A LETTER
FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

To our valued supporters,

2019 was another incredible year of life saving success for our organization. I am inspired endlessly by the heartfelt acts of kindness and support ADL receives from the wonderful members within our great community. It is not only our staff and volunteers but also our community which helps make our story one of ongoing and growing success!

Over the course of 2019 our life saving team worked tirelessly to research and refine our internal care-chain to help reduce wait times and ensure every animal that entered our program was made available for adoption and able to find their forever home as soon as possible. This helped our organization make use of open kennels more efficiently to save many more lives.

Our life saving strategy expanded to include leveraging technology into our daily processes in new ways to help ensure we reach our goals more efficiently. I am pleased to share that every pet ready for adoption, in need of foster care or found as a stray is now represented within our online albums. These albums ensure every animal can be viewed remotely and has the best chance to find their forever family and have a happily-ever-after as soon as possible.

Thanks to the support of an increasing volunteer presence at both of our campuses many of our most successful programs grew in life saving capacity, further increasing our ability to save lives. Our organization created new ways for our community to get involved and support our mission to help more animals in need while continuing to maintain the highest level of care for our pet population.

We as a team believe our community will always benefit most when working in a collaborative fashion. Our team met with many other fantastic organizations to better understand how we as a life saving network can work together and best serve the animals in need. ADL leadership embraced this opportunity, expanding our network of rescue partners. The result was an increased ability to leverage our cumulative resources and deliver life saving resources to 28 rescue organizations and municipal shelters both in and outside of San Antonio while simultaneously increasing ADL rescue trips from five to nine times per week to help support the live release effort of our local municipal shelter.

I thank each employee, volunteer, partner, community member near or far who has contributed their time or other resources to help ADL continue to serve our community and its pets!

Sincerely,

Joel McLellan
Executive Director

“Until one has loved an animal, a part of one’s soul remains unawakened.”
- Anatole France

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The Animal Defense League got its start as part of the Child Protective & Humane Society which began operating in 1923. This was an initiative to help children, companion animals and beasts of burden. In 1934 the Animal Defense League was incorporated and became a new organization with a mission to prevent cruelty to animals.

The early kennels were makeshift, often using chicken wire and leftover scrap wood to shelter stray and injured dogs and cats. Over the years our mission has expanded from providing basic shelter and care to finding permanent homes for the thousands of dogs, cats, puppies and kittens annually.

In the early 1960s ADL moved to its present location in northeast San Antonio. Our campus encompasses more than 12 acres and includes an adoption center, kennel buildings, a cattery complex, an education center, a two acre pet park, a separate clinic for on-site ADL animal surgeries and medical care.

Please come visit us at one of our two locations: Main Campus on Nacogdoches Rd. or the Paul Jolly Center for Pet Adoptions in Brackenridge Park.

ESTABLISHED IN 1923
INCORPORATED IN 1934

LOCATIONS

ANIMAL DEFENSE LEAGUE OF TEXAS
11300 Nacogdoches Rd., San Antonio, TX  78217

PAUL JOLLY CENTER FOR PET ADOPTIONS
210 Tuleta Dr., San Antonio, TX  78212
### 2019 Statistics

#### Intake

- **Total Intakes**: 5,611
- **Total Public**: 1,306

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#### Public Service

- **Total Live Releases**: 5,379

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- **Adoptions**: 5,298
- **Returned to Owner**: 80

#### Surgeries

- **Total Surgeries**: 5,480
- **Total Spay/Neuter**: 8,009

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#### Acronym Key

- **ACS**: Animal Care Services
- **O/S**: Owner surrender
- **RTO**: Return to owner
- **ADL**: Animal Defense League
- **ABAN**: Abandoned at ADL
- **S/N**: Spay/neuter
- **CC**: Community cats
Won’t you join us and become a foster volunteer? Become a life saver today!

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2019 STATISTICS

VOLUNTEERS
790 NEW VOLUNTEERS

FOSTERS
THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT
1,333 PETS FOSTERED

22,445
VOLUNTEER HOURS

7,525
FOSTER VOLUNTEER HOURS

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”
- Winston Churchill
This year, San Antonio experienced a surge in the distemper virus. Distemper is an often fatal, highly contagious, viral disease that affects canines and even some wildlife! Throughout the years, ADL treats a few distemper cases annually but by the end of 2019 ADL had already had over 100 confirmed distemper positive patients and was fortunate to provide care. In order to best protect and care for our residents, the decision was made to go into a quarantine period with no canines entering or exiting our program. ADL took quick action to segregate and treat it’s canine population to provide care and prevent internal exposure.

Extensive testing was done and the positive cases, including those who were asymptomatic, were identified and isolated from healthy animals. This decisive action allowed us to focus on giving the best treatment to the animals who had acquired the virus and also allowed our healthy animals to remain healthy! By carefully identifying any animals that have any symptoms of the disease and immediately placing them in a quarantined area, we were able to limit the spread of the disease and keep our unhealthy population to a number that we could confidently provide supportive care for the duration of their illness.

Despite how fatal distemper is in most animals, we have seen an amazing amount of survivors throughout the outbreak who are now happily in their forever homes!
Gia came to ADL in February of 2019 and her arrival turned heads. She was adorably small, had a severe skin issue, and couldn’t see properly in her right eye. Everyone could see she was uncomfortable, and it took some time to officially diagnose her skin condition. Only a few days after arriving, an ADL staff member decided to take her in her own home to foster her to good health. “She was very distinguished. She didn’t care to play with toys or with the other dogs. She liked being by herself most of the time. I have a pool in my backyard and most of my fosters, at one point, fall into it but not Gia.” She stayed in foster care for about 7 weeks, receiving all her medications and daily coconut oil massages to help her overly itchy skin. It took a lot of love and support to overcome her condition but in that time her personality came through clear as day. She was a proper classy lady, a “Southern Belle” some might say. When she returned to ADL in April, she didn’t wait long for her forever family to arrive.

Fiona came to ADL as a transfer from the city shelter. By all appearances, she was a happy, healthy young dog who loved people, other dogs and wanted to say hello to everyone she saw. When the medical team performed the detailed work up that every pet gets when they come into ADL’s program, they noticed that her heart didn’t sound quite right. Our veterinarian agreed and Fiona received an echocardiogram that showed she had patent ductus arteriosus which is a congenital heart defect that can quickly lead to congestive heart failure. Fiona’s prognosis was poor without heart surgery to repair the defect. The ADL village rallied and with the help of generous supporters and Texas A&M Fiona received the surgery she needed to save her life. After her surgery, Fiona spent two weeks recovering with the clinic staff doting on her and ensuring that there were no post-surgery complications. Thanks to our medical team and our supporters, Fiona is now living her best life with her forever family.
Betsy Damon was a life-long lover of animals and steadfast supporter of the Animal Defense League of Texas. Before Betsy passed away in 1998, she established the ADL foundation to which her vision was to create an entity that would not only last forever, but be a vehicle for others like her. Each year we recognize a corporation and a volunteer for their selfless giving and support of our mission in honor of Betsy.

The 2019 Betsy Damon Donor of the year was North Park Subaru. Since 2015, North Park Subaru has donated over $96,000 to support our mission.

We are pleased to share that the total number of animals rescued since our partnership began is 30,141! ADL could not have saved the lives of so many deserving pets in our community without the generous and ongoing support of North Park Subaru. We are extremely grateful to be named the official home town charity and look forward to continuing to serve our community together!

In 2019, the Animal Defense League hosted our 8th annual Fur Ball Gala celebrating our 85th Anniversary! This annual fundraiser, hosted at San Antonio’s Witte Museum, serves as a celebration of our volunteers, donors, and dedicated staff’s efforts to serve the people and stray pets in our community. This year was extra special, as we commemorated 85 years of service. As many may know, the 85th anniversary is known as the year of Diamonds and Sapphires, solidifying our choice of theme.

This year’s Gala featured cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, dinner, live auction, silent auction, and a celebration of all of what ADL and our community has been able to achieve in 2019, and our 85 years of dedicated service. Thanks to our amazing supporters, we were able to raise over $138,000 in donations which directly benefited our pets and our ability to provide needed medical care, food, water, and shelter for the once abandoned, abused, and neglected pets in San Antonio and surrounding counties. Thank you to all who made our Furball Gala a successful event!
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“Whoever saves a life, saves the entire world.”
- The Talmud
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