Our History

AWA began in 1948 as a small group of Camden County residents, concerned with the problem of animal over-population and neglect. Incorporated in 1955, this grass-roots organization has grown over the past decades due to the dedication and generosity of individuals like you.

AWA is a 501(c)3 organization, receives no government funds and is not associated with any other organizations such as the Humane Society of the United States.

AWA relies entirely on generous donors like you to fund our lifesaving programs for animals.

Testimonial

“I’m so grateful for the Animal Lifeline program! As both an adopter and a volunteer, I know that if anything happens to me, my cats will be cared for at AWA until the staff finds them new homes. I don’t know of any more animal-loving place and people, and it gives me great peace of mind to put my pets’ future in such good hands.” - Fran W.

About AWA

Our Mission

AWA is dedicated to eliminating animal suffering and promoting the importance of the human-animal bond and improving the role of the animals in the well-being of people.

We serve our community by:

- Saving thousands of homeless and abandoned animals each year.
- Humane Education activities for schools and youth groups, including our Summer Camp program.
- Providing low-cost spay/neuter surgery and veterinary care through our Pet Clinic and our Vets on Wheels program.

Hours of Operation

Adoption Center

Tuesday—Friday 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

For more information or to enroll, please contact our Executive Director, Maya Richmond, at 856-424-2288, ext.109 or email director@awanj.org.

Animal Lifeline

Planning for your pet when you are gone.

Wellness exams are available T-F by appt. Walk-in Vaccine Clinics are available Monday mornings, plus several Saturdays a month (check website.) Spay/neuter surgeries are M-F by appointment, which can be made online.

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For local AWA supporters who have enrolled in the Animal Lifeline Program, if at anytime you become incapacitated, hospitalized without the prognosis to return home or are deceased, the Animal Welfare Association will provide immediate housing and care for your pet. Your pet will then be placed up for adoption with the ultimate goal of finding a loving and compassionate caretaker for your pet.

**What is the Animal Lifeline Program?**

Each year, AWA assists more than 23,000 animals through our lifesaving programs: Adoptions, Pet Clinic, Vet Outreach, Humane Education & Outreach, and so much more! No national groups support our work.

When you support AWA through your will (bequest) or with another kind of planned gift, you ensure that we will always be around providing greatly needed lifesaving programs for animals.

What are my donations used for?

You can designate a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or a portion of the residual of your estate, whichever is best for your circumstances. To leave AWA in your will, simply direct your attorney to use this language:

“I give and bequeath the sum of $ __ (or, ___ percentage of my estate) to the Animal Welfare Association Inc, a New Jersey non-profit corporation (federal ID # 22175-2792).”

All bequests pass to AWA free of estate taxes and lower the overall size of your estate for tax purposes.

If you would like to leave AWA in your will but need assistance, AWA has financial advisors and attorneys who are willing to work with potential donors.

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AWA’s Federal ID# is 22175-2792.

**How do I leave AWA in my will?**

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**What does it cost?**

Our adoption program is second to none in that we work to find loving homes for all animals, even those with special needs. We have successfully placed animals with medical disorders like diabetes. Each pet is evaluated before enrollment in the lifeline program so we can plan for appropriate placement.

**Can AWA help my special needs pet?**

This program was designed to assist dogs, cats and rabbits accustomed to living as pets in a home. We cannot accommodate farm animals, wildlife or feral cats.

**Is there any animal AWA cannot assist?**

AWA does not euthanize animals to make space for others. We may euthanize an animal at a veterinarian’s recommendation if a health problem is unmanageable or the animal’s prognosis for recovery is grave. We also consider euthanasia in the case of aggressive animals who pose a risk to the public.

**Is there any chance my animal will be euthanized?**

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