



WAAL

WICHITA ANIMAL
ACTION LEAGUE



*Meeting pets & their people where they are,
where they need us the most!*

In 2013, a small group of women came together with one shared belief – **that no animal in crisis should be left without help.** From that conviction, the Wichita Animal Action League was born. What began as a grassroots effort to rescue, foster, and rehome pets has grown into a powerful community movement centered on prevention, compassion, and action. Over the years, we've learned that real change doesn't happen by responding to crisis alone. It happens when we reach out before the crisis begins. By making spay and neuter accessible we prevent overpopulation and cruelty, and give every animal a chance at a healthy life. We remove barriers to care, and we give families the tools to keep their pets healthy and at home. Our work is built on the simple truth that helping pets means helping people. Every rescue, every clinic, every outreach event is driven by the understanding that animal welfare and human welfare are deeply intertwined.

Our Programs

Prevention & Access to Care

At the heart of WAAL's mission is preventing suffering before it begins – by making veterinary care, spay/neuter, and education accessible to everyone.

These programs directly reduce overpopulation, cruelty, and preventable illness.

- **Spay It Forward** – Subsidized and free spay/neuter surgeries for low-income owners, addressing the root cause of shelter overpopulation. (2,897 surgeries in 2024)
- **Affordable Local Pet Health Assistance (ALPHA)** – Low-cost veterinary services provided by a mobile vet, focusing on quality-of-life issues for pets in underserved areas.
- **Low-Cost to Free Vaccine & Microchip Clinics** – Prevent disease, reduce emergency care needs, and help lost pets reunite with their families.
- **Dog Training Grant Program** – Prevents surrender by helping owners address behavioral issues that lead to crisis.
- **Doghouse & Straw Program** – Prevents neglect and cruelty by ensuring outdoor pets have safe, warm shelter.
- **Community Pet Food Banks** – Keeps pets fed and with their families by supplying pet food through local human food banks.
- **Meals on Wheels Pet Food Deliveries** – Ensures homebound seniors and disabled pet owners can continue to care for their beloved companions.

Programs continued...

Community Partnership & Education

These neighborhood-based initiatives tackle systemic barriers and build lasting change through trust, education, and hands-on support. They ensure entire communities have the resources and knowledge to care for their pets.

- **Pets for Life (Planeview)** – Door-to-door outreach bringing free veterinary care, supplies, and information to families in the Planeview neighborhood. Builds long-term trust and prevents neglect through access and relationships.
- **Animal Care Collective (Hilltop)** – PetSmart Charities-supported program offering veterinary care, food assistance, education, and kids' camps. Focused on changing attitudes toward pet care for future generations.

Safety & Crisis Response

When prevention isn't enough, WAAL steps in to protect pets and their families during times of crisis, ensuring that temporary hardship doesn't lead to permanent separation.

- **Safe Paws Alliance** – Provides fostering and vet care for pets belonging to domestic violence victims or hospitalized veterans, with the goal of reunification.
- **Welfare Team** – Responds to citizen reports of neglect and cruelty, offering intervention, resources, and rescue when needed.

Rescue, Fostering & Adoption

When prevention and support aren't enough, WAAL becomes the safety net for animals still at risk. Through our Foster and Adoption programs, we rescue pets from shelters and owners in crisis, giving more than 1,000 animals each year the chance to heal, find love, and begin again.

Our Stats

EVERY NUMBER TELLS A STORY OF HOPE

