

A Pet First

FUTURE

Hamilton Burlington SPCA
ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

55,000
HOURS OF CARE



SPCA
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BURLINGTON

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FROM OUR CEO

I am pleased to present the 2022 annual report for Hamilton Burlington SPCA. It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I share the progress we have made in advancing our mission and fulfilling our strategic plan.

This past year, we successfully expanded our existing programs and introduced new initiatives to address the evolving needs of our community, and the pets we serve. Through strategic partnerships and collaborations, we were able to broaden our reach and enhance the impact of our services. As you will recognize in the following pages, this expansion has enabled us to positively impact the lives of pets and their caregivers.

Looking ahead, this next season holds the promise of progress: New partnerships, fresh initiatives, and ultimately, a state-of-the-art facility that will root our mission and expand our vision. And this is just the beginning.

John Gerrard
CEO - Hamilton/Burlington SPCA



FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

What a year! Throughout 2022, the Hamilton Burlington SPCA has overcome challenges, embraced opportunities, and led the way in compassionate care, rescue, and rehabilitation for the pets and animals we love.

None of our accomplishments would have been possible without the dedication of our leaders, staff, and especially our volunteers. The commitment and contribution of our volunteers is energizing! Their enthusiasm is contagious, and their care for pets, pet parents, and staff is irreplaceable-my deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed to our shared success.

As we celebrate 2022 and look ahead to 2023, we will continue to advocate for change, rescue animals in need, provide critical care, and educate the public about responsible pet ownership and the inherent value of all animal life. Together, we will build a Pet First future.

Kim Ciavarella

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Board Chair - Hamilton/Burlington SPCA

By the NUMBERS



55,000

Hours
of Care

83,000

Pounds
of Food

17,500

Volunteer
Hours

22,680

Hours of
Surgery Time

25,252 Pet Meals
Distributed

11,082 Animals Helped by the
Hamilton/Burlington SPCA



STAYED AT ZERO

Euthanasias of healthy and
treatable animals

Shelter & ADOPTIONS

At the Hamilton/Burlington SPCA, we see firsthand how shelters and adoptions change the lives of vulnerable animals every day. Through our committed sheltering and adoption services, we strive to create a better future for these animals.

Our actions are driven by what's best for the animals. Whether it's an appointment, a walk-in visit, funds raised, or time dedicated, we are committed to their well-being.

565 Adoptions

402 Surrenders

163 Rescued

840 Hours of Pet Enrichment



FINN After four months in care for treatment for heartworm, Finn found his forever family.

WANDA was adopted by her foster family after receiving lifesaving medical care.



SARAH was adopted at our shelter after being found abandoned on the streets of Hamilton.



LUNA received shelter and love at HBSPCA after her owner had fallen ill and became overrun with pets.





Community Pet WELLNESS PROGRAM

Thanks to PetSmart Charities' generous grant, our community wellness program has had a significant impact since its launch last year, helping **35,000 vulnerable pets** through its various support initiatives. Staffed by skilled student veterinarians from the Ontario Veterinary College and overseen by our dedicated Medical Director, Dr. Farr, we have provided crucial services like exams, vaccinations, flea prevention, and deworming to community pets through **30 annual clinics**.

THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES:

- STUDENT VET TRAINING
- WELLNESS CHECKS
- VACCINES
- SPAY & NEUTER



OUR GOAL:

To keep pets and their families together.



Our mission goes beyond numbers - we are committed to improving the well-being of these cherished animals by investing an average of \$250 per animal, totalling \$375,000 in veterinary care. Through our clinics, we not only offer valuable training to students, but also ensure a healthier and happier life for these beloved pets through essential medical attention, spaying, and neutering.

4690
Microchips



827
Vaccinations



25,252
Pet Meals Distributed



Veterinary MEDICINE



The Companion Animal Hospital at HBSPCA offers a wide range of services, from budget-friendly spay/neuter procedures to intricate, life-saving surgeries seldom performed in shelter settings. Our devoted team of volunteers and staff at the animal hospital is always ready to handle any situation, no matter how challenging or frightened the animals may be.

The patient could be a puppy hit by a car and in need of urgent care for a fractured leg, a malnourished cat rescued from a hoarding situation, or a dog needing cancer treatment. Plus, through our veterinary medicine program, we serve as a teaching hospital to train the next generation of shelter veterinarians.

We invest up to \$14,000 annually for animals surrendered, rescued and treated through our companion animal hospital.

4690 Microchips **324** Community Cat Program (TVNR)

395 End of Life Care **3216** Spay/Neuter Procedures

827 Vaccinations

22,680 hours of
surgery time in our
companion hospital.



Dr. Farr DVM
Medical Director:
Hamilton/Burlington SPCA

MISTY



A RESILIENT JOURNEY: Misty Finds Her Forever Home

When Misty, a spirited 8 ½-year-old English bulldog, came to our shelter as a rescue, she was in need of immediate medical attention. Caring for Misty meant performing multiple surgeries - including a procedure to repair bilateral inguinal hernias.

Misty needed 4 months of medical care before she was well enough to be adopted.

Today, with her health restored, Misty is living her best life and ready to embark on a new chapter. Misty's story is a testament to the power of second chances and the incredible transformations that can occur when compassion meets determination.



\$850 Medication Costs

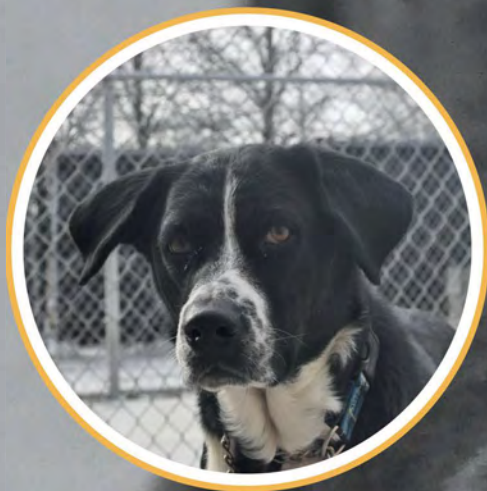


\$1700 Surgery Costs



\$1618 Housing, food, exams/testing

Enhancing animal welfare through our Pet Wellness Clinics, we extend our support to over 2500 animals annually, collaborating closely with social agency partners and student veterinarians from the Ontario Veterinary College providing student vet training.



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PEANUT

Behaviour & TRAINING



Training Resources for Owned Pets

Behaviour challenges are common reasons we see pets relinquished to shelters. But the right support and training resources can make a world of difference! Our Behaviour & Training program provides pet training classes led by our partners, K9 Principles, to set animals and their people up for success.

Watching Peanut Come Out of His Shell

When Peanut first arrived at our shelter as a rescue, he was incredibly shy and fearful. Our staff began working with him and, over time, saw his behaviour change dramatically. Enrolling him in our Behaviour Training program gave him a calm, controlled environment in which to blossom. A regular regimen of positive reinforcement and enrichment helped this previously timid, growling boy become a comfortable, affectionate companion. After 158 days in our care, Peanut got the second chance he deserved when he was adopted into a wonderful home.

192
animals received
behavioural
rehabilitation.

We offered
twenty-four
7-week training
classes in 2022.

Foster PROGRAM



Some of
Anne's Fosters!



Fostering is about providing a safe environment and a place for our animals to play and be loved. Various fostering opportunities, such as Emergency, End-of-Life, Short-term, and Long-term placements, are available. Our dedicated foster volunteers play a crucial role in our community as they open their homes to these animals, making a life-saving impact by freeing up space in our shelters and enabling us to assist more pets in need.

The Power of Foster LOVE

Sunshine was a thin stray and needed to be placed in a foster home to gain weight and wait for her spaying surgery. The commitment shown by her foster mother was truly remarkable! She provided Sunshine with a tranquil space in her house where she could relax and gradually develop trust in humans. Sunshine is well and shining in her new forever home, thanks to her foster family's love, patience, and passion.

A Foster Milestone!

The dedication of our foster volunteers is unbelievable. This year, volunteer Anne reached an incredible milestone: fostering over 250 pets for Hamilton/Burlington SPCA!

“Throughout the years, the staff at the SPCA have been so supportive, and I have never felt like I’m doing the fostering alone. They were there whenever I needed supplies, advice, or a listening ear. It’s great to be a part of the circle of care for these animals and to be around people who love animals just as much as you do.”

- Anne

Community Cat PROGRAM



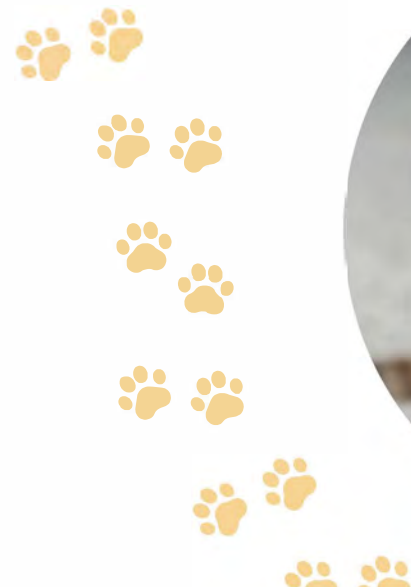
We believe free-roaming cats need love too. Our Community Cat Program - Operation Cat Snip, supports free-roaming outdoor cats with no verifiable signs of ownership.

To accomplish this mission, we have established partnerships with over 36 community groups, rescues, and charitable organizations within the city.

Before returning these community cats to their outdoor habitats, we ensure they receive essential medical attention. This includes spay/neuter procedures, thorough veterinary examinations, and necessary vaccinations. By doing so, we strive to promote the health and well-being of these cats while also controlling the population of free-roaming felines.

324

community cats were
spayed/neutered



36,000 Feral Cats are
in our community

WE PROVIDE:

- **FOOD**
- **SHELTER**
- **MEDICAL CARE**



Community Cat PROGRAM



We distributed
125+
outdoor shelter to
the community

10,000+
meals provided to
local community
cats

We have
175+
community caregivers who
care for colonies of cats
(ranging from 3-20+ cats
per colony)

If one unspayed female
gives birth to 4 kittens



***FEMALE**
***MALE**



**AN AVERAGE
LITTER**



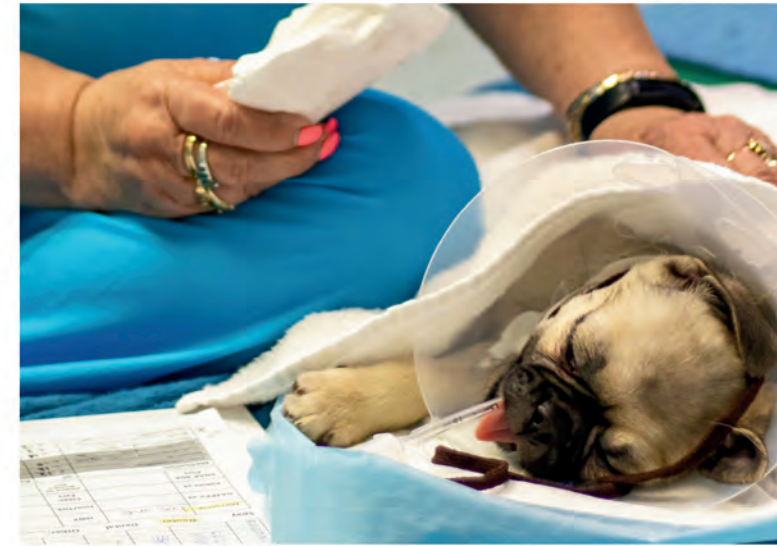
**8 MONTHS
LATER**



**16 MONTHS
LATER**



Saving Lives Starts with **VOLUNTEERS**



Contributed over
17,500 VOLUNTEER HOURS
in 2022

Went on
1656 WALKS
with shelter dogs

Performed
21,000 KENNEL CLEANINGS
in 2022

Spent over
7,560 HOURS
on animal pre and post surgery care

Answered over
20,000 CALLS
at the reception desk

2022/2023 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT



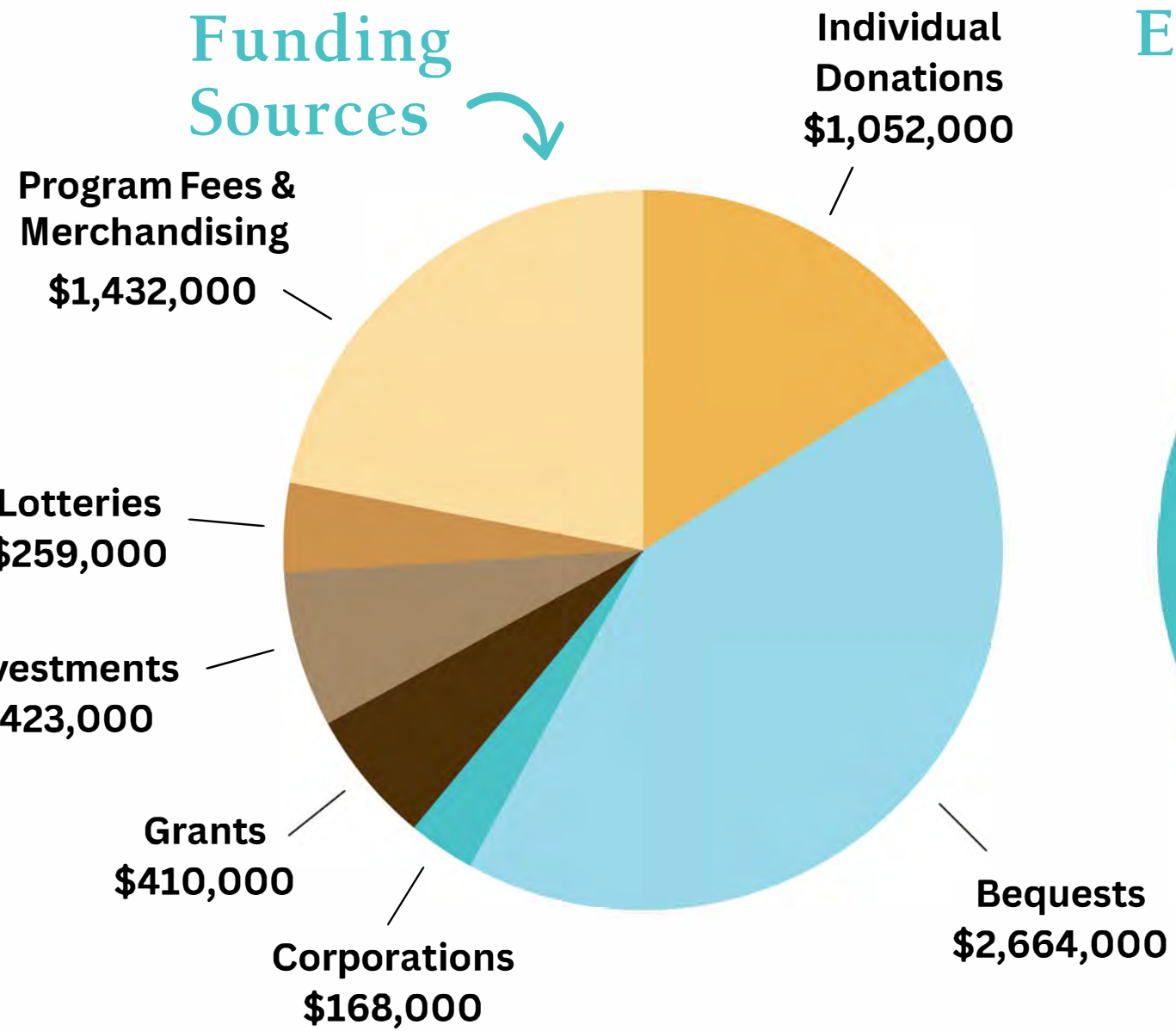
SUPPORTING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

The tapestry of our mission has been woven with threads of kindness, trust, and collective commitment. This year, we are heartened to share that, thanks to the unwavering generosity of our community, we've garnered significant resources poised to enrich our future New Capital Campaign. It's not just about the funds raised but the beacon of hope and transformation they symbolize for our journey ahead.

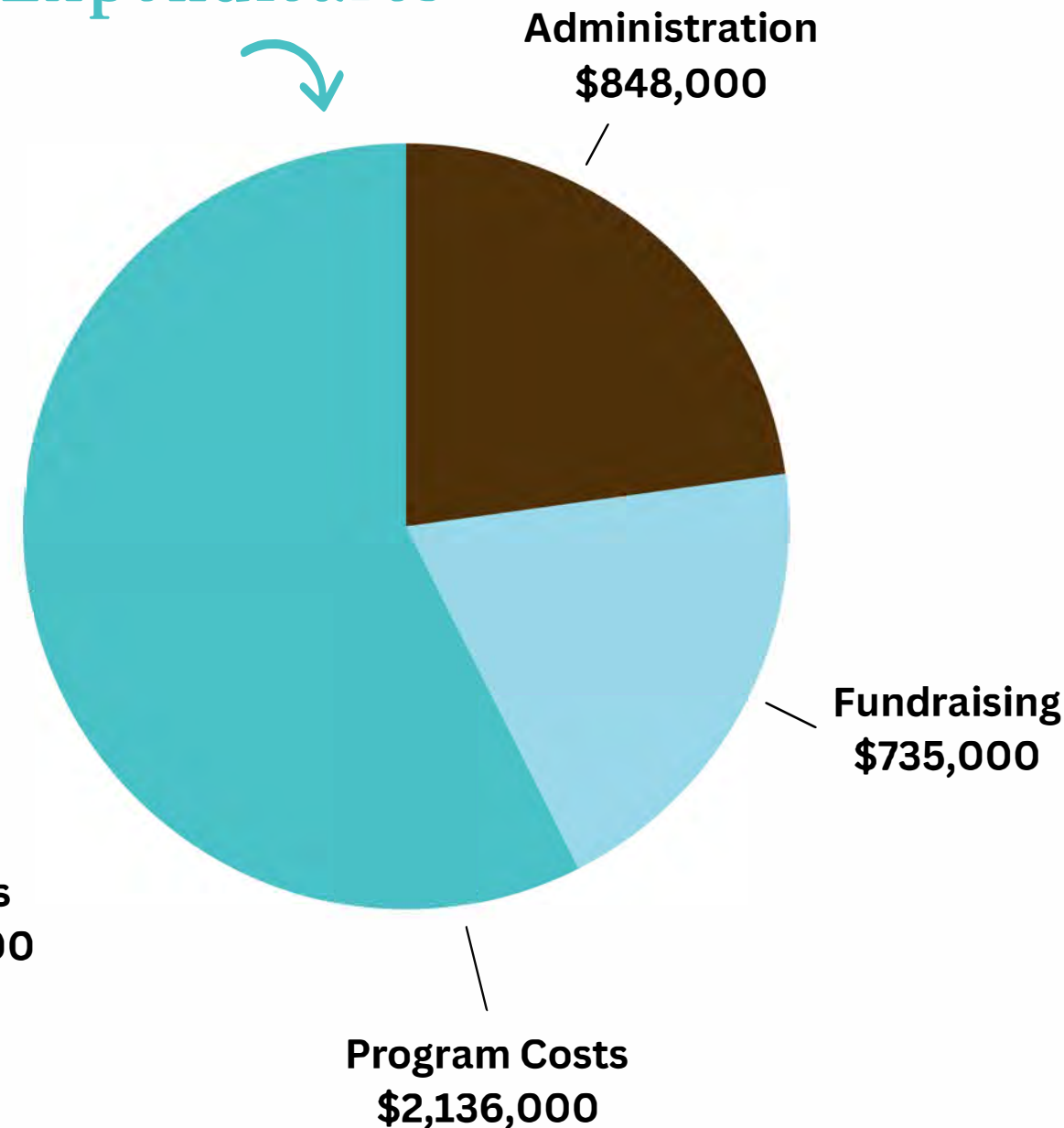
As we reflect on the strides made, it fills us with immense pride to highlight our unwavering dedication to community outreach, with an investment surging by nearly 35% more than before. Doubling our hospital and kennel staff, expanding our facility's capacity, and championing our PET FIRST strategy has become more than an ambition—it's our renewed promise. For a quarter-century, we've embraced our vision with passion, but this year, with the support of our community, partners, and donors, we've taken a leap like never before, amplifying our programs and benefits to touch more lives. Together, we're crafting a brighter tomorrow.

John Gerrard
CEO - Hamilton/Burlington SPCA

Funding Sources



Expenditures



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- The Other Bird Restaurant Group
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- Tru Earth
- Fore Stagione Golf Bar



GIVING FOUNDATIONS AND GRANTS

- Hamilton Community Foundation
- Phenix Fund for Animal Welfare
- Karen & Peter Turkstra Foundation
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- The Apollo Fund
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- Hamilton Community Cat Network
- Hamilton Regional Emergency Vet Clinic
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- Ontario Veterinary College
- K9 Principles Dog Training
- Provincial Animal Welfare Services (Solicitor General)
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FUREVER FRIENDS

Furever Friends is an unstoppable community of 1227 monthly givers committed to saving the lives of the animals in our care. By donating monthly, they are helping us plan for the future. It's very simple and incredibly powerful.

WITH THANKS TO THE ESTATES OF

- 🐾 Susan Marcellini 🐾 Lillian Fray Bastarache
- 🐾 Paul Wilcockson. 🐾 Estate Donations wishing to remain anonymous – 25.



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WE ARE JUST GETTING STARTED!



Everything we do is energized by what is best for the animal. Every appointment. Every walk-in. Every dollar raised and minute spent. Will you take the next step with us?

Visit: www.hbspca.com/donate/be-a-monthly-donor/



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OUR VISION

A community where all animals have the opportunity to enjoy free and full lives.



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