

Dear Animal Lover,

November 14, 2020

The holiday season is a time for reflection, gratitude and thanks. Though this year, 2020, has been the most challenging year in Ayla's Acres No-Kill Animal Rescue's history-it has taught us to be more creative, compassionate and proactive in order to provide meaningful programs for homeless animals in Northeast Florida.

Ayla's Acres started the year dealing with the clean-up of a fire at the Sanctuary in Greenville, FL. Tragically, the caretaker's home was a complete loss. We believed that we lost 14 animals in the fire until two of our cats were sighted recently in the house debris. Rollo and Georgia are safe! Thanks to the support of the community, a new manufactured home is now on the property. We continue to care for 110 unadoptable animals at the Sanctuary. Many of these animals are senior, increasing the dollars spent on vet care.

The COVID-19 virus seriously impacted Ayla's Acres ability to raise money for the programs that support the animals under our care. Not only was the Ayla's Acres Thrift Shop closed for five weeks, we also had to forgo approximately \$65,000 in fundraising activity due to the virus. This directly affects the number of animals Ayla's Acres is able to help. The thrift shop is operating with a skeleton crew. Ayla's Acres relies almost entirely on volunteers. Many of our volunteers are seniors who have valid concerns about working with the public. We are adhering to the CDC's guidelines, but respect our volunteers' decisions to stay safe. Ayla's Acres has been unable to hold an adoption event since February-another virus related issue.

Throughout all of what 2020 has thrown us, Ayla's Acres continues to move forward. In the past year, we have completed 140 cat and dog adoptions. We continue to help the community with Trap, Neuter, Release (TNR) in St. Johns County. Ayla's Acres worked on trapping in Lincolnville, Vilano, Madeira and the Shores. We were able to find loving homes for a handful of senior, terminally ill dogs this year. This is especially heartwarming to us.

It's been a long time coming, but-Ayla's Acres has now applied for the Special Use, Commercial and Septic System permits with St Johns County in order to build Peter's Friends Animal Resource Center. When we receive approval, we will begin the building process. The campus will house an adoption and education facility, as well as a no/low cost spay/neuter clinic.

Ayla's Acres NEEDS your help. We will continue to work hard to help homeless animals in our community. Please dig deep this year to enable us to continue to the important programs we provide to the community.

Please join us in making a year-end contribution to Ayla's Acres No-Kill Animal Rescue, Inc. of \$100, \$50, \$25, \$10 or whatever is comfortable for you. If you can do more, we hope you will. You can mail your contribution, donate at aylasacres.org or use the QR symbol below.

You can honor friends, family and/or pets with a holiday gift made to Ayla's Acres in their names. Just let us know and we'll send a prompt acknowledgment of your donation.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and volunteers of Ayla's Acres, we wish you and your loved ones a joyous Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, a Happy Kawanzaa and a very Happy New Year. Again, thank you for all you can do to make our work possible.

For the animals,



Paul Thompson
President, Board of Director

