



Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

In my six years at North Country Animal League, two ideals have guided us: enhancing our lifesaving work with the hundreds of animals we save each year; and better serving the needs of our community.

2021 was quite a year! A year in which we were constantly pivoting to meet the needs of both animals and our community, while at the same time maintaining a safe environment for all. We worked together with our Board of Directors, staff, partners, and volunteers to frequently assess the needs of our operation and adapt accordingly. An ever-changing environment created a higher demand for our services, while staffing our organization and covering sharply rising costs became new challenges. Enduring effects from the pandemic, including inflation, housing insecurity, and mental health struggles, have had far reaching impacts that intersect with our work in animal welfare. As a result, we have experienced an increase in pet surrenders, as well as a higher volume of neglect and cruelty cases locally.

Our commitment to our community partners has remained a top priority for us as we work together to address these challenges and provide a lifeline for animals in need. Our NCAL Meals program has allowed us to build relationships in our community and offer support to those facing financial hardship through pet food assistance, helping pets remain in their home where they are loved. We are also working to make humane education accessible to all young people in our community in an effort to promote responsibility for animal welfare and foster humane relationships between people and animals with the next generation. Amidst all of this change, the factor of most stability in this new environment has been *YOU*.

Thanks to you, we were able to quickly adjust to create new intake and adoption processes that focused on safety and managing expectations. Thanks to you, we found homes for 421 homeless dogs and cats; 221 children in our community participated in our humane education programs; and we provided 50,400 free meals to community-owned pets through NCAL Meals in 2021. Thanks to you, we had the medical and behavioral support we needed to address the rise in intake of high-needs pets in order for them to be adopted. **Thanks to you, we had the resources required to help where and when we were needed.**

As you read more about a year where the need was greater than ever, we hope you know just how critical your support was in making it all possible.

With gratitude,

Tracy Goldfine

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Executive Director





Buddy was surrendered in February, 2021 for behavioral reasons. While at NCAL, Buddy received behavioral support and learned to follow commands and interact with new people and dogs. Adopted in the spring of 2021, Buddy is now thriving. He is part of an adventure dog pack and goes on daily outdoor excursions with his human. Buddy releases his energy running on trails through the woods and has continued to improve with his training. At the end of a fun-filled day, Buddy likes to relax in the backyard with his pack. He now has a lifestyle that is just the right fit for him and his energy, and a human who gives him all the attention and patience he needs to continue to learn and grow.



**Average cost of caring
for an animal in 2021:
\$815 (Total direct animal
care costs divided by
total intakes)**

A LIFELINE FOR ANIMALS



98% live release rate



421 pets adopted



191 at-risk pets rescued from high-volume shelters



50 cats captured by local TNR (trap-neuter-release)
efforts and adopted into homes



513 vaccinations administered to cats and dogs



171 cats and dogs spayed/neutered



99 cats and dogs received urgent medical care

A RESOURCE FOR OUR COMMUNITY



50,400 free meals provided to community owned
pets in households facing financial hardship



221 children enrolled in humane education
summer camps



178 participants in horsemanship and riding
programs at the Equine Center

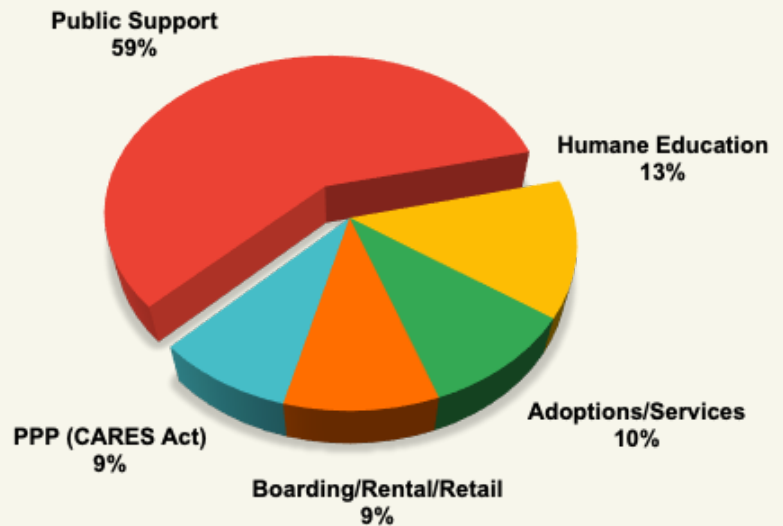




A caregiver of one of our 2021 Amelia Fund Scholarship beneficiaries says her child's involvement in the NCAL Equine Center's Horsemanship program has a transformative impact. *"I think it helps her love herself more. She loves horses and last year I saw a difference in her. Spending time with such therapeutic animals is extremely beneficial to her mental health. I think it's one of the very few things in her life that she sees as a calling to her spirit."*

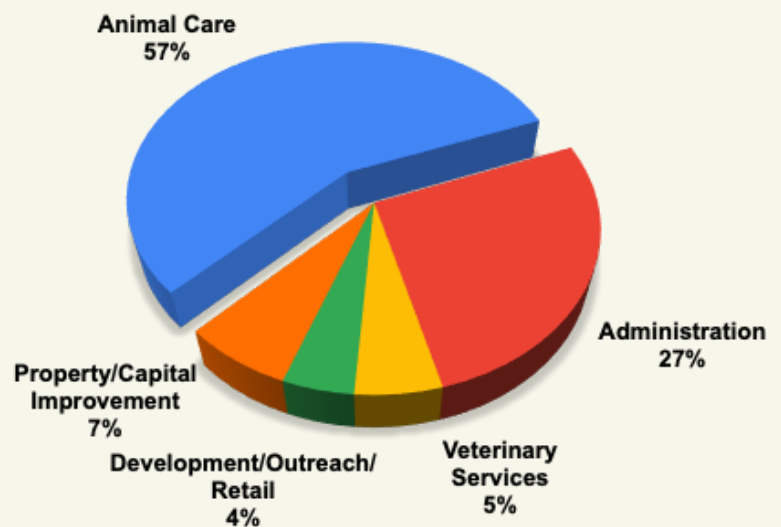
Revenue

Public Support	\$ 561,506
Humane Education	\$ 128,171
Adoptions/Services	\$ 95,154
Boarding/Rental/Retail	\$ 90,752
PPP (CARES Act)	\$ 81,207
TOTAL	\$ 956,790



Expense

Animal Care	\$ 510,183
Administration	\$ 241,128
Veterinary Services	\$ 48,392
Development/Outreach/Retail	\$ 39,967
Property/Capital Improvement	\$ 61,969
TOTAL	\$ 901,639



Statement of Financial Position

Cash Assets	\$ 309,588.09
Fixed Assets & Other Assets	\$ 1,216,473.34
Total Assets	\$ 1,526,061.43
Total Liabilities	\$ 0
Equity	\$ 1,526,061.43
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$1,526,061.43



Brothers Ross and Dwight came to NCAL as kittens in the fall of 2021. They were very underweight and under-socialized and needed multiple weeks of medical care and enrichment before they were ready for adoption. When their would-be forever family came for an introduction, Ross and Dwight captured their hearts right away. The brothers were adopted together and today they are healthy and confident, surrounded by a loving family. They spend their days playing with each other, bird watching from window sills, enjoying treats, and snuggling with their humans and dog brother.

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*In loving memory of Beverly A. Osterberg,
whose commitment to animal welfare will forever be remembered.*

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