



2021 IMPACT REPORT

From the —
Executive Director

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just one gets
adopted,
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a victory.”



Kelly Proudfit

Dear Supporters,

2021 was full of ups and downs, unexpected challenges, and many emotions, but at the same time was rewarding and a great reminder of why the Washington Area Humane Society exists. Operating an animal shelter during the Covid-19 pandemic added an extra level of uncertainty and stress aside from the usual share our team endures in a typical year. The fear of the unknown, though difficult at times, did not stop us as an organization from fulfilling our mission.

The dedication from the staff, board of directors, and resolute volunteers truly blew me away in 2021. Day after day, they showed their commitment to Washington County's most vulnerable animals by showing up each day, following new procedures, and keeping a positive attitude throughout a very trying time. Despite the hurdles thrown at us during the Covid-19 pandemic, the WAHS never closed our doors to the animals who needed us the most. Even at times when we were limited by resources and facing a staffing shortage. We are excited to share what we accomplished in 2021 in this comprehensive impact report.

When we needed support to fulfill our mission, our community stepped up and offered unwavering generosity. To see the love the community has for our mission is what keeps us going each day, especially the difficult days. The importance of what we do will never be taken lightly, and the voiceless will never be forgotten. I cherish what one special supporter says to me at least once a month in a voice message to root us on, “Always remember, if just one gets adopted, it will be a victory.” We will continue our life-saving work in 2022 and beyond.

Sincerely,

Kelly Proudfit





The WAHS MISSION



Working hard for something we love is called **passion.**

Provide shelter, safety, and food for the orphaned and abused animals of Washington County with the goal of placing them in loving homes.

The Washington Area Humane Society is a no-kill shelter, meaning we do not euthanize animals to make room for other animals. The WAHS gives every animal a chance at a loving permanent home regardless of age or medical condition. 98% of the pets served are from Washington County. The WAHS is 100% funded by private contributions and donations.

EDUCATION

Provide public education about the humane care and treatment of animals.

WELLNESS

Provide affordable veterinary outpatient services including spaying or neutering.

INVESTIGATE

Investigate and resolve abuse cases in the best interests of the animal and community.



Life — Saving Work

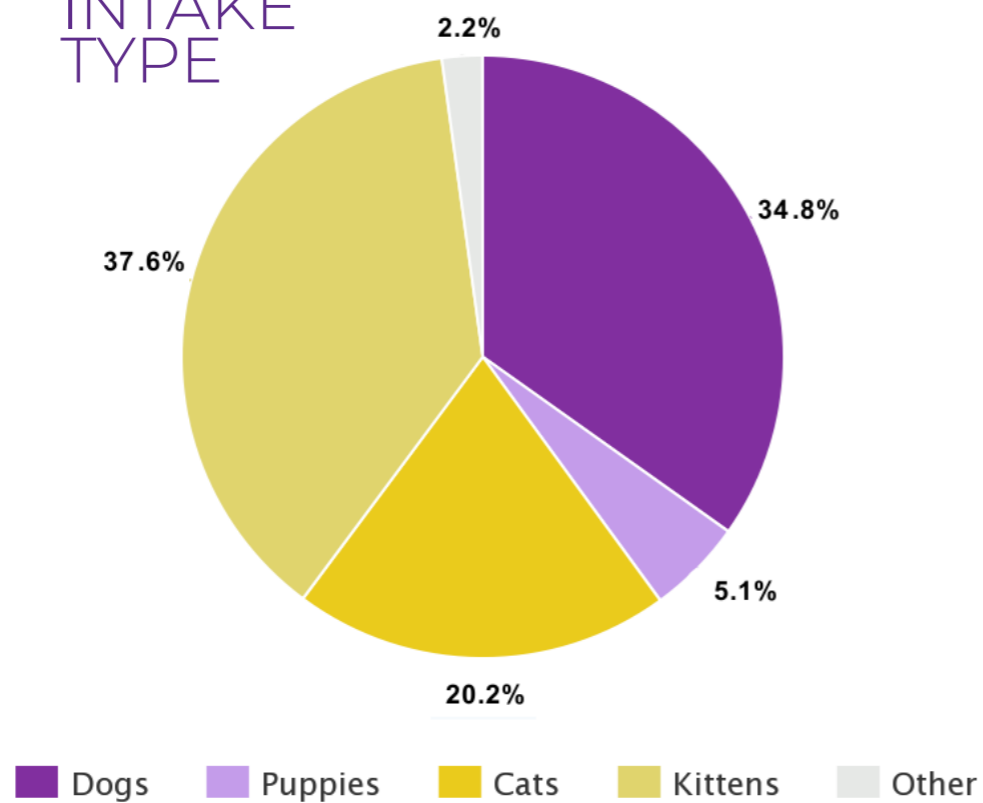
Our experienced animal staff, training partners, animal control partners, and medical team bring a wealth of resources to our organization which allows the WAHS to offer an amazing quality of care to every animal that comes through the doors.

IN THE NUMBERS

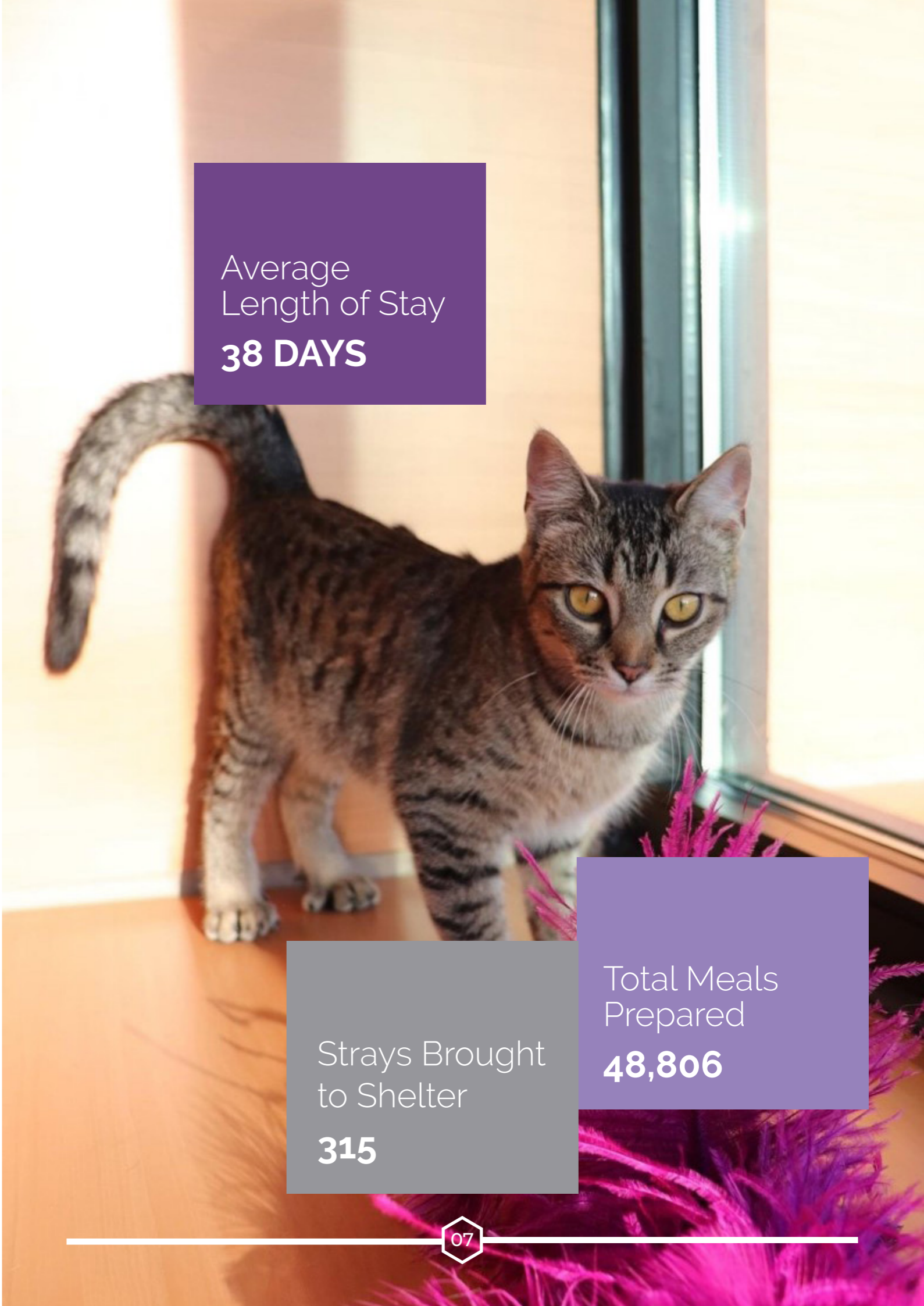
- 197** Pets Surrendered
- 80** Pets Seized by HSPO*
- 214** Strays from Public
- 13** Strays from PA Dog Warden
- 88** Strays from Animal Control
- 34** Pets returned to the WAHS after being adopted (6% Return Rate)
- 18** Pets Transferred in from Partners

* Humane Society Police Officer

INTAKE TYPE



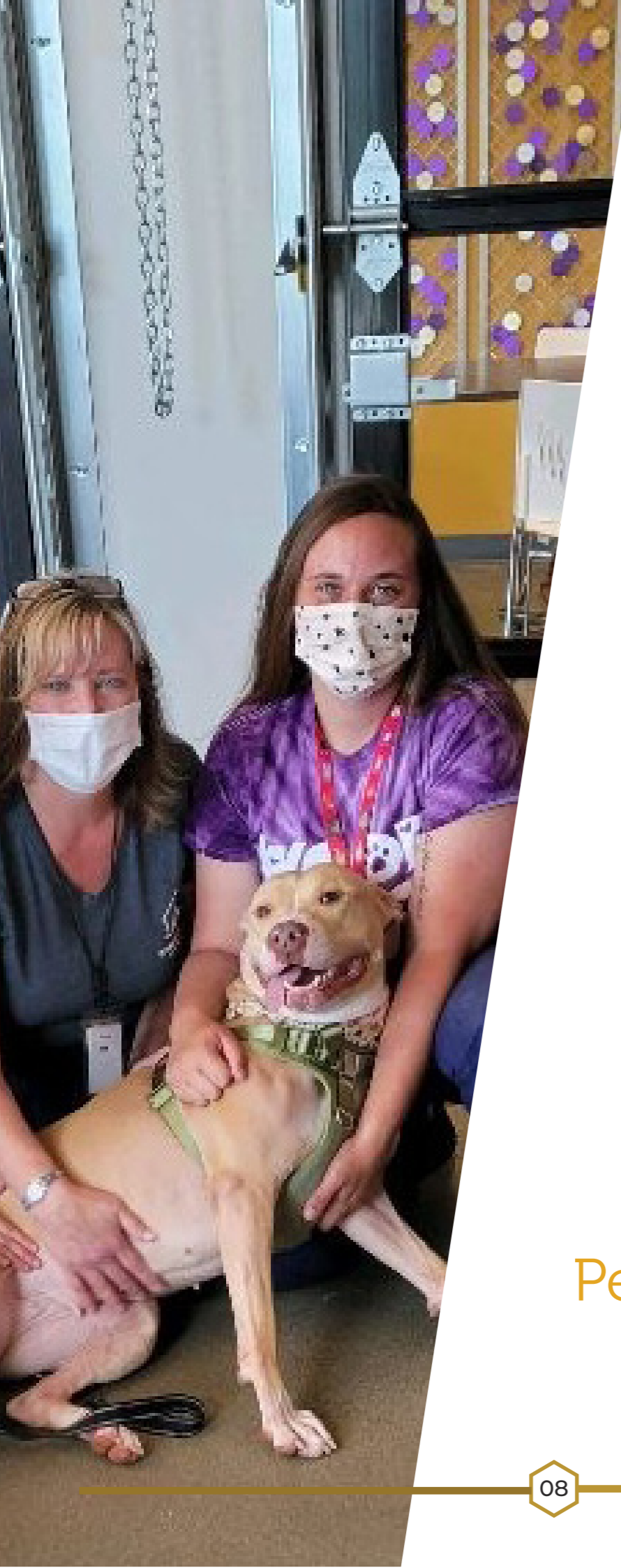
62% of the pets that entered our doors in 2021 were **homeless, abandoned, or abused** pets



Average Length of Stay
38 DAYS

Strays Brought to Shelter
315

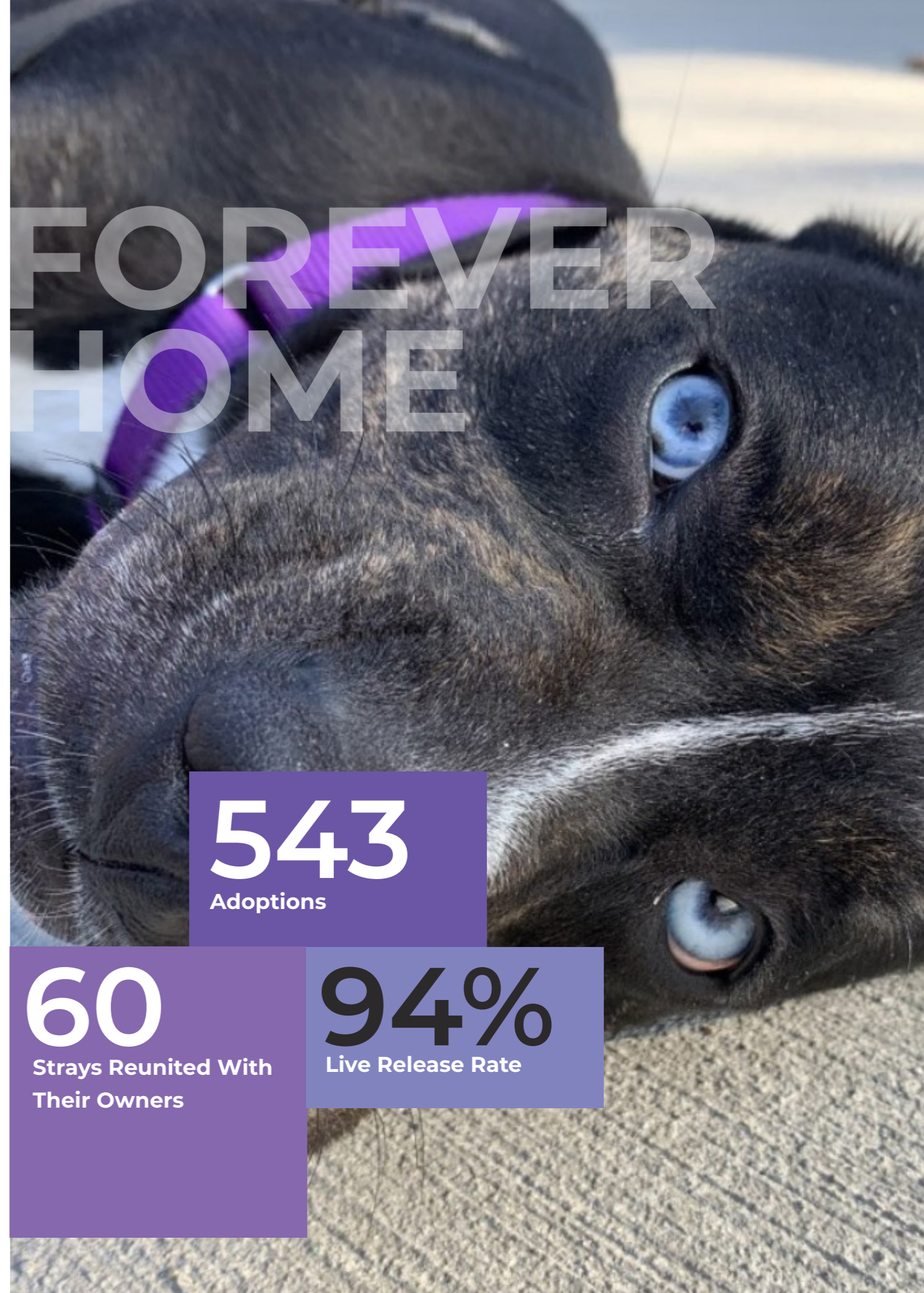
Total Meals Prepared
48,806



Happy ——— Outcomes

Our team measures success by the number of forever homes found for the animals we care for. While our adoption process is thorough, our team works closely together to ensure that each home is the perfect fit for that pet. In 2021, The WAHS return rate of 6% was the lowest it has ever been in five years.

20 U.S. Veterans
adopted a
pet for free
through the
Pets for U.S. Vets
program.



FOREVER HOME

543

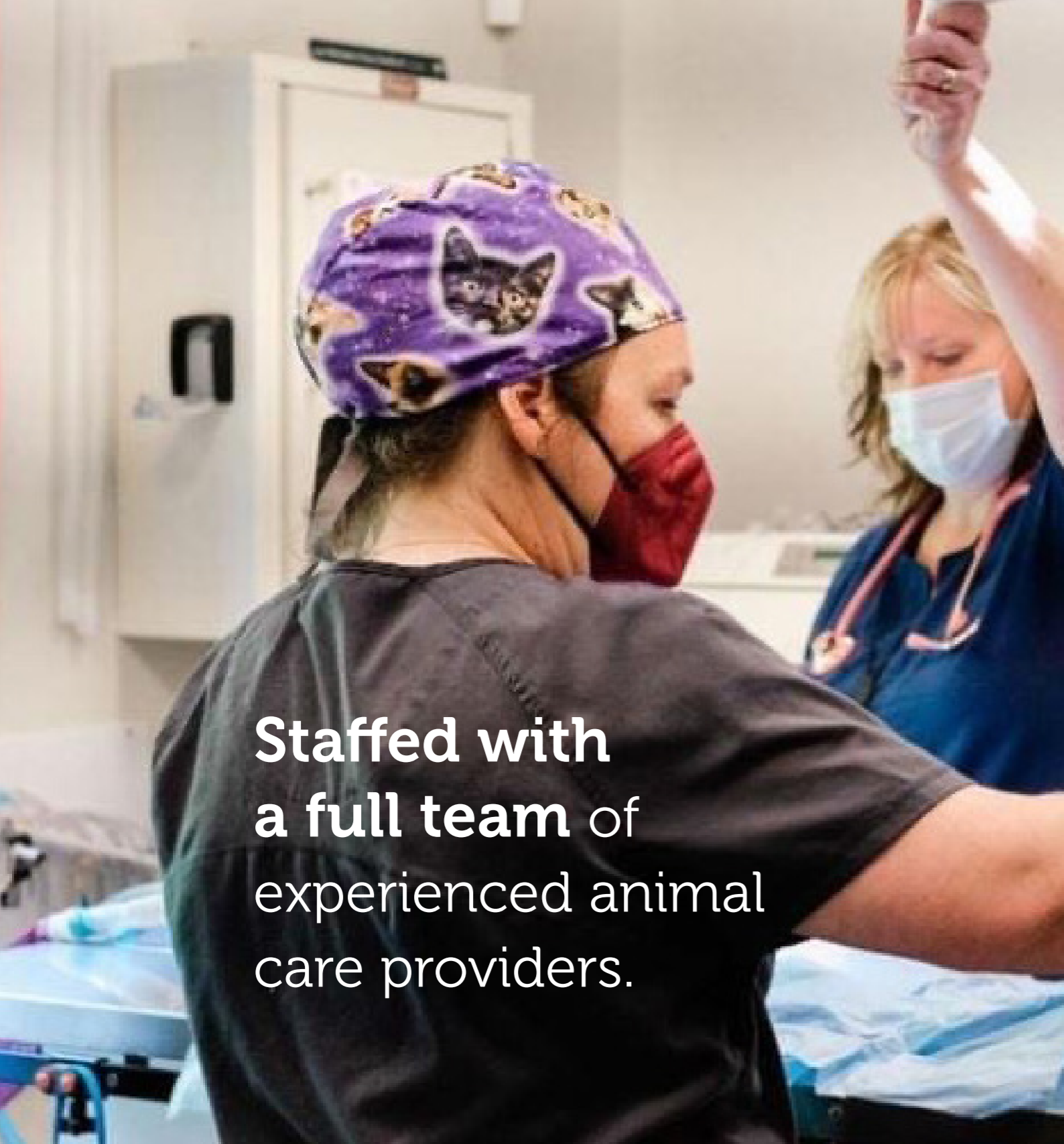
Adoptions

60

Strays Reunited With
Their Owners

94%

Live Release Rate

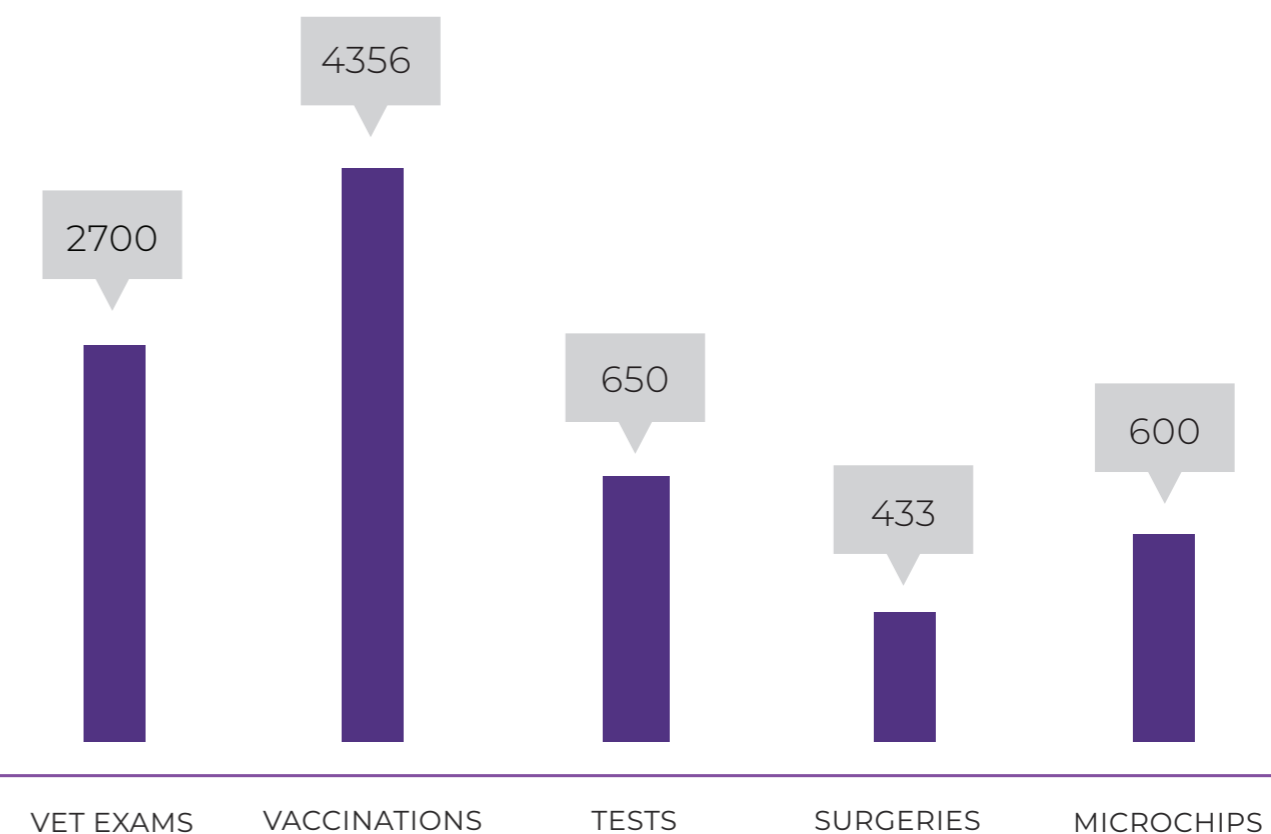


**Staffed with
a full team of
experienced animal
care providers.**

Life Saving ——— Animal Wellness

With a full-time Veterinarian and medical team, the WAHS offers every animal excellent medical care. Upon intake at the WAHS, every pet receives a wellness exam, including a full set of vaccinations, fecal analysis, de-wormer, flea and tick treatment, nail trim, microchip, lyme/heartworm test, and spay/neuter surgery. Along with all of the medical treatments, there is fun; enrichment, behavior plans, play-time, dog walks, and play yard fun.

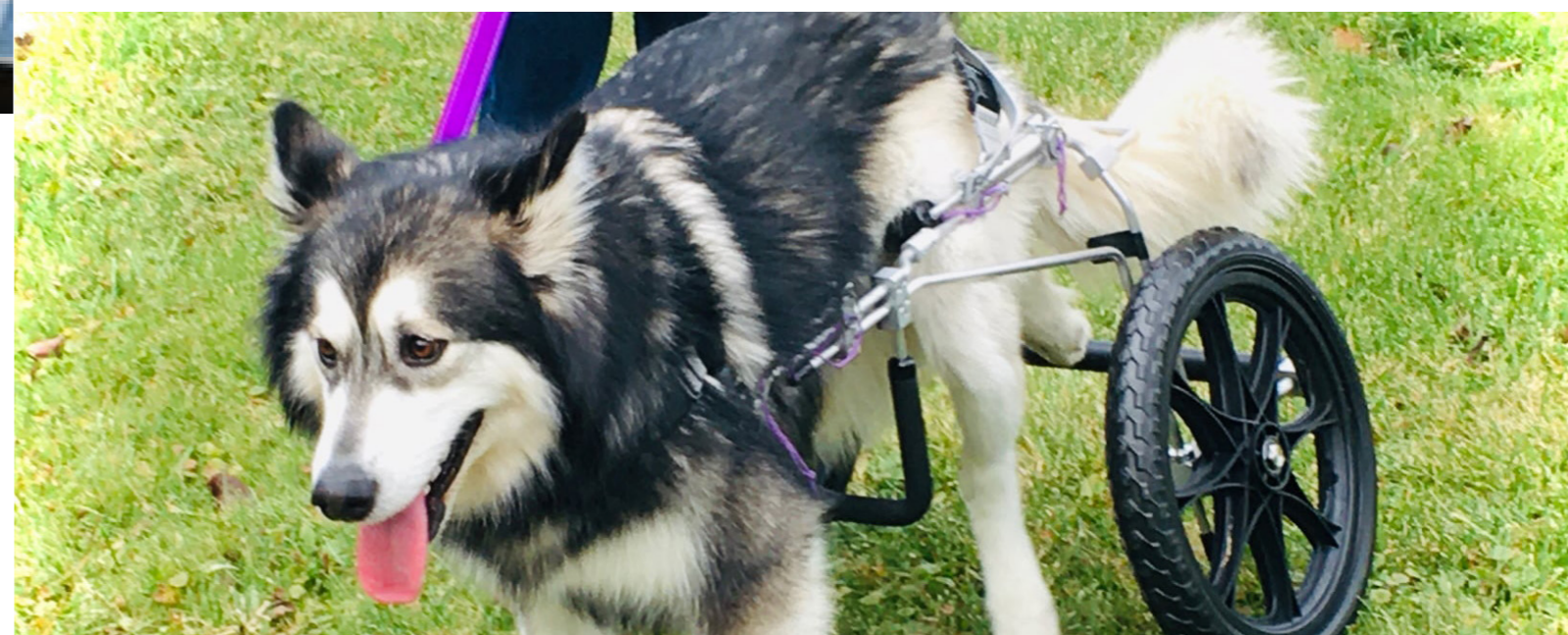
SHELTER ANIMAL WELLNESS STATS



DOG WALKS
28,000

DOG TRAINING
HOURS
5,000

ENRICHMENT
HOURS
1,100





Affordable — Pet Clinics

After limiting services in 2020, we added more low-cost vaccination and surgery clinics in May 2021. Because of the Covid-19 restrictions, many pet owners struggled to get their pets into vet offices. By reopening our veterinary services, community pets were able to receive the necessary – yet affordable – services they need to remain safe and healthy members of their families. Our clinic services led by our medical team impacted over 1,000 community pets.

THE INCREASE IN
AFFORDABLE
VET SERVICES IN 2021

69%

503
Spay/Neuter Surgeries

723
Wellness Exams

1,417
Vaccinations & Tests



PET RETENTION



Emergency Pet Food Bank



In 2020, the WAHS, with the support of CentiMark Corporation, established the Emergency Pet Food Response Program to assist families in our community retain their pets by providing pet food and other essential supplies. In 2021, we continued this critical resource and hosted an onsite drive-through food distribution at our facility and also partnered with Food Helpers in November to give food to pets for the Thanksgiving holiday.

34,000 pounds of
food distributed
to pets in need.

MONTHLY
FOOD

13,000

POUNDS

OFFSITE
FOOD DISTRIBUTION

11,000

POUNDS

ONSITE
DISTRIBUTION

10,000

POUNDS





WAHS ——— Volunteers

Volunteers are an integral part of the WAHS. After the pandemic broke out in 2020, we restructured our Volunteer Program in 2021. Throughout the year, our team focused on getting like-minded and dedicated volunteers back into our building to join our animal-loving community. With the support of our Volunteer Program sponsor, Washington Auto Mall, we are excited to welcome new volunteers!



Foster ——— Homes

As we shifted to staggered schedules, fewer staff and volunteers in the building throughout 2020 and 2021, we needed to find creative solutions to maintain the highest level of care for our animal residents. The answer, fosters!

We expanded our foster program in 2020 and continued the trend in 2021. Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic only 20 animals on average were placed into foster homes. In 2021, 170 animals were placed into foster homes! Our team was able to implement this newly founded program by receiving support for our foster network through grants which enabled us to purchase much needed foster home items.



FOSTER FAIL

1,600
Volunteer Hours

130
Volunteers

170
Pets Fostered

200,928
Foster Hours



Humane Investigations

The WAHS employs one full-time Humane Society Police Officer (HSPO) who is trained and certified to investigate reports of neglect, cruelty, and abuse of animals in Washington County. In 2021, the WAHS Humane Investigation Unit responded to 303 calls from concerned community members reporting suspected animal neglect, abandonment, and cruelty.

Our Humane Investigation Unit serves as an important resource to Washington County residents by also offering education and training on Pennsylvania Animal Cruelty Laws to law enforcement agencies, municipalities, and community partners.

Compassion Care Initiative

The WAHS continued their partnership with other Washington County non-profits in 2021 to bring awareness to the abuse of children, woman and animals. The 5th annual Farm 2 Table event was a huge success. The WAHS looks forward to partnering with CASA for Kids, Genesis of Pittsburgh, and Cranberry Psychological Center of McMurray in 2022 to continue bringing awareness to the correlation between the abuse.

LEARN MORE:
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In 2021,
80 pets
were
brought to
safety by
the WAHS
HSPO



47

Citations Filed in Court

80

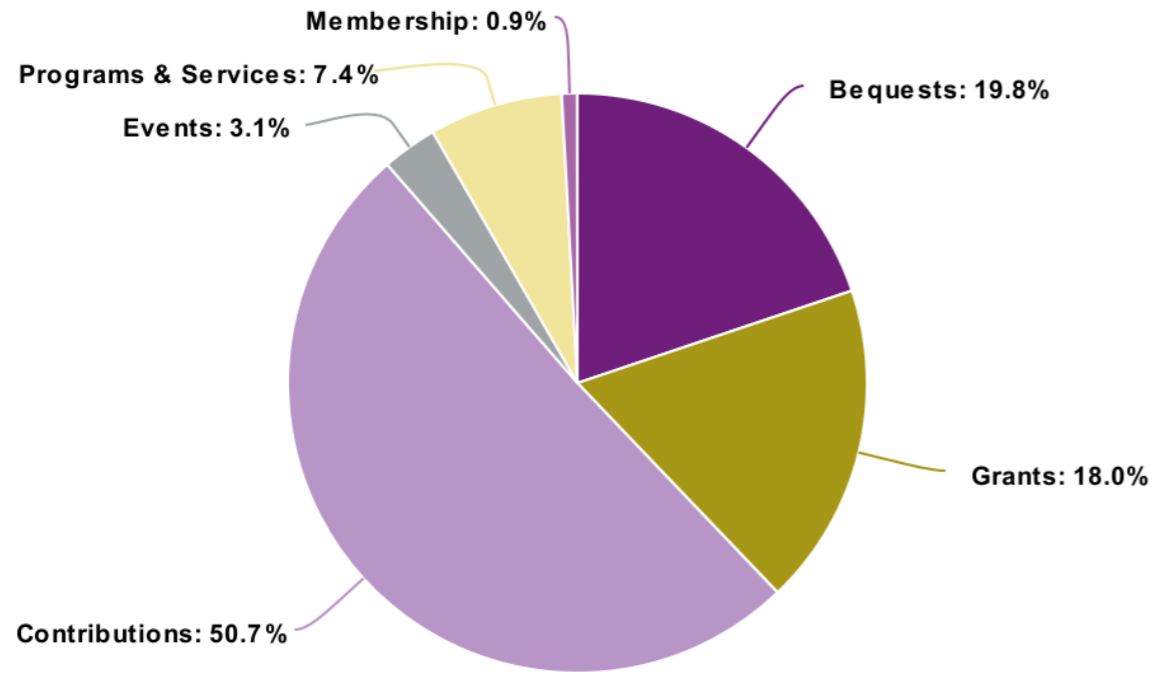
Humane Case
Pets Brought to
WAHS

303

Calls Investigated

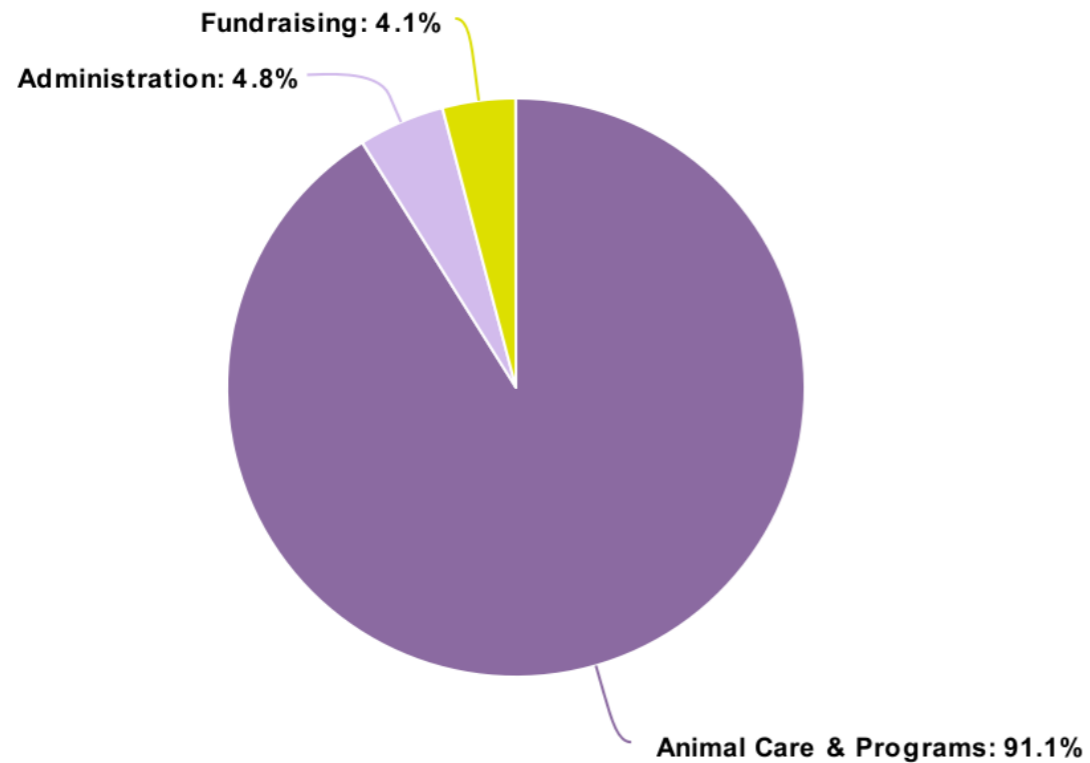
REVENUE **\$1,456,033**

(Unaudited)



■ Bequests
 ■ Grants
 ■ Contributions
 ■ Events
 ■ Programs & Services
■ Membership

EXPENSES **\$1,225,883** (Does not include unaudited)



■ Animal Care & Programs
 ■ Administration
 ■ Fundraising



The WAHS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Zachary Susko, President
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- Dana Phillips
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SENIOR LEADERSHIP

- Kelly Proudfit, Executive Director
- Maranda Coombs, HSPO
- Taylor Duda, Director of Development
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- Tegan Fuller, Veterinarian
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