

Aniçira Annual Report 2020



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Mission

Anicira is committed to serving animals and our community through veterinary services, education, outreach, shelter, care and protection programs to help animals live healthy lives in a safe environment.

Vision

A community free of homeless and neglected pets; an end to unnecessary euthanasia.

Core Values

Believe in the inherent dignity of each animal.

Lead with compassion.

Partner with people.

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Letter from the President/CEO

Dear Friends,

As we continue to strive for excellence at Anicira, our success has been and will continue to be, a result of the unwavering resolve, each one of our valued supporters provides Anicira every day. In turn, you have our commitment to continue our effort to end animal suffering despite the recent challenges facing our community.

This report will give you a glimpse of the important and much-needed work we have done this past year. 2020 was a time like none other in our lives- a global pandemic, an economic crisis, and nationwide demonstrations protesting racial inequality.

Many hardships are having the greatest impact on our most vulnerable neighbors. You will see how we provided more than 226,000 nutritious meals through the pet food pantry so cats and dogs will not go hungry. Our Comprehensive Care Free Clinic provided no-cost surgery, medical and dental care for 319 underserved pets. We started a new program to provide free spay/neuter surgeries for pets in Lee County. Lee County is the most economically disadvantaged county in the state with many pets desperately in need of basic veterinary care.

In 2020, Anicira celebrated its 15th anniversary and over the years it has been a pleasure to share with you my dreams and ambitions for our organization. The past 15 years have been remarkable. From our humble start in 2005 to now, one thing has remained unchanged-our commitment to helping pets and the

families who love them. This past year, we maintained the same focus we have had since the beginning. Through improving access to veterinary care, we have helped improve the health and general well-being of pets in need of care while simultaneously reducing the number of homeless pets. When Anicira opened as the Shenandoah Valley Spay/Neuter Clinic in 2005, the live outcome rate at our local shelter was 26% with 4,730 cats and dogs entering the shelter. Last year, the local shelter served 2,344 homeless cats and dogs, a decrease in the intake of more than 50%.

Anicira is now an American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) accredited hospital. Only about 15% of veterinary practices pass this evaluation to become accredited, and we are incredibly proud to be one of them—not only because of the hard work of our amazing team but also because the *AAHA Standards of Accreditation* ensure that our hospital treats all pets with the most compassionate care backed by the highest-quality veterinary medicine.

Our success is because of the remarkable support of our donors, clients, volunteers, and partners. On behalf of the families we serve, thank you for standing with Anicira. Your trust and confidence in Anicira have helped us build a remarkable organization, one whose future has never been brighter!



Cate Lemmond
President/CEO

Veterinary Centers

Anicira's full-service veterinary hospitals are facing the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic with flexibility so that we can continue to help animals in need. In 2020, we introduced curbside admission and discharge and began offering virtual vet visits to limit contact.

During the unprecedented global pandemic, we provided high quality and affordable veterinary care to 30,000 patients - more than we've ever seen in any previous year.

The team continued to grow in 2020 and we added three new veterinarians and two new licensed veterinary technicians. Both locations received accreditation from the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) which is the gold standard for veterinary practices. And, as if the year couldn't get any busier, the Harrisonburg Veterinary Center was renovated - adding three new exam rooms and a new medical treatment room to increase the number of pets we can serve each day!

Anicira Veterinary Center offers clients:

- Preventative Health Care
- General Surgery
- Geriatric Care
- In-house Radiology Services
- Spay and Neuter Surgery
- Dentistry and Oral Surgery
- End of Life Care
- Orthopedic Surgery
(Harrisonburg only)
- Virtual Veterinary Visits

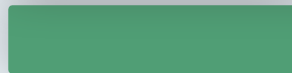
Veterinary Center Statistics



27,569 Vaccines Administered



Harrisonburg:
16,296

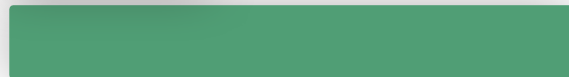


Manassas:
11,273

960 General Surgeries



Harrisonburg:
271



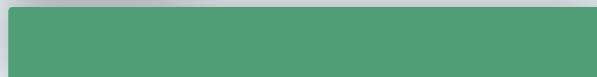
Manassas:
689



1036 Dentistry Procedures



Harrisonburg:
199

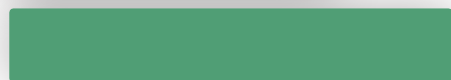


Manassas:
837

2,592 Microchips Implanted



Harrisonburg:
1,159



Manassas:
1,433



Spay and Neuter

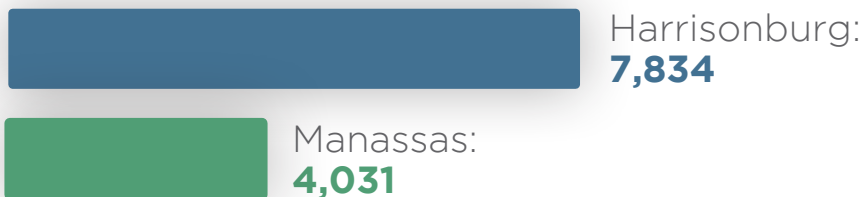
Anicira performed 16,579 spay & neuter surgeries in 2020 on dogs, cats, and rabbits.



4,671 Dogs Spayed/Neutered



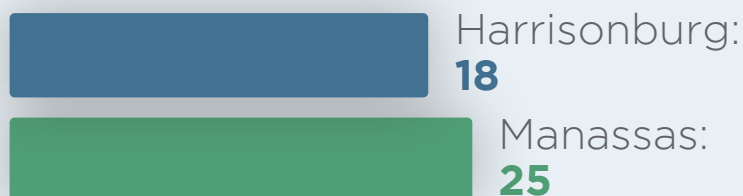
11,865 Cats Spayed/Neutered



4,031 feral cats



43 Rabbits Spayed/Neutered



Veterinary Services

From bear attacks to bullet wounds, the team at Anicira helped many pets and families experiencing emergencies this year. All of the challenges, resilience and teamwork allowed us to improve the lives of thousands of pets this year.



Medley

Medley was shot with a pellet gun. Her primary care veterinarian gave her a poor prognosis, but her family wasn't ready to give up on her yet. They brought her to Anicira, where she received a life-saving procedure from our highly-skilled surgical team. In the six-hour-long surgery, Dr. Bullock found that the bullet had pierced Medley's intestine and caused severe internal damage. Medley's injuries were repaired and now is back at home and getting lots of love and cuddles!



Mugsy

Mugsy's mom adopted him from her sister who was diagnosed with stage 3 cancer. Even though Mugsy's mom was already caring for her own cats as well as a colony of community cats, she didn't hesitate to help her sister care for Mugsy. When she noticed that Mugsy was experiencing severe oral pain and had stopped eating, she brought him to Anicira to get him checked out. Mugsy was able to receive a dentistry and oral surgery procedure in her time of need at a reduced rate thanks to the help of a grant from the Banfield Foundation. Mugsy's mom was extremely grateful, saying, "It means the world to me - to help him, to help my sister."



Good Samaritan Rescues Litter

These kittens were thrown from a moving car. Luckily, a Good Samaritan saw it happen and intervened. She brought the kittens to Anicira where they were treated for conjunctivitis and upper respiratory infections. A team member at Anicira nursed them back to health and they all found loving homes.



Reese, helped by the Pit Fix Program

Financial Assistance Programs

As a nonprofit veterinary hospital, it is Anicira's mission to increase access to veterinary care and keep pets with their families. In 2020, Anicira was able to help 901 families receive access to free or subsidized veterinary care. The services we provided ranged from critical care that saved lives to providing vaccines that prevent deadly diseases.

Pit Fix

Residents of Rockingham County, the City of Harrisonburg, Manassas Park, and Prince William County can receive a spay/neuter surgery for their American Pit Bull Terriers and Pit Bull mixes for just \$40. This program helps to address the high number of Pit Bulls being surrendered or relinquished to local shelters.



79 Dogs
Spayed/Neutered



\$7,287.00
in assistance provided

Sashi's Fund

Sashi, a small Shih Tzu mix, endured severe neglect. Adopted by Anicira's president, Sashi became a staple of the office for several years. A Fund in her honor helps low-income Northern Virginia families care for their pets.



\$40,200.79
in assistance provided



235
families helped

Feline Fund

Feline Fund helps Harrisonburg and Rockingham County families with veterinary care for their cats.



373
families helped



\$67,567.10
in assistance provided
to cats

Aidan's Fund

Aidan, a miniature poodle mix, was rescued from life on a chain in 2005 and began a happy life with his new mom. Shortly after, his mom started Aidan's Fund to help Harrisonburg and Rockingham County low-income families afford care.



134
families helped



\$17,473.38
in assistance provided
to dogs

Comprehensive Care Clinic

Access to veterinary care is the foundation for a pet's health and well-being. In December 2019, Anicira started a free comprehensive care free clinic as a meaningful complement to the community safety nets. The clinic provides access to veterinary care for the cats and dogs in greatest need - those who do not have other options.

Many under-served families experience a delay in seeking a diagnosis and treatment for their sick or injured pet due to a lack of access to affordable veterinary care. The delay can ultimately lead to negative health outcomes, higher care costs, and a decrease in quality of life for the animal. Clients who live in the City of Harrisonburg or Rockingham County; are currently enrolled in Medicaid; or whose income is at or below 138% of the federal poverty level are eligible.

\$93,427.45

Free services provided by the Care Clinic in 2020



319 pets served



159 families helped



Halo



Molly



Sal



Xena

Grant Funding

Anicira is grateful for the support of these five wonderful organizations. These grants expanded our ability to help pets in need during this difficult year.



Buckshot received lifesaving treatment and hospitalization after a tick bite caused Lyme disease and Anaplasmosis. His care was covered by a grant from the Banfield Foundation.

Alley Cat Allies Emergency Grant

30 cats helped | \$3,000 awarded

The nonprofit organization, Alley Cat Allies, awarded Anicira an emergency grant to assist pet cats of people who had been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with medical care.

Banfield Foundation Grant

48 pets helped | \$7,500 awarded

A grant from the Banfield Foundation helped Anicira provide assistance and medical care to pets of families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.



Lucy returned from a two week adventure with her tail degloved and needed surgery to amputate it. Her mother was furloughed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Anicira was able to provide the surgery at no cost to Lucy's mom because of the grant from Alley Cat Allies

Hildred Neff Fund of the Community Foundation of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County Comprehensive Care Clinic Grant

21 pets helped | \$4,000 awarded

This grant supported the most vulnerable pets in our community - those with nowhere else to go.



Bo received treatment for his severe skin issues with support from the Hildred Neff Foundation's grant for Anicira's Comprehensive Care Clinic

Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge David Feline Medical Assistance Grant

12 pets helped | \$1,141.26 awarded

The David Feline Medical Assistance Grant allowed Anicira to increase access to veterinary care for sick and injured cats in our community.

Petco Foundation

42 cats helped | \$5,000 awarded

This investment from the Petco Foundation helped pet parents access resources such as veterinary care and pet food assistance with the goal of keeping families together.



Mellow suffered a traumatic injury after being hit by a car, which left his mom in a panic to get him care with no way to afford it. Mellow was able to receive top-notch surgical care thanks to the Hildred Neff Foundation's Feline Medical Assistance grant.

Rachael Ray Save Them All COVID Relief Grant from Best Friends Animal Society

48 pets helped | \$7,500 awarded

Anicira received a Rachael Ray Save Them All COVID-19 Relief Grant from Best Friends Animal Society which allowed us to provide care to sick and injured pets in the Harrisonburg and Rockingham County community.

Pet Food Pantry

The pandemic created a greater need for pet food than ever before. Anicira expanded the reach of our pet food pantry. We distributed 110% more food than last year and helped hundreds of families feed their pets. The second Saturday of each month, we distributed pet food at Anicira Adoption Center. To ensure the safety of clients, staff, and volunteers, the pantry was adapted to operate as a drive thru.

Since May, Anicira has partnered with the human food pantry, Hope Distributed, to dispense pet food at their location on the third Thursday of each month from 4pm to 6pm. The Pet Food Pantry was adapted, becoming a drive through pantry to ensure the safety of clients, volunteers and team members.



Pet food being distributed car by car at Hope Distributed

Statistics



**83,000
pounds**

of food distributed



**226,558
nutritious
meals**

provided to pets at
risk of hunger



**19 events
where
food was
distributed**



Transport Program

The transport program celebrated its 15th year in 2020. The program provides a reduced cost biweekly transport from the Humane Society of Shenandoah County, Spay Today and Winchester SPCA, increasing access to affordable care for both animal welfare organizations and area families. By increasing access, Anicira is helping more pets live happier, healthier lives.

The Humane Society of Warren County has been a dedicated transport partner since the very beginning. To show our appreciation for all they have done to help animals, we provided HSWC a grant for \$3,000 worth of free veterinary care as a part of our 15 year anniversary celebration.



Adoption Program

Anicira saw an outpouring of support from the community, with many generous community members offering their homes to underprivileged pets. Adoption applications soared and fosters eagerly waited to provide help.



Our Adoption Program did not let background, shyness, illness, injury, or the size of a dog determine if they were fit to be in our program. Our shelter's team and volunteers work hard to save the dogs that are at highest risk and enjoy seeing each transformation and success in finding their forever homes.

This year, we expanded our reach by providing a grant to cover the cost of spay/neuter surgeries for hundreds of pets in Lee County. Located in Southwest Virginia, Lee County is the most economically disadvantaged county in the state.

The goal of the program is to reduce the homeless pet population in the local shelter and is made possible with the partnership of the Margaret B. Mitchell Clinic and Lee County Animal Shelter.

99%
lifesaving rate

 **239** pets adopted

 **213** dogs adopted

 **26** cats adopted

 **48** pets transferred



Animal Welfare Partners

Thank you to our animal welfare partners.

A Cat And A Dog's Friend Rescue
Animal Allies
Animal Friends Barbour Co
Animal Welfare League of Alexandria
Animal Welfare League of Arlington
Animal Welfare Society
Beagle Rescue Education And Welfare
Bettie Pell Feral Fund
Blue Ridge Border Collie
Blue Ridge Border Collie Rescue
Blue Ridge Cat Rescue
Blue Ridge Cat Rescue
Bully Paws Rescue
Carolina ACD Rescue And Rebound
Casey's House
Cat Action Team
Cats Cradle
Cats Rule! Feline Rescue
Cavalier Rescue USA
City Dogs Rescue
Community Cat Advocats
Community Cat Alliance
Culpeper Felines & Friends
Dakota's Dream
Dc Shiba Inu Rescue
Dewey Animals
Fancy Cat Rescue
Feline Foundation Of Greater Washington
Fierce Love Rescue
For The Cat's Sake
Frederick County Animal Shelter
Furry Friends
Great Dane Rescue

Greene County Animal Shelter
Happy Go Lucky Mastiff Rescue
Highland Humane Society
Homeless Animals Rescue
Homeward Trails Rescue
Hs Of Warren County
Humane Society of Culpeper
Humane Society of Fairfax County
Humane Society of Fredericksburg
Humane Society of Shenandoah County
Jessie's Fund
Little Big Dog Rescue
Little Buddies
Lost Ball
Lost Dog & Cat Rescue
Loudoun Co Animal Shelter
Loudoun Community Cat Coalition
Love Paws
Lucky Dog Animal Rescue
Madison Community Cats
Margaret's Saving Grace Bully Rescue
Mews And Merlot
Mid-Atlantic GSP Rescue
Mid-atlantic Pug Rescue
Middleburg Humane Foundation
Mosby Foundation
Must Love Cats Rescue
Nova Alive Pets
Nova Pets Alive
Old Dominion Boston Terrier Rescue
Operation Git Meow
Operation Paws for Homes
Page County Animal Shelter

Page Paws
Paws (Pendleton Animal)
Paws For Seniors
Pet Harbor Rescue
Petconnect Rescue
Petey And Furiends
Prince William Animal Connection
Prince William SPCA
Purrs & Whiskers, Inc.
Rapp Cats Rescue
Rescue Association for Australian Cattle Dogs
Rockingham-Harrisonburg SPCA
Rural Dog Rescue
Save A Dog, Save A Cat
Save the Tails
Second Chance Animal Rescue
Shadow Cat Advocates
Shenandoah County Animal Shelter
Shenandoah Shepherd Rescue
Shenandoah Valley Animal Services
Shepherd Rescue
Shepherds Furever
Sophia's Grace Foundation
Southern Paws Va
Southern Paws Va Animal Rescue
Spay Today
To The Rescue Inc.
Tree Of Life
Valley Advocates
Valley Rescue Allies
Winchester SPCA
Wise County Humane Society
Worthy Dog Rescue

Events

As part of our mission, we engaged the community with education and outreach that expanded respect for animals.



Dog Bowl

February 2, 2020

To celebrate the Super Bowl, we hosted a Dog Bowl! Adoption fees were reduced, visitors enjoyed snacks, beverages and meeting adoptable dogs. Many dogs found their forever homes!



World Spay Day

February 25, 2020

In recognition of World Spay Day, Anicira partnered with four animal welfare organizations to provide 49 free spay/neuter surgeries for dogs and cats in need. Starting in 1995, World Spay Day is an annual event encouraging people to spay neuter their pets to help reduce the homeless pet population.



Great Community Give

June 24, 2020

For the second year in a row, Anicira participated in the Great Community Give. Coordinated by The Community Foundation of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County, the event was a single-day of fundraising to promote charitable giving in our community. Despite the ongoing pandemic, Anicira successfully raised \$4,150 and had 81 unique donors. Donations supported the promotion of pets' health and happiness through our various programs, and services.



15 Year Anniversary Celebration

September 1 - 15, 2020

This year, Anicira celebrated 15 years of serving pets in the Harrisonburg and Rockingham County community. Over the span of 15 years, Anicira has grown from 4 employees to 72 and from serving 5,000 patients in the first year to over 28,000 in the 15th. During the celebration, Anicira gave away gift bags, free veterinary services, spay/neuter surgeries, preventative medications, food, and gift cards to say thank you to our clients and the community for their tremendous support.



Subaru ASPCA Adoption Event

October 17, 2020

To celebrate Adopt a Shelter Pet Month, Subaru and the ASPCA partnered with Anicira to host an adoption event. Eight dogs and one cat were adopted.

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Top: Mandy

Middle: Cat spayed for free on world spay day

Bottom: Donors supported Anicira's programming which provided free spay/neuter surgeries to 16 community cats trapped by Mr. Crummett

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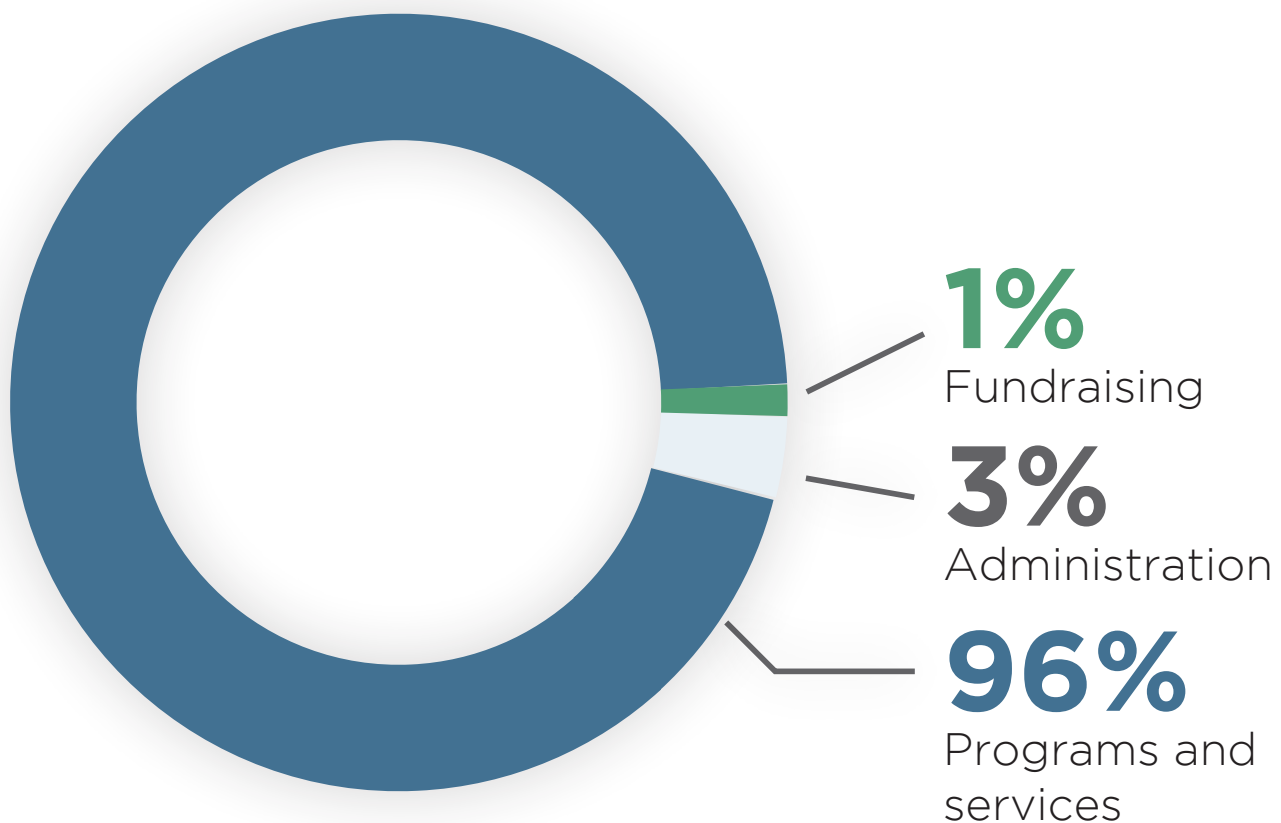
Top: Smiley's Ice Cream visited and served delicious treats to families

Bottom: Rey poses with her new family



Financial Information

Anicira is funded through veterinary services, grants, fundraising events, individual and corporate donations, and adoption fees.





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