

PAWS360@CACC STATUS REPORT

PAWS360@CACC was officially launched in November of 2023. In support of CACC, the below programs are actively being supported.

Parvo Puppy Program:

***Program Description** - Dogs who are symptomatic for parvovirus cannot be quarantined at CACC and due to the risk the deadly disease poses to the rest of the population, need to be transferred or euthanized. PAWS Chicago has committed to transferring and treating all parvovirus+ puppies and taking parvovirus+ adults as PAWS Medical Center capacity permits.*

Since launching this program, we have been able to take every parvo puppy and with capacity permitting, every parvo adult case that has come into CACC. This has included 26 parvovirus positive cases and 11 directly exposed to parvovirus (e.g. littermates) through February 2024. We also initially took in a number of parvo suspect animals who ended up not having parvovirus and have since added in required testing for parvovirus suspects. 7 of the parvo positive and 1 direct exposed came to us directly from CACC, 18 parvo positive and 10 direct exposed were diversion as owner surrenders directly to PAWS, and 1 parvo positive was a diversion as a stray directly taken in at PAWS.

	Parvo positive from CACC	Direct exposed from CACC	Parvo positive CACC diversion ORs	Direct exposed CACC diversion ORs	Parvo positive stray CACC diversion	Direct exposed stray CACC diversion
Through Feb 2024	7	1	18	10	1	0
Total parvo positive	26	Total direct exposed	11			

Exemplar Story: Coco is a puppy who was tied up outside of CACC, immediately found to be parvo positive and scooped by the PAWS team. Cocoa made a full recovery and has been adopted.



Rescue Ready Program:

Program Description – Limited medical staffing at CACC means pets are waiting for vetting and not ready for adoption. PAWS is providing weekly transportation, spay/neuter and vetting (microchip, heartworm test and vaccines) for CACC large-breed dogs who are most at-risk. Following vetting, these animals are more likely to be adopted or transferred to other rescue groups. PAWS is also providing a similar program for rescues without their own veterinary resources who transfer high-risk animals from CACC.

In 2023, starting August we spay & neutered, as well as completed basic vetting to ensure they could be adopted or transferred, 149 large-breed dogs for CACC, and to date in 2024, we have done an additional 65 – a total of 214 for the program to date. Additionally, we have completed vetting support for an additional 56 at-risk CACC animals pulled by other rescues in 2024 alone.

Month	Animals vetted for CACC	Animals vetted at PAWS after pulled from CACC by qualified rescues	Rescue Ready Totals
2023	149	40	189
January 2024	43	24	67
February 2024	22	32	54
Totals	214	96	310

Exemplar Stories: Inga & Heloise (pictured enjoying the agility bridge PAWS donated as well for the CACC play yards) are just two of the large-breed dogs who were adopted shortly after receiving all of their veterinary care at PAWS.



Inga

Heloise

PAWS 360@CACC Diversion Program:

Program Description – PAWS is providing support for struggling owners who would like to keep their pets. Initial data shows that 15-20% of people who are looking to give up their pets would like to keep them if there were services available, such as affordable or free spay/neuter, medical care, vaccinations, behavior support, crisis care, or pet supplies/food. Additionally, PAWS is diverting stray and unwanted pets directly to PAWS or to other rescues. PAWS staffs a diversion email and phone where folks can be referred for assistance. PAWS staff are also on-site at CACC diverting animals directly, as well as collaborating with other rescues to support these on-site shifts.

Since the program launch through February 2024, we have interacted with 119 families with offers of resources to keep their pets in the home. 90 families representing 122 animals were offered or provided resources to be able to keep their pets in the home and 29 other families representing 42 animals were provided owner relinquishment support when they could not keep the animal no matter what resources were available. This has primarily included spay & neuter and basic vetting support at our clinic, but also includes heartworm treatment, temporary care, resources such as food or behavior support, and 15 emergency medical cases. We have taken in owner surrender cases directly from CACC diversion shifts since the start of the program as part of 355 owner surrender cases taken in November 2023 through February 2024. Additionally, we have transferred 747 from CACC in November 2023 through February 2024.

Month	CACC animals transferred to PAWS	Families (pets) offered resources to keep the animal in their home	Families (pets) offered OR or alternate rescues when resources could not keep them in home	Owner relinquished animals taken into PAWS from Chicago Residents
Nov & Dec 2023	371	21 (30)	10 (12)	186
January 2024	208	15 (23)	9 (11)	59
February 2024	168	54 (69)	11 (29)	110
Totals	747	90 (122)	29 (42)	355

Exemplar Story: Charlotte lived in a home for eight years but became ill and was brought to an ER. She had a pyometra (uterine infection) but they could not afford the emergency surgery she needed. They went to CACC planning to surrender her for euthanasia when our team onsite met them during their diversion shift. We were able to get her in for a spay and send her home to her family that night.



PAWS 360@ CACC Adoption & Volunteer Support Program:

Program Description – *Without budgeted positions for adoptions or volunteer management, CACC is reliant on the support of the community for these programs. Friends of CACC has a funded volunteer communications liaison and PAWS has hired a full-time staff member to organize and orient volunteers who support adoptions.*

Since the launch of our collaboration, PAWS and CACC have outlined the needs for this program component. This included the description of a role that has been filled by Lali Barahona-Flores, as Assistant Manager, Adoptions & Community Programs. Lali started in her position on 2/20, supporting CACC adoptions directly, helping to train and organize CACC volunteers for the adoption process, and coordinating offsite adoption events. We have included the monthly adoption numbers below to track the progress of onsite adoptions at CACC.

Month	Adoptions
January 2024	192
February 2024	190
Totals	382