Dear Friends,

As the Executive Director of CAMP, every day I am constantly reminded of the profound impact that our programs have on the lives of thousands of dogs, cats and their families. By providing life-saving access to veterinary care to animals in need, we are truly making an important difference in our community.

The beginning of a new year is a time to reflect on the last year as well as look ahead to new possibilities and goals. 2022 was a year in which CAMP transformed challenges into opportunities and converted big ideas into reality. I’m so excited to share these accomplishments with you.

There is still so much work to do - and with your continued support, we will ensure that people and their pets never fall between the cracks and suffer needlessly due to lack of access to veterinary care.

As we transition into 2023, I'd like to say thank you. Our work is made possible by your support, donations, and advocacy. You have enabled CAMP to make a positive impact in our community and will help us continue to grow. Your generosity and dedication pave the road on our journey to improve the lives of even more pets and their families in 2023.

We are truly grateful for your commitment to our cause!

With gratitude,
Zoey Knittel
what's new

NEW NAME...SAME GREAT CARE

In fall of 2022 we gave SNPLA a new brand identity to better represent our mission and all of the critically needed services we provide to our community. SNPLA is now CAMP – Community Animal Medicine Project. CAMP encompasses our vision to provide access to care and the broad range of veterinary services needed by today’s pet owners.

Nationwide, an estimated 50 million dogs and cats go without any kind of veterinary care. Over the years, we have continued to expand our services to meet this demand for accessible care throughout our community and we will continue to do so in the years to come. We all share the understanding that pets make our lives better and it’s up to us to provide the best we can for our furry family members.

CAMP is about community – providing access to affordable veterinary services in underserved areas and helping to keep pets and their people together, where they belong.
By providing high-volume veterinary clinics in targeted, underserved neighborhoods, staffed by veterinary professionals with expertise and sensitivity, we can reach the goal of reducing shelter intake and eliminating the euthanasia of adoptable animals. CAMP’s comprehensive approach to animal welfare consists of six key program areas.

01 — HIGH VOLUME SPAY & NEUTER

When CAMP was founded in 2007, over 15,000 cats and dogs were euthanized in LA City shelters each year. Thanks to efforts from CAMP and other like-minded organizations, LA Animal Service’s save rate increased from 57.7% in 2011 to 89.2% in 2021.

CAMP continues to contribute to this impressive trajectory by offering affordable spay and neuter in Los Angeles. In 2022 alone, CAMP veterinarians performed 22,435 spay and neuter surgeries. Since CAMP opened our doors sixteen years ago, we have spayed or neutered over 270,000 dogs and cats, helping to prevent the needless euthanasia of millions of cats and dogs in our community.
Nearly 50% of pets in the U.S. do not receive adequate veterinary care. Of those families that report challenges accessing care, approximately 70% say it is due to financial constraints. Without access to affordable veterinary care, it’s possible that hundreds of local families would be forced to relinquish their pets to shelters in desperation. CAMP charges approximately 80% less than the fees a private veterinarian would charge, opening doors for so many.

CAMP’s community animal medicine clinics performed thousands of quality of life services and hundreds of lifesaving medical surgeries in 2022. Our veterinarians treat a wide range of health problems, such as infections, allergies, wound care, mass removals as well as dental services and surgical procedures at highly reduced rates. **Thanks to CAMP, Los Angeles families have a safety net for their furry family members in times of need.**

Vaccinating dogs and cats against infectious and life-threatening diseases is one of the most effective ways to help them live long, healthy lives. CAMP provides free and low-cost vaccinations at our three stationary clinic locations as well as by bringing these essential services directly to underserved communities via our CAMP mobile vaccine clinics. In 2022 we administered 83,583 life-saving vaccines to dogs and cats in our community. In addition to vaccines, CAMP mobile clinics also provide other basic wellness services such as microchipping, deworming and flea/tick treatment.
Transportation is a barrier for many of the families we serve. CAMP's low cost Mobile Vaccine Clinics bring preventative medicine and advocacy directly into these underserved communities to the people and pets who need it most. CAMP's bilingual staff members help to facilitate follow-up appointments at our stationary clinics and provide information on financial aid. They also educate families on the importance of providing continued health and preventive care for the lifetime of their pet.

At all CAMP locations, our highly trained staff provides outreach and educates families about the benefits of preventative health care, including the benefits of microchipping your pets. In 2022 we inserted 9,471 microchips across our stationary and mobile clinics. Microchips help families find lost pets and also help animal shelters return pets to their rightful owners efficiently and quickly, helping to prevent shelter overcrowding and reducing stress levels for all animals in the shelter.

CAMP Mobile Clinics deliver essential services such as vaccine clinics and microchipping directly to underserved LA communities. In 2022, we served 14,944 cats and dogs at our mobile clinics. For many LA pets, a visit to a CAMP Mobile Clinic is often the very first time they will receive medical care.

**What's Next:** We have exciting growth in store for our CAMP mobile program in 2023 when we will introduce our brand new CAMP Wellness Wagon--offering expanded services for the community!
November 2022 marked the one year anniversary of CAMP’s Veterinary Training Project (VTP). In an effort to help address the labor crisis in the veterinary field, the VTP provides licensed veterinarians with hands-on training with CAMP’s certified veterinarian trainers to experience high-quality, high-volume spay/neuter (HQHVSN) surgical and clinical techniques. Accredited by the California Veterinary Medical Board, veterinarians also receive CE (Continuing Education) credit required annually in order to maintain their veterinary license.

Since the start of the program, 35 veterinarians and one veterinary student extern have trained directly with our program director, Dr. Deegan. Thirteen of these trainees have gone on to pay it forward by working full-time, part-time or relief shifts with non-profit organizations. Additionally, over 1200 cats and dogs have benefited by receiving spay or neuter surgeries during these training sessions. The number of applicants continues to grow and we are excited to expand this successful program in 2023.
Neonatal kittens (eight weeks and younger) are the single most at-risk group of animals who enter shelters nationwide. These delicate babies require intensive, round-the-clock attention and specialized care to survive to an adoptable age. Since the 2016 launch of CAMP’s Kitten Lifesaving Project, we have rescued over 7,000 kittens from certain euthanasia at L.A. Animal Services shelters. In 2022, we saved 769 kittens with our Kitten Lifesaving Project, helping to foster, nurture and place these babies into their forever homes.
KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER

Every day in our clinics we meet new families facing challenges to get their beloved pets the medical care they need. Meet Shiloh, Gracie and Maude, three special patients who found the care and services they deserve at CAMP in 2022.

Thanks to all of CAMP's supporters, we were able to help sweet Shiloh, an eleven-year-old pup who had recently moved to LA with her family and was overdue for some urgent dental care. Shiloh was able to get her very first, and critically needed, dental work done, thanks to CAMP's affordable pricing. Her adopted canine siblings also benefit from the accessible veterinary care provided at CAMP (including spay/neuter!), allowing them to live healthy and happy lives together with their loving family at home.

CAMP also helped Gracie and Maude when prospects were looking bleak. After rescuing these sweet babies from a construction site at three days old and experiencing the sticker shock of prohibitively priced private vets, their loving human, Jayn, discovered CAMP. She was able to get her furry babies the wellness care and spay surgeries they needed thanks to CAMP's accessible and affordable services. Gracie and Maude are doing great, and with regular visits to CAMP they continue to stay healthy, thrive at home and brighten up the lives of their loving family.
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