# ANNUA REPORT 2019





#### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Just 7 short years ago One Love Animal Rescue embarked on a journey. What started as just a few people with a dream to help neglected animals has grown into a massive family working to change the landscape of animal welfare in Savannah. With the help of over 600 volunteers we continue to inch towards our goal, building momentum with each new advance.

While we reflect on 2019 in this report, we are given the opportunity to learn. The dedication and generosity of our community has fueled our ability to innovate and, as a result, we have found more proactive ways to help both people and animals. We have made strategic investments in programs and infrastructure. We have devoted more resources to the needs of individual animals while still providing exceptional care for the population as a whole.

As we move into 2020, our sights are set high and our goals are lofty. The task ahead of us now is to maintain our focus and our dedication as we continue striving toward our new objectives. The continued success of OLAR is due in whole to the incredible support given by this tremendous, animal-loving community. I am in awe of what the OLAR family has been able to accomplish in it's short time as an organization and look forward to our future together. Thank you for your support.

anjali sharma 2020 president











We have had a busy year! Thanks to our incredible partnerships, we have been able to rescue 1,579 animals with our lifesaving transports alone. By joining forces with other rescues who share our same values, we have been able to pull, vet and ultimately save the lives of these animals on top of all of the animals we adopted locally. We are also excited to announce that we not only have our very own van which has allowed us to continue these transports at a moments notice, but we also were able to wrap it showcasing several of our OLAR alumni cats & dogs. Lastly, for our most exciting news, through building our partnerships, we have also been able to meet our amazing friends at the National Spay Alliance Foundation! We have been working with this group to come directly to our friends at Shady Pines Boarding who allow us to quarantine our furry friends while they await transport, with their mobile unit. By having the National Spay Alliance come directly to our animals, it is less stress on the animals and does not cause back up with altering appointments needed for our community's animals. This group saw our need for a more permanent vetting and we are excited to see our friends open a brick and mortar location to help us take on the fight of animal over population at it's source. Everything we have accomplished we owe to our dedicated volunteers who make all of this possible! We are always excited to welcome new friends to help us walk, bathe and drive if you are interested in joining our OLAR transport family!

### 2020 INITIATIVES

- OLAR Operation Pet Solutions is a grassroots community outreach program designed to keep pets in their homes and engage pet owners in proper care and vetting by offering free services.
- Our new and improved corporate sponsorship and grant program will be an integral part in the future of OLAR. Additional funding provided through sponsorships and grants will amplify our impact on animal welfare in this community.

## A FOSTER STORY



My dearest Beaux! Where do I even begin? It all started when I saw a picture of this insanely adorable pup that instantly reminded me of the RCA Victor Radio dog, Nipper. Then I read his medical backstory. I learned that poor Beaux had bitten into a live electrical dryer cord of at least 220 amps (this truly should have killed him). This accident blew a hole through the roof of his hard palate and exploded several of his teeth.

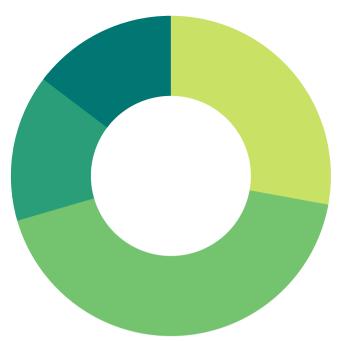
Despite the report of the extensive damage to Beaux's mouth, One Love Animal Rescue stepped up to the plate and vowed to do everything it took to save Beaux. This is where I came in. Beaux won me over instantly with his RCA Victor dog photograph anyways so I immediately volunteered to help Beaux through his recovery.

Beaux required several surgeries to remove the fractured, exploded teeth. This was hard to watch him endure, but Beaux kept his chipper nature. We found a comfortable routine using powdered dog food, vitamins and gelatin to get him fed and hydrated. My entire family, husband, three young children, two dogs, and two cats were all hands in when it came to handfeeding Beaux, administering medicine, slow paced potty breaks, kisses and encouragement.

He recovered and hung in like a champ despite pain and a lot of crate time. Fostering Beaux was lesson in how resilient these rescued dogs can be. He never once seemed to feel sorry for himself. His injuries didn't slow him down. It was such a joy to watch my children pitching in to nurse this dog back to health. We all liked hand feeding him his jello shooters and wet dog food. From the outside he looked and behaved like any healthy dog...even though water would pour out his nose when he drank. He did learn to eat and drink, in his own special way of course, very quickly.

One Love Animal Rescue provided my family, especially my children, with the opportunity to rehabilitate and fall in love with an incredible dog. He eventually went on to stay with another foster family who helped with his socialization, and finally a "meant to be" forever home.

We are so grateful to be a small part of Beaux's incredible journey. At our home he earned the nick name "Beaux the Astronaut" because of the cone he had to wear 24/7. It's safe to say that the spirited, gentle, intelligent, persevering, sweet astronaut will forever have his imprint on the Smith family.

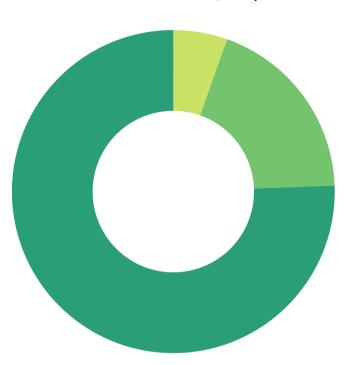


#### **REVENUE**

- Adoption Fees: \$69,501
- Total Donations: \$106,277
- Total Fundraising Revenue:\$36,965
- Total In Kind Revenue: \$36,618

#### **EXPENSES**

- Fundraising: \$12,515
- Admin Cost: \$43,938
- Program Cost: \$174,663



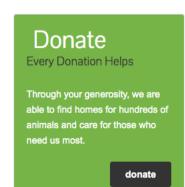
#### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

#### oneloveanimalrescue.com

# Adopt Your New Best Friend If you would like to adopt a pet, please see the photos and bios of our four-legged friends—they are waiting to meet you!

# Foster They Need You Foster parents are always in need to fulfill a variety of key roles until the pet is adopted into their forever loving home. open your home





## **FUNDRAISING FUN**

Cornhole: The First Annual One Love Cornhole Tournament was held on Saturday, June 29, 2019 at the Coastal Empire Beer Co. Brewery. With almost 40 teams participating, this event was a huge success! Attendees not only had an opportunity to play cornhole but were also able to play with adoptable dogs, enjoy delicious food from Smokerz BBQ, and win raffle items. On top of the donations collected by OLAR directly, Coastal Empire also contributed a portion of the sales from that day. This has already become one of our most asked about events and, needless to say, will be a yearly production!

**Disco InFURno**: Disco InFURno was an outrageous success! Our second annual fundraiser was held at Savannah Station on Saturday, August 10. Volunteers made this all happen with months of planning and day-of logistics of all types. The silent auction had 127 items to bid on, 66 active bidders, and 77 generous item donors. Big hits included "Fun at Forsyth" and "Savannah Staycation" as well as a retro dog trailer and "S'Mores Galore". DJ OB1-Benobi had everyone dancing the night away. A hula hoop contest, 50/50 raffle, OLAR swag, drinks, and munchies all came together to make this event out of sight!

Giving Tuesday: We continue to be touched and humbled by the generosity of our community. Since 2017, One Love has taken part in #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving celebrated the Tuesday after the Thanksgiving holiday. Our first year, we didn't really know what to expect so we set a modest fundraising goal and ended up raising more than double our goal! That's when we learned that our community is behind us 100%. In just a few short years, our #GivingTuesday campaign has become one of our biggest fundraisers and each year we challenge ourselves community to give. and Stay #GivingTuesday 2020 to see what challenges and opportunities we have in store.







