

Lala's Playhouse and Rescue 2021 Annual Report

Introduction

As put organization has become established, we've been able to serve more animals than our previous year. Due to current circumstances (Covid-19), our adoption rate has dropped to 54% (was 75% in 2020). We want to focus this next year on continuing to meet the needs of the animals in our community, without putting our finances into a deeper pit or causing more stress on our volunteers and foster homes.

2021 Financial Statement

As we have added grooming and boarding services, we have been able to accumulate more funding for the rescue.

We have had an increase in community support through monetary and physical donations. Our Amazon Wishlist has been a blessing that allows our supporters to provide supplies for us. We also have been able to put monetary donations and adoption fees towards veterinary care, which has allowed us to take in more animals with medical needs.

As a privately funded organization that utilizes foster homes, every dollar that has gone into our rescue, comes out of our own pockets, from our founders, board of directors, volunteers, and fosters, but now we are able to gain more assistance from our community through becoming a 501c3. We hope to continue engaging our community in supporting our cause and to help us be able to continue serving the animals in need. We are so appreciative of all the support we have already received from our community.

Successes

Through social media, we have been able to gain more community awareness and support. We have been able to partner with other local rescues and animal control to better serve our communities, such as the Auburn Valley Humane Society, Burien CARES, Tiny Tails and Scales Rescue, Binky Bunny Tales Rescue, The Hare BnB Rescue, Spa, and Boutique, Zitch Hamster Rescue, and Munchie's Place for Homeless Pets. We have changed formats to only using Petfinder to post our animals available for adoption. We continue to have partnerships with local rescues in Oregon as well and have been able to assist in transporting animals in need. Our website is up and running and new education is added to it as much as possible.

With the help of our community, followers, and donors, we have had 166 intakes this year, two animals became sanctuary residents, and 90 adoptions in 2021. Unfortunately, we have also had 28 animals cross the rainbow bridge this year, as well as 10 animals get returned to us.

We are so grateful for all our donors who have helped provide care for the animals. We are thankful for all the wonderful families that are choosing adoption over supporting breeding mills, and have provided loving homes to the animals they've adopted from us.

Challenges

This year has been a record year for animals being surrendered and/or abandoned. Many times, we have been overwhelmed with constantly taking in animals although we knew we were at our capacity. But we have been shown so much support during those times with donations to help keep us going. We know we cannot save every animal and we need to ensure we can manage caring for the ones in our care. But it is hard to say no to animals in need. We have to stay strong in keeping to our limit so that we do not over work ourselves or take on more than we can handle.

We have expanded to be able to serve more species, as this year we have taken in reptiles and rabbits. This expansion was due to the current needs of our community. But this will be re-evaluated to ensure we are capable of serving so many different species and their needs. Our ultimate goal will always be in the interest of the animals.

2022 will be better for all.

2022 Goals

Our only goal is to continue serving and providing for the animals in need in our community. We have built a clientele through our grooming and boarding services. We have met many amazing adopters and we wouldn't be able to do this work without them.

A financial goal we have is to lessen the financial responsibility on our board members and to have an increase in community support.

And as always, our goal is perfectly stated in our mission.

Our mission is to advocate and provide a safe haven for animals that are abandoned, abused, or neglected. We aim to educate others on proper animal care. We operate to encourage individuals to choose adoption rather than support breeding mills.

We hope to continue doing the work we are doing. We hope to continue working with other agencies to better serve animals. We hope to continue learning and adapting to better provide for animals. We hope to continue saving these little critters' lives.

Conclusion

We have had a roller coaster of a year. We continue to go through a pandemic, we have had some financial hardships, have gone through personal battles and challenges, have had many losses, but we are set on our mission. We have had many positives as well. Our dream of saving animals has become a reality. We have opened up our hearts to so many little souls. We have learned so much about animals and their care. We have gotten to meet and work with so

many amazing and passionate advocates. But there is still so much to do. And we cannot wait to continue into 2022.

Thank you for supporting us.