



**TWO YEARS.
ONE MISSION.**



It started with a belief.

When Laws Saving Paws began in 2024, we knew we wanted to take a different approach. We wanted to work upstream—before an animal ever needed a shelter, before neglect became cruelty, and before an overpopulation problem became a crisis.

We believed change had to happen not only in shelters and rescues, but in communities, classrooms, city halls, businesses and, ultimately, in the way we think about our responsibility to animals.

Two years later, that belief has taken us farther than we could have imagined...

None of this happened because of one organization. It happened because people cared enough to listen, speak up, show up, and believe that things could be different.

And we're just getting started.



Meaghan Thiede
Founder & President





The animal crisis starts before an animal ever needs help.

We don't rescue animals. We work to prevent the circumstances that make rescue necessary. Our work starts upstream—addressing the policies, practices, education, and community conditions behind the animal crisis and creating solutions that help prevent it. At the heart of it all is a belief in compassion, responsibility and informed decisions.

Our approach is built on three pillars:



Advocacy



Changing the policies and laws that shape how animals are treated.

Education



Giving people the knowledge and resources to make better decisions for animals.

Reform



Working with communities to create practical, sustainable solutions.

2 YEARS

13
COMMUNITY
EVENTS

11
COMMUNITY
PARTNERS

12
COMMUNITIES
ENGAGED

350+
PODCAST
EPISODE
DOWNLOADS

**Where your
donations went
in 2025**

1% CARRIED FORWARD

9%
Community Events
Marketing

14%
Technology & Software
Supplies & Equipment

76%
Advocacy & Policy Work
Digital Content & Media
Public Education Campaigns

From idea to policy

In the spring of 2026, LSP worked with the City of Columbia to address the sale of animals in public spaces. After months of research, conversations and community engagement, the Columbia City Council unanimously passed an ordinance addressing the public animal sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits—an often overlooked activity that adds strain to communities.

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[LSP] provided data and example that helped us pass an ordinance that will help the community. They were always available for questions, which helped the council.

- Brian McKelvy, Columbia City Council



2025 - 2026

the year we grew



Better Boards

Our campaign prompted TSC to add a disclaimer addressing third-party community board postings.



Community Outreach

Brought animal welfare education to communities across Middle Tennessee.



Legislative Advocacy

We advocated for stronger protections against aggravated animal cruelty.



Protect the Bond

302 donations became 54 care packages for domestic abuse survivors and their pets.



The Bark

Our podcast continued conversations about Tennessee's animal crisis.



Partnerships

Businesses, organizations, and community members joined us in spreading the message.

The next two years start now

MORE EDUCATION

Bringing prevention-focused animal welfare education to more people and communities

MORE ADVOCACY

Continuing to push for policies that address animal welfare at the source

MORE COMMUNITY

Building partnerships with the people, businesses and organizations already making a difference

MORE REFORM

Helping communities develop practical solutions to animal overpopulation, abandonment, neglect and exploitation

CHALLENGES WE'RE EXPLORING

- Irresponsible breeding practices
- Tennessee veterinary shortages

Be part of the change.

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involved, or make a donation.



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