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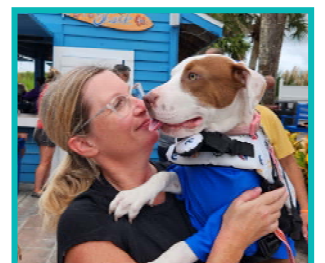
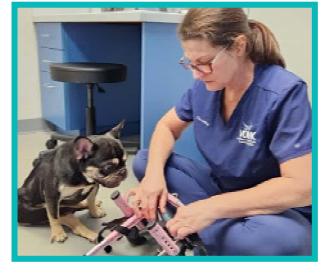
Dear Animal Lover,

The holiday season is a wonderful time for us to reflect, be grateful, and give thanks. It gives us an opportunity to see what we've accomplished and where we need to do more. Ayla's Acres No-Kill Animal Rescue faced new challenges this past year. Here are some highlights and the outcomes of some of Ayla's Acres accomplishments.

In 2023, Ayla's Acres devoted more resources to dog training and community veterinary grants. By spending our resources this way, we increase the likelihood of animals being successful in their forever homes. The number of adoptions we complete is not as important as a successful match between a family and an animal—enabling the animal to live its life in one, safe, secure environment.

A Different Approach in 2023

- Ayla's Acres scaled up two programs in 2023—training more of our dogs prior to adoption and covering veterinary costs for people who cannot afford the expense. Thirteen Ayla's Acres dogs have worked with our trainers in 2023. In addition, we offer three training sessions to adopters for their dogs following an adoption.
- Including the animals at our sanctuary in Madison County and in St. Augustine, Ayla's Acres will spend approximately \$96,000 on vet bills before 2023 ends. This includes hip surgeries, ACL surgeries, a leg amputation, a gunshot mouth repair, hundreds of spay and neuters, emergency room visits, vaccinations, heart issues, heartworm treatment, tumor removals, dental treatment, etc. Ayla's Acres also used about \$25,000 innovatively to help people who couldn't afford to pay vet costs for their pets. Those pets remain in loving homes, avoiding adoption cycles, or worse, euthanasia.
- Through the end of October, 40 dogs and 83 cats have been adopted through Ayla's Acres. Our goal was 10 animal adoptions per month. We plan to end the year with approximately 140 adoptions.
- Due to a shortage of foster homes, Ayla's Acres has been paying for boarding for a total of nine dogs throughout 2023. While these dogs are adoptable, they do have special needs—making it more difficult to find homes for them. Ayla's Acres purchased an 8-foot x 40-foot cargo carrier that is being converted into three dog kennels and a cat kennel area. This project should be completed by the end of the year, giving us interim housing, and reducing boarding costs.



- Ayla's Acres' future Animal Resource Center is moving forward. We have resolved a number of issues. However, the County Health Department has neither cleared us to proceed nor have they notified us of any deficiency. Our engineering firm will submit documents to the County the week of November 20. We will break grounds as soon as the County gives us the green light!
- Ayla's Acres has been responsible for approximately 80 Trap/Neuter/Release (TNR) cats. The major focus was Lincolville in St. Augustine. There were cats in south St. Johns County and at Madeira as well. Our volunteers keep the food stocked for feral cats all over the county.
- The sanctuary has about 60 animals still in its care. Along with two sanctuary caretakers, we have a full-time employee helping to keep the animals fed and cared for daily. Recently, a mama dog and 11 puppies were dumped at the sanctuary. Those pups will come to St. Augustine when old enough for adoption.



Thanks For Your Help—We Hope You Will Continue

We continue to give thanks to our community. Your support and generosity allows Ayla's Acres to continue its mission. Ayla's Acres still 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 (P.O. Box 1634, St. Augustine, FL 32085), 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 Kwanzaa and a very Happy New Year. Again, thank you for all you do to make our work possible.

For the animals,

Paul Thompson

President, Board of Directors

