

SUCCESS BY THE NUMBERS

In FY 2018-2019

14

Rusk Veterinary Assistance Grants were awarded to families whose pets were in need of critical medical procedures

466

pets belonging to 323 Meals on Wheels clients received wellness exams, vaccinations and year-long supplies of flea and heartworm preventatives, all at no cost to their homebound owners

21

companion animals of homebound community members are now eating pain-free thanks to completed dental surgeries

5

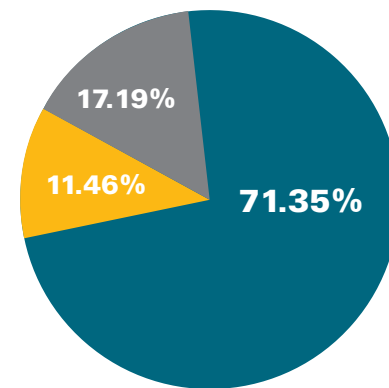
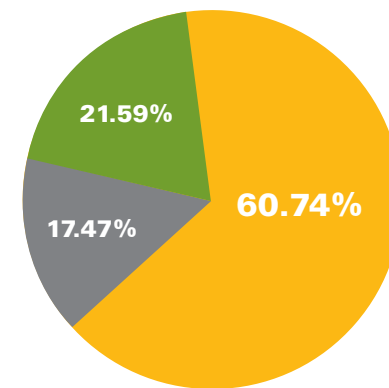
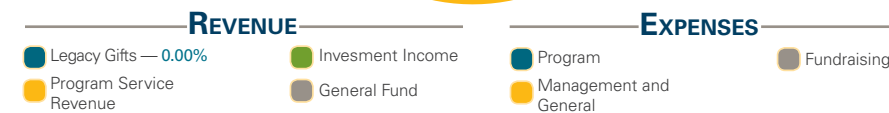
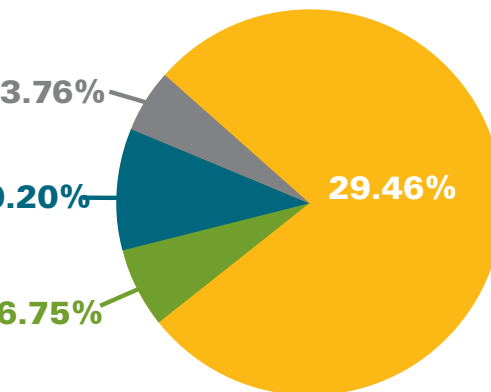
tumor removals

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heartworm treatment

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Our Mission

TVMF strives to ensure the well-being of all animals in Texas by supporting the veterinary profession, educating the public and providing aid for pets in need.

Our Vision

A community where the public and the veterinary profession come together to meet the needs of all animals in Texas.

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TexVetPets.org, a program provided in partnership by TVMF and TVMA, provides online pet health information with an emphasis on current, reliable and peer-reviewed content. TexVetPets.org connects pet owners with reliable, accurate information from veterinary professionals outside of the exam room.

Memorial Gift Program

TVMF's Memorial Gift Program is for those who wish to remember a deceased individual or pet. Memorial donations help fund the efforts of the Foundation, including the Emergency Student Grant Fund, stethoscopes for new veterinary students, owner education programs and the Rusk Veterinary Assistance Grant program.

Online Pet Memorial Gallery

TMVF provides a wonderful and lasting way for pet owners to celebrate the special bond between humans and animals while paying tribute to the memory of a beloved pet. With a \$10 gift, pet owners may create an online memorial for their beloved animals. All donations made in honor of a pet in the online Pet Memorial Gallery benefit the TVMF PALS (Pets Assisting the Lives of Seniors) program.





DEAR FRIENDS,

As I look back on the past year, I am once again humbled and proud to be part of this amazing organization. This year has been a year of growth for TVMF as we continue to expand our programs and positively impact the lives of Texans and their animal companions.

Especially exciting is the growth of the Rusk Veterinary Assistance Grants and the TVMF PALS (Pets Assisting the Lives of Seniors) program. In 2018-2019, TVMF awarded 14 Rusk grants, more than doubling the reach of this program. These grants are given to owners whose pets are in need of life-changing or life-saving care. Through the Rusk grants, TVMF saved 14 pets from possible surrender or euthanasia and helped to give them many more happy years with their families.

The TVMF PALS program also saw tremendous growth in 2018-19. What began as a small pilot program with 40 pets in 2012 is now a robust program operating in Austin, Dallas, Houston, Abilene and Bryan/College Station and serving 466 pets per year! In the last year alone, the TVMF PALS program has served 33% more pets, and we hope to continue growing and expanding this important program.

In August of 2018, we began working on a new strategic plan for TVMF. This has been an exciting opportunity to assess the strength of our current programs, explore new ways to help Texans care for their pets and plan to ensure the sustainability of our efforts. As TVMF continues to grow, we know we will be called on to do more for our community, and we plan to be ready to rise to that challenge.

I hope that you enjoy reading about our shared achievements in 2018-2019. Your support has made our success possible, and we remain deeply thankful for your generosity. I look forward to continuing our journey together to help Texans and their pets and can't wait to see what our next year will bring.

Chad Harris, DVM
TVMF President



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TVMF Board of Trustees President

TVMF PALS PROGRAM

Central to TVMF's mission is our support of veterinary professionals at every stage of their careers. For veterinary students, this includes not only academic scholarships and research fellowships but also encouraging students to engage with their communities and be more philanthropic. At the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, students of all levels are participating in the TVMF PALS program, which provides veterinary care free of charge to the pets of homebound seniors. The program started with fourth-year veterinary students acting as transport volunteers for the pets and assisting veterinarians during exams and other procedures, and as the program has grown, students in other classes have found ways to participate, including decorating and delivering Christmas stockings and arranging to walk dogs regularly.

Two students recently shared their experiences with TVMF PALS recipient Ms. O'Bryant and her dog, Bobby:

"We've been going out to visit Ms. O'Bryant and Bobby for the past few weeks. We originally met them in December during our Holiday Stocking delivery event where Ms. O'Bryant mentioned that Bobby had trouble eating. Because of that visit, the Brazos Valley Meals on Wheels director, Amanda, helped enroll Ms. O'Bryant and Bobby in the PALS program. He had 24 teeth taken out earlier this year! However, around March Ms. O'Bryant told us that Bobby had a mass on his left leg that was cancerous and that he might have to be euthanized. Bobby has been her only companion for the past 13 years, and he is her only (spoiled) child. The mass is unable to be removed, either due to finances or Bobby's condition. She was devastated by that diagnosis and refused to give up on him. Despite



the original cancer diagnosis being a huge shock, Bobby is now doing amazing several weeks after the diagnosis and happily eats handmade meals with his remaining teeth. We saw him on Monday, and he makes being 'geriatric' look like a blast. Ms. O'Bryant has been doing physical therapy for her arthritis, and she even joined us to walk Bobby around the block on Monday too.

We wanted to share their story with y'all because we all adore the PALS program, and seeing its impact on keeping families together is really powerful to us. Thank you so much for letting us be part of this incredible organization and for the opportunity to impact others' hearts."

RUSK VETERINARY ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Katie F. first saw Fern on a Facebook post after she had been picked up and taken to Austin Animal Center (AAC). She recalls seeing a photo of Fern sleeping in the back seat of her rescuer's car looking completely exhausted.

"That Saturday, I was running errands when the little dog popped into my head," Katie said. "'I should just go visit her.' I already had one dog, Huck, a wirehaired terrier I adopted in 2011, and had never considered adopting again—until I met Fern."

Katie brought Fern home the next day and then took her in for her initial wellness exam, where she was diagnosed with Demodex mange. But just one day later, they were back at the veterinary clinic. Fern had jumped out of Katie's arms and broken her leg! Katie was unable to afford the surgery Fern needed, so her veterinarian at North Austin Animal Hospital turned to TVMF for help with a Rusk Veterinary Assistance Grant. TVMF was able to provide Katie with the help she needed, and Fern is getting back to her playful, energetic self.



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