

2015



Hiring of Abigail Smith, AWS' **third Executive Director.**

2017

Building towards the future, AWS is constructing the **Community Veterinary Clinic**, a full-service facility to provide the pets of income-qualified community members with a wide array of veterinary care and services.



2018

Animal Welfare Society Community Veterinary Clinic, the on-site, full-service practice, opens for resident shelter animals and pets of community members. In its first year, veterinarians complete 3,398 surgeries! Clinic staff insert 3,111 microchips and administer 11,129 vaccinations!



The Clinic offers these services at- or below-market rate with a two-tiered fee schedule, providing a 25% discount to qualifying pet families.



2019

The Brighter Days campaign renovates the animal spaces. Modern glass-enclosed kennels with natural light aid in dogs' comfort. Cat kennels are expanded for more space to roam and rest. Three sheds, dubbed "cattages," are donated by a local construction firm to provide additional space for cats and small animals.



2020



The global coronavirus pandemic interrupts operations. During this time, AWS becomes Fear-Free certified. A Fear-Free Shelter is one that prioritizes a pet's emotional health through a calm environment and gentle handling techniques. Fear-Free reduces resident pets' fear, anxiety and stress levels.

2021

AWS updates its mission to better reflect its role in the community.

Animal Welfare Society exists to serve as the safety net for lost and homeless pets and to provide access to affordable services and resources necessary for long term well-being, so pets and their families stay together and thrive.

2024

Stay@Home has expanded to include temporary boarding, pet food and supplies and behavioral training assistance for pet families facing hardship. With partnerships with local social service agencies, Stay@Home supports the care and wellbeing of more than 20,000 pets and family members in the community each year.

2025

Executive Director Abigail Smith departs after a decade of strong leadership. Abigail's vision and progressive approach to animal welfare transformed AWS over her ten year tenure!

