



2023 ANNUAL REPORT  
**PROJECT  
CANIS**



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A collage of three photographs showing dogs playing with toys. On the left, a small tan dog holds a red braided toy. In the center, a dog looks through a chain-link fence at a pink toy. On the right, a dog holds a red braided toy in its mouth.

Every Shelter Animal Gets a Toy!

## OUR MISSION

Project Canis is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization started by students at the University of Florida to ensure that every shelter animal gets a toy.

Project Canis helps cats and dogs in Florida shelters by making and donating pet toys made from recycled materials. Many animal shelters struggle to get donations and are not financially able to provide toys, which are essential to animals' emotional and physical well-being. We are based in Gainesville, Florida but we have donated toys to over 200 shelters and hope to expand that even further.







# MEET THE TEAM



## Board of Directors

Heather Martin, President

Kaidian Boubacar, Board Member

Cara Laurello, Vice President

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Nick Santaferarra, Treasurer

Terezie Litvanova, Board Member

Jeremy Crawford, Board Member

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Drew Wiltsie, Board Member

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# MEET THE STAFF



Danielle Gallardo  
Communications  
Coordinator

Isabela Estrada  
Outreach Coordinator

Taylor Carlson  
Senior Marketing Analyst

Paris Miller  
Founder, Executive  
Director



Nicole Epelstein  
Marketing Coordinator

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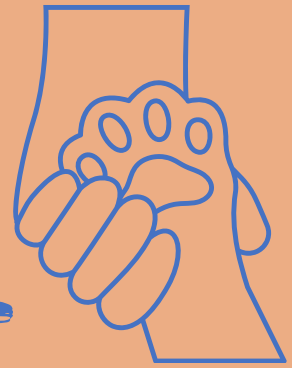
Kendall Schiltt  
Operations Manager







# 2023 IMPACT



**8175 TOYS DONATED**



**140 SHELTERS**



# VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

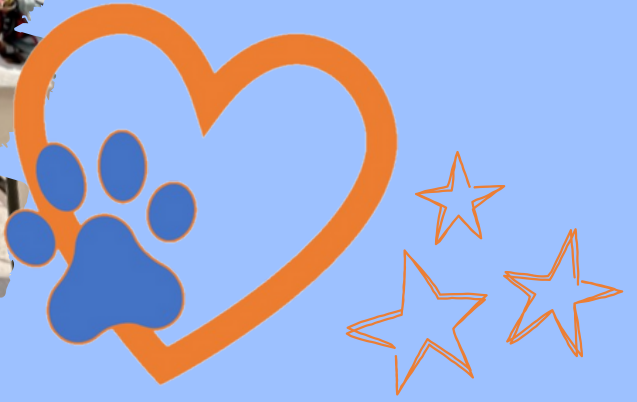
960 Volunteers  
1635 Service Hours



## FEATURED VOLUNTEER

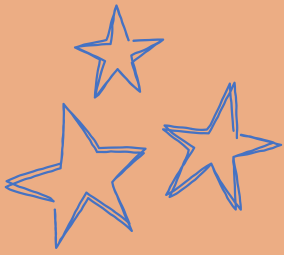
**Liam**

Liam donated **150** toys to Project Canis in 2023. Thank you for your contribution!

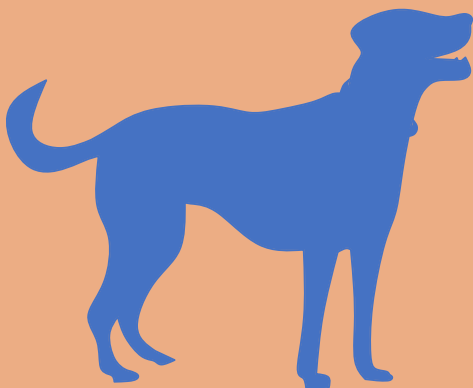




# SERVICE PARTNERS

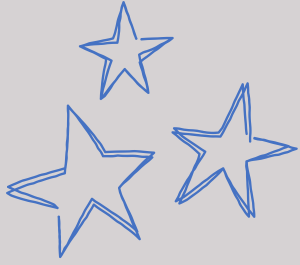


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Career Institute South  
Ledford High School Crafts and Donations Club  
Epsilon Sigma Alpha at UF  
Sigma Kappa at UF  
UF Alpha Phi  
Lake Braddock Secondary School  
People for Animal Wellness at UF  
Latvian Girl Guides of Chicago  
UF PSO Vet  
Florida 4H  
UF Minority Pre-Vet Students  
UF Club Softball  
UF Women's Soccer Club





# THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS



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