

IMPACT REPORT

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MISSION & VISION

IMPACT IN NUMBERS

LIFE SAVING WORK

PET RETENTION PROGRAMS

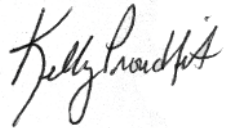
ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT

Dear Friends

I am proud to report the Washington Area Humane Society had another successful year serving its mission while in the third year at the new shelter. We were happy to see things slowly get back to normal in 2022. We learned so much these past three years during the pandemic, and this knowledge and flexibility has been useful in streamlining and improving our operations.

This past year we continued to see growth in the low-cost veterinary services offered to the public which include spay and neuter surgeries, and vaccination clinics. Our intake was comparable to 2021, however our return rate (pets being returned after adoption) continues to decrease and is at an all-time low of 4%. This drop in returns is a testament to how seriously our staff takes each adoption and placement of each pet in their forever home. I continue to be impressed by the hard work and resilience of our team and our ability to pivot with all the changes coming at us over the past three years.

I am pleased to share our 2022 impact report with you. Our work is only possible because of generous supporters such as yourself. I am very grateful for all you do to give each animal a chance at a happy home. The staff, volunteers, and board of directors are looking forward to a new year and more lifesaving work at the Washington Area Humane Society.



Kelly Proudfit, Executive Director

**COMMITMENT. COMMUNITY
COMPASSION. INNOVATION
INTEGRITY. COLLABORATION**

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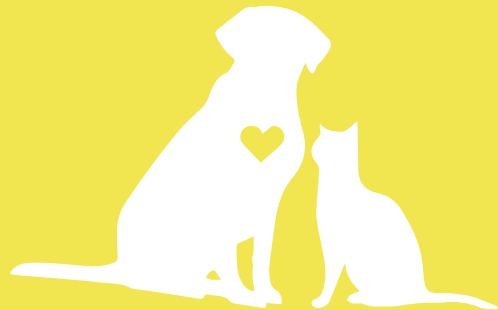
MISSION

To provide shelter, safety, and care for the abandoned and abused animals of Washington County with the goal of placing them in forever homes.



VISION

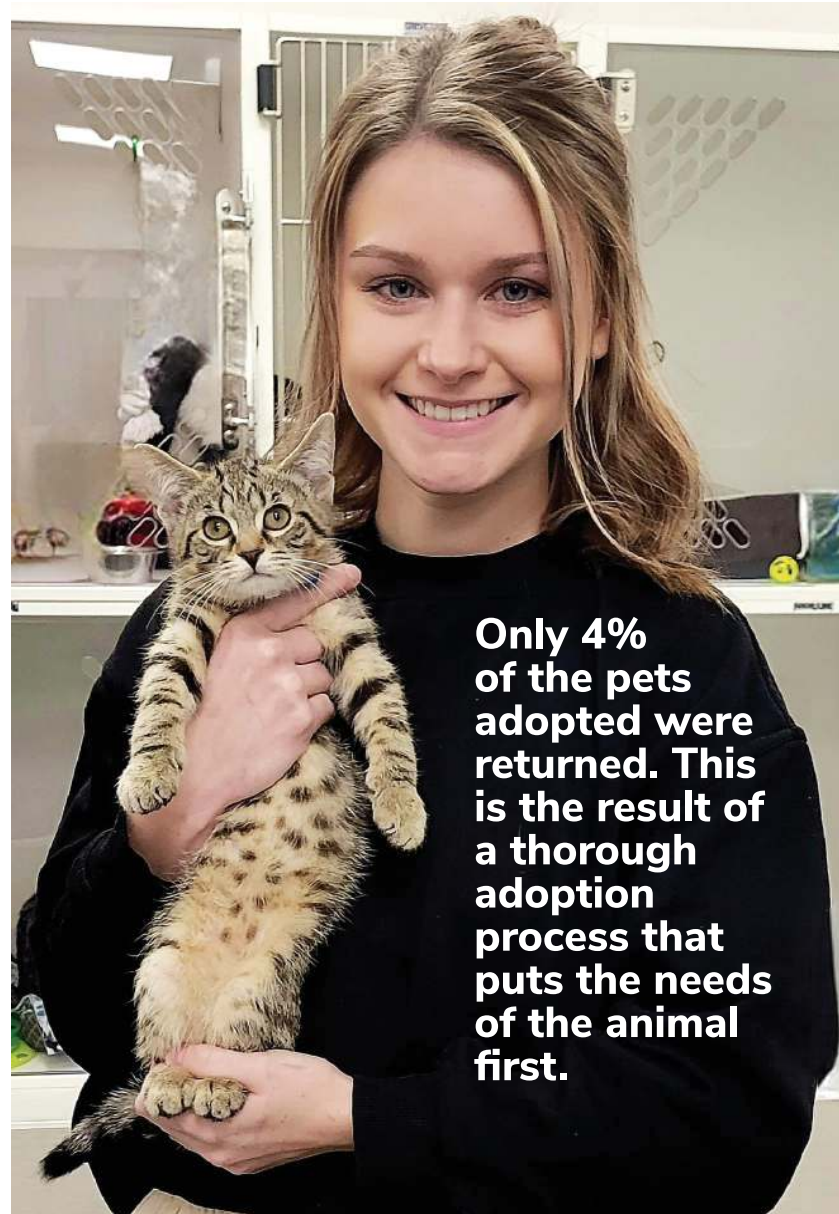
Our vision is for all animals to have a valued life and a loving home.



HAPPY TAILS

ADOPTIONS. FOSTERS RETURN TO OWNER. TRANSFERS

The WAHS puts a large amount of energy into finding the best outcome for each animal that enters our doors. The staff and volunteers advocate for each life and the goal is to find them all loving, forever homes where they can thrive. Each animal is fully vaccinated, micro-chipped, and spayed or neutered prior to adoption. The WAHS places animals in foster homes for those who cannot immediately be adopted due to medical or behavior reasons.



Only 4% of the pets adopted were returned. This is the result of a thorough adoption process that puts the needs of the animal first.

95%
Lives Saved

500
Adoptions

39
Lost Pets Returned Home

191
Fostered



INTAKES

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In 2022, the WAHS continued to focus on admissions of strays and humane investigations throughout Washington County. We strive to help the animals who have the most need in our community.



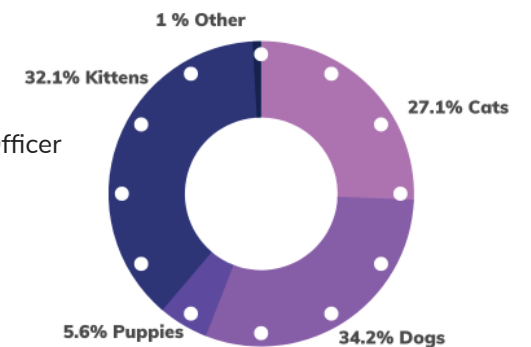
19
Day Average Length of Stay

335
Strays



INTAKE SOURCE & TYPE

- 17 State Dog Warden
- 56 Animal Control
- 250 Public Drop-Off Stray
- 148 Owner Surrenders
- 97 Humane Society Police Officer
- 12 Abandoned On Property
- 24 Returned After Adoption
- 19 Transfer In From Partner



*Other: Ducks, Hamster, Guinea Pigs, Chinchilla

MEDICAL CARE

The WAHS serves the abandoned, abused, and neglected animals of Washington County. Most of the animals that enter our doors need medical care. Our medical team goes above and beyond with their care of each animal. The WAHS received funding from three different foundations to purchase a digital x-ray machine to add to our medical care services.



3587

Shelter Pet Exams

527

Surgeries

4189

Vaccines

610

Microchips

Over 59 animals received x-rays in 2022 which resulted in better outcomes and quality of care.

LIFE SAVING WORK

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What a year! Our lifesaving mission continued to grow in 2022, and over 2,000 animals were supported through adoptions, foster placements, humane investigations, low-cost vet clinics, spay/neuter services, and a community pet food bank.



ENRICHMENT

The WAHS is dedicated to each animal's specialized needs while at the shelter. The goal is to minimize the stress on the animal until they get adopted out to a loving home. The kennel staff works on behavior plans for dogs and uses our walking path, play yards, enrichment toys, and off-site excursions as tools to decrease their anxiety until they can be placed in a forever home. In the cat department, cats get time to stretch their legs and explore in the colony rooms. Staff and volunteers also spend time enriching them with different toys, sensory tools, and sounds.



45

Citations Filed



HUMANE INVESTIGATIONS

The WAHS employed one full-time humane society police officer who investigated over 561 cases involving animal neglect, abandonment, and abuse in 2022.

97

Animals brought in from our Humane Officer

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



WAHS JUNIOR AMBASSADORS & SCOUTS

Junior Ambassadors can get involved in a multitude of activities, content, and opportunities at the WAHS. Scout badge workshops are available for all types of scouting groups.

PETS FOR U.S. VETS

This is a twenty-year old program that gives veteran's a chance at a free adoption. Pets are therapeutic and an important component to recovery and therapy for a veteran. In 2022 over 37 veterans adopted pets for free.

READING TAILS & CAT YOGA

In 2019 the Reading Tails program was designed to assist children in developing their reading skills while also helping the WAHS cats by providing socialization. This program has been a huge success. Another popular program that has been newly added is our cat yoga! Classes are offered for children and adults monthly. It is another great opportunity for our cats to receive socialization and human interaction.

COMPASSION CARE INITIATIVE

The CCI was founded over five years ago to bring awareness to the correlation between animal, child, domestic, and elder abuse. Five years later, this initiative has five partners including the WAHS, CASA for Kids Washington, Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern PA, Genesis of Pittsburgh, and Cranberry Psychological Center of McMurray. This past year, the initiative partners hosted a week-long public awareness campaign with online and in-person classes aimed at educating the public on our like-minded missions and how they can help bring awareness to this tragic epidemic.



AFFORDABLE MEDICAL CARE

The WAHS believes everyone deserves to have the love of a companion animal. We provided low-cost veterinary services and a pet food bank to assist community pet owners in retaining their pets. Low-cost vaccination clinics and spay and neuter services have steadily increased since moving into the new facility in 2020. Combating the overpopulation of animals continues to be a cornerstone of the work we do each day. The WAHS received grant funding in 2022 to keep the community cat spay/neuter price at \$45 per surgery. This price enables community members to afford this service and help us fight this epidemic of pet overpopulation. Weekly low-cost vaccination clinics are offered on site for community pet owners.



PET FOOD BANK

The WAHS Pet Food Bank is a valuable service to those in the community who are struggling to retain their pets. Each month, pet food bank members are given food, treats, litter, toys, and other supplies for their pets. Additionally, food, blankets and other necessities are shared with local animal non-profit organizations in need.

6,819
Pounds of food given to pets in need



VOLUNTEERING

Over the past year, the volunteer program has come back to life as the world has opened back up. The WAHS volunteers are a vital part of our everyday operations, and we value all they do for the animals in our care. Volunteer opportunities include dog walking, cat enrichment, kennel cleaning, cat condo cleaning, laundry, landscaping, clerical work, events, and more. The WAHS hosted multiple corporations, schools, and other organizations on-site for group experiences. Group experiences range anywhere from helping with landscaping to making animal enrichment toys. Groups also receive a tour of the shelter and a meet and greet with a four-legged friend. We appreciate all of the support and help from the groups who visited this past year

417
Active
Volunteers



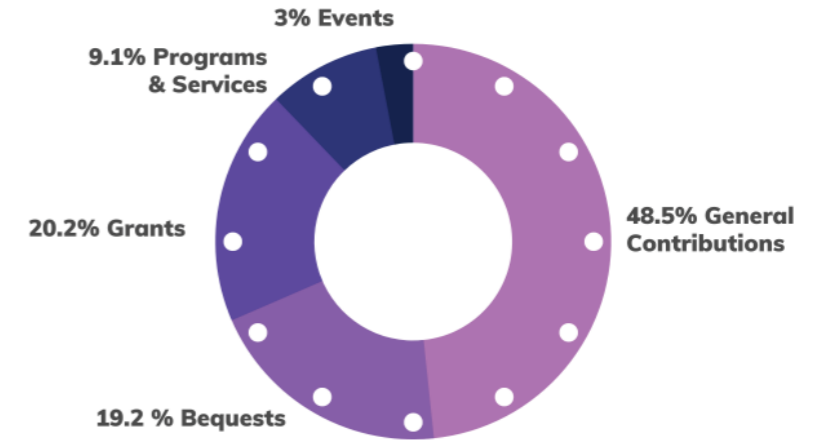
5,000
Hours of
Service



REVENUE

\$1.3 MILLION

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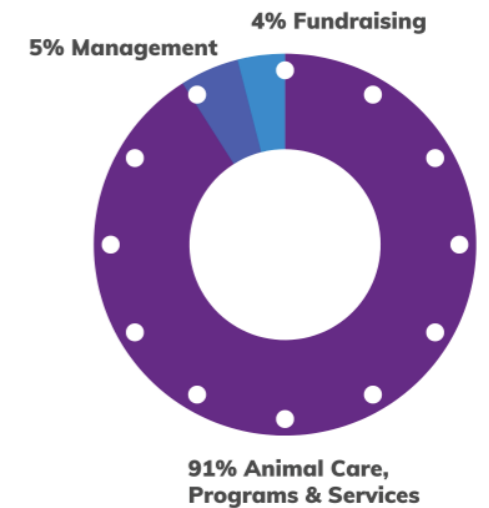


EVENTS

The WAHS hosted two main events in 2022. Our Dog Days of Summer Soiree was on-site in July and gave the community an opportunity to visit our new facility and meet adoptable pets. Woofstock – A Pet Party in the Park was hosted at the Washington Wild Things Park and featured pet vendors, pet contests, music and more.

EXPENSES

\$1.4 MILLION



(Unaudited financials. Expense does not show depreciation.)



WAHS LEADERSHIP

Kelly Proudfit, *Executive Director*
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