

## Message from The President

We often see great obstacles overcome by those who follow the mantra...Don't give up! Don't ever give up! A great tool for never giving up is to ground your high expectations in reality. With animal welfare issues, I think that means tempering our passion and goals with the patience and endurance needed for a marathon.



People For Animals has always been focused on one issue...pet overpopulation. In the 27 years since our founding, we might hope that it would be time for a final victory lap but that's not realistic. Dogs and cats without homes and the millions more suffering neglect in low-quality homes are not an illness waiting for a miracle cure. They are symptomatic of a pervasive condition we call pet overpopulation... caused by many things. Sometimes pets lose their homes because they are not valued enough to survive the stressors that people face. Communities often allocate inadequate or no resources to addressing this persistent condition in humane, constructive ways.

By offering spay/neuter assistance, education *and* promotion of adoption from shelters, PFA tries to address the issue in the most effective ways possible. As a result, we see great impact from our efforts. Since dogs reproduce about nine times faster and cats fifteen times faster than humans do, the math of adoption/rescue can never be our sole solution. It is mathematically impossible!

We are committed to a spay/neuter strategy that provides a mathematically possible solution to a heart-wrenching condition. We take great pride in how many we help with the resources we have, not on how much we spend on one animal leaving many others with nothing!

In PFA we do not delude ourselves by insisting that an end to pet overpopulation and poor-quality homes is just around the corner. We know it's a huge, long-standing problem and giving up is not an option. Changing our *collective strategies* to more efficiently focus on the real solutions of spay/neuter, education and shelter adoption *is* an option. As more individuals, groups and communities do that, we will see more rapid signs of progress that will help propel us all...energize us for the marathon. Don't give up. Don't ever give up!

Founded in 1986, **People For Animals** is an all volunteer, not for-profit animal protection organization dedicated to preventing intentional or unintentional harm to all animals in our community with a focus on dogs and cats. Our Mission is to enhance pet quality of life and address pet overpopulation by reducing the number of healthy pet euthanized in shelters with programs that:

Reduce the birthrate of unwanted puppies and kittens.

Help people make a lifetime commitment to responsible, caring guardianship of their pets. Promote adoption from shelters.

Support animal friendly legislation.

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### Thank You Notes

Thank you so much for all your help! All my cats are happy & healthy & you had such a large part in it. Thank you, Wanda & Cats of Lawrenceburg, TN

Thank you so much for what you & all the volunteers at People For Animals do for these animals. We were able to get our "new" friend neutered. He is finally getting more comfortable with his new home. He loves our dogs and our female cat (all already spayed/neutered). Thank you for the support you offer to our community. With love, Ana of Centerville, TN

A few months ago you helped us find an affordable spay option for our puppy. We were very pleased with the care LuLu had while she was at the veterinarian's office. They were wonderful! We hope this donation will help someone else as it did us!! Thank you again! Alan & Beth & LuLu of Franklin, TN

Thank you for all you do and your assistance when I needed it. Mary of Columbia, TN