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## The Animal Foundation Keeps Focused on Mission-Critical Work with Spanning Backup

When it’s your job to make a difference for animals in dire need, you don’t need extra administrative work distracting you from that mission. That’s why The Animal Foundation is always looking for tools and technologies to make short work of everyday tasks. And that’s exactly what they found in Spanning Backup for Google Apps, the IT solution that keeps data safe and quickly accessible – so employees can stay focused on the work that really matters.

### The Importance of Backup: Keeping People Productive

No one has time to waste on lost documents or emails, least of all non-profit organizations that constantly work to get the most out of limited resources. For The Animal Foundation, losing data means losing precious time trying to find it, recreate it, or just get along without it.

“After finally moving away from paper-based systems to the digital environment of Google Apps, we quickly realized that any data loss would dramatically hinder our productivity,” says Geordan Liban, The Animal Foundation’s systems administrator. “That’s a fact for any organization, and it’s amplified for us because we have a lean staff to begin with.”

*“My favorite features are the fast single file restore and account export.”*

#### CUSTOMER PROFILE



**Organization:**

The Animal Foundation

**Organization Size:**

About 155 employees

**Industry:**

Non-profit animal shelter

**Products Used:**

Spanning Backup for Google Apps

The Animal Foundation is a non-profit organization operating Nevada’s largest open-admission animal shelter and pet adoption center. Founded in 1978 as a low-cost spay and neuter clinic, it has evolved to become a community-focused organization working closely with volunteers and rescue groups to fight the tragedy of pet overpopulation.

## Spanning Backup: Freeing Time for What Really Matters

The Animal Foundation chose Spanning Backup for Google Apps because it's fast and easy to use, ensuring that Liban and other users could minimize time spent on backup and recovery – and therefore have more time for core activities that advance The Animal Foundation's mission.

"As a one-person IT team, it's important to me that I can access Spanning Backup wherever I am and that it's easy for non-IT employees to use," says Liban. "I like having the ability to recover a single file or a few files very quickly, so we can get back to our 'real work.'"

## The Spanning Experience: A Variety of Convenient Features

In addition to simplifying and speeding backup and recovery, Spanning Backup for Google Apps includes features that make it easy and convenient to handle related tasks, such as accessing files after an employee has left the organization.

"Spanning Backup allows me to do a full export of a user's data and then keep a copy locally," says Liban. "That way, I can delete their account immediately for security, but still have access to their files when the manager needs them weeks later."

Next, Liban plans to explore the cross-user restore feature. Available exclusively to administrators, it restores data directly from one Google Apps user account to another, making data recovery even more efficient.

"When it comes to backup, there's no question you have to do it," says Liban, "so the only question is how you do it, and for that, I strongly recommend Spanning Backup for Google Apps."



*"I'd recommend Spanning because it requires little time to set up, little time to monitor and provides a lot of value."*

## About Spanning Cloud Apps

Spanning, an EMC company and a leading provider of backup and recovery for SaaS applications, helps organizations to protect and manage their information in the cloud. We provide powerful, enterprise-class data protection for Google Apps, Salesforce, and Office 365. Spanning Backup is the most trusted cloud-to-cloud backup solution for thousands of companies and millions of users around the world. Try a 14-day trial by visiting [Spanning.com/try-it-now](http://Spanning.com/try-it-now).