You have saved 483 lives so far this year.

Thanks to you, from January through May 2018, Muttville has already rescued 483 senior dogs. During the same period last year, we rescued 427 dogs. That is a 13% increase in lives saved. Wow!

That's not all. Here's what else has been happening at Muttville!

Record-breaking adoptions

It's a record-breaking year so far, with 100 Seniors for Seniors adoptions to date. A companion animal is especially beneficial to older adults – a dog in the house brings activity, social engagement, love. Senior dogs are perfect! Thanks to you, we can make senior dog love available to as many seniors as we can with our Seniors for Seniors Program.

Seniors for Seniors Adoption means that the adoption fee is waived, support is ongoing, and Muttville promises to take back the dog – no questions asked – if the adopter can no longer care for him or her. For seniors who are unable to adopt a dog, we offer senior groups the opportunity to visit Muttville HQ for an afternoon snuggle. We have had in 2018 at least two Cuddle Clubs a month.

We want kids to feel the magic, too! We host humane education classes and welcome individual junior volunteers. In 2018, we have already hosted high school and Marin County Day School volunteers. An entire Girl Scout troop came to learn more about senior dogs!
EMERGENCY RESCUE: 28 Dogs In One Day!

For the first time last year, thanks to you, Muttville was able to help animal victims of natural disasters, including Hurricane Harvey and the wine country fires.

And now, just this May, we were called on for another emergency. Solano County Animal Care has for years relied on a Good Samaritan named Marline who took their sick and injured dogs to live with her on her beautiful stretch of land in Vacaville. Tragically, Marline suddenly passed away. There were 33 dogs living with her on her property, 28 of which were seniors.

That’s a tall order for any rescue organization. Who would have the capacity for 28 dogs? And who could find homes for 28 seniors?

Only Muttville. And that’s thanks to you.

At the end of May, we welcomed Marline’s seniors – Gunter and Uhura and Pebbles and Valencia and Kezar and Beverly and Kira and Gandolf – to Muttville HQ. We put out the all-points-bulletin to staff, to volunteers, and to fosters to handle intake, medical exams, and temporary housing for these newcomers.

The Muttville family gave their own rapid response. The scene at Muttville was a symphony of activity, getting the dogs outfitted, into our database, making them feel comfortable, treating immediate medical needs, making them feel loved, and getting them into foster homes as soon as possible.

We got 48 applications in 72 hours. By the next adoption weekend, 15 of Marline’s dogs had found their new forever homes.

How can we push our capacity and stretch our resources to the max for animals in need? Because of you. Thank you for making all these new beginnings possible and for bringing so much love to the world.