

A CAUSE FOR PAWS ANIMAL ADVOCATES OF GREATER LAFAYETTE HELPING PEOPLE AND PETS TOGETHER



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INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

A Cause for Paws helps organizations in the community with the mission of improving the lives of pets. Since December 2022, Animal Advocates of Greater Lafayette and A Cause for Paws have collaborated to make a greater impact by increasing the number of pets they help. In the past, A Cause for Paws was focused only on helping pets in the community. The volunteering opportunities provided through the partnership with Animal Advocates of Greater Lafayette have allowed A Cause for Paws members to see the benefit of helping people in addition to pets in the community.



OBJECTIVES

- Work with Animal Advocates of Greater Lafayette to help pets and their families in the community together
- Increase member knowledge about pets, the local community, and the human-animal bond

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Animal Advocates of Greater Lafayette- Nadine Dolby
<https://www.animaladvocatesgl.org/>

METHODOLOGY

A Cause for Paws members volunteered for events organized by Animal Advocates of Greater Lafayette to help people and pets in the community.

- People and Paws: provides no-cost veterinary care and vaccines to low-income seniors and their pets, wellness exams for people, family photos, and pet care supplies
- Presents for Pets: allows low-income children to choose a present for their pet for the holidays
- Caring for Cats: provides free, outdoor cat shelters for community cat caretakers for the winter months



IMPACTS

- 15 cat shelters provided to cat caretakers in the community (fall 2023)
- 40 families helped through People and Paws (fall 2023)
- Members escorted clients and their pets at People and Paws
- Pet supplies provided to low-income families through Presents for Pets (fall 2023)
- Building connections with individuals in the community
- Members increased knowledge about pets, the local community, and the human-animal bond



REFLECTION & CONCLUSION

A Cause for Paws and Animal Advocates of Greater Lafayette are working to increase our impact in the community and assist more pets and people in the upcoming semesters.

Challenges

- Portion control for pet supplies during Presents for Pets
- Addressing large need for cat shelters in community with limited resources
 - Around 70 people responding to flyer, only 15 shelters available

Future Plans

- People and Paws on March 23rd 2024
- Planning event to create 30 shelters for Caring for Cats in fall 2024