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FOSTERING HOPE.
CREATING IMPACT.



Did you know Wichita Animal Action League doesn't have a shelter? Every life we save depends on the incredible kindness of people who open their homes to pets in need. Foster homes are the heartbeat of our work—they turn uncertainty into safety, fear into comfort, and struggle into hope.

Every day, calls and emails come in about pets in crisis. Sometimes it's a beloved companion whose family faces a sudden move, illness, or the loss of a loved one. Other times, it's a shelter or rescue reaching out about an animal at risk of euthanasia or a pet needing urgent medical care.

Two key factors allow us to say YES when a call comes: funding, and an available Foster Home.

We are incredibly fortunate to have an amazing team in place—staff members who have dedicated their careers to helping people and pets in need, volunteers who step in whenever called upon, and supporters who believe in our mission and partner with us to create lasting impact in our community. We are deeply grateful for the generosity of our donors. You have answered so many of our pleas this year, and we are truly humbled. In a world that often feels chaotic, there is nothing more heartening than seeing such generosity in action.

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So, what else is there to do? In this time of crisis in rescue, the one thing we can do to increase our reach is to grow our foster program. It is crucial to bridging the gap between whatever crisis brought a pet to us and that pet finding their forever home.

Foster families provide more than a temporary home—they provide love, care, and stability when it's needed most. You don't need a big yard, special training, or years of experience—just a willingness to open your heart and home. With every foster, a life is saved, a family supported, and a pet given a second chance at love.





A Letter from the BOD President

Hello friends,

Every day we see how much a safe place and a caring hand can change a pet's life. Our foster families are living proof—opening their homes so frightened, sick, or unwanted animals can heal and prepare for forever families. Without them, none of this work would be possible. A spare bedroom, a quiet corner, even just a little extra love and patience can mean the difference between despair and hope for a pet in need.

Because of your support, WAAL has been able to grow and strengthen these life-saving efforts. Together, we've expanded community initiatives that focus on prevention and outreach—hosting clinics that stop suffering before it starts, providing resources to families so they can keep the pets they love, and ensuring that no animal is overlooked or forgotten. Each adoption, each clinic, and each foster home tells the story of what we're building together: a community where pets and people can thrive.

The need, however, continues to grow. Calls for help come in daily, and more animals than ever are waiting for their second chance. That's why our foster families are so vital. Opening your home to a pet in need is more than a temporary act of kindness—it's a chance to be the turning point in an animal's story. And you're never alone in the journey: WAAL provides the food, supplies, and medical care, while our community offers encouragement and support every step of the way.

To keep this momentum strong, we're looking ahead to our biggest fundraiser of the year: Wags & Whiskers. It's more than just an event—it's a celebration of everything we've accomplished together and a commitment to what still lies ahead. This year's program is refreshed and re-energized with live music, exciting activities, delicious food and drinks, and countless ways to have fun while making a life-changing difference for animals in need. Whether you join us for the entertainment, the fellowship, or simply the chance to stand up for pets who can't speak for themselves, we promise it will be a night to remember.

If you've ever considered becoming a foster, a volunteer, or a stronger part of our mission, now is the perfect time. You'll meet incredible people, share unforgettable moments, and see firsthand the lives changed because of your commitment. Together, we are creating second chances, stronger families, and a community where every animal has the future they deserve.

With gratitude,
Julia Craft
Board President

Could you be the hero a pet is waiting for? Every foster home changes a life. Every helping hand makes miracles possible.

Do I Need Experience?

Not at all! WAAL is your partner every step of the way. We provide handbooks, tips, access to trainers, daycare options, and a supportive community of other foster families. Even busy households can foster—some animals are low-maintenance and fit easily into a workday routine.

Would you like to see how it goes for a test run?

Absolutely! Short-term support is a great way to see how fostering feels. With respite foster care, you help our current foster families by temporarily caring for a pet they're already fostering. Whether the primary foster is traveling, has a busy week, or just needs a short break, you provide a safe, loving environment for the pet. It's a wonderful way to make a meaningful difference without committing to a long-term placement, and it's a huge help to both the pet and the foster family!

Who needs Fosters?

- Adult cats and dogs who need a second chance
- Nursing litters of puppies and kittens
- Orphaned kittens and puppies who require bottle-feeding
- Animals with medical needs, like surgeries or ongoing treatments
- Animals who need socialization and training before adoption



Fostering is more than providing a temporary home—it's giving a pet hope, comfort, and a chance at a brighter future. By opening your home, you help pets thrive while they wait for their forever families. Every foster makes a life-changing difference. Scan here to learn more about fostering and how you can help save lives today!"

What If I Can't Foster?

Some foster animals require expensive medical care. That's where your donations make a direct impact. By supporting WAAL, you can underwrite the costs of vet care, food, and supplies for foster pets—helping them survive and thrive until their forever home is ready.



Before



After

Meet Heath, a tiny 6-week-old stray kitten who came to us weighing just 1.3 pounds and battling a serious eye infection. Heath needed immediate surgery to remove his unhealthy eye—and thanks to the love and care of a WAAL foster home, he is now recovering safely and comfortably.



Caring for animals like Heath requires more than just a loving home. Medical care, medications, and specialized supplies can add up quickly—and that's where you can make a life-saving difference. By supporting foster pets financially, you help cover the costs of critical surgeries, ongoing treatments, and everyday care. Your gift ensures that Heath—and the next injured, sick, or tiny stray we rescue—has a fighting chance at life. Every dollar helps us say "yes" to another animal in need, keeping our foster program strong and life-saving.

Scan here to make a donation and provide medical care for pets who come to us with an emergent need.



Be a Force for Change—Help People and Pets in Crisis at Wags & Whiskers!

Event Details:

When: September 21st, 2025 | 4:00–7:00 pm

Where: Chicken N Pickle, 1240 N Greenwich Rd, Wichita, KS 67206

Why Your Support Matters:

Our mission is simple but powerful: Prevent crisis. Provide care. Keep families together.

- Spay It Forward: Stops the cycle of pet overpopulation before it starts.
- ALPHA (Affordable Local Pet Health Assistance): Provides vital care so no pet is surrendered due to cost.
- Advocacy & Education: We fight for humane laws and responsible pet ownership.

What's New in 2025:

- Fresh program experiences and surprises
- Delicious culinary offerings
- Exciting entertainment upgrades
- Special touches to celebrate over a decade of impact

Your Support:

By attending or donating, you help:

- Tackle pet overpopulation
- Keep pets with their families
- Find loving homes for at-risk animals
- Support critical advocacy efforts

Join us and make 2025 our most impactful year yet!

Scan the QR code to get your tickets and celebrate with us—be a hero for animals in crisis.



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