



MUTTVILLE
senior dog rescue

GRATITUDE REPORT

MID-YEAR **2019**

YES! YES! AND YES!

When I see a dog like Fuzz Aldrin, loving and so fragile, left at a shelter at the age of 12 with ravaged skin, infected

523 rescues, on
track for **1000+**
dogs for three
years running!

eyes, and so close to death, I'm so grateful that Muttville can say yes. Without you, there would be no hope for Fuzz. As it is, he's not out of the woods (I'll keep you posted.) But to

be able to say yes to Fuzz is a gift – your gift to so many dogs with nowhere else to turn. The reverse is true, too, of course – saying no is very, very hard.

We spend a lot of time on one word: "capacity." We are constantly trying to do whatever we can to make the most

of our resources – money, time, people and space. We have, among other things, increased our volunteer force (including generous veterinary professionals), shortened our "length of stay" (the time between rescue and adoption), and built out our veterinary facility to be able to treat our dogs better and more quickly than ever. It all adds up to being able to save more lives and create more happy second chances. And it's all thanks to you.

With woofs of gratitude,

Sherri Franklin

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CEO, MUTTVILLE



BOSTON T PARTY!

When a Bay Area shelter made an emergency request for us to take 28 senior Boston Terriers from a hoarding situation, we were able to say yes, thanks to you. A few days later, a

wonderful
rescue

organization that
had been forced to
close asked us to take
eight more seniors...
also Boston Terriers!

Our fosters and volunteers stepped up to help the staff handle the impromptu Boston T Party, and with the help of some great news coverage, potential adopters were lining up down the street to meet them. Twenty-three were adopted within a few days!



235

new

volunteers

10,967

volunteer hours

walking dogs at HQ



BIG THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEER VETS

Two things have been huge game-changers for our dogs: having a dental suite, and the help of so many veterinarians and vet techs who volunteer their time and experience to help the mutts. Dental

1,451 hours
from veterinary
professionals

care is crucial not only to turning our dogs' lives around, but often to saving their lives. We are so grateful to all the veterinary professionals who donate their time and expertise.



99 attendees at
off-site Seniors for
Seniors events

**Volunteers and dogs
hit the road!**



MORE CUDDLING THAN EVER

At our regular Cuddle Clubs at Muttville headquarters, seniors come to hang out with the dogs and each other. "I have seen people with major social anxiety, who could never talk with anybody, come here and with a dog in their lap, they can engage with people," says the Community

Wellness and Services Supervisor at a facility that regularly participates. "One of the most special parts of this is the amount of joy it brings. It's a very deep joy. It's really special to be a part of that."

A Cuddle Club attendee agrees. "I had to get out of the house," he says, "and the social worker assigned me to this group. I came, and the people were so kind and the dogs were just wonderful. It really, really helped me get better."

17 Cuddle Clubs with
116 senior visitors

99 corporate
volunteer
groups

**Nothing builds a
team like mutts!**



A BRAND NEW SURGICAL SUITE

When we evaluated our dogs' needs, we realized that in addition to dentals, a few procedures – spay & neuter, mass removal – were most common by far. Generous donors have allowed us to turn an unused little room into a new sterile surgical suite. "This allows Muttville to take care of our dogs



so much faster," says Angela Ramiro, veterinary programs manager. "Procedures done in-house can alleviate days of pain and suffering while a dog waits for a surgical appointment."

148

Seniors for
Seniors
adoptions

**Senior dogs
matched with
senior people –
love happens!**

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