1. We serve all of Chester County.
2. Every year, 1 Love 4 Animals takes in hundreds of unwanted animals throughout Chester County, provides them with veterinary care, then finds these animals new homes. This includes strays, dogs rescued from puppy mills in Western Chester County, and pets belonging to individuals who can no longer care for their dogs and cats due to financial difficulties, illness, or death. COVID-19 has increased the number of animals coming into our rescue while decreasing the number of donations received (in this unsteady economy). We are considered essential and our volunteers head out to help animals every day. How have we responded to Covid-19? 1 Love 4 Animals operates a food bank and provides free dog and cat food for pets belonging to seniors and families facing financial hardships due to the Coronavirus. Our Animeals Program keeps pets in homes with their families and out of the shelter system. We have increased the amount of pet food we are distributing as the need for our help increases.
3. We (humbly) request a grant of $5,000.00 to expand our pet food bank and service even more families hit hard by the Coronavirus. We will work with local “people” food banks to reach pets at risk of losing their homes throughout Chester County (1 Love already partners with ElderNet in Montgomery County). We will also set up a fund with a portion of the grant to provide emergency veterinary care for injured or sick pets belonging to families currently facing devastating loss of income. Now, more than ever, families need their pets for comfort, exercise, and companionship. 1 Love has an annual budget of approximately $500K with $35K designated for our food bank. The grant will help us increase the number of families and pets served. The grant will be used immediately. We have already reached out to our local legislators to organize and partner with local food banks. A grant from Chester County Community Foundation will help us immeasurably to expand our programs in these difficult times.