. He was adopted by a wonderful family with children. His previous owner pleaded guilty to animal neglect.



JONESY

Jonesy arrived in extremely critical condition fighting for his life. We were told he likely had ingested rodent poison, but he also had other injuries and was unable to eat on his own. We began treatment immediately and placed a feeding tube, where he was fed a special recovery diet four times a day. After weeks of uncertainty, he began improving. He eventually made a full recovery and is now in a loving home.



MULTI-CAT RESCUES

ARL Animal Services and our Mobile Rescue Team assisted authorities with multiple cases of cats living in overcrowded conditions in Des Moines and throughout Iowa. The rescues included three in the span of three weeks this fall, where a total of 100+ cats were rescued. In all of the cases the cats were ill, and some were very thin. Some were also very fearful and needed behavioral help. The vast majority have found homes while others are continuing to recover in our care.

SUPPORTING PETS & PEOPLE



The ARL's lifesaving mission extends beyond the four walls of our shelter and into our community. In 2022, with rising inflation and increased pet food and supply costs, plus continued economic stress from the pandemic, we found more people than ever struggling to feed their pets. We dramatically expanded our community pet food assistance programs to help meet that need, and we served pet parents in record numbers to help keep human-pet families together.

146,358 LBS
of food distributed

268%

24,905

Pets who received food assistance

9,615

Households served



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IN THE SHELTER

FOSTERS & VOLUNTEERS

476	Foster homes
2,732	Pets in foster homes
702	Volunteers
1,092	TheraPets visits

MEDICAL PROCEDURES

54,261	Medical treatments given
5,152	Spay/neuter surgeries for ARL animals
2,178	Dental procedures
232	Other surgeries
123	Laboratory procedures

IN THE COMMUNITY

ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES (DES MOINES)

11,499	Dispatched trips
11,850	Animal Control Officer staff hours
583	Citations issued
1,488	Animal cruelty/neglect responses
1,690	Lost pets returned to owners

CRUELTY INTERVENTION (OUTSIDE OF DES MOINES)

700	Animals rescued from cruelty
657	Cases/investigations
4	Law enforcement trainings
115	Law enforcement training attendees

COMMUNITY-OWNED PETS

572	Spay/neuter surgeries through free and low-cost spay/neuter programs
365	Pets receiving veterinary assistance
811	Pets vaccinated through clinics
890	Pets microchipped
56	Pets in Crisis Foster
24,905	Pets receiving food assistance
146,358	Pounds of food distributed
574	TNR cats returned to community

PET BEHAVIOR SERVICES

87	Dog training classes
794	Owned dogs receiving behavior help
421	Owned cats receiving behavior help

RECORD YEAR FOR
ADOPTIONS

13%

4,811	Cats
2,661	Dogs
706	Small Animals
303	Barn Animals
8,481	Total



JANUARY 2022 - DECEMBER 2022
ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE OF IOWA

	DOG	CAT	SMALL ANIMAL	BARN ANIMAL	TOTAL ³	2022 INTAKES¹
STRAY/IMPOUND	2,519	3,485	114	70	6,188	
OWNER SURRENDER	1,910	2,850	549	410	5,719	
TRANSFERS IN	99	67	0	2	168	
OTHER	34	106	219	1	360	
TOTAL INTAKES	4,562	6,508	882	483	12,435	

	DOG	CAT	SMALL ANIMAL	BARN ANIMAL	TOTAL ³	2022 OUTCOMES¹
ADOPTIONS	2,661	4,811	706	303	8,481	
TRANSFERS OUT	140	172	123	6	441	
RETURN TO OWNER	1,390	286	4	10	1,690	
RETURN TO HABITAT	0	574	0	0	574	
EUTHANIZED²	317	609	30	159	1,115	
DIED IN CARE	23	117	25	0	165	
TOTAL OUTCOMES	4,531	6,569	888	478	12,466	

LIVE RELEASE RATE 90%

Reasons for Euthanasia

The ARL looks at every animal as an individual and not a number and determines a treatment or rehabilitation plan. We only euthanize animals that are dangerous or suffering, and only after we have exhausted all other humane and responsible options. We do not euthanize for space and there are no time limits on the animals in our care.

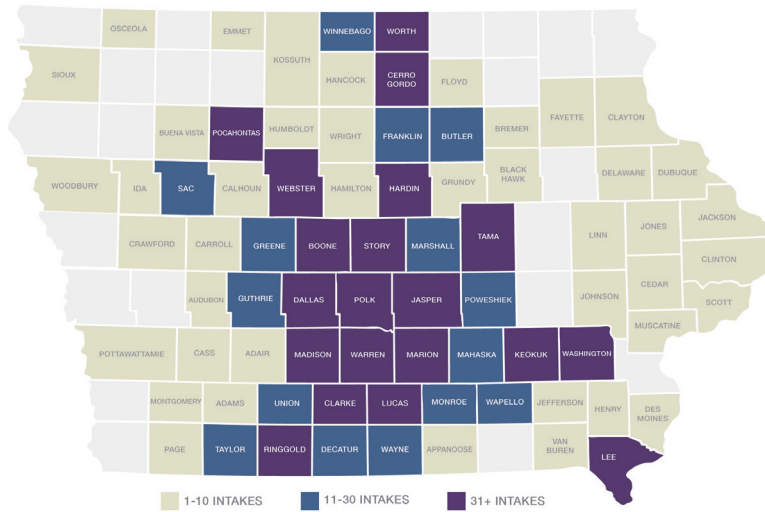
Note: We have attempted to make this report as easy to understand as possible, but if you have any questions, please contact arl@arl-iowa.org.

¹ Does not include wildlife; we partner with several wildlife rehabilitation organizations to care for wild animals brought to us.

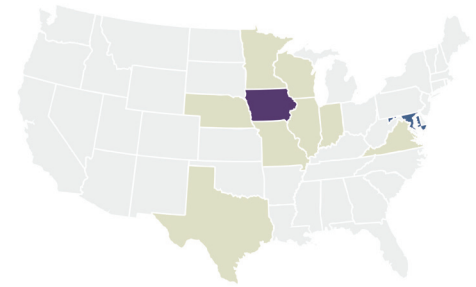
² Does not include owner-requested euthanasia.

³ The number of intakes will not necessarily equal the number of outcomes over the course of a year. The difference represents a net increase or decrease in the number of animals in our care at the beginning of the period and at the end.

2022 INTAKES BY COUNTY



2022 INTAKES BY STATE



IOWA
INDIANA
ILLINOIS
MARYLAND
MINNESOTA

MISSOURI
NEBRASKA
TEXAS
VIRGINIA
WISCONSIN

CHOOSE A FUND, CHANGE A LIFE

MIRACLE MEDICAL FUND

Provide lifesaving emergency medical care to give shelter pets a second chance.

ARL-IOWA.ORG/MIRACLE

LOYAL FRIENDS CLUB

Help pets every month by joining our Loyal Friends Club with an automatic monthly donation.

ARL-IOWA.ORG/LOYALFRIENDS

PAW IT FORWARD

Keep families together with free/low-cost assistance for pet families in need.

ARL-IOWA.ORG/PAWITFORWARD

RESCUE RIDE RELOCATION

Give pets a ride from overcrowded shelters to a new life in the Midwest.

ARL-IOWA.ORG/RESCUERIDE

FULL BELLIES FOOD FUND

Keep shelter pets' bowls and bellies full with high-quality, consistent food. *All in-kind food donations are now used for the ARL Pet Pantry.*

ARL-IOWA.ORG/FOOD

HELP THEM ALL

Provide medical care, food, and safety to shelter pets and keep pet families together in our community.

ARL-IOWA.ORG/DONATE



Percent change references throughout this publication are comparing January-December 2022 to that same time period in 2021.

