

**BUILT ON TRUST,
PROVEN BY IMPACT!**



An animal in crisis



An answered
call for help



In our care,
on the mend

21,647

**LIVES
IMPACTED**

- Overpopulation Prevention
- Owner Education & Support
- Foster & Adoption
- Keeping Pets with their people

2025

Did you know in Kansas, pets are legally considered property?

Responsibility for their care belongs to an owner, and intervention typically occurs only after conditions rise to the level of enforceable neglect. The law responds when standards are violated — *not before suffering begins*.

Wichita Animal Action League fully abides by these laws. But our work begins long before enforcement is necessary.

Where the Law Ends, Trust Begins

Through our community-based program in Hilltop — the **Animal Care Collective** — WAAL shows up consistently to build relationships, share information, and provide low-cost, accessible care. By being present, approachable, and nonjudgmental, we create a space where people know help is available — and safe to seek.

Recently, a small puppy was found in that neighborhood, his body covered in mange, his skin uncomfortable and raw. What stood out most, though, were his eyes — soulful, searching, and still full of hope.

Because WAAL had already built trust in the community, the person who found him didn't hesitate. They came to us and asked for help.

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A note from the Board of Directors

As we reflect on 2025, one word rises above all others: *gratitude*.

To our donors, partners, volunteers, and the community we serve—*thank you for the trust you place in Wichita Animal Action League*. Your confidence in our mission and our work is not something we take lightly. It is the foundation that allows WAAL to grow thoughtfully, respond responsibly, and expand our impact in meaningful ways.

Because of your support, 2025 was a year of measurable progress. We strengthened preventative programs, reached more families before challenges became crises,

and helped more animals remain healthy, safe, and with the people who love them. This growth did not happen by chance—it happened because our community believed in WAAL's approach and invested in solutions that create lasting change. Trust works both ways. The families and neighborhoods we serve trust WAAL to meet them with respect, compassion, and consistency. Our donors trust us to steward resources wisely, act with integrity, and remain focused on what matters most: improving outcomes for pets and people alike. We are proud of the responsibility that trust represents. On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for standing with WAAL. Your support fuels progress, strengthens our programs, and makes our shared vision possible. We look forward to continuing this work together—guided by trust, driven by compassion, and grounded in the belief that prevention and partnership truly save lives.

With sincere appreciation,



Julia Craft
President, Board of Directors
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Save the Date!

Sunday, September 27th

Wags & Whiskers is Wichita Animal Action League's signature annual fundraising event, bringing together animal lovers, community partners, and supporters for an evening with a purpose. More than a celebration, the event fuels WAAL's life-saving work year-round—supporting spay and neuter efforts, emergency medical care, community outreach, and programs that keep pets with the families who love them. Through sponsorships, auctions, and shared generosity, Wags & Whiskers turns compassion into tangible impact for pets and people across our community.



That moment didn't happen by chance.

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It happened because trust had already been built.

Without that connection, this puppy may have continued to suffer. Instead, he received care — not through enforcement, but through relationship.

Why Trust Is the Foundation of Change.

The law can define responsibility, but it cannot create access or confidence. Trust does.

At Wichita Animal Action League, building trust is the foundation of everything we do ...and the reason our work succeeds.

When communities trust the help being offered, animals receive care sooner, families feel supported instead of judged, and outcomes change before crisis takes hold.

This is how prevention works.

This is how lives are changed.

And this is how meaningful, lasting impact begins.

Trust is why pets like Benjamin Button get a chance at a better life.

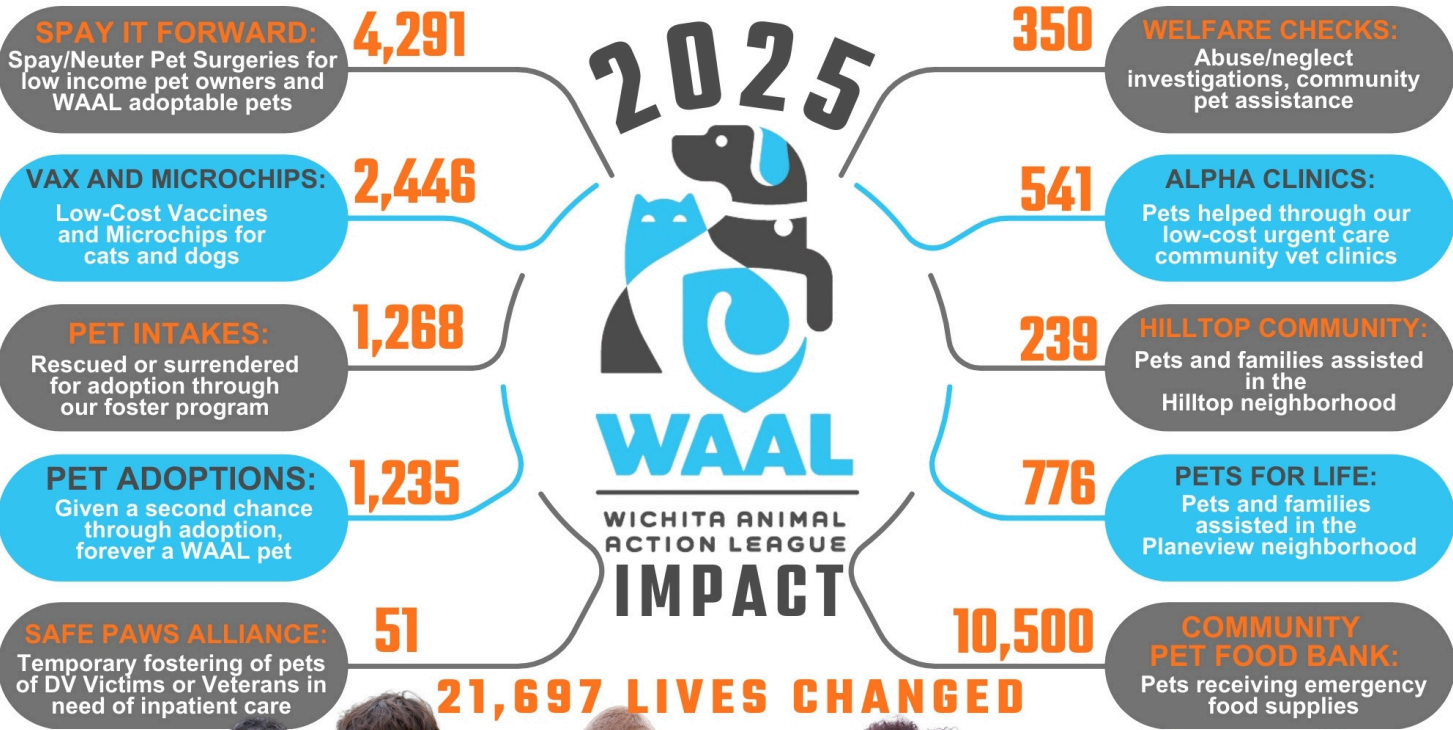




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EVERY NUMBER TELLS A STORY OF HOPE



21,697 LIVES CHANGED

