

## Message from the President

**I**t's quite amazing to me to realize that People For Animals has been at work for two decades. When you are a grass roots, mostly behind-the-scenes organization, there is little recognition or fanfare about your work. Our mission to educate, spay and neuter, promote animal protection legislation and shelter adoption is indeed low profile but chosen to achieve maximum results. We hope to leave behind a world that is different from the world we live in. These lyrics from a popular song say it so well.

**“It’s not what you take when you leave this world behind you; It’s what you leave behind you when you go.”**

Let us leave behind more people who provide love and a lifetime home for their pets and many fewer pets who lose their lives because they have no loving human. How can we accomplish this? We unite in our efforts; and we choose our methods wisely. Our four areas of focus each adhere to the adage that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Education of pet owners is always a most effective way to solve and prevent problems. Spay-neuter not only benefits that one animal, but also all the puppies and kittens not born into an overpopulated world. Legislation provides the foundation for our society's attempts to raise its level of humanity and civility and is essential to providing animal protection. And last but not least is adoption from shelters. While it's true that humans will never keep up with the dog and cat birthrate, if most people adopted from a shelter, what a difference it would make. Not only would more shelter animals find homes, but fewer animals would be born in brutal puppy mill circumstances as the demand for them lessened.

Please join us for our next decade as we work to leave behind a more gentle world for the creatures we call animals. To paraphrase Margaret Mead, Never doubt what a small group of committed individuals can do. This small group of individuals is called People For Animals, and we would welcome you.

For the animals,

*Ann Logan*