



*"Working in the Fredericksburg SPCA Locke Community Medical Center has allowed me to help my community in a much needed way."*

FRED SPCA  
LEAD VET ASSISTANT



## It's a beautiful day to save lives.

Your journey into veterinary medicine was no accident. Ever since you were a child, **compassion** was always worn on your sleeve. You probably brought home strays or stopped on the sidewalk on your way home from school to move earthworms to the grass so they wouldn't get stepped on.

**You are here for a reason, and we are so grateful** that someone like you has devoted their life to the betterment of all living beings.

If you are ready to carve out a future full of life-saving opportunities for the most vulnerable animals in your community, you've come to the right place.

The Fredericksburg SPCA is blossoming into our region's premier Animal Resource Center, serving homeless animals and providing affordable veterinary care to our community. We offer subsidized care through our People Empowered Through Support Program, ensuring no animal gets surrendered to a shelter due to a lack of resources available. This is your opportunity to diversify how you make an impact through veterinary medicine. Our developing programs offer robust opportunities to practice shelter, community, and public medicine.





A photograph of a dog, possibly a pit bull mix, sitting in a field of tall grass and wildflowers. The left half of the image is covered by a solid teal overlay. The text is placed on the teal overlay and the right half of the image.

COMPASSION  
STARTS  
HERE.

COMPASSION  
STARTS  
WITH US.

-SPCA OF FREDERICKSBURG-



## MISSION

Empower our community to join us in ending animal suffering through leadership and action, engagement and learning, compassionate care and adoption, affordable veterinary medicine and resources, and by having the conversation about what it takes to change our culture for the betterment of all living beings.

## VISION

The end of animal suffering.

## MOTTO

Compassion starts here.

## GET SOCIAL

Follow, like, tag and spread the word about our work.



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## OUR STORY

The Fredericksburg Regional SPCA is a non-profit, lifesaving humane organization dedicated to the principle that every life is unique and worthy of protection. Beginning in 1943 as a small shelter located in the heart of downtown Fredericksburg, the SPCA was created by a group of animal lovers who saw the need for a haven for homeless animals in our community. Today, the Fredericksburg SPCA exists to continue its growth into a local leader in humane care and education, providing support directly to our community through accessible programs.

As we transition into an Animal Resource Center, the Fred SPCA continues to tackle the problem of pet overpopulation through education, adoption, and rehabilitation. Our developing programs directly support homeless animals, as well as pet-owning families in our community by providing resources and access to affordable veterinary care.

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## PEOPLE EMPOWERED THROUGH SUPPORT

*Compassion starts here.*

This program was created to give people the support they need to keep pets in homes that *already love them*. We do this by reducing the financial burden associated with pet care to those who find themselves in need of assistance.

People Empowered Through Support, or **P.E.T.S Program** provides free pet food/supplies to pet-owning families in need through our **Pet Pantry**.

We are proud to announce that we are also able to now offer a limited number of **low-cost veterinary services** to those enrolled in our program.

The P.E.T.S program is entirely dependent on the generosity of the public & local businesses. You can help by **donating supplies** to our **Pet Pantry**, or donating a **life-saving spay/neuter surgery** to an animal in need through our **Spay It Forward Initiative**.

**LEARN MORE:**  
[fredspca.org/petsprogram](http://fredspca.org/petsprogram)

*Help us, help them...*

## DONATE

*We get by with a little help from our friends.*

The Fredericksburg SPCA is a registered 501c3 non-profit. We are funded solely on donations from our compassionate community, monies raised through our events, and through grants we tirelessly apply for.

There are many ways to help and donate to the SPCA. Including making a **one-time donation**, becoming a member of our monthly donor program: **FREDPACK**, hosting an **offsite donation drive**, **in-kind donations** from businesses, **estate planning**, **stocks**, choosing the SPCA of Fredericksburg as your **Amazon Smile** charity, and more.

**LEARN MORE:** [fredspca.org/donate](http://fredspca.org/donate)

Creating a **Facebook Fundraiser** is a new, trendy and effortless way to get your friends & family involved in a cause you love. They are often created surrounding an event like a birthday or in memory of a beloved animal. There are no processing fees.

**GET STARTED:**  
**Facebook.com/Fundraisers** > choose the SPCA of Fredericksburg as the Non-Profit that you wish to raise money for.



## COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER

The Fredericksburg SPCA Locke Community Medical Center cares for the **homeless animal population** of the SPCA.

Our medical team ensures each animal in need is offered medical care and treatment when sick. The clinic performs spay/neuter as well as other minor surgeries prior to adoption.

Recently opening our doors to the public, our mission is to **keep families together** by providing **affordable veterinary care** for pets. We currently offer dental, wellness, geriatric care, and sick visits to include vaccines, blood tests, fecal tests as well as treatment for various illnesses like upper respiratory infections, skin infections, urinary tract infections, and many more. We also offer low-cost preventatives and spay/neuter surgeries.

The Locke Community Medical Center partners with rescues in our community and our *People Empowered Through Support Program* to offer services at a discounted rate.

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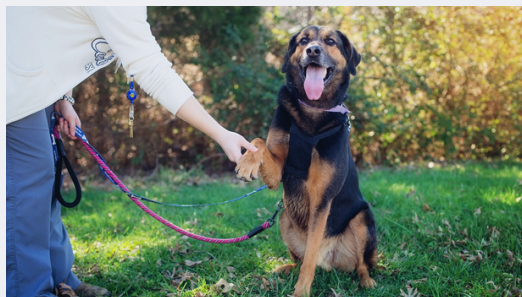
## BEHAVIOR

The Fredericksburg SPCA launched its Behavior Program in 2020. The goal of this program is to provide shelter animals with assessments and plans of action in order to **decrease mental deterioration and stress**, as well as **increase adoptable behaviors**.

This program has expanded to the public to offer **affordable** canine behavior classes to **divert owner surrenders** and *keep animals in the homes that already love them*. Now offering Canine Good Citizen Certification, AKC S.T.A.R Puppy classes and Puppy Socials.

These classes will feature a CCTBS certified instructor and utilize *positive reinforcement* to help families overcome undesirable behaviors in the home, and empower pet-owning families with teaching basic commands.

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## HUMANE EDUCATION

*The animal advocates of tomorrow.*

The FredSPCA offers *three different* forms of **humane education** for children and young adults. It is important to teach **compassion to animals**, basic **animal care**, and **safety** around animals. The goal of humane education is to allow each child an opportunity to *learn & think critically* and to give them the tools needed to *advocate for animals* within their community.

Our **Junior Volunteer Program** is offered each month throughout the school year, running 4 Saturdays per session. This program is a mixture of humane education and volunteering in action!

**Animal Advocates Club** meets once a week. Participants engage in student-led discussions, with guidance from the Humane Educator, about how to further the *mission of the FredSPCA* and how they can *help improve the lives of animals within their community*

**Compassionate Care Camp** is offered as a week-long program in the summertime.

**LEARN MORE:** [fredspca.org/humaneEd](http://fredspca.org/humaneEd)

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## ADVENTURE TAILS

*Adoption is not your only option at the SPCA.*

Many people are *not in a position to adopt*, yet still crave animal companionship. Our doggy day out program benefits shelter animals and our community alike.

Adventure Tails is a program designed to give our animals a day off and get them out of the chaos of communal living. Our animals get the chance to show their personalities outside of the loud, shared environment at the shelter and it's a way for us to get information that we would not otherwise get (how are they around bicycles, in the car, etc).

By keeping their minds stimulated and their bodies active, they often have a much better kennel presence which increases their chances of being adopted. Since starting the Adventure Tails Program, we have seen a **20% increase in adoptions!**

Adventure Tails can be done anytime we are open. To sign a dog out you must be 18+ years old with a valid government ID. We always have a list of our longer-term animals or ones who would **benefit most with a day out** - or you can choose your own! A technician will harness and leash up the dog for you, and provide you with poop bags, a water bowl, and maps of our local parks to explore!

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## FOSTER

*Fostering saves lives*

On average, **56% of our population can be found in foster care**. Our fosters provide a stable home environment where animals can *thrive and grow*, away from the chaos of the shelter. Animals in shelters can deteriorate quickly due to *fear, stress, anxiety, and illness*. Our Foster Program also allows us to greatly increase our capacity for care. If we do not have space at the shelter, we cannot say yes to taking an animal, so foster families are **true heroes**.

Fostering is a short term commitment with a lasting impact. There are different types of fostering to choose from, including, **moms & babies, neonatal care**, adult animals needing **shelter breaks**, behavior **S.W.A.T team** (Saving With Animal Training), **minor medical, fospice**, and our **Sleepover Program**.

The Fredericksburg SPCA provides most *supplies, food, toys, linens, and crates* that you will need for any particular foster. We also provide *medical care, a 24-hour emergency line*, and general advice and guidance through our *active foster community and case managers* as well as *training with our Veterinarian*.

**LEARN MORE:** [fredspca.org/foster](http://fredspca.org/foster)

## VOLUNTEER

*The good vibe tribe is here.*

Our robust volunteer program is designed to *give our staff additional support* so that the organization can reach as many animals and people within the community as possible. As an organization with less than 15 full-time staff members, our **volunteer department is essential to our daily operations**.

Volunteers help in many different ways including **front desk support**, running **offsite events**, helping technicians with their **daily tasks, socializing animals, walking dogs, cleaning, and transporting** animals from our partner shelters.

We offer different volunteer opportunities such as **individual** volunteering, **one-day** volunteering, **group** volunteering, our **youth volunteer** program, and **court-ordered** community service. Group volunteering is a great team-building opportunity for businesses, as well as a way to give back to the community.

To support our volunteer crew, we *offer weekly training and orientations* for different aspects of volunteering.

**LEARN MORE:** [fredspca.org/volunteer](http://fredspca.org/volunteer)



# 2021 IMPACT IN NUMBERS

888

ANIMALS ADOPTED

ANIMALS TAKEN IN

1,037

10.5  
DAYS

AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY  
FOR DOGS

AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY  
FOR CATS

13  
DAYS

740

FAMILIES SERVED THROUGH  
OUR PET PANTRY

RESCUE & P.E.T.S. PROGRAM  
SURGERIES & CLINIC VISITS

2,619

14,081

LBS OF DRY FOOD DISTRIBUTED  
THROUGH OUR PET PANTRY

CANS OF WET FOOD DISTRIBUTED  
THROUGH OUR PET PANTRY

13,327

2,455

SHELTER ANIMALS  
SURGERIES & CLINIC VISITS

PUBLIC-OWNED ANIMALS  
SURGERIES & CLINIC VISITS

2,375

1,030

FOSTER FAMILIES IN OUR  
NETWORK

VOLUNTEERS &  
VOLUNTEER HOURS SERVED

1,429  
VOLUNTEERS  
10,606  
HOURS