

Shelter Tails



SINCE 1906 WINTER EDITION

Dear Friends,

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.

BE
THE
VOICE

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 remained open to the animals who needed us the most.

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 look forward to continuing our life-saving work in 2022 and beyond.

Kelly Proudfit, Executive Director



WASHINGTON AREA
HUMANE SOCIETY

WOOF STOCK

PET PARTY IN THE PARK

PET-FOCUSED VENDORS NEEDED!

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, OCT. 1
11AM-4PM

Get Involved Volunteer



The WAHS is sniffing out new volunteers to help us save more animals! If you have a paw to lend, consider joining our team by volunteering your time.

Volunteering at the WAHS is fun and easy! We offer volunteer opportunities for a variety of needs, including walking, socializing, loving, petting, and cleaning. As well as event volunteering, corporate group volunteer projects, school projects, and scout groups.

Learn More: [WASHINGTONPASHELTER.ORG/VOLUNTEER](https://www.washingtonpashelter.org/volunteer)

Thank you to our Volunteer Program sponsor, Washington Auto Mall.

TAKE THE #BETTYWHITECHALLENGE WITH THE WASHINGTON AREA HUMANE SOCIETY

Over \$13,000
Raised



The Washington Area Humane Society participated in the #BettyWhiteChallenge by honoring Betty White's 100th birthday and life-long dedication to and passion for animal welfare and advocacy on January 17th. The WAHS received nearly \$13,000 in donations from our community honoring Betty White!

Life Saving Work In **2021**

Live Release Rate

94%

Total Lives
Saved

644

Strays
taken off street

315

60

Strays Reunited With
Their Owners

543

Adoptions

936

Spay/Neuter Surgeries

3,423

Wellness Exams

5,617

Vaccinations & Tests

1,600

Volunteer
Hours

47

Citations Filed in Court

130

Volunteers

170

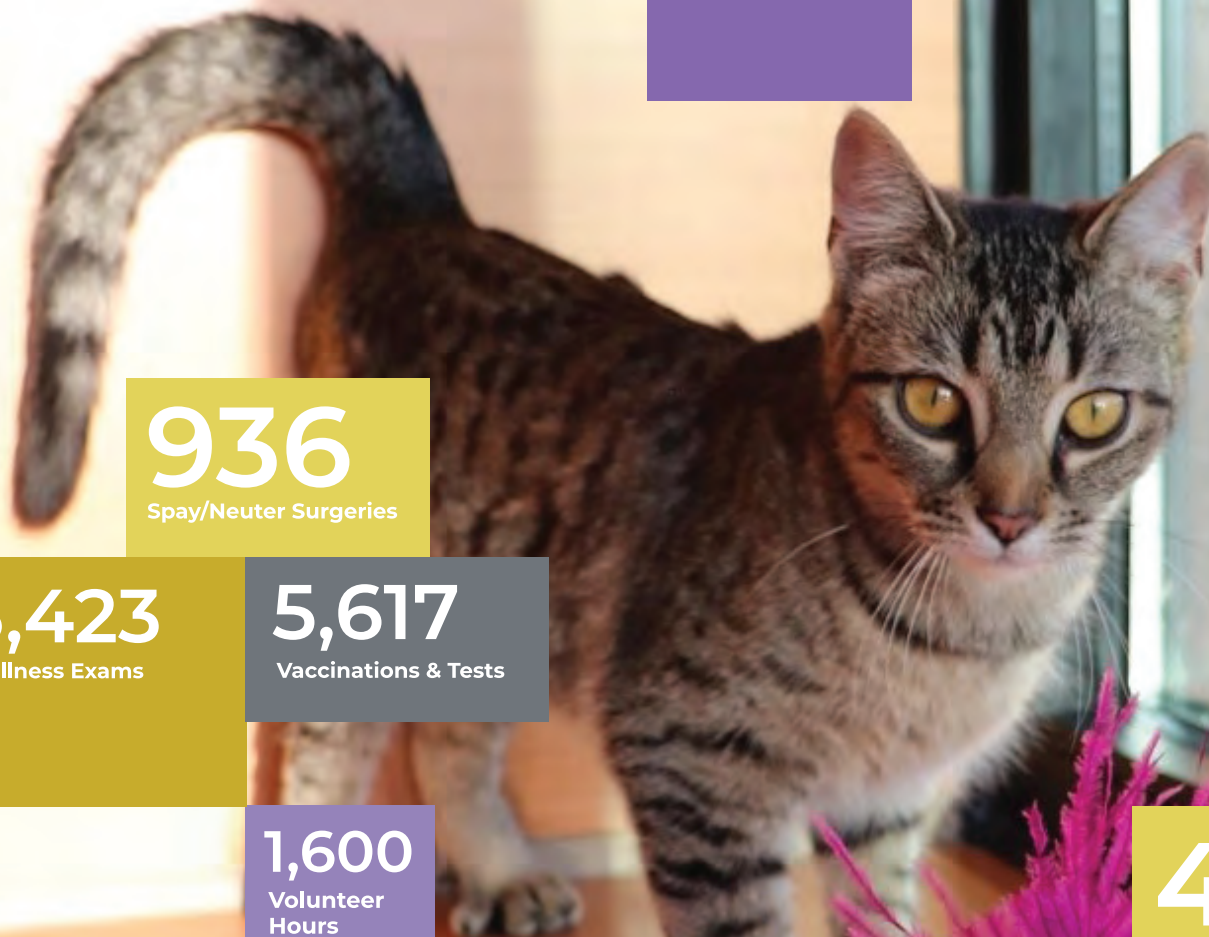
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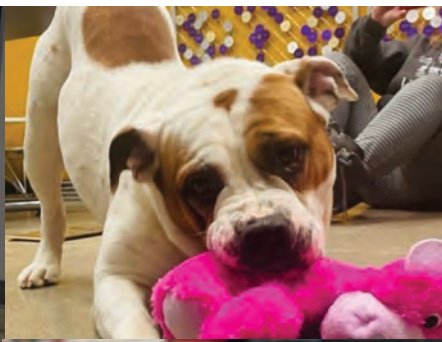
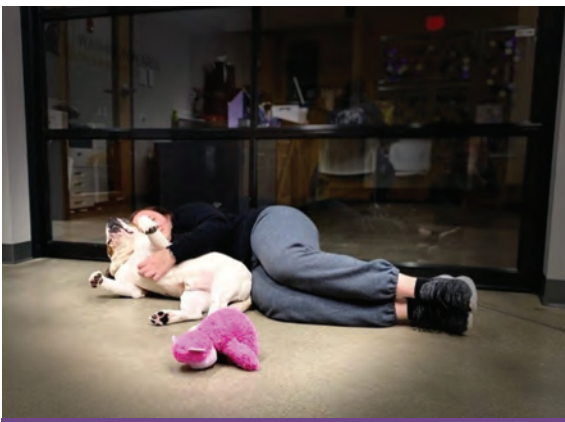
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Humane Case
Pets Brought in
by Humane Society
Police Officer

303

Calls Investigated





Pet & Staff Sleepover

Four dedicated staff spent the night during the ice storm in early February to ensure the dogs & cats had care the next day. Our team had a great time hanging out and getting some much needed snuggle time. The WAHS feels fortunate to have such dedicated staff and volunteers caring for the pets.

March Muttness

The WAHS is dribbling down court and heading for a slam dunk as March Muttness tips-off on March 1st! The WAHS will be participating in March Muttness, an online fundraising challenge, alongside 127 nonprofit animal shelters in a bracket-style tournament. You can help the WAHS advance rounds throughout the tournament by making a gift to our team. Every donation made to the WAHS team will directly support our animals. Are you ready to score the game-winning buzzer-beater for the WAHS?

Learn more WASHINGTONPASHELTER.ORG/MARCH-MUTTNESS

Class Is In Session

Over the past year, the WAHS has teamed up with Paw & Order Dog Training to help our shelter residents become more confident and learn the skills they need to be placed in a loving, forever home. Paw & Order Dog trainers visit our facility once a week to teach our dogs good behaviors that leads to faster adoptions and address negative behaviors like excessive barking, pulling, and jumping up.

By working hand-in-hand with Paw & Order Dog Training, we are seeing shorter stays at the shelter, increased permanence of adoption and a calmer, happier and more soothing environment for our animals and staff. Paw & Order has helped create training videos for staff and volunteers to give them tips on walking dogs, getting dogs out of kennels, and more!



Here We Go Steelers, Here We Go!

The WAHS celebrated the Steeler's play-off run with our four Steeler kittens: Ben, TJ, Najee (featured on cover), and Cam.

THEY EACH SCORED A TOUCHDOWN WHEN THEY FOUND THEIR LOVING, FOREVER HOME!



VIEW
THE WAHS
AVAILABLE
PETS
ON OUR
WEBSITE
AT:



WASHINGTONPASHELTER.ORG/ANIMALS

Adopt A Pet

JULES



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DIAMOND



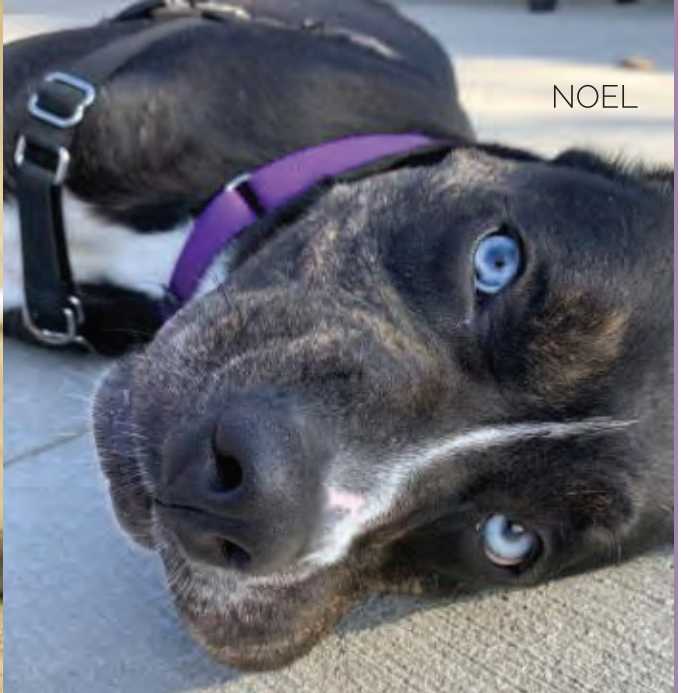
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EIGHTY FOUR, PA 15330

TO



BE
THE
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**LOW-COST
VACCINATION &
SPAY/NEUTER**

March Clinics

**MARCH
DATES
AVAILABLE**

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**MEMBERS
NEEDED!**

**20
NEW
MEMBERS!**

1906 SOCIETY
Washington Area Humane Society Membership

**MAKE A ONE-TIME DONATION
TO SAVE A LIFE.**

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