



JAN/FEB 2019 NEWSLETTER

# Chicago Shelter News



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(photo: Josh Feeney)

## LIVE RELEASE RATE HITS 91%

CACC is proud to announce a record-high Live Release Rate (LRR) of 91 percent in 2018, up from 89 percent in 2017 and 72 percent in 2014. The increased LLR is even more notable as intake has also increased over the last two years (see chart on next page).

In 2018, CACC sheltered over 16,000 animals, adopted out nearly 1,900 pets, transferred almost 9,000 animals to rescue groups and returned over 1,500 pets to owners.

CACC continues to promote adoptions and expand partnerships with adoption events like Petoberfest, Adopt-o-ween, Petsgiving and Home for the Holidays. Over the last year, CACC also started many new programs that support their life-saving, including:

- “Field Return to Owner” program providing staff with the tools to scan lost pets in the community and return them to their owners faster
- Sponsorship for Heartworm treatment to supporting the health of the animals and help CACC’s rescue partners transfer dogs out more quickly
- Cat TLC Team to providing more individualized care and in-kennel enrichment of CACC’s cats
- Tails of Redemption Dog Training Program providing enhanced training and companionship for dogs in partnership with the Cook County Sheriff’s Office
- Expanded Cat Adoption Program providing support and education to adopters of cats that test positive for the Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV).

CACC’s work is only possible because of the thousands of Chicago residents that have stepped up to give shelter pets loving, secure homes and have spaying/neutering their pets to reduce the number of animals without homes.

## CHICAGO ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

*Adopt • Foster • Volunteer*

2741 S. Western Ave.  
Adoptions: noon-6 p.m.

Adoption requirements:  
**[bit.ly/adoptcacc](http://bit.ly/adoptcacc)**

Available pets  
**[petharbor.com/chicago](http://petharbor.com/chicago)**

Adoptable pets on Facebook  
**[caccadoptables](https://www.facebook.com/caccadoptables)**

Follow us on Facebook:  
**[ChicagoAnimalCareandControl](https://www.facebook.com/ChicagoAnimalCareandControl)**

CACC is the city’s only municipal open-admission animal shelter. It protects public safety and promotes the humane care of animals through sheltering, placement, education and law enforcement.

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## FIV POSITIVE CATS ADOPTED!

We are always looking for ways to find adopters or rescues for as many dogs and cats as possible, so after a lot of work developing policies and handouts to prepare adopters to take good care of cats with the Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) we moved FIV Positive cats Jackson and Kamilah to our adoption room. Within 48 hours, they were adopted -- together! Read more about FIV and our available cats: <https://bit.ly/2Ma195T>

## TAILS OF REDEMPTION

In January, five CACC dogs arrived at the Cook County Jail for eight weeks of training through the Tails of Redemption program. During their time at the jail, they will learn basic obedience and manners from detainees who will be training the dogs under the supervision of one of Cook County's K-9 dog trainers. Most importantly, they will be gaining skills to help them find and settle into their forever homes.



## 2018 CACC DATA

### ADOPTED FROM SHELTER

# 1,892

2018 805 cats, 1,087 dogs  
2017 832 cats, 719 dogs

### RETURNED TO OWNER:

# 1,573

2018 146 cats, 1,419 dogs  
2017 121 cats, 1,276 dogs

### TRANSFERRED TO RESCUE:

# 8,958

2018 4,485 cats, 3,635 dogs  
2017 3,951 cats, 3,250 dogs

### ARRIVED AS STRAYS:

# 7,271

2018 3,517 cats, 3,640 dogs  
2017 3,557 cats, 3,134 dogs

### OWNER RELINQUISHED:

# 4,797

2018 2,310 cats, 2,314 dogs  
2017 1,815 cats, 2,235 dogs





We are grateful to our Homeward Bound Rescue Partners ([bit.ly/rescuegroupslist](http://bit.ly/rescuegroupslist)) for transferring animals out of the shelter and into their programs.

During 2018, nearly 200 groups transferred 3,635 dogs, 4,485 cats and 838 other animals out of CACC. Find a list of all transfer partners and the number of dogs and cats they were able to move out of the shelter here: <https://bit.ly/2ShcjLp>

To all our rescues, thanks you for everything you do for our shelter pets and wildlife!

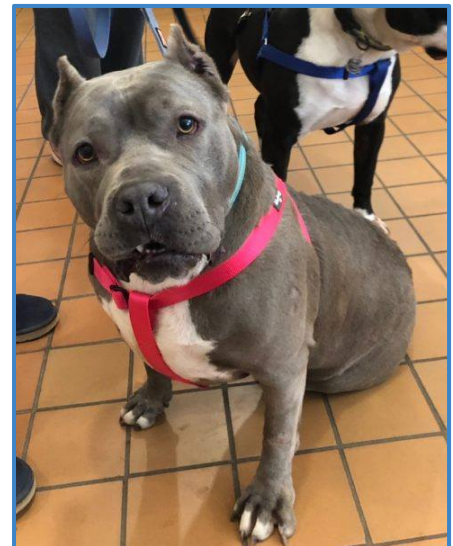
### **HOW YOU CAN HELP CHICAGO'S RESCUES**

Our rescue partners are only able to save CACC animals if someone steps up to foster these pets while others contribute towards their care.

If you are interested in fostering, adopting or sponsoring a rescue-only animal, read more on Facebook: <https://bit.ly/2DOombj> See all CACC dogs in need of rescue at [bit.ly/caccrescuedogs](http://bit.ly/caccrescuedogs) and cats at [bit.ly/caccatrescue](http://bit.ly/caccatrescue)

### **KEEPING PETS OUT OF THE SHELTER**

In 2018, the Chicagoland Rescue Intervention & Support Program (CRISP) was able to keep 850 pets out of CACC, either by diverting them directly to rescue groups or by providing assistance so they could remain in owners. Thank you to the rescues and tireless volunteers that make this program possible!



This is Storm's face when she and brother Capone heard they would be getting vet care and then going home instead of staying at the shelter. Thanks to Chicagoland Rescue Intervention and Support Program - CRISP for helping Storm!

Meet  
your  
Match



## Fee-Waived Adoption Events

### MEET YOUR MATCH SPEED DATING!

February 9 & 10 - 6 p.m.

If you are looking for love and are ready to meet your lifelong pet partner, head over to the Chicago City Shelter's fee-waived Valentine's Meet Your Match adoption event!

### National K-9 Veterans Day Adoption Event with Pets for U.S. Heroes

March 9, 12 - 4 p.m.

Join us to honor military, police and other dogs serving our nation. To honor the canine contributions, we are offering waived adoption fees for dogs and cats to veterans, law enforcement officers, firefighters, dispatchers and other high stress occupations who will benefit from the support, companionship and therapeutic benefits of a shelter pet while giving them the ultimate gift - a loving home.

More information on Facebook at [ChicagoAnimalCareandControl/events](https://www.facebook.com/ChicagoAnimalCareandControl/events)



#### CACC Volunteer Orientations

2741 S. Western Ave.

3/8, 4/12: 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

3/9, 4/13: 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Details: [bit.ly/caccvolunteer](http://bit.ly/caccvolunteer)

#### CACC Commission Meeting

2741 S. Western Ave.

3/21, 8:30 a.m.

#### Low Cost Vaccine/Chip/Tag Clinic

2741 S. Western Ave.

2/20, 3/20.

Numbers are distributed beginning at 8:30


a.m. Doors open at 9 a.m. Event ends 11 a.m.

Open to Chicago residents with valid photo ID.

*Note: Dates/times subject to change. Find latest information at: [CityofChicago.org/CACC](http://CityofChicago.org/CACC) or on Facebook at [ChicagoAnimalCareandControl/events](https://www.facebook.com/ChicagoAnimalCareandControl/events)*



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