Annual Report
2024

Our Vision and Mission

Vision

To help rescue more animals, more efficiently, by working in a positive, professional and collaborative way with our community.

Mission

Louie's Legacy Animal Rescue is a positive, professional 501c3 rescue organization that helps our community and shelter partners save more animals, more efficiently by rescuing them, temporarily caring for them in our excellent, supportive foster homes and matching them with fantastic pet parents.

More About Us

Louie's Legacy Animal Rescue is one of the nation's largest foster-based animal rescue organizations, with major bases of operation in both Ohio and New York City, serving a large section of the midwest and northeast. As a professional 501c3 rescue organization we collaborate with volunteers, fosters, animal welfare partners, and shelters to rescue animals in need and place them in our temporary foster care. We place a high priority on the quality of care, including both medical and behavioral support, for all of our animals. We also value and honor the contributions of the hundreds of wonderful people and organizations who support Louie's Legacy in our lifesaving work.

Program Services

Intake

Louie’s Legacy is proud to work with hundreds of volunteer foster homes to save thousands of animal lives per year. In 2024, Louie’s Legacy took **1,637** animals into its adoption program via 605 foster homes. We assisted both the public and 10 unique shelter and rescue partners with this program.

Adoptions

Of these 1,637 animals, **1,601** found their forever homes during 2025. Thanks to the work of their foster families, our staff and 429 volunteers, these animals were given a brand new start to life in loving, contracted forever homes.

Leadership

Board of Directors:

- **Emily Gear,** President and Founding Executive Director
- **Justine Meyer,** Chairperson
- **Jamie Schoger,** Treasurer
- **Carol Locey,** Secretary
- **Heather Hawkins,** Legal Chair
- **Meghan Rossi,** Marketing Chair
- **John Secter,** Veterinary Chair

Programs Leadership:

- **Emily Gear,** President and Founding Executive Director
- **Justyn Smercina Ivins,** Midwest Operations Manager
- **Olivia Pavis,** Northeast Operations Manager
- **Angela Armocida,** Midwest Assistant Manager
- **Julie Kinloch,** Northeast Assistant Manager
- **Cheryl Young,** Midwest and Northeast Medical Assistant Manager
- **Jessica Salomon,** Marketing and Development Manager

Financial Information:

Revenue: $1,088,631

Expenses: $971,686

- **Program:** $820,608
- **Administrative:** $98,180
- **Fundraising:** $52, 898

Ending Net Assets: $682,897