



MSPCA CATVOCATES

2024 Impact Report

MSPCA 2024 STATS



6,630

Cats taken into
care



4,115

spay/neuter
surgeries provided
for shelter cats



6,767

Low cost and/or
free cat spay/neuter
surgeries provided
for owned cats



3,290

Cats relocated to
MSPCA from
shelters
nationwide



6,162

Cats adopted into loving
homes

SPRINGFIELD WELCOMES MSPCA COMMUNITY OUTREACH TO HELP MORE CATS AND THEIR OWNERS IN MA

The MSPCA Community Outreach Program launched in a single zip code in 2018 with a lofty goal of increasing access to pet care. In the six years since, the program has expanded its reach, working tirelessly alongside pet-loving families across the state. Most recently, MSPCA Community Outreach proudly celebrated its latest milestone—being warmly welcomed into Springfield.

Springfield is a community filled with pet lovers. Both families with pets and animal welfare organizations are deeply invested in providing care to animals in the city. Recently, Springfield has faced challenges including a rise in homeless and stray animal intake, outbreaks of contagious diseases like Panleukopenia in cats, and a demand for affordable vet care that far outweighs the capacity of existing resources in the area.

The Springfield Community Outreach team has already hit the ground running. They plan to provide essential services, including vaccine clinics, almost immediately—ensuring Springfield residents can provide essential vet care to their pets while addressing disease control.

The duo is partnering with local organizations, including Thomas J O'Connor Animal Control and Adoption Center (TJO). By focusing on bolstering existing programs and introducing new avenues for pet care resources, the MSPCA outreach team will improve community health without duplicating efforts already in place.

It didn't take long for the team to meet one of their first clients urgently needing assistance. Alicia, a local cat owner, called TJO about her beloved cat, Pumpkin. Pumpkin is an important member of the family; Alicia's daughter Zoi and Pumpkin are inseparable. When the unthinkable happened and Pumpkin fell from their apartment window, Alicia was desperate to get him medical care.

Alicia was immediately relieved when the staff at TJO were able to bring Pumpkin to Dr. Klopfer for an exam. It was clear that Pumpkin broke his rear left leg and required surgery.

Alicia was not in a position to pay for an expensive emergency surgery for Pumpkin, so Mariah, Community Outreach Manager in Springfield, arranged a visit for him at MSPCA-Angell at Nevins Farm community clinic.

With transportation assistance from both TJO and MSPCA staff, Pumpkin made his way across the state to undergo a successful leg amputation surgery that was fully covered through MSPCA's Pet Care Assistance fund.

During his visit, the vet team identified that Pumpkin's front left paw was fractured as well. To ensure optimal healing, Dr. Klopfer and the TJO staff are working with Alicia to provide regular bandage changes. Zoi is thrilled to have her best friend home, sharing, "He's such a good cat and loves everyone, and I'm so glad he's doing better."

MSPCA Community Outreach's expansion into Springfield marks a significant step toward improving pet care access and community health, demonstrating the power of collaboration among organizations. The outreach team is poised to make a meaningful difference in the lives of pets and people in the community.

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Top: Best friends Zoi and Pumpkin

*Bottom: Springfield outreach team members
Dr. Rachel Klopfer and Alyssa Krieger*

