

# partners in animal welfare

**APRIL 2024 IMPACT REPORT**





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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER

*"As we continue to enhance the ways we connect and communicate, I'm thrilled to announce significant upgrades at PAW, including an enriched website acting as a real-time impact journal. This year marks the launch of our Grant Makers Initiative, an exciting program designed to deepen the bond between our donors and the animals they support. With an expanded leadership team, we are more committed than ever to advocating for pets in need across New Jersey. Thank you for your partnership in bettering animal welfare in New Jersey!"*

*Karen B. Sachs*

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Founder and Executive Director  
Board of Trustees  
Advisory Board

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Connecting donors to animals

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 [www.partnersinanimalwelfare.org](http://www.partnersinanimalwelfare.org)

 [@PartnersinAW](https://www.facebook.com/@PartnersinAW)

 [@paw.nj](https://www.instagram.com/@paw.nj)

## our mission

Our mission is to empower local animal welfare organizations by connecting them with life-changing resources and fostering a network of partners to address the critical needs of animals in crisis using robust support, collaborative advocacy, and transformative education.

## our vision

We envision a future where every animal in New Jersey, and beyond, is afforded the dignity, respect, and loving care they deserve. Our vision is a society where the human-animal bond is strengthened, and all animals are protected and cherished. Through unwavering dedication and community engagement, we strive to set new standards in animal welfare, ensuring that compassion leads the way to a brighter, kinder world for all living beings.



**“Never,  
never be  
afraid to do  
what’s right,  
especially if  
the well-  
being of a  
person or  
animal is at  
stake.”**

Martin Luther King, Jr.

**KANE  
paw grantee**

# MEET OUR team



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## Maxine Hughes

Maxine is the Global Head of the New Business Group for Markets, JP Morgan Chase & Co. where she has been employed for the past 8 years. Maxine currently serves as Secretary of the FOMTAS Board.



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## Robyn Mait Levine

Robyn is an experienced marketing and communications professional with deep expertise in the nonprofit and for-profit sectors. She currently works as a consultant for nonprofit organizations including the Reed Foundation for Autism and HealthyWomen.org.



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## AJ Albrecht, ESQ.

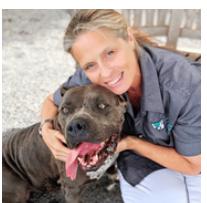
AJ is the Chief Operating Officer for the Animal Legal Defense Fund. A licensed attorney, AJ is the 2020-2021 Chair of the American Bar Association's Animal Law Committee and a past Chair of the New Jersey State Bar Association's Animal Law Committee.



ADVISORY BOARD

## Brian Hackett

Brian recently joined Associated Humane Societies in Newark, New Jersey as Director of Government and Community Relations after serving as Legislative Affairs Manager at the Animal Legal Defense Fund and before that, as New Jersey State Director for the Humane Society of the United States.



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## Nancy Willis

Nancy is the Vice President of Strategic Growth for the Humane Society of Silicon Valley. Nancy has more than two decades of leadership experience across both nonprofit and for-profit organizations, including the Maui Humane Society, Dave & Cheryl Duffield Foundation, and the Major League Baseball Players Association.



**Karen Sacks, ESQ.**  
FOUNDER &  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Karen is the founder and Executive Director of Partners in Animal Welfare. She created PAW after a career as a lawyer and then founding executive director of Volunteer Lawyers for Justice, a nonprofit she grew into a statewide leader in pro bono legal services during her seventeen year term. Karen has held various leadership roles in animal welfare organizations. She currently serves as the Chair of the board of directors of the Friends of the Montclair Township Animal Shelter and as a NJ Humane Policy Leader for the Humane Society of the United States.



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## Karen Moreira

Karen manages in-house litigation at a global Fortune 100 company based in NJ. As a volunteer passionate about animal welfare, she is a Humane Law liaison and avid dog walker at Monmouth County SPCA.



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## Stacey Bussel

Stacey is the current Managing Attorney at Disability Rights New Jersey. A vegetarian since the age of 16, animal rights and animal welfare have played an integral role in her life since childhood. Stacey spends her free time with her family including her rescue dog, Darwin, and rescue cat, Tiki.



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## Claire Sterling

Claire is the Chief Operating Officer at HEART, a New York-based nonprofit offering PreK-12 humane education programs and teaching resources. She previously served as Director, Grant Strategies at the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA).



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## Faith Krausman, DVM

Dr. Faith Krausman is a veterinarian practicing in New Jersey. Her business is Vet on Wheels, and she does house calls for cats, dogs, and exotics. Faith wrote a book about her work, *101 'Tails' of a House Call Veterinarian*. She is currently at work on a second volume.



# grant makers

**connecting donors with the animals they support**

## **TRANSFORMING ANIMALS' LIVES THROUGH PERSONALIZED GRANTS**

In the wake of increasing challenges in animal welfare within New Jersey, exacerbated by the pandemic's effects and rising care costs, every donation can make a profound difference.

**Our Grant Makers Initiative (GMI) redefines giving by connecting your donation directly to animals in need.** By joining the Grant Makers Initiative, you do more than donate; you develop a meaningful bond with the animal(s) you support.

## **CUSTOMIZE YOUR CONTRIBUTION**

Your donation of \$1,000 or more allows us to create a personalized grant to provide direct aid to a specific animal in crisis. The grant can be in your name, in honor of someone special, or in memory of a beloved pet.

Through exclusive updates, including photos, videos, and stories, you'll witness the transformation your contribution makes. Our 'Grants in Action' website and quarterly Impact Reports like this one will showcase the outcomes of your generosity.





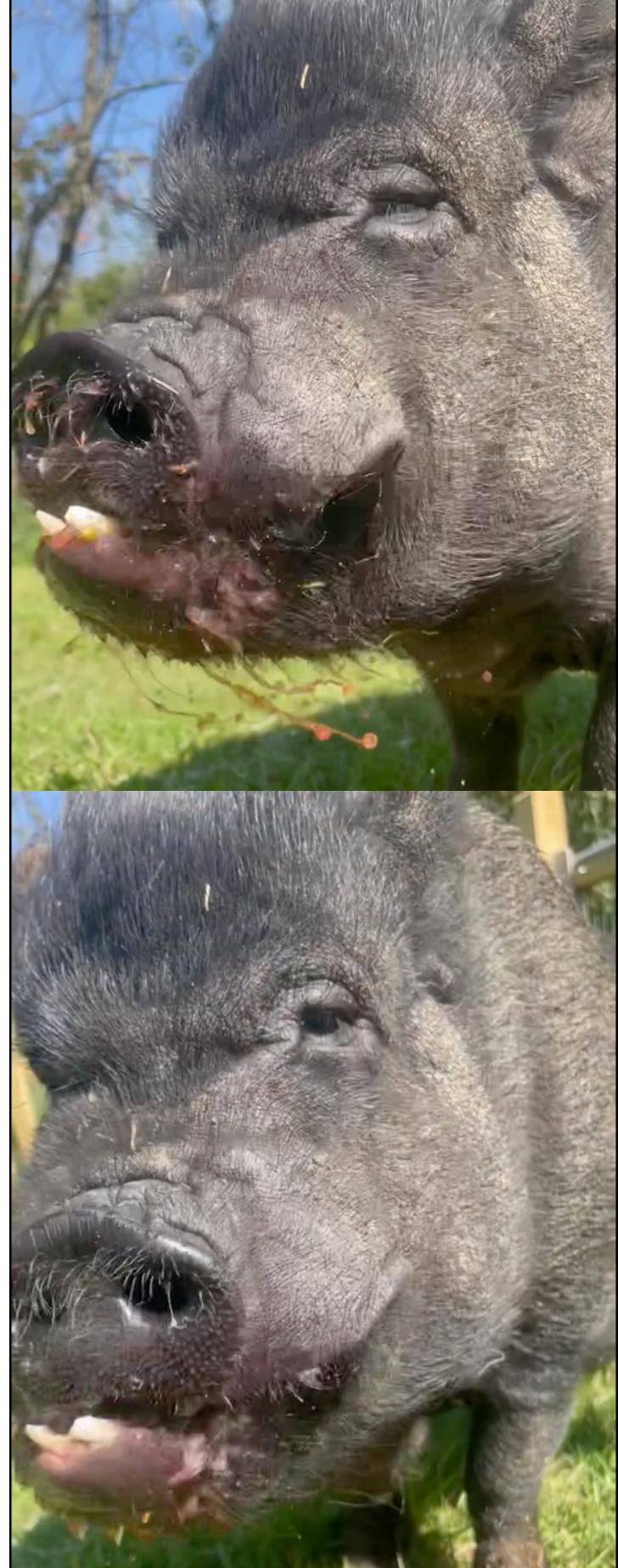
## sadie price GRANT IN ACTION

Thanks to the SADIE PRICE GRANT, Wallace the Pig from Halfway Home Animal Rescue Team in New Jersey has undergone crucial surgery at Cornell University's veterinary services for a severe abscess in his hoof.

This grant was established thanks to a **generous donation by Rae and Alan Price in loving memory of their dog Sadie**. Its purpose is to ease the financial pressures faced by animal welfare organizations in NJ when treating unexpected and emergent medical conditions.

The SADIE PRICE GRANT not only ensured that Wallace received the highest level of medical care but also showcased the positive impact that contributions to Partners in Animal Welfare have on the health and well-being of animals in the community. It's a vivid example of how the generosity of our donors empowers us to support animals with special needs, offering them a fresh start.

Wallace's journey of recovery, backed by the SADIE PRICE GRANT, serves as a powerful testament to the change we can effect together. This story of resilience and community support reminds us of the incredible outcomes achievable through partnership and collaboration.



**wallace**  
HALFWAY HOME RESCUE TEAM



# hank

TAMERLAINE SANCTUARY & PRESERVE

From a scared and aggressive newcomer to a thriving member of the Tamerlaine Sanctuary & Preserve family, this once upon a time “feral” cat’s life took a miraculous turn for the better, finding a safe home and receiving essential dental care thanks to the **MINDY and DAVID BERSHAD GRANT**.

Hank’s story is a testament to the incredible changes that patience, love, and kindness can bring, which is only fitting as **the MINDY and DAVID BERSHAD GRANT honors the Bershads’ generosity and profound love for cats.** Alongside his buddy Peaches, Hank has discovered the joys of companionship and trust within the sanctuary’s nurturing environment.

This heartwarming transformation wouldn’t have been possible without the support of the **MINDY and DAVID BERSHAD GRANT**. It’s a beautiful reminder of the power of generosity and the impact we can have on the lives of animals in need. Hank’s journey from fear to flourishing is a beacon of hope and a celebration of new beginnings.

Together, we can continue to write more success stories like Hank’s. A huge thank you to Mindy and David Bershad for their belief in second chances for every animal. Let’s keep spreading the love and kindness that can change lives.



**mindy and  
david bershad  
GRANT IN ACTION**



**karen  
moreira**

## **GRANT IN ACTION**

Thanks to the KAREN MOREIRA GRANT, Diamond, a beloved senior dog under the care of Friends of Wag On Inn Rescue's dedicated team, is receiving essential treatment for her arthritis and hip-related issues. This grant, part of our Grant Makers Initiative, provided funding specifically allocated for Diamond's medication, including Carprofen, Gabapentin, and newly introduced Librela injections.

**The KAREN MOREIRA GRANT facilitates access to necessary medical treatments for animals like Diamond who face challenging health conditions due to age** and also reflects the profound impact that PAW and its donors have on the lives of animals within the community.

Diamond's journey towards improved health and comfort, supported by this grant, exemplifies the transformative potential of collaborative efforts in animal welfare. Her story is a heartwarming reminder of the difference that dedicated funding and community support can make, offering aging pets a chance for a happier and healthier life.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Karen Moreira for her unwavering support and commitment to enhancing the well-being of animals like Diamond. Your generosity truly changes lives, and we are thrilled to witness and share the benefits of this compassionate initiative.

**diamond**  
WAG ON INN RESCUE

# paws to read - in a box

**PAW was awarded a grant by the Albert Payson Terhune Foundation** to help us create special kits for shelters, fostering a unique bond between children and animals through reading.



# 2024 intentions

**strengthen the human-animal bond within our community**

## THE POWER OF PERSONALIZED IMPACT GRANTS

Our Grant Makers Initiative (GMI) is inspired by the human-animal bond and is designed to transform traditional giving into a personal partnership. This initiative empowers you to have a direct impact by funding essential medical care and rehabilitation for animals in dire need.

**We aim to create 25 medical grants and 2 program development grants this year, with a funding target of \$100,000.** This goal is ambitious but crucial; by uniting our efforts, we can directly address the needs of animals in crisis and strengthen the human-animal bond within our community.

**FUNDRAISING GOAL: \$100,000**

**\$15,457 Received**

15%

**GRANT MAKERS GOAL: 25**

**5 Medical Grants Awarded**

20%

# 2024 DONORS

## A HEARTFELT thank you!

*Every contribution to PAW makes a tangible impact on animal lives. This page is dedicated to our generous 2024 donors, whose kindness and commitment have been instrumental in shaping a better world for animals in need.*

***Thank you for partnering with us!***



### VISIONARY PARTNER

## platinum paw

Platinum Paw Donors contribute \$10,000 or more, are our visionaries. They dream of a better world for animals and actively help us in creating it. Their life changing donations drive major initiatives and bring hope where it's needed most.



**Karen and Eric Sacks**



### ADVOCACY PARTNER

## gold paw

Gold Paw Donors contribute between \$5,000 to \$9,999. Here, we honor these compassionate supporters whose substantial donation allows us to lead the way in advocacy and action.

 **Robyn and Jon Levine**

 **Pamela and Ed Moed**

 **Linda and Warren  
Goldfarb**

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## LIFESAVING PARTNER

### silver paw

Silver Paw Donors contribute between \$1,000 to \$4,999, becoming pillars of hope for countless animals. Here, we honor these compassionate supporters whose generosity helps to sustain and propel our initiatives forward.

✿ **Karen and Andre Moreira**

✿ **Jordan and Adam Manekin-Topper**

✿ **Mindy and David Bershad**



## CONTRIBUTING PARTNER

### bronze paw

Bronze Paw Donors contribute between \$500 to \$999, are the building blocks of our mission. Here, we honor these compassionate supporters who have taken the first step towards making a significant impact in animal welfare.

✿ **Rae and Alan Price**

✿ **Carlton and Joanne Klapper**

✿ **Merck & Co., Inc**

✿ **Diane Herbst**

✿ **PAW Montclair Friend**

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## MAIL CHECKS TO:

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