



2023 REVIEW

The Homeless Animal Prevention and Care Fund (Massachusetts Animal Fund), administered by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, responds to the Commonwealth's mission of reducing animal homelessness by providing no-cost spay/neuter/vaccinations to the state's most vulnerable cats and dogs. This program is primarily funded by the voluntary tax check-off (Line 33f) on the Massachusetts resident income tax form. Since inception in 2012, the Fund has spent over 2.9 million to help over 19,900 cats and dogs.

In 2023, the Fund received over 3,700 requests for assistance for local animals in need. One out of every four of the animals assisted needed urgent services for a life-threatening medical condition or spay/neuter so that they could stay with their families and not be relinquished. With your continued support in 2024, we can commit to meeting these pleas for help by providing these critical resources to our local cats and dogs across the Commonwealth.

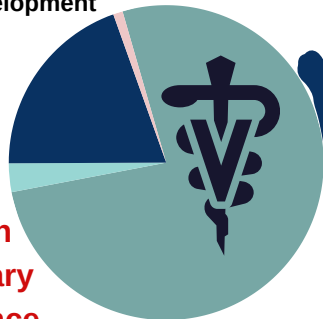
SPENDING

\$602,255 spent on Mass Animal Fund Programs

20% on Administration and Program Development
>1% on Marketing

3% on ACO Training

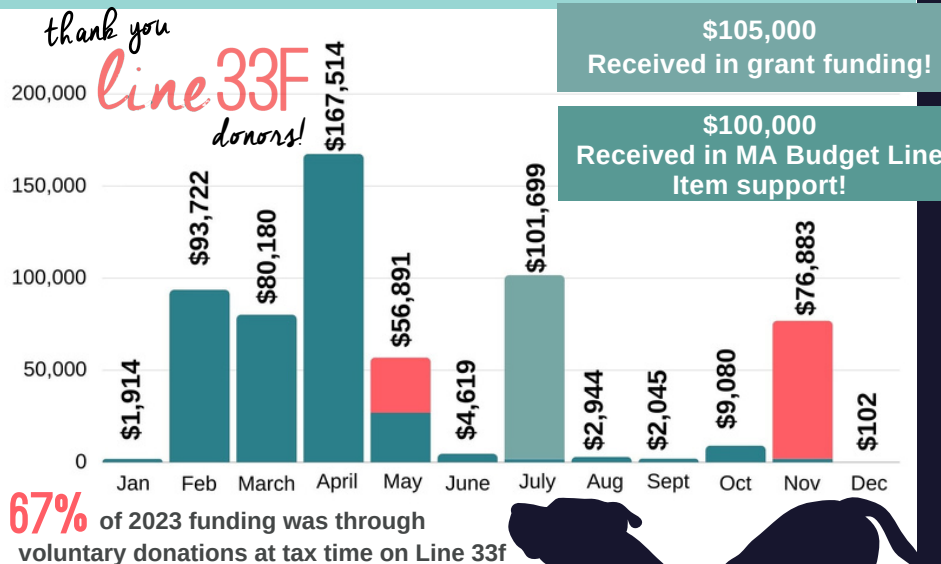
76% on Veterinary Assistance



Received MDAR administration support, allowing us to help more animals!

DONATIONS AND SUPPORT

\$392,567 Donated to help local animals!



VOUCHER PROGRAM

\$458,390 spent helping animals in need!

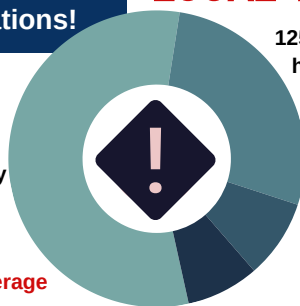
\$135,020 spent helping animals in emergency situations!

HELPED 1,989 LOCAL ANIMALS

Who Received assistance?

254 animals received emergency medical care

\$297 Average Emergency Voucher Cost



125 animals needed help to stay with their families

39 animals received assistance for a public safety concern

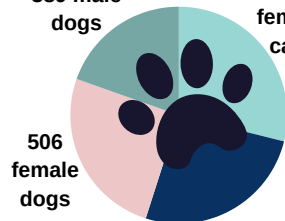
36 animals needed ACO assistance

\$210 Average Voucher Cost

73% of vouchers issued to animals in low-income households.
25% to animals in ACO care

389 male dogs

574 female cats



2023 VOUCHER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- May, received a \$30,000 Grant from The Stanton Foundation to assist dogs needing emergency medical related spay/neuter services
- July, raised spay/neuter reimbursement rates for partners
- July, received \$100,000 in state support through a MA Budget Line Item allowing us to help more animals
- November, received a \$75,000 grant from The Stanton Foundation to assist Commonwealth dogs in need.

ACO TRAINING

Reached 800 animal control officers trained in areas of: Animal Laws, Wildlife, Animal behavior, officer safety and report writing/record keeping

2023 ACO TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

- January, electronic ACO Designation system developed
- March, MAF committed to expanding language access of public documents to make resources more accessible
- September-October 7th Annual ACO Core Competencies held in 3 locations across Massachusetts

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