Last year was incredible for the Atlanta Humane Society. We grew our impact and touched so many animals in need here in Atlanta. Our partnerships enabled us to stretch our limits and expand our reach as the animal welfare leader in our community.

Throughout the year, we worked within our community to ensure animals received the loving care they desperately needed and the forever homes they deserved. Thanks to support of friends like you, we positively impacted the lives of more than 30,000 animals!

In August and September, we dedicated many sleepless nights to animals impacted by the hurricanes. The State of Georgia called upon us to open a temporary shelter (pictured to your left) for hundreds of animals. And, when Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico, we led the efforts on the ground when animals in need flew to Atlanta to ensure each one of them found safety when they landed.

Thanks to you, we’re expanding the number of lives we save, expanding the number of partners we work with, expanding the way we work and expanding our reach. Because of your support, we’re able to be a leader here in our community and support the animals who need us the most.

Thank you,

Cal Morgan
President and CEO
A Leader In Animal Care

When we received the plea for help from our friends at DeKalb County Animal Services, our hearts broke for sweet Arnie. We immediately transferred him into our care and secured him a loving foster home.

At only 11 months old, he was covered head to toe in itchy mange, painful sores and open wounds. He also had a debilitating upper respiratory infection that needed immediate attention.

His paws were so swollen and inflamed from his skin infection, our Shelter Medicine Team provided him a soothing medicated bath, antibiotics for the infection and treatment for the itchy mange.

Despite the neglect this pup has endured in his short life, we can tell he is truly grateful for his second chance. Thanks to your support, we were able to take immediate action and offer him the kind of comfort he had never known before.
More than 11,000 animals came through our doors searching for hope, and they found it in the loving arms of our staff and volunteers. We provided them the comfort and care they needed and found them families to love them for the rest of their lives.
The key piece of combatting animal overpopulation is spaying and neutering. Our Georgia Low-Cost Spay and Neuter Initiative provides sterilization services to animals in metro Atlanta and throughout the state to bring services to areas where they are needed the most. Additionally, we ensure that every animal who we adopt out is spayed or neutered before they go up for adoption. This lifesaving initiative was co-founded by the Atlanta Humane Society and the Holland M. Ware Charitable Foundation with additional support provided by PetSmart Charities, Petco Foundation, the Georgia Department of Agriculture and donors like you.

With county shelters struggling to manage their overcrowded facilities, we actively work with animal welfare organizations across our state to bring animals into our care to find them loving homes here in Atlanta.

Our active and growing transport program works to move animals from the Southeast to shelters in the North where there are less adoptable animals. This program is a key part of our work to ending animal homelessness as we combat it locally with our spay and neuter efforts.

Every animal adopted from our shelter receives a microchip to ensure if they ever get lost, they’ll have the best chance at being reunited with their owner. We also provide microchips in our Veterinary Center and through our low-cost spay/neuter program to animals not already microchipped.

During hurricane season, we took in animals from Louisiana, Texas, Florida, South Carolina and Georgia. These animals were available for adoption in shelters in the paths of Hurricane Harvey and Irma, and by taking them into our care, we opened up space in shelters for displaced and lost animals in those communities.

Through our program and outreach services, we touch the lives of pets and their humans living throughout our community. We provide humane education, training and veterinary care while advocating for legislation that helps to to further animal welfare in our region.
Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma were incredibly destructive to communities across the Southeast. They ruined lives and property, separated trusting pets from the only families they had ever known, and threatened hundreds of homeless animals in those areas. Fortunately, with the overwhelming support of our community, the Atlanta Humane Society could come to the rescue of dogs and cats, as well as our shelter rescue partners, throughout the hurricane areas.

Right before Hurricane Harvey, we took in hundreds of animals who were already in Texas and Louisiana shelters to make space locally for animals who were about to be displaced by the hurricane. Then, our Animal Emergency Services Team deployed to Houston to aid with the overwhelming onslaught of displaced animals in the region.
As the devastation during Hurricane Harvey was unfolding, our team was also preparing for Hurricane Irma. We took in shelter dogs and cats from central Florida and Georgia to protect them from potential flooding and were asked by the State of Georgia and FEMA to set up an emergency shelter to care for up to 1,000 animals who needed a safe place to go during and after the storm.

Our Animal Emergency Services Team cared for these animals around-the-clock in a 60,000-square-foot warehouse, and they stayed with them overnight to ensure that these animals were never alone. After the storm, we helped all 724 animals who came through this emergency shelter find loving, forever homes.

But our work wasn’t finished, and we stepped up again when Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico. We led the efforts on the ground here in Georgia to ensure the safe arrival and placement of more than 130 Puerto Rican dogs and cats. When they arrived late in the night at Gwinnett County Airport, we were there waiting. We unloaded them, provided them with the necessary paperwork, and worked with our rescue partners to get them to safety and into the arms of loving families.
In December, we received a call about more than 60 dogs who were on a property in Bacon County, Georgia. They were living outside in a large pen, occasionally being thrown food that they’d eat off the dirt, and in desperate need of medical attention.

Our Animal Emergency Services Team drove to the property alongside our Shelter Medicine Team who, upon arrival, began assessing the dogs most in need to ensure they received immediate care. Then, one by one, we started to remove them.

We placed each of these dogs carefully into our transport vehicles and took them back to our Howell Mill Campus. There, we examined them closely and provided each of them with a specialized medical treatment plan.

Some of the dogs were so neglected they had heartworms, requiring months of treatment. Other dogs had horrible wounds and were rushed to surgery. All of them had parasites attacking their systems.

Support from friends like you enables us to go when animals are in need and provide neglected animals the love they deserve.
To see how you can make a difference for animals in cruelty and neglect situations, please visit atlantahumane.org/cruelty
With more than 250 animal welfare partners, we're touching animal lives everywhere we go. Every day we work alongside other organizations to care for, protect and find loving homes for animals in our community. They reach out to us when they’re overcrowded, when a cruelty case arises and when animals come to them in desperate need. Because of your support, we’re there for them and these animals when they need us the most.

Joey was just one of these animals. At just weeks old, he was thrown from a moving vehicle alongside his littermates. Upon impact, Joey broke both of his tiny back legs.

As soon as we got the call, our Shelter Medicine Team rushed into action. They ran tests and X-rays, and bandaged up Joey’s legs. They found him a loving foster home to ensure he received the care his body needed and the love his soul longed for. And with time, medical attention and care, Joey healed and found his new family.

But Joey’s story, and the stories of hundreds of animals just like him, wouldn’t be possible without our transport program or the relationships we have. Through this network of county shelters and animal welfare organizations across the state, we are able to support the most vulnerable animals in our community.
Baby was transferred in from Forsyth County with a severe skin infection, dental issues, and a hernia in need of repair. Our team gave her the loving care she needed and the family she deserved.

Ollie was found wandering the streets by our friends at Fulton County Animal Services. Deaf, partially blind, limping, and covered in painful mats, we took Ollie into our care to provide him specialized medical support and a loving forever home.

Patrick came to us from Fayette County after being diagnosed with FIV. We found him the perfect home in Atlanta where he can live the long, happy life he deserves.
LEADING INTO THE FUTURE

More than twenty years ago, Janice Bracken Wright made the leap to volunteer at the Atlanta Humane Society, despite living an hour and a half away, because she wanted to be a part of the mission. And over the years, she dedicated her time to helping the animals throughout every department in the organization. It simply did her heart good.

“I just loved it and always left feeling like I made a difference and with a feeling of hope for the animals in our area.”

But volunteering was just the start of Janice’s future with the Atlanta Humane Society. Most recently, she has joined the Board of Directors and captained their Walk for the Animals team to success. Janice kept the team focused on making a difference for the animals who needed them and kept them engaged by keeping the Walk for the Animals in front of them. Through emails, social sharing and simply by asking, Janice led the Board of Directors team to raise more than $20,000.

And, Janice is guaranteed to help the animals in our community long into the future after putting the Atlanta Humane Society into her will. The simple call to her financial advisor has ensured that the animals in our future will be rescued from horrible situations and given the best possible care they can receive.

To talk about making a lifetime of impact on the animals and placing AHS in your will, please contact Joy Hallinan, CFRE, Vice President of Development, at jhallinan@atlantahumane.org.
Will you be their Guardian?

Bubbles was huddled against his deceased mother in the corner of a car wash. He was shaking, cold, and wet, but with one look at him, you could tell what was bothering him the most... he was all alone.

Bubbles was quickly brought to our Shelter Medicine Team who examined him carefully. They found that he was missing his right eye and that his left eye had a severe deformity.

He was given special care and support over the next few months, but more than anything, we knew Bubbles just needed love, and we were able to help him find that.

Become a part of the Guardians Circle today and be the voice for vulnerable animals like Bubbles and Joey. With a yearly donation of $1,000 or more, you will join a community of more than 400 Atlantans who have committed to ending pet homelessness and overpopulation in the Southeast. Guardians Circle members are offered exclusive opportunities to engage further and learn more about our work, including behind-the-scenes tours, educational offerings, events and more.

To learn more about becoming a Guardian today, please contact Caitlin Costello, Development Manager, at ccostello@atlantahumane.org or call 404.974.2891.

Guardians Circle members Jane Foy, Debbie Sutton, and Frauncee Ladd.
None of what we do at the Atlanta Humane Society would be possible without the support of friends like you.

Our donors make possible the play yards for our dogs, enable us to provide the best housing for our cats, and back our Shelter Medicine Team so we can care for the neediest of animals. They gather their friends and tell stories about the animal lives they’ve helped to save— the stories they made possible.

Our corporate partners back our mission and enable us to take strides forward as the leader in the Southeast. They provide our adopters with support as they start their lives with their new family members and enable us to push our lifesaving services forward with essential monetary contributions.

With the support of our community, we’re able to be a leader for animals and provide them with the life-changing resources they need.

Because of this support, we’re able to care for animals like Whitaker. This sweet Maltese came into our care and was desperately ill. He refused to eat, his temperature had dropped and he was depressed. He had become victim to a horrible disease called parvo.

But with the support of our community, we are able to provide parvo victims like Whitaker with the loving care and treatment they need. They are placed into our special parvo treatment ward and given fluids, antibiotics, and specialized care. Because of this support, these parvo victims have somewhere to turn, someone to love them, and someone to save their lives.
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Change In Net Assets: $1,537,297

Net Assets, Beginning of year: $34,183,629

Net Assets, End of year: $35,720,926

**WHERE THE MONEY GOES (FY 2017)**

- **75%** Programs
- **9%** Administrative Expenses
- **16%** Fundraising & Marketing

To see our 2017 IRS 990 and complete audited financial statements, please visit atlantahumane.org/about-us.
The mission of the Atlanta Humane Society is to improve animal welfare in the southeastern United States by providing quality animal services including preventative initiatives, education, advocacy and adoption of animals into permanent loving homes.

The vision of the Atlanta Humane Society is to be the premier leader and organizational resource for the welfare and protection of companion animals in the southeastern United States.