

ALL ABOUT THE ANIMALS COALITION

# ANNUAL REPORT 2023



# IT'S ALL ABOUT THE ANIMALS

"Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile." Albert Einstein sums up the heart and drive behind All About the Animals Coalition, where a group of several like-minded animal welfare organizations work together to alleviate and end the suffering of companion animals in Southeast Idaho.

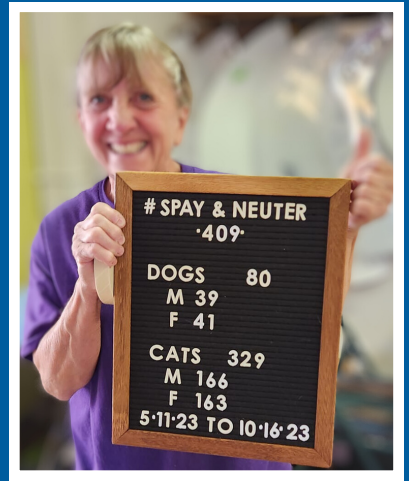
We provide free spay/neuter through the generosity of our many donors, and we sponsor Josie's and Greta's Food Pantry, as well as a wellness/vaccination clinic, where all people and their animals are treated with dignity and professionalism. In just seven months in 2023, we spayed and neutered over 600 animals, largely through the efforts of our dedicated, passionate volunteers and our highly skilled professional medical team. Our lead veterinarian, Dr. Karen Blanchard, has even saved the lives of numerous patients at the clinic who presented with symptoms of pregnancy, but in reality, had hernias, tumors, and even pyometras. Without our clinic, these animals would not have received medical attention and may have died agonizing deaths.

Our wellness and vaccination clinics, sponsored through the generosity of Petco, and administered by Dr. Nan Mueller and professional vet techs, have brought access to veterinary care to families and their pets who often can hardly afford medical care for themselves, let alone their animals. Vaccinated and healthy animals positively impact the lives of their humans.

Josie's and Greta's Food Pantry has fed many families' dogs and cats through lean times and is prepared to provide for the community's animals in the event of an emergency. All in all, AAA has alleviated the stress of well-meaning people burdened with the care of animals they have found discarded on the sides of the road or residing under their porches. Our services have allowed good-hearted, underserved people to stop endless litters of kittens and puppies and to be able to feed their own children, secure in the knowledge that the helpless animals outside their door and filling their welcoming homes are warm and fed.

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# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 2022 and 2023, All About the Animals Coalition made great strides in our mission to end suffering of animals. In 2022, we executed a spay/neuter grant for Snake River Animal Shelter on the Fort Hall Reservation between the months of June and October, impacting the lives of almost 400 animals. Our mobile surgical unit was generously lent to us by Idaho Humane Society, and through the cooperation of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe and Faith Baptist Church, we were allowed a safe place to keep the trailer for the summer.

In November 2023, Cross Charitable Foundation awarded us a \$100,000 grant, which allowed us to continue our work! We parked the mobile unit at a leased building in Pocatello, Idaho at 788 W. Eldredge, where, following repairs and upgrades, we opened our doors on May 11. What followed was an intense summer of spaying and neutering over 600 animals. Our lead surgeon, Dr. Karen Blanchard, even saved the lives of animals who would otherwise been unable to access veterinary care. We grew to include Dr. Stephanie Hall and Dr. Taylor Ellis during this time, doubling down on the numbers of surgeries we were able to provide.

We wish to recognize ICCU for their work painting the building, Top Notch Tree Service for the landscaping bark, AAA volunteers and volunteers from the community, Building Contractors of SE Idaho, and Titan Corporation for the help with repairs and the very reasonable rental terms. We have begun purchasing and outfitting our little building with the necessary equipment to move our surgeries completely inside. This will benefit everyone, especially the animals. At present, we have our kennels and a prep table, but we are working towards acquiring a heated surgical table, lights, anesthesia machines, and our own autoclave.

In September, Petco Love awarded All About the Animals Coalition vaccines to be administered free of charge to the public. Our veterinarian, Dr. Nan Mueller, believes in the value of every animal and their people and does not merely rush animals through the clinic. Rather, she gives every animal a thorough examination, even prescribing medications, trimming nails, removing mats, and cleaning ears in addition to the vaccinations. This program has already reached hundreds of animals who would otherwise live without veterinary care.

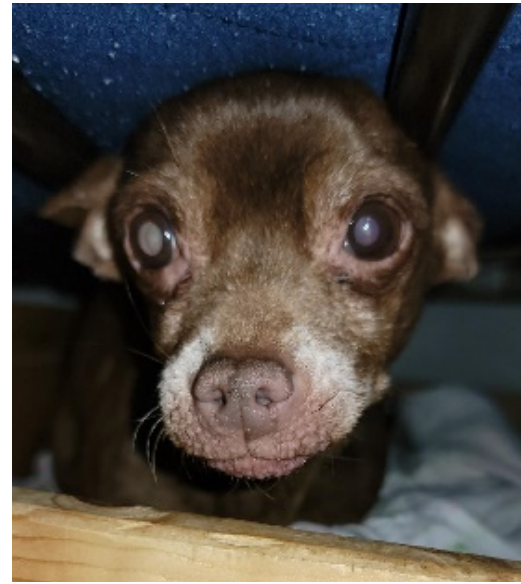
All About the Animals Coalition opened Josie's and Greta's Food Pantry in November 2022, and the pantry has food available for all types of animals, including hamsters and horses. The pantry is located at 1437 Yellowstone, behind Phil Meador Subaru, who has generously allowed a secure place to park the shipping container. Bob Beason and Stacey Barker created the unique art work, and several businesses contributed food and materials for the pantry: Home Depot, Outback Golf Park, ICCU, SEICU, Citizens Community Bank, Lowe's, Shoshone-Bannock Tribe, Silvercreek Realty Group, and Rails West. Our community truly comes together for one another!

# LONG TERM GOALS

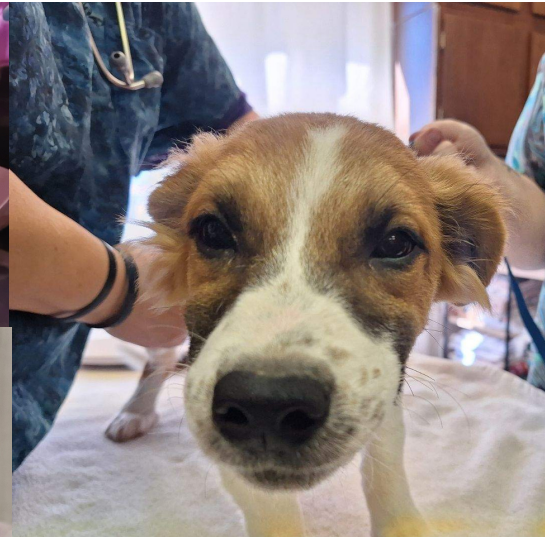
Going forward, we are developing our fund-raising and public relations committees to make All About the Animals self-sustaining. We have a functioning Board of Directors, skilled vet techs and top-notch veterinarians and staff comprised of over 20 volunteers. We operate our surgeries out of a mobile unit, but our eventual goal is to purchase a piece of ground for a private shelter with a surgical suite, adoption and quarantine areas, and acreage for feral cats. We work daily towards the eventual dream of ending pet overpopulation and suffering. Our dreams are big! The goal is worthy!

# SPECIAL PATIENT SPOTLIGHT

Meet Kiki, a little Chihuahua who visited our clinic in 2023. Kiki is the best friend of a young man who lost his father suddenly to Leukemia. This little dog had a softball-sized tumor that made it almost impossible for her to be comfortable lying down or even sitting. Her family could not afford to have the expensive treatments recommended by other veterinarians who said it was a tumor. Her family dreaded the inevitable outcome of a cancerous tumor, especially given the recent loss of the head of the family. Kiki's mom brought her to our clinic to be spayed, even though Kiki was already 13 years old. We referred her for blood tests and prepped for possible complications. When our veterinarian, Dr. Blanchard, opened Kiki, she discovered that Kiki only had an out-of-control hernia, which Dr. Blanchard repaired. Now, Kiki snuggles with her new puppy siblings, and her human is secure and comforted by his very sweet old friend.



One wonderful family from an outlying area regularly opens their doors to the many cats dumped on the roadside. On the day of our spay/neuter clinic, they arrived with what they said were 19 cats, one of whom they had seen thrown out a car window, its face smashed and bloody. The family came to our clinic because they had no funds for all these animals; truly their hearts are bigger than their wallets! One by one, we removed the cats from their carriers and kennels to weigh them. When we got to the last kennel, the woman looked in surprise to see one more cat! They had brought one extra cat by accident! Twenty cats, and they have more kitties to help, though their means are modest. These wonderful people stand for all the underserved, generous souls who, cat by cat, dog by dog, make a difference in the lives of animals!



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

