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IMPACT REPORT

2023



A VOICE FOR THE
VOICELESS
ESTABLISHED 1906

Dear Friend,

Thank you for all you have done to support the mission of the Washington Area Humane Society (WAHS) this past year. Over 4,000 animals were directly impacted through our lifesaving mission. The WAHS staff and volunteers cared for the most vulnerable animals in Washington County through intakes, adoptions, foster placements, humane investigations, a pet food bank, spay & neuter services, vaccinations clinics, supportive veterinary care, educational programming, and outreach.

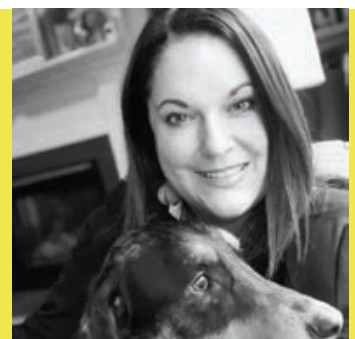
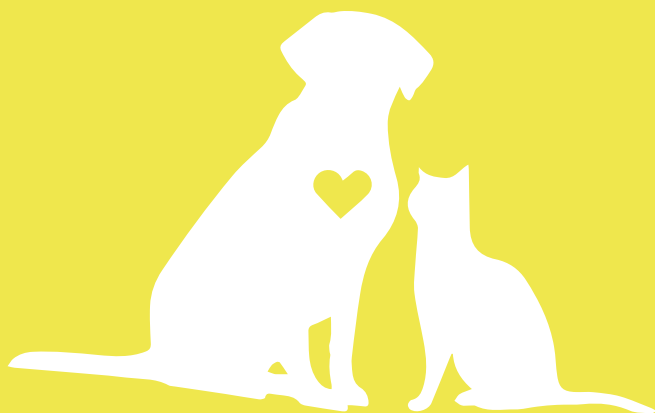
We are committed in 2024 to help even more animals in crisis. Our focus is helping Washington County residents retain their pets and our goal is to provide empathy and care to not only the pets but the owners as well. We realize the importance of educating and supporting community pet owners to help ensure a better future for pets in Washington County. Our low-cost veterinary services increased by 25% in 2023 to help try to meet the demand of affordable pet care.

Gretchen Grasser, the new WAHS Humane Society Police Officer (HSPO), was sworn in June of 2023. In the first six months on the job, Grethen seized over 83 animals in crisis. She filed 68 citations/charges and was directly involved in the investigation of Thor, the dog that passed away in November from starvation. Thor's case may have gotten the most publicity in 2023, but there are many more that were equally as sad and concerning. These stories are hard to hear, but important because every life matters. It takes an entire community to advocate for the well-being of animals and we hope you will join us in 2024. Please consider supporting the Washington Area Humane Society through adoption, fostering, volunteering, or donating. Every gift makes a difference.

Sincerely,



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.

LIFESAVING WORK

The WAHS has a huge impact on the lives of the stray, abused, and abandoned animals in Washington County. Our full vet team and support staff give lifesaving care to over 600 animals that enter the shelter each year.

EVERY ANIMAL RECEIVES

WELLNESS EXAM
VACCINES
SPAY/NEUTER SURGERY
MICROCHIP
BEHAVIOR EVALUATION
FLEA/TICK TREATMENTS
WORMING TREATMENTS
X-RAYS, DENTALS,
BLOODWORK & OTHER
TESTS & PROCEDURES
AS NEEDED.



3,363
Medical Exams

401
Surgeries

5,183
Vaccines & Tests

300
X-Rays



Over 550 Shelter Animals Received Lifesaving Care

INTAKES

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OUR GOAL IS FOR ALL ANIMALS TO FIND A LOVING HOME

100% of animals are from Washington County

Over 500 pets were adopted to loving homes

216 Strays were given a warm bed

26 Lost pets returned to their loving homes

100 pets were placed in loving foster homes

Over
500
Adopted



216
Homeless
Animals

WHERE DO THEY COME FROM?

227 Owners who could no longer care for their pets

83 Brought in from Humane Society Police Officer

25 Returned After Adopted

216 Strays that were abandoned or lost

7 Transferred in from other organizations



IMPACT AND NUMBERS

SOLUTIONS FOR COMMUNITY PETS

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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. In 2023 the WAHS offered emergency boarding, free medical care, and many other pet retention services to the public. Vaccination clinics, affordable spay/neuter surgery, free medical care, and off site rabies clinics were available for community pet owners to help them afford and retain their pets.

800

*Community
Pet Surgeries*

895

Clinic Exams

98

*Pets Received
Free or Discounted
Care*

11,075

*Pounds of food given
to pets in need*



PET FOOD BANK

The WAHS Pet Food Bank is a valuable service to those in the community who are struggling to retain their pets. Quarterly, community 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.



HUMANE INVESTIGATIONS

The WAHS hired a fulltime Humane Society Police Officer (HSPO) in May of 2023. Gretchen was sworn in in June after substantial training. With over 20 years of veterinary experience and large mammal experience, she brings a wealth of knowledge to her position as HSPO. The WAHS takes all cases of abuse, neglect, and abandonment very seriously and charges to the fullest extent the law allows. Our full vet team and support staff give lifesaving care to over 600 animals that enter the shelter each year.



374
Calls Investigated

68
Citations Charged

83
Animals Seized



VOLUNTEERING

The WAHS volunteers make the organization stronger and are passionate about the animals we serve. Volunteers support our mission through their assistance in dog walking, cleaning kennels, cat enrichment, ambassadors at events, greeters, surgery helpers and more. The WAHS hosts groups of volunteers, students earning community service hours, and students from Trinity High School who are in the vet tech program. The WAHS is truly a humane animal focused center for the community!

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.

235

*Active
Volunteers*

4,151

*Hours of
Service*





COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

PETS FOR U.S. VETS

The Washington Area Humane Society salutes all active duty military and armed services veterans. Our Pets for U.S. Vets program began in 2010 and continues today. Veterans can adopt a WAHS shelter pet for free as a thank you for your service to our country. This program is funded by private donations. In 2023, 32 Veterans adopted for free!

YOGA

Every month, our lobby transforms into a studio for the newest, challenging exercise fad - yoga with cats. Participants can join us for a 1-hour long soothing flow yoga session with the adoptable cats at the WAHS led by a certified yoga instructor. Our cats love spending time stretching their legs and showing off their social side.



READING TAILS

Grab a book and snuggle up with a WAHS adoptable cat during our Reading Tails program! The Reading Tails Program is designed to assist children in developing and improving their reading skills while also helping the WAHS shelter cats by providing socialization and human interaction. Children can participate in-person or from the comfort of their own home. Over 231 children benefited from this program in 2023.

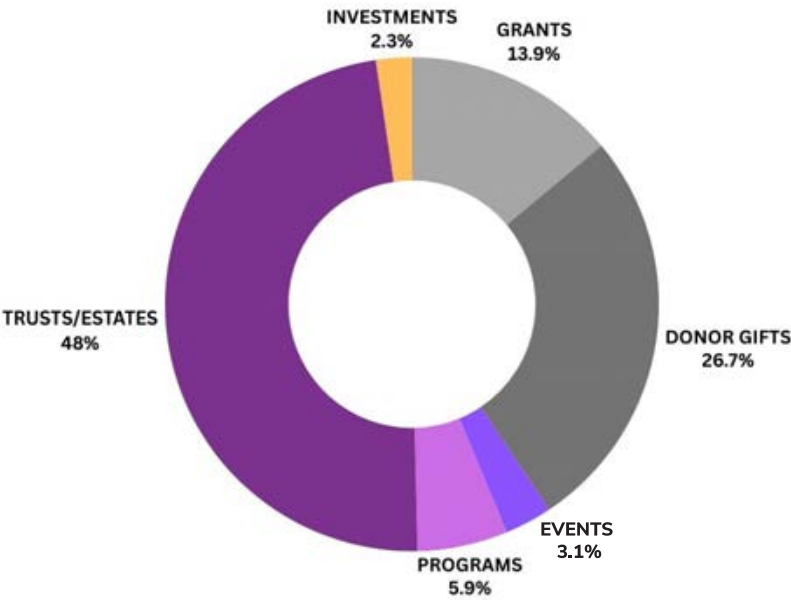


BIRTHDAY PARTIES

It's always a party at the WAHS during birthdays! Between May-September, your child can celebrate their birthday with our adoptable pets. You bring the guests and we will throw the party under our pavilion!

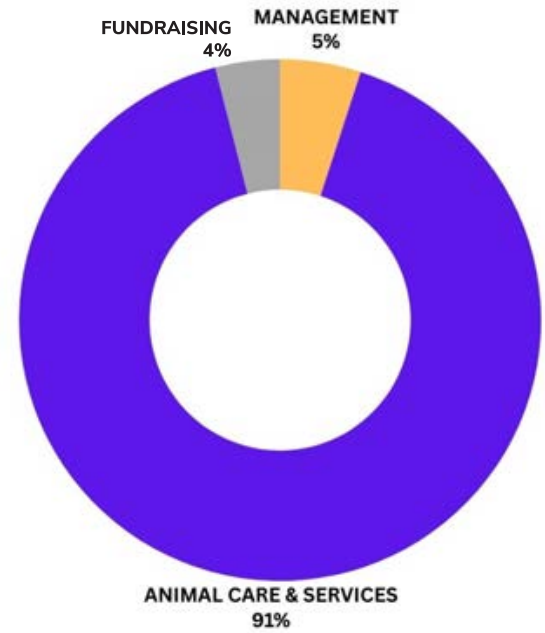
REVENUE

\$2,160,323



EXPENSES

\$1,562,210



91 cents
of every dollar
is spent on animal
care & services

(Unaudited financials. Expense does not show depreciation.)





WAHS LEADERSHIP

Kelly Proudfit, *Executive Director*
 Taylor Duda, *Director of Development*
 Rebecca Fortney, *Operations Manager*
 Tegan Fuller, DVM, *Veterinarian*
 Barb Lyle, *Medical Manager*
 Valerie Strong, *Shelter Manager*
 Joanne Werner, *Kennel Manager*
 Gretchen, Grasser, *Humane Police Officer*

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