



Pet Alliance

ALMOST HOME
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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Hope • Shelter • Care

Pet Alliance's **Almost Home Capital Campaign** is a five-year, \$17.8 million initiative to build a new facility that allows us to continue providing the highest level of care and support for dogs, cats, and pet owners.

At Pet Alliance, we provide **hope, shelter, and care to animals that need our help.** Our commitment to animals begins with prompt, compassionate veterinary care and continues with enrichment and placement of animals to their new homes.

Our shelter animals are cared for by dozens of staff and volunteers so that each receives the love and attention they deserve while in our care.

THE FUTURE

OF SHELTERING

Pet Alliance is fortunate to be a focal point of animal lovers.

Every year, more than 73,000 hours of volunteer time helps our staff connect animals with their forever families.

Our goal is to find each cat and dog its new home. **The journey has not always been an easy one,** but Pet Alliance is committed to caring for each animal that comes through our doors.

Your help is needed as we push through our capital campaign to **build a new state-of-the-art shelter.**



Through three dedicated locations and 8 offsite adoption partners, Pet Alliance services Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties. Additionally, we assist shelters throughout Florida and numerous other states including Texas, Oklahoma, Alabama, Georgia, as well as Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Pet Alliance continually develops progressive programs to help keep pets in homes and identify solutions to the root problems of pet homelessness. Since its days as the Orlando Humane Society, Pet Alliance has achieved many successes over the past 87 years. Substantial progress has been made in veterinary services, comprehensive programs in pet owner education, adoption rates and community outreach for spay/neutering options.

To build on that success and accelerate progress toward the vision of providing a forever home for every shelter animal, a new center must be established. **Pet Alliance is building a 25,000 sq ft state-of-the-art shelter facility and undertaking a five-year \$18 million initiative (2021-2025) to advance key strategies described in the plan.**



Humane Society Plans Modern Shelter

WHERE WE STARTED

THE BEGINNING

From humble beginnings as the Orlando Humane Society based in the homes of volunteers in 1937, Pet Alliance has grown to be the largest nonprofit animal welfare agency in Central Florida.

Since then, Pet Alliance has strategically incorporated new services and developed programs to serve pets and pet owners of the community.

1937

SOLO FOR 33 YEARS

The agency served as the sole animal shelter for the area until the 1970s, when Orange County built their own municipally run shelter.

Up until that time, all animals that were lost/stray, unwanted or in neglectful situations were brought to Orlando Humane Society for sheltering and adoption.

1970

VET SERVICES

The spaying and neutering of all pets adopted from the agency had been a requirement since the 1950s, but in 1991, a veterinarian was hired by the organization so those surgeries could be performed on site.

In 1993, Pet Alliance opened its own veterinary clinic to serve the public.

1990s

THE SPCA

In 2001, the Orlando Humane Society merged with the Osceola and Seminole Humane Societies and the name was changed to SPCA of Central Florida to serve the tri-county area that it continues to serve today.

2001

PET ALLIANCE

In 2014, the organization went through a re-branding and changed its name to Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando. With these changes, the agency has focused on increasing the live release rate and developing progressive programs to help keep pets in homes.

Since then, our live release rate has gone from below 70% to above 98%, well above the threshold of “no-kill” shelters.

2014

THE PAST DECADE

With generous community support, more than 75,000 dogs and cats in our care were able to find loving homes since 2013.

With even more work ahead of us, your support means dogs and cats in need have a chance at finding a loving home.

Present





LIFESAVING PROGRAMS

Pet Alliance receives more than 4,000 dogs and cats in need of **temporary shelter, medical care and rehoming each year.**

During their stay, they receive love, food, medical care and daily enrichment. Our shelter veterinarians perform spay/neuter surgeries on all animals prior to adoption, as well as attend to other medical needs of our dogs and cats.

Surrender prevention programs **keep pets and people together.**

The leading reason dogs are surrendered to Pet Alliance is the inability of owners to find rental housing with no breed or size restrictions. This led to the development of the Pet Apartment Registry, which is designed to provide residents with access to information on truly pet-friendly housing options in Central Florida. Pet Alliance also provides pet owners in need with free pet food via its Pet Food Pantry program. Annually, more than 30,000 pounds of pet food was distributed.

Ensuring that pets are healthy and cared for is a top priority for Pet Alliance. Through our Animeals on Wheels program we provide low-income seniors with free pet food and veterinary care. Pet Alliance also offers FAITH, which provides individuals and families who are in crisis situations with short-term boarding, veterinary services and care of animals while the owner is in need.

Between January 2018 and March 2023,
Pet Alliance took in **6,212 homeless kittens**



17,461

TNR clinic spay/neuter
surgeries since launching in
November 2018

**Do you know how many volunteer trappers it takes to reach the
number of TNVR that we do?**

It takes a village. of dedicated, compassionate volunteers that spend
their free time trapping, transporting recovering and returning cats
to their locations.

The goal of the **Community Cat Initiative** is to reduce the intake of kittens and cats, stabilize and reduce the community cat population and thereby reduce the number of cats euthanized at other shelters.

Pet Alliance partnered with Orange County, the City of Orlando, Care TNR and local cat rescue groups to develop focused Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate, and Return (TNVR) action plans. Our primary strategy is providing targeted, high volume TNVR on existing cat colonies of 30 or more cats.

**TNVR Program
launched November 2018**

BUILDING A HOME FOR HOPE, SHELTER AND CARE

Pet Alliance's Orlando shelter was built in 1989 and served more than a quarter million dogs and cats through the years. In 2020, the Pet Alliance board and staff made the decision to move forward with plans to build a modern new shelter. Land was purchased on John Young Parkway and the **Almost Home Capital Campaign** was launched.

A new building became a necessity in September 2021, after a devastating fire made the Orlando location inoperable. The animals and shelter services were transferred to our Sanford location. Our Downtown Cat Shelter opened in September 2022 to help support adoption and intake in Orange County. However, we had to greatly reduce the number of intakes overall due to lack of space. Our new shelter will allow us to meet the community need for short-term animal sheltering and pet adoption services.

One major need is for additional and improved quarantine spaces.

Such spaces permit us to transfer in more animals from high euthanasia shelters, as well as transfers from natural disasters and serve as a centralized intake shelter.

Improved quarantine spaces include specialized units for puppies with Parvo infections, as well as designated areas for kittens and cats with ringworm and scabies. We currently treat for ringworm, but with limited isolation space, we are unable to transfer in animals from shelters that are likely to euthanize.



Specialized quarantine and treatment space can **increase our ability to work with other shelters as well as assist after natural disasters**. These spaces are flexible in design and can be used for various medical and quarantine purposes as needs change (i.e. canine influenza outbreak, etc.).

We will continue our innovative Virtual Kitten Nursery and will provide dedicated space to serve the many foster families that care for our kittens. We will also continue our community-focused surrender prevention initiatives - Project FAITH, Animeals on Wheels, and Pet Food Pantry.

WHERE WE'RE GOING

A new 25,000 sq ft facility will allow for:

- Enhanced space dedicated to adoption services
- Double the medical space to care for ill or injured animals
- Disease-specific quarantine space for dogs and cats
- Modern shelter and play space including AC for dogs
 - Dedicated rooms for neonatal kittens
 - Improved internet connectivity for portable adoption services
- Increased food storage room for community initiatives like the Pet Food Pantry



Phase I - Land Acquisition

In April 2021, Pet Alliance purchased an 8-acre parcel of land on John Young Parkway close to the JYP/I-4 interchange.

The property's eastern side borders Lake Catherine and is mostly a wooded area.

The vision is a conveniently located shelter with serene natural surroundings.

Phase II - Construction

Pet Alliance selected architecture firm **Borrelli + Partners** for the design and **H. J. High Construction** to build the facility.

The final designs were completed in February 2024 and construction is set to begin in the Summer of 2024 with completion in Summer 2025.



Creating a happier, healthier com

munity for pets and their families.





\$15,000,000

Construction Fees (\$400 per sq ft)

\$1,500,000

Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment

\$800,000

Design and Development Fees

\$500,000

Capital Reserve Fund

Total Expenses \$17,800,000



Summary

A new shelter is vital for the well-being of our animals and our organization. With this new facility, we will be able to provide the very best care for these incredible animals and their owners for many years to come.

Because of you and those that came before you, Pet Alliance has provided essential services for dogs and cats throughout Central Florida for the past 87 years.

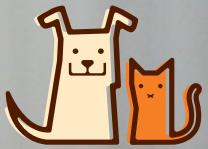
In order for us to continue our work, we are asking our community leaders to come together and support our **Almost Home Capital Campaign** so that all dogs and cats can be provided hope, shelter, care and a loving forever home.

Please join us in this endeavor and help leave a legacy for our cats and dogs!

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