



## Homes for Animal Heroes

1. Providing homes to retired research animals through a nationwide rehoming network
2. Educating the public about the critical need for animals in biomedical research relating to human and animal health and well-being
3. Advancing awareness of the compassionate care and consideration research professionals provide for the animals they work with each day



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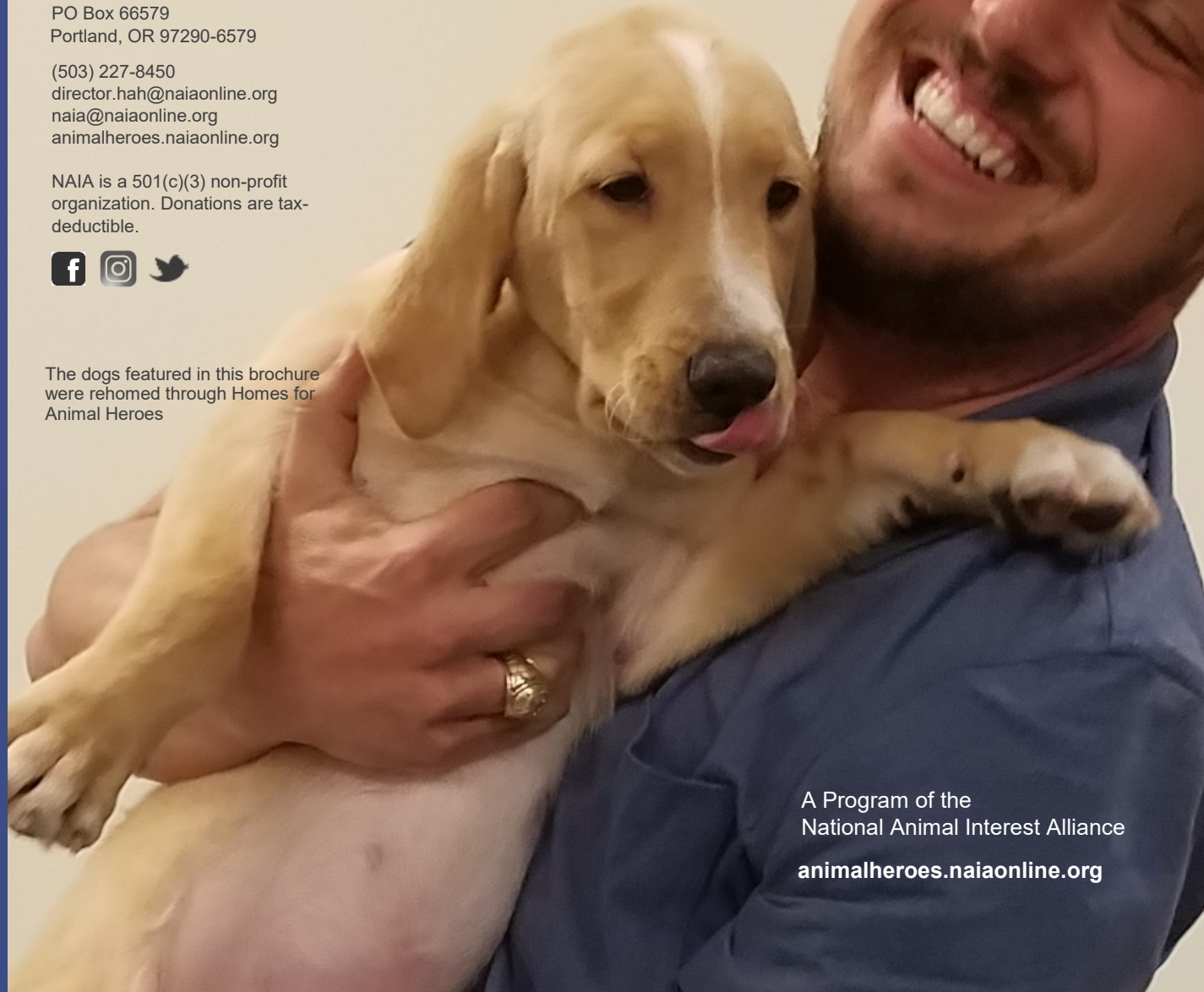
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## About Us

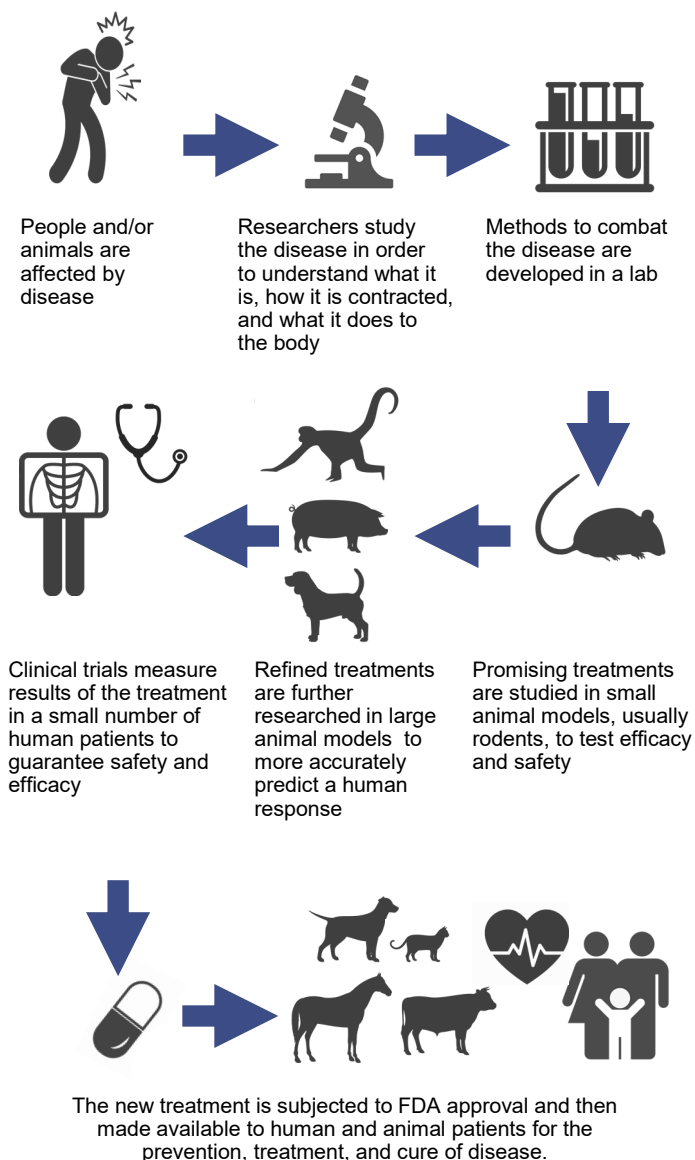
Homes for Animal Heroes was inspired by the research community's desire to find loving homes for their animals, as well as the need to educate the public on the facts about our animal heroes and how they improve human and animal lives. The Homes for Animal Heroes network is comprised of staff, volunteers, and research facilities who work together to accommodate retired research dogs in every state across the country, one location at a time.

## Animals in Research

Virtually every treatment, cure, diagnostic and surgical procedure, and vaccine available today has been made possible through research involving animals.

To identify and treat disease, researchers must study biological processes in living organisms. Animals share several of the same cell processes and bodily functions as humans, such as breathing, reproduction, digestion, vision, and hearing. In addition to our genetic similarities, humans and animals experience many of the same diseases and symptoms. The study of healthy and diseased animals allows researchers to develop treatment strategies and measure the safety and efficacy of new medicines, surgeries, and vaccines that will, ultimately, be used to treat and cure animals and people.

## Path to Curing Disease



## Foster or Adopt a Hero

If you love dogs, appreciate biomedical research, and have the desire to care for and train animal heroes, then fostering or adopting a dog through Homes for Animal Heroes may be for you. We are committed to placing our dogs into permanent, loving homes. Quality foster homes with experienced caregivers are the cornerstone of successful rehoming. Our foster network of experts is well versed in preparing our heroes for successful integration with their new families.



Vaccines, organ transplants, joint replacements, blood transfusions, and antibiotics have all been made possible through animal research.



People and mice share about 90% of the same genes.

Of the animals that contribute to biomedical studies, 95% are mice.



Cancer is one of many naturally occurring diseases in dogs that is studied to develop treatments for dogs and people.