From the president

We owe a debt of gratitude to you for all the lives the Fund for Animals helped in 2018. From the residents at our sanctuaries and rehabilitation center to the pets and people served by our Rural Area Veterinary Services program, our work has transformed the future for thousands of animals. 2018 was my first year as president of the Fund for Animals and I could not be prouder of our staff, our state-of-the-art facilities and our commitment to making every moment count for every animal in our care—especially knowing what their former lives have been. Whether they have come to us from roadside zoos, laboratories or feed lots, whether they were injured in the wild or brought to our field clinics by owners in desperate need, they each receive the best care possible.

It was with great enthusiasm that we welcomed Rural Area Veterinary Services into our fold in 2018. RAVS organizes MASH-style clinics in areas where medical care for animals is in short supply and residents cannot easily access veterinary care. All services are provided at no cost to the families we serve.

Each year, 150 veterinary professional volunteers and 200 veterinary and veterinary technician students come together to serve thousands of animals in need. In the past 15 years, experienced RAVS field teams have trained more than 5,000 veterinary students, cared for more than 130,000 animals and provided over $26.5 million in free veterinary services—including spay/neuter and other surgeries and wellness care. In 2018, RAVS held 25 clinics, helping 7,815 animals and providing $1.25 million in services.

We welcomed many new animals to our Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch in Murchison, Texas, this year. Our newest residents include two capuchin monkeys, Phoenix and Phoebe, and a rhesus macaque monkey, Hope, all rescued from the exotic pet trade. Phoenix and Phoebe have transitioned beautifully into our existing capuchin colony and Hope is living happily with our other macaques. Construction of our new primate habitat continues and when finished will provide residents with seven wooded half-acre habitats where they can climb trees, forage in tall grass and live in larger family groups as they would in the wild.

At the Fund for Animals Wildlife Center in Ramona, California, unseasonably hot weather in 2018 resulted in record numbers of rehabilitation patients. Thanks to the experience and expertise of our wildlife team, most of the wild creatures who were treated were quickly healed and released back into their native habitats. Two tiny black bear cubs who came in last spring have grown into large and healthy bears, ready to resume their lives in the wild. Despite our greatest hope and efforts, a third black bear we nursed back to health, Eve, would be unable to survive if we released her. Instead, she will soon move to a beautiful new enclosure built just for her at our Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch.

At Duchess Sanctuary in Oakland, Oregon, we continue to care for almost 200 equines, many of whom were rescued from the Premarin industry—where their urine was collected for use in hormone replacement drugs—or saved from slaughter. Because we know firsthand the depths of suffering that these industries and others like them cause, we work for changes at the legislative, corporate and consumer levels to prevent future suffering.

The staff and volunteers at our care centers consider it a privilege to care for and comfort animals who have endured so much pain and suffering and who are in desperate need of our help. I am honored to be on this journey with you as we build a more humane world for animals together. I am ever grateful for your generosity and kindness toward all animals.

In gratitude,

Melissa Seide Rubin
WHO WE ARE

The Fund for Animals was founded in 1967 by prominent author and passionate animal advocate Cleveland Amory. In 2005, the Fund for Animals joined forces with the Humane Society of the United States to form a powerful partnership for animals, the first time in the history of the animal protection movement that two national, high-profile organizations united to advance a common mission. Since then, the Fund for Animals has helped thousands of animals through the treatment, rehabilitation and sanctuary centers it operates in partnership with the Humane Society of the United States: the Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch in Texas, Duchess Sanctuary in Oregon and the Fund for Animals Wildlife Center in California. In 2018, the Fund for Animals joined forces with Rural Area Veterinary Services, a program that provides free medical care to animals whose owners don’t have access to veterinary services.

Because education is vital to the Fund for Animals’ mission of protecting animals, each care center offers specialized educational opportunities for veterinary professionals and students of biology, ecology and conservation from around the world.

The Fund for Animals is one of the nation’s largest providers of direct care, rehabilitation and sanctuary for abused, abandoned, injured and neglected animals. Every year, thousands of animals in desperate situations are rescued, treated, rehabilitated and, if necessary, given a home for life at one of our direct care centers, all three of which are accredited by the Global Federation of Animals Sanctuaries, the gold standard for animal care, facility management and governance.

In addition to providing care and sanctuary, the Fund for Animals also advocates for local and national policies to protect animals, trains volunteers in animal care, teaches members of the public how to coexist peacefully with wildlife and provides veterinary students from around the world with hands-on experience in caring for hundreds of species.
In 2018, Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch welcomed Sammi and Tibor, two black bears retired from the entertainment industry. In just a few short months, the staff at Black Beauty Ranch built a new natural habitat for these two geriatric bears. The two comfortable and spacious half-acre enclosures include trees, platforms, ramps, hammocks and concrete dens. Both habitats were modified to meet each bear’s specific needs. Tibor and Sammi have settled into their retirement home, and they now spend their days leisurely napping beneath shade trees or cooling off in large pools to escape the summer heat.

Two former pet monkeys, Phoenix and Phoebe, have a new forever home at Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch. The two capuchins came to the ranch from Texas where they were raised from a young age. They have adjusted well to their new home and are now part of a group of five capuchins that are bonding and forming their own family group as they would in the wild.

In 2018, the ranch finished the second phase of a three-phase project for its new primate habitat. Phase two included a cement foundation, walls and roof for a central building that, when finished, will be an indoor bedroom attached to seven half-acre yards. Each bedroom will be equipped with comforts that primates need, such as temperature control. Even the size of the half-acre yards was chosen to help meet their physical, social and psychological needs. By creating a specialized custom environment, we will give primates like Hope—a female macaque rescued from the exotic pet trade—a home where she can run free in the woods, hide behind trees, climb high and live out her days in a more natural environment.

In October, Black Beauty Ranch hosted its first Humane Journey event. The Fund for Animals and the Humane Society of the United States came together to create an inspirational visitor experience. About 50 participants traveled to Texas from all over the United States to take a behind-the-scenes guided bus tour of the sanctuary, during which they learned about the history of the ranch and heard the animals’ rescue stories. Later, the guests were given background details about our tigers, interacted with potbellied pigs, groomed some of our horses and burros and saw how we enrich our primate population. They enjoyed a plant-based lunch served under a large tent overlooking hundreds of acres of pasture while horses and donkeys strolled around, grazing on grass and seeking out scratches. It’s fair to say the day was thoroughly enjoyed by visitors and staff alike.
The Fund for Animals Wildlife Center is a 13-acre wildlife rehabilitation facility located in the California foothills town of Ramona. Its mission is to protect populations of native predators who become ill, injured or distressed by providing exemplary medical treatment and rehabilitation, with the goal of releasing every patient back to the wild.

The center stands alone in its ability to help vulnerable wildlife across a vast area of Southern California. It is the only facility with the means and expertise to care for orphaned, ill or injured black bears, bobcats and coyotes from intake to release. The massive aviary—which offers 150 feet of flying space—makes the center one of the only organizations that can properly rehabilitate large raptors, such as the three eagles the center treated this past year.

In 2018, center staff members cared for 820 patients—a new record—representing more than 100 species. These successes are a direct result of the generosity of the Fund for Animals’ incredible supporters, the extraordinary work undertaken by the nine-person staff, and 127 volunteers and interns who collectively donated over 11,000 hours of time in 2018.

It was a year of unseasonably hot weather, with three consecutive heat waves during the summer. The result of the stress-inducing temperatures was an increased patient load, including a high number of barn owls injured when they jumped out of improperly placed, oven-like nesting boxes and even a cloud of 10 overheated pallid bats.

As human communities encroach upon native habitats, coyotes are becoming more urbanized and the number of patients arriving at the center in distress from run-ins with garbage created by humans has increased in recent years. In 2018, an adult coyote whose neck was trapped in a piece of irrigation tubing arrived very close to death. The tubing had inhibited her ability to eat, drink and move around normally and caused massive trauma to her neck.

The center’s expert team of wildlife professionals made short work of cleaning her up, beginning lifesaving treatment and starting her on antibiotics and pain medications. After a few months, staff were thrilled to release her, now healthy, back into her native habitat. Local citizens who have regularly observed her since release report that she is doing extremely well.

2018 also brought a high number of cases of secondary poisoning in animals who had eaten herbivores killed by rodenticides—for example, an owl who ate a mouse who had ingested poison put out by people who view mice as pests. The effects of this kind of poisoning were also observed in larger mammals, including coyotes. Center staff are actively involved with a study being undertaken by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and are also launching a public education campaign to highlight the potentially deadly effects of these poisons.
Duchess Sanctuary

Duchess Sanctuary’s 1,120 beautiful acres of grassy rolling hills are just outside Oakland, Oregon. The sanctuary’s mission is to provide a lifetime home to nearly 200 rescued horses and donkeys, while simultaneously protecting native wildlife and caring for the land. Because Duchess promises lifetime care for rescued equines, its horses and donkeys are aging, and many are now considered seniors. Looking after the needs of these elderly residents and those with medical issues now takes up a large part of daily work at the sanctuary. Generous supporters make it possible for the sanctuary to devote all necessary resources to the needs of older animals and those with infirmities, like 29-year-old Anna, who no longer has enough teeth to properly chew her hay. She requires twice-daily meals of soaked feed and hoof boots on her front feet to keep her comfortable.

In 2018, Duchess expanded its special needs area, which now includes three barns, 11 paddocks and three pastures. By the end of the year, staff were delivering supplemental feed and care to more than 60 equines each day.

Providing this level of individual attention is essential to their health and well-being. It also helps fulfill the commitment we’ve made to make Duchess not just these animals’ final home, but their best home.

Sightings of local wildlife at Duchess were plentiful in 2018, with many species of mammals and birds finding shelter and safety at the sanctuary. In September, a local wildlife rescue group released a rehabilitated red fox on the property. He and his littermates became desperately ill after eating poisoned rodents; he was the only survivor and needed to be released well away from the landowners who were still using the poison. A local elk herd returned for another year; more than 70 elk spend the majority of their time on sanctuary land.

In 2018, staff made several improvements to the facility, including a pony paddock for miniatures Polly and Trina, which features a mini-sized shelter; a cabinet installation in the hospital barn to allow for more storage of medical supplies; the expansion of some rocked feed areas in the special needs paddocks; water system additions; and miles of fence clearing.

Duchess celebrated its tenth year of operation in 2018 with anniversaries and birthday-themed open house events for the general public. Between open houses, photography and animal reiki work, and private tours, more than 500 people experienced the sanctuary in person.

Volunteers from surrounding communities as well as visitors from across the U.S. provided hundreds of hours of animal care.

Rural Area Veterinary Services

In 2018, the Rural Area Veterinary Services program, previously part of the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association, merged with the Fund for Animals, joining the three direct animal care centers already under the fund’s umbrella.

According to Melissa Rubin, president of the Fund for Animals, “Bringing RAVS to the Fund for Animals better aligns this unique program with our other direct care animal work at the organization. RAVS will continue to bring essential care to thousands of animals in need every year in remote and economically impoverished communities, while providing high-impact service-learning opportunities for veterinary students and professionals.”

For more than 20 years, RAVS has been providing free veterinary medical and surgical care to communities where animal health care is unavailable, with a primary focus on helping Native American communities across the Western U.S. RAVS’ MASH-style mobile field clinics provide critical veterinary services—including spay/neuter surgeries, emergency and preventive care—at no cost to pet owners or their communities. The program helps thousands of families every year by keeping pets healthy and in their homes.

RAVS provides one-of-a-kind fieldwork opportunities for veterinary professionals, students and other volunteers. Each year, more than 350 volunteers join RAVS field teams to provide essential medical care to more than 8,000 animals who would otherwise likely go untreated. Over the past 15 years, more than 8,000 veterinary students and veterinary professionals have contributed their time to help more than 130,000 animals.

In addition to regular wellness services, RAVS’ skilled field surgeons perform other lifesaving surgeries such as amputations, enucleations and mass removals, giving fortunate animals relief from suffering and a new lease on life. This number includes animals like Oreo, a 7-month-old tabby kitten who was brought by his family to a RAVS clinic in November within minutes of the team arriving in town. Oreo had injuries from being trapped in the engine of a car and had damaged one of his hind legs in a previous accident. RAVS veterinarian Dr. Erin Katribe discussed Oreo’s condition with his family and together, they decided that amputation would be the best way to ensure the kitten’s quality of life. He underwent surgery the next day and was home recovering two days later. Oreo’s family says he’s now doing great and getting around just fine on three legs. RAVS made that happy ending—and thousands more like it—possible.

The Fund for Animals is grateful for the lifesaving work RAVS does to help rural and remote companion animals and their families, and we’re delighted to welcome to the program to our family of care centers.
The human-animal bond transcends the bounds of systemic poverty and isolation. RAVS supports community health and welfare through animal health and welfare and is leading the conversation about creating equity in access to pet resources and community-based programming.

In 2018, RAVS’ veterinary outreach teams provided high-quality medical and surgical care to 7,815 dogs and cats and delivered more than $1.25 million in essential veterinary services, all at no cost to the families served.

This year RAVS also engaged 350 volunteers and provided nearly 180 veterinary students with intensive hands-on clinical training and supportive mentorship from veterinary professionals who believe in exceptional patient care and a dedication to community service.

While gaining an appreciation for the realities of life in some of the most economically impoverished communities, students see how they can apply their knowledge, skills and dedication toward transformational change. For many, the experience results in a dramatic shift in their approach to medicine and helps to shape a career focused on animal welfare, community service and education.

“The work that RAVS does is work I am very passionate about because I come from a low-income community where a lot of people don’t have access to veterinary care. Being able to see the impact our presence had on the lives of the animals and the people in that community is something I will never forget,” says Tiffany McElroy, veterinary student.

This is what RAVS is all about: providing essential services to animals in desperate need while engaging dedicated professionals to train and inspire the next generation, instilling in them a sense of responsibility to provide exceptional care, in a conscious and compassionate manner, for animals everywhere.

Nala, a 3-year-old mixed breed, was brought to a RAVS surgery clinic. She previously had three litters, and with a new set of puppies at home, her family knew they couldn’t care for any more and were desperate to have her spayed. Nala was spayed, vaccinated and treated for a serious infection. She was the happiest and friendliest dog through all of her treatments and her guardians were grateful for the care that would not have been available without RAVS.

Pepper is one of the lucky ones—even though he became ill with parvovirus, which is endemic to many of the communities RAVS serves. He was lucky in that he became ill while the RAVS outreach team was in town. Lucky that his family noticed signs of illness quickly and knew to reach out to the RAVS team for help. Lucky that his family had access to transportation to bring him into the RAVS clinic twice a day, every day, for a week. Lucky to have a dedicated RAVS veterinarian to give him the treatment he needed early in the morning before normal clinic hours... and again late at night after long clinic days. And lucky that he was a fighter—and strong enough to survive.

Rural Area Veterinary Services’ work in 2018
## Financial Operations Report

### Support and Revenue

- **Contributions**: $5,050,510
- **Bequests**: 2,759,121
- **Interest and dividends**: 1,561
- **Event income**: 30,469
- **Other income**: 23,181
- **Program support and intercompany transfers**: 951,891

**Total support and revenue**: $8,816,733

### Expenses

- **Direct care**: $5,758,671
- **Education and awareness**: 2,024,898
- **Management and general**: 592,702
- **Fundraising**: 686,208

**Total expenses**: $9,062,479

**Change in net assets**: $(245,746)

**Net assets (deficit)**
- **Beginning**: 2,820,076
- **Ending**: 2,574,330
The Fund for Animals

The Fund for Animals was founded in 1967 by prominent author and animal advocate Cleveland Amory. The Fund for Animals has spearheaded some of the most significant events in the history of the animal protection movement by employing hard-hitting advocacy campaigns and operating world-famous animal care facilities. The Fund for Animals’ historic victories have saved thousands of animals from cruelty and suffering.