



2022

A Year of Resilience



Impact Report

**Center for Animal Rescue &
Enrichment of St. Louis**

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"This year has been challenging, and yet we see time and time again, people working together for a better future."

Weng Horak

It's mind-boggling to think that just four years ago, when we took over the management of the STL City shelter, the intake number was just 600-800 animals a year, while last year, we took in 3012! We were only able to survive this massive influx of animals because of the help of our incredibly committed volunteers, who contributed a total of 15,847 hours helping in the shelter and enriching animals. Our overall reach as an organization has grown so much over this time, but so has the total number of animals that keep coming into the shelter. We are continually challenged to raise additional funds for the medical costs involved with many animals entering our shelter. So many of them are injured, sick, and malnourished, which is why we ask and ask and ask again for the funds & tools we need to help them all.

Letter from the Founder & CEO

2022 was quite the year for us at CARE STL; lots of ups and downs, lots of successes, and lots of animals were saved. A total of 3,012 animals were cared for by 23 full-time staff members (caregivers, adoption team & training team), which was 572 more animals cared for than the previous year. This is an increase of 25%, which is unbelievable! 1,945 animals were placed in their forever homes, and 289 were reunited with their owners.

We have significantly increased the in-shelter enrichment for our dogs by hiring certified professional dog trainers, as well as now offering free training for the public, which is already completely booked solid! Three new play yards (an enrichment yard, a sensory garden yard, and a play yard) were added for our shelter dogs, providing them additional space to de-stress while waiting for their forever homes. We also now offer \$10 microchip ID's to the community; not just for city residents but for everyone! And thanks to a lifesaving grant we received from Petco, we were able to buy an ID tag machine, so all the dogs & cats that leave our building are provided with free ID tags and collars.

Weng Horak



96.61%
LIVE RELEASE RATE

2022 IMPACT REPORT

**9,585 ANIMALS
SAVED SINCE 2019**



3,012 RESCUED & CARED FOR AT THE SHELTER
1,945 FOUND THEIR FOREVER HOMES
289 REUNITED W/ THEIR FAMILIES
97 TRANSFERRED TO RESCUE PARTNERS

Mission

CARE STL exists to create a supportive community rooted in collaboration, compassion, and caring for people and animals.

Vision

CARE STL envisions a world where all animals are nurtured in body, mind, and heart.

Our Approach



Lifesaving Intake

We accept the homeless, abused, neglected, injured, and surrendered animals of St. Louis into our care, so they will be safe and loved until they can be adopted into loving homes.



Compassionate Sheltering

We provide all the animals that come into our care with safety, veterinary care, food, water, and enrichment to take care of their physical, emotional, and mental health until they are adopted into loving homes.



Support the community

We continue to holistically support pets and their family. We provide off-site no-cost or low-cost microchipping and vaccination services in under-resourced communities..

Your Impact

Because of your support, CARE STL was able to do more this year than any previous year before! None of this would be possible without YOU!

3,012

Animals Saved

Your support helped 3,000+ animals in our community



1,945

Animals adopted to a loving home

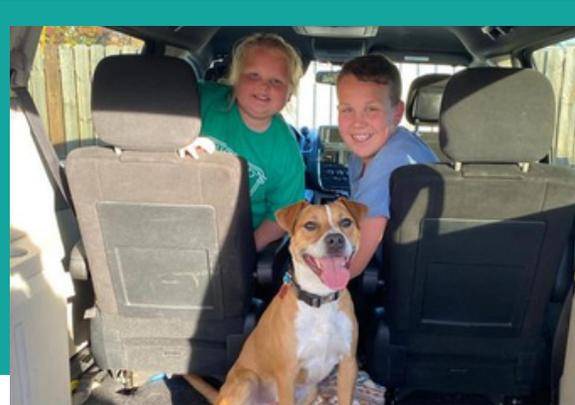
Your support help animals found their forever homes by sponsoring their adoption fees



289

Reunited with their families

Your support help animals with their spay & neuter & vaccinations



15,847

Volunteer Hours

Our volunteer support animals in the community

15,847 Hours
equivalent to **\$285,246**
cost savings for our
city shelter

Lifesaving Intake, Compassionate Sheltering & Adoption into Loving Homes

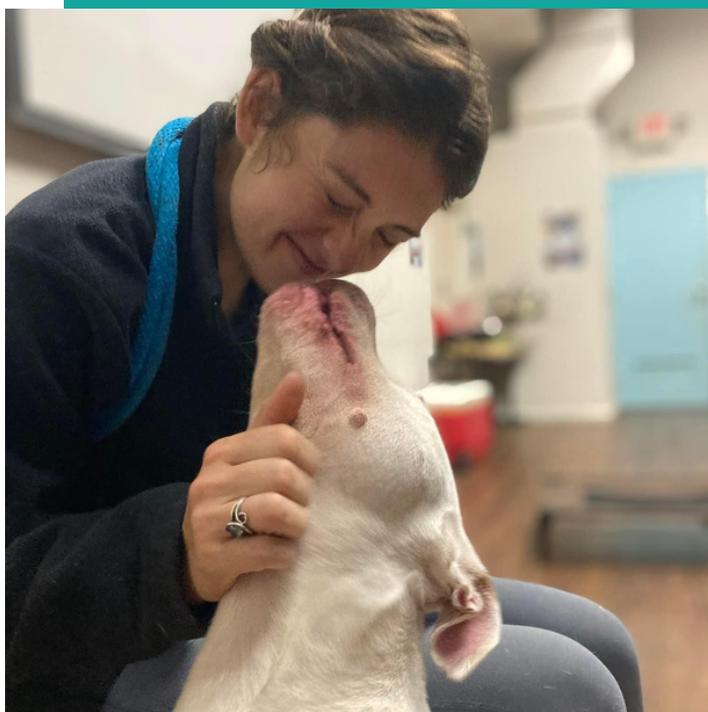
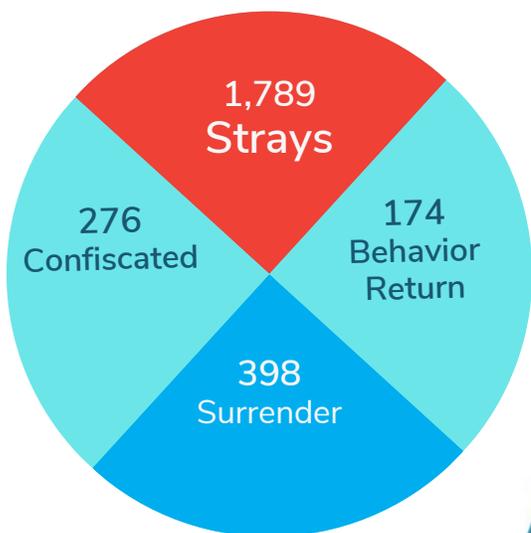
CARE STL accepts homeless, abused, neglected, injured, and surrendered animals into our care until they can be adopted into loving homes. We are an open, admission shelter that does not turn away any animal from within the City of St. Louis's jurisdiction. We do not euthanize animals for lack of space or for those with treatable behavioral or medical conditions.

Animals rescued from the street of St. Louis in 2022	Pets reunited with their owners	Adopted/Found Forever Home
3,012 animals	289 pets	1,945 animals

TOP REASONS PETS ENTER OUR SHELTER

- Unclaimed strays
- Behavior issues
- Lack of pet-friendly housing
- Too many pets

Intake By Type



**ADOPT A PET.
SAVE A LIFE.
GAIN A FRIEND.**



Adoption to a loving home



1,945 pets
adopted to loving
homes

Spay & Neuter – a lifesaving program

Spaying and neutering help reduce companion animal overpopulation. It helps lower the euthanasia rate by decreasing the number of unwanted animals.

We ask you to join our spay and neuter revolution and be part of the solution. The biggest obstacle we face is not being able to serve the community in greater ways due to the lack of funding and support. This is truly a community effort; your financial support stays here, it stays local, and it is spent here in the City of St. Louis.

Stray Animals Spayed & Neutered	Return to Owner Spayed & Neutered	Community Outreach Spayed & Neutered & TNR
2,149 animals	289 animals	167 animals



CHALLENGES

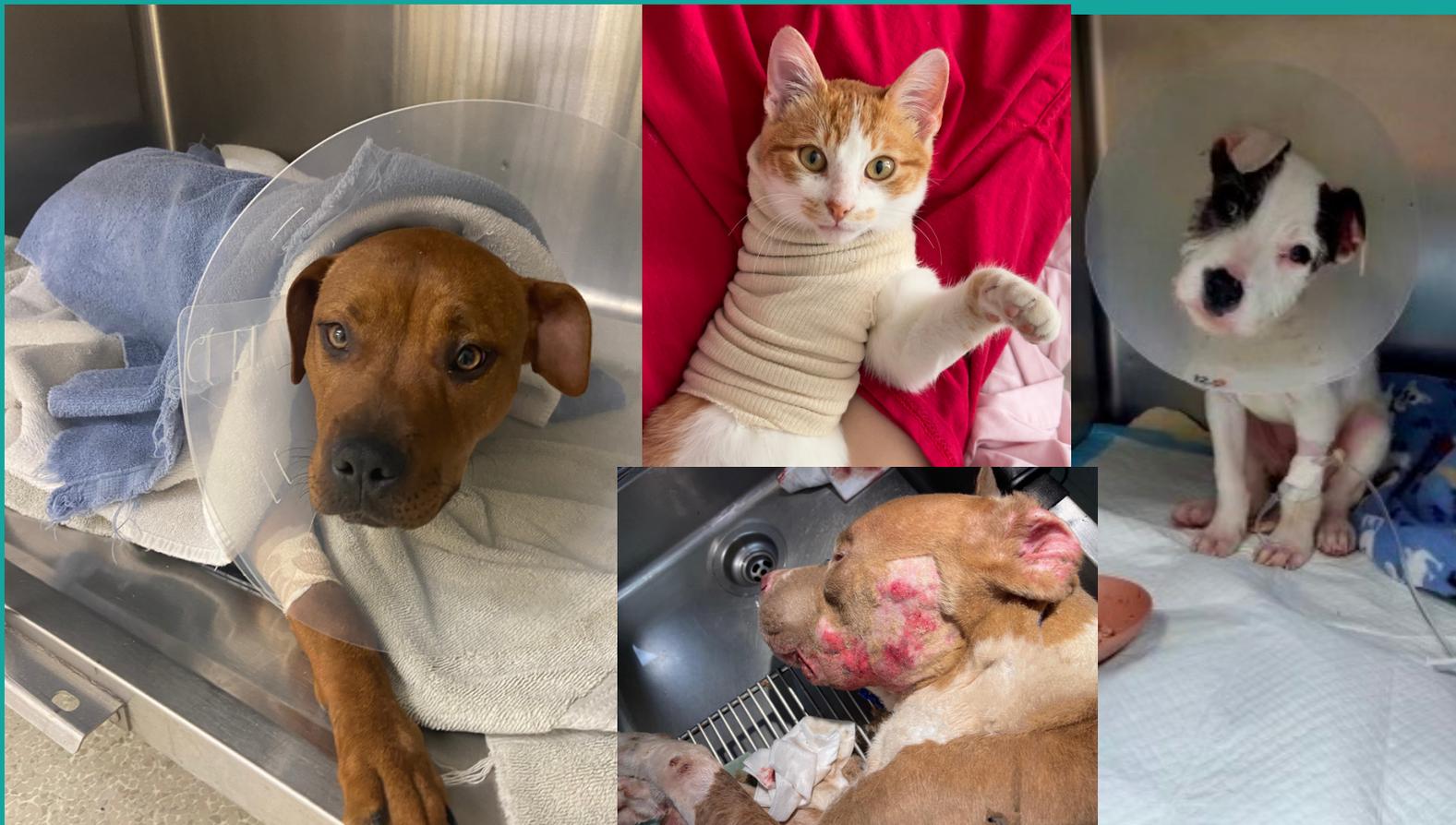
In 2023, our goal is to increase the spay and neuter services. We encourage our supporters and the community to invest in our efforts to help more animals by sponsoring our spay and neuter program.

Scheduling a Spay & Neuter Day for 50 animals will cost \$5,000 per day, which covers the veterinarian's time, medicines, and cost for two veterinary technicians. If you or your organization are interested in supporting this lifesaving work to stop overpopulation, please consider a sponsorship opportunity and partner with us in saving more lives. Please get in touch with us at info@icarestl.org.

The Emergency Medical Fund that you've funded to save lives.

The CARE Emergency Medical Fund exists to treat conditions that require specialist diagnostics, treatments and surgeries, and intensive monitoring that our clinic is not equipped to treat. We send our animals to the region's best specialty and emergency clinics. CARE STL relies on the generosity of individuals, corporations, and foundations for all medical care costs and trauma cases of the animals we rescue. When you donate to CARE STL, your financial support helps to sustain our mission of saving thousands of lives each year, and your support goes directly to the animals that were picked up in your backyard--the City of St. Louis. These animals are indeed part of the St. Louis community.

In 2022, we spent **\$76,330** from the CARE Emergency Medical Fund to give the best outcomes for the dogs and cats in our care. Yet, the animals keep coming to us for help and hope for a better life. Many of them come to us with complex, serious medical issues – we treat them with the same level of love, care, and commitment to emotional, mental, and physical healing.



You've helped save them because of your generosity



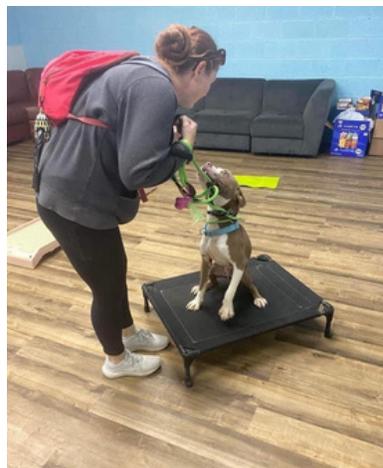
Rudder

a victim of a dog fight



Training & Enrichment at CARE

We have significantly increased our in-shelter enrichment for our dogs by hiring a newly certified trainer and are proud to offer free training for the public now. Three new play yards were added for our shelter dogs & 2,385 enrichment hours were given to shelter dogs!



FLAPJACK ❤️

Community Outreach

With the help of our community partners Petco, Dana Brown, Athletes for Animals, Purina, the City Department of Health, and our city officials, we provided off-site, low-cost microchipping, and vaccination services in under-resourced communities. We are able to serve free vaccinations, low-cost microchipping, and wellness checks for community-owned pets. We offer \$10 microchips for the community (not just city residents!) and give an ID tag and collar to every dog that leaves our shelter. We now offer rabies tags and registration for all city animals; the information will be in our system, so it's easy to reunite them when they get lost.



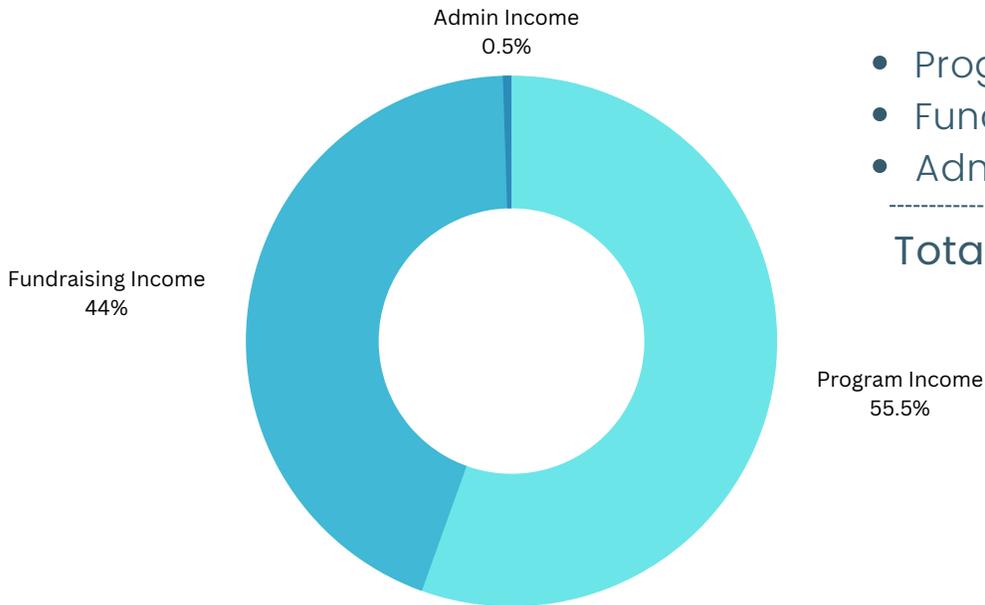
Volunteering at CARE STL

We would like to thank you for donating your time to help us towards our goals of helping the street dogs of the city and the betterment of our community. As a non-profit organization, our ability to staff our shelter is limited. Without our volunteers, we would not be able to operate on the scale necessary to handle such a large volume of dogs every year. Our shelter is fortunate to have such a dedicated volunteer base that has helped us to reach national recognition and respect in the animal welfare community.

13,792 HOURS or EQUIVALENT TO \$248,072



Financials

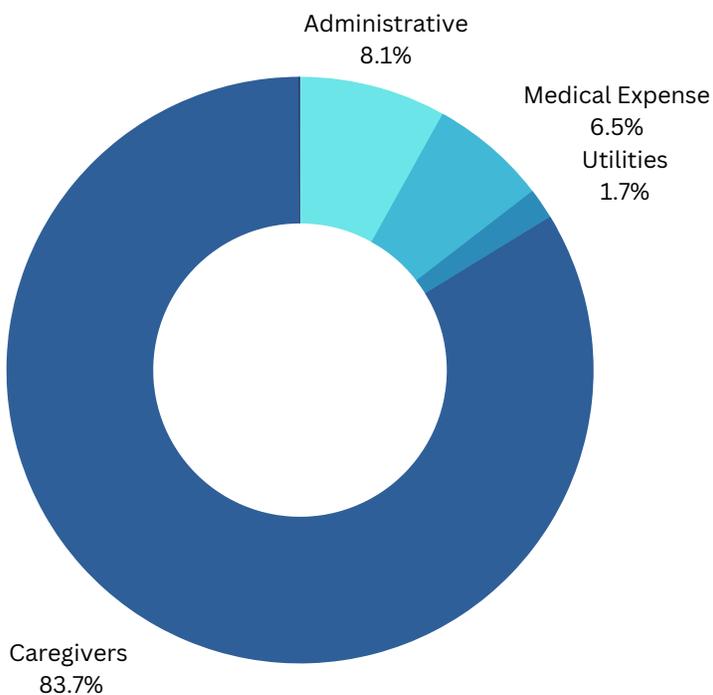


Revenue

- Program \$1,050,767
- Fundraising \$673,230
- Admin \$8,360

Total: \$1,732,357

Expenses



- Caregivers \$984,343
- Medical Exp. \$251,992
- Admin & Gen \$194,445
- Utilities \$20,757
- Payroll Tax \$142,824

Total: \$1,594,361

A NEW SHELTER?

Since CARE's inception in 2018, our City shelter's annual intake of animals has risen steadily each and every year. Our average shelter occupancy is THREE times what it was when CARE's contract with the City first began. City residents rely on us to provide safe haven and resources for strays, surrendered, injured, and missing pets, so we anticipate our average shelter population to continue to increase to an even greater extent in the future. Therefore the need for a new, larger shelter for us is crucial to continue to serve the community and our animals humanely and more efficiently. At the very core of this need is our current lack of kennel space to house the sheer volume of animals that come thru our doors. We shelter stray animals, abandoned animals, confiscated animals, abuse cases, bite cases, aggressive animals, and animals who will eventually be returned to their owners. For us to do this properly, there has to be an upgrade in their housing conditions for their health, well-being, safety, and the safety of our staff.

Shelter overcrowding creates an unhealthy, risky environment for animals and staff alike. Highly stressed dogs' aggressive behavior towards other animals and people, emotional trauma and anxiety, and infectious disease transmission. We need a building with proper ventilation and truly medically quarantined areas to control disease outbreaks and allow stressed, injured animals to decompress and heal for more safe handling ability and decreased risk of injury to staff and other animals.

The list of "why" goes on and on, and the time to make it happen is today. This affects all of us in the community - pets get lost or go missing from yards daily, and citizens find pets roaming constantly and rely on our services. We can only continue assisting our community if we have a safe place to house the animals in our care.

We want to build a long-term solution for the future of our City's homeless animals. We encourage you to share your love and generosity towards them by leaving a legacy. You can help secure CARE STL's future through a planned gift. CARE STL will always serve the people of Saint Louis City, Missouri, and their pets through adoptions, veterinary care, educational programming, and lost and found pet reunions. As a pet lover, you will be instrumental in sustaining our mission and helping us plan for our future. Don't hesitate to contact Weng Horak, CEO & Founder of CARE STL, at 314-860-2681 or at weng@icarestl.org to learn more about this opportunity on how you can make a huge impact on the lives of our homeless, abandoned, and abused animals in our community.

Thank you!

Our work is only possible because of YOUR generosity. We want to thank all the incredible members of our community who went above and beyond to support our mission.

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BE A FOSTER
BE A FRIEND



Get Involved!

This work is only possible with the help and support of individuals like YOU! To learn more about how you can help contribute to our mission and vision, please reach out to us, we'd love to talk to you more!

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