



CHICAGO ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

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2017: Year in Review



In 2017, the City shelter worked with our rescue partners, volunteers, and residents to help more Chicagoans requiring animal services and more homeless pets in need of loving, secure homes. Over the past year, 14,901 animals (including 7,224 dogs and 5,898 cats) were brought to the shelter. The percentage of dogs and cats adopted, transferred to our rescue partners, or returned to their owners increased by 10% to nearly 90% in 2017.

Services: During 2017, 1,551 pets were adopted from CACC and 1,406 lost animals were reunited with their families. The shelter continued to run low-cost vaccine and microchip clinics, and provide owner-requested euthanasia for sick and injured animals. CACC animal control officers responded to approximately 37,000 service requests including calls for wildlife in danger like ducklings stuck in a sewer (see story on back).

Partners: CACC's rescue partners transferred 8,030 animals from the facility. Our partners provide pets with medical and behavioral assistance, and place them in foster and permanent homes. Safe Humane Chicago conducted more playgroups, manners classes, and in-kennel enrichment for dogs at the shelter up from several times a week to daily activities. Friends of CACC offered North Lawndale residents free spay/neuter/vaccine/wellness services. CRISP: Chicagoland Rescue Intervention and Support Program grew from one day a week to three, helping more families and diverting more pets directly to rescue groups.

Communications: During 2017, CACC grew its public programming, adding additional training for volunteers and fosters, and holding adoption events and vaccine clinics at the shelter and in the community. CACC also focused on its Facebook page as a tool for keeping Chicagoans informed and encouraging volunteers, adopters, and fosters to help the city's most at risk pets.

LIVE OUTCOMES*

Dogs & Cats

Dog

Cat

Complete report: bit.ly/caccdata

2017 89%

2017 88%

2017 90%

2016 79%

2016 73%

2016 85%

2015 74%

2015 65%

2015 83%

**[Adoption, transfers, return to owners outcomes] divided by [all outcomes minus owner-requested euthanasia and dead on arrival]*



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Helping Animals Who Need it Most

Toe Shoe has to be confiscated by one of our Animal Control Officers after we found she had been neglected in her home. She was emaciated, weighing only 38 pounds. But even after all she had suffered, Toe Shoe remained a quiet, gentle soul. Haunted by a photo of Toe Shoe (at right), Safe Humane's Court Case Dog Program Manager wrote:

"Just for a moment she closes her eyes and lets the sound of 40 dogs barking fade away, feels the sun on her face and emaciated body and maybe, just for a moment, she finds peace somewhere far far away in her mind."

After learning about Toe Shoe, CACC rescue partner One Tail at a Time transferred her into a foster home. Her new mom didn't take long to fall in love. In May, she adopted Toe Shoe and renamed her Gypsy. This beautiful dog was finally home.



Emergency Care: Rikki-Barbie was found tangled in razor wire, unable to free herself and bleeding. Animal Control Officer Aguilar extricated the cat and our medical staff stabilized her, saving her life. She was transferred to CARF: The Critical Animal Relief Foundation for the intensive medical care she needed.



Wildlife: CACC was contacted when three ducks tumbled into a sewer drain. In dirty water, in the dark, one baby was found alive. This lucky duck joined a duck family with our partners Flint Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation.

CACC EVENTS AND NEWS

Low-Cost Vaccine, Microchip and Tag Clinic
1/17, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Details: bit.ly/caccvaccineclinic

Volunteer Orientations
1/20: 10:30 a.m. to noon
2/16: 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Sign up: bit.ly/2dl6N7p

ADOPTERS: Pets and Vets USA is offering a \$100 reimbursement for 50 newly adopted dogs with proof of enrollment in a dog training course for any adopter of any dog by February 15th.

RESCUES: Friends of CACC is offering \$10,000 for up to 50 dogs (up to \$200/dog) transferred out in January thanks to a new fund from a private donor.