



HUMANE SOCIETY
FOR HAMILTON COUNTY

**LOVE &
LET LIVE**



IMPACT

2022

REPORT

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that come this April, we will have been in our new home for two years. While our move into this beautiful facility is a dream come true, it has certainly come with both significant wins and challenges.

We struggled to find hourly staff to man our 365-day-a-year operation due to the unprecedented hourly wage war throughout the U.S. To remain competitive in the marketplace, we increased the wages of all hourly staff, resulting in an unplanned impact of \$250,000 to our 2022 operating budget. Like everyone else, inflation and the increase in gas prices impacted our operating expenses across the board. This left us forecasting a year-end deficit for the first time in over 15 years.

However, the most daunting and unexpected challenge we faced in 2022 was operating as a no-kill, open admission facility without a veterinarian for seven months. A national shortage of veterinarians made competing in the marketplace nearly impossible. As a result, we had to outsource spay/neuter services and life-saving emergency care, as well as specialty care, which compounded the anticipated deficit.

In July, we began seeing the number of primarily owner-surrendered dogs increase at an alarming rate. All animal intakes were increasing, and we soon found ourselves counting kennels every day to make sure we had room for the new day's intakes. We saw a disheartening increase in the number of senior pets being surrendered by their owners for "financial reasons," or, frankly, a lack of commitment. The number of hit-by-car cases seemed to double overnight, along with our Survivor Program expenses (the program that funds all life-saving medical care). At the start of the 4th quarter, the non-stop barrage of new arrivals had us housing animals in our offices and depending on foster homes for hundreds more.

Now here's where our daily mantra of doing 'whatever it takes' comes in.

While we spent much of 2022 catching curve balls like Border Collies, I am incredibly proud to share these incredible accomplishments:

- All three of our major fundraising events set records for both attendance and net dollars raised.
- We still saved the lives of 890 animals from outside of Hamilton County, many of whom were at-risk for euthanasia in other Indiana shelters.

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- We reunited 462 lost pets with their families.
- We nearly doubled our volunteer base.
- Our social media audience exploded, reaching over half a million followers across all platforms.
- We grew our Pets Healing Vets program, which now serves 42 Hoosier veterans suffering from PTSD/Traumatic Brain Injury.
- And last, but not least, we ended 2022 on the positive side of the ledger with enough left over to hire a full-time veterinarian who started in February 2023.

While the year ahead looks brighter, 2023 will require the same commitment from us all to ensure each animal has the chance to live, love, and be loved. We have to make sure that all those old souls filling our cages and kennels live their final days in comfort and their final day with dignity. Over 4,000 animals, including some of the hardest to save and place pets imaginable, will be counting on us again this year. We have the utmost faith you will be there to see us through.

With gratitude,



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OUR PURPOSE

Our Mission

HSHC's mission is saving lives, educating communities, and completing families. When it comes to saving lives, we take in over 4,000 animals annually including more than 500 at risk for euthanasia in other Indiana shelters.

Our community outreach programs connect children, seniors, Hoosier veterans, and more with the healing power of pets every day. Our youth education programs are planting the seeds of kindness, responsibility, and philanthropy in hundreds of children each year.



HSHC's advocacy for animals reaches far beyond Hamilton County as we have taken a leadership role in fighting breed discrimination and for better laws to protect animals. In collaboration with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, HSHC led the development of a best practice animal ordinance that defines adequate shelter and care and has been adopted by every city in Hamilton County.

The commitment to our mission doesn't stop with Hamilton County. We've always shared available resources to save as many out-of-county animals as possible.

**WE WON'T STOP UNTIL
ALL HOOSIER ANIMALS
HAVE A CHANCE TO LIVE,
LOVE, AND BE LOVED.**

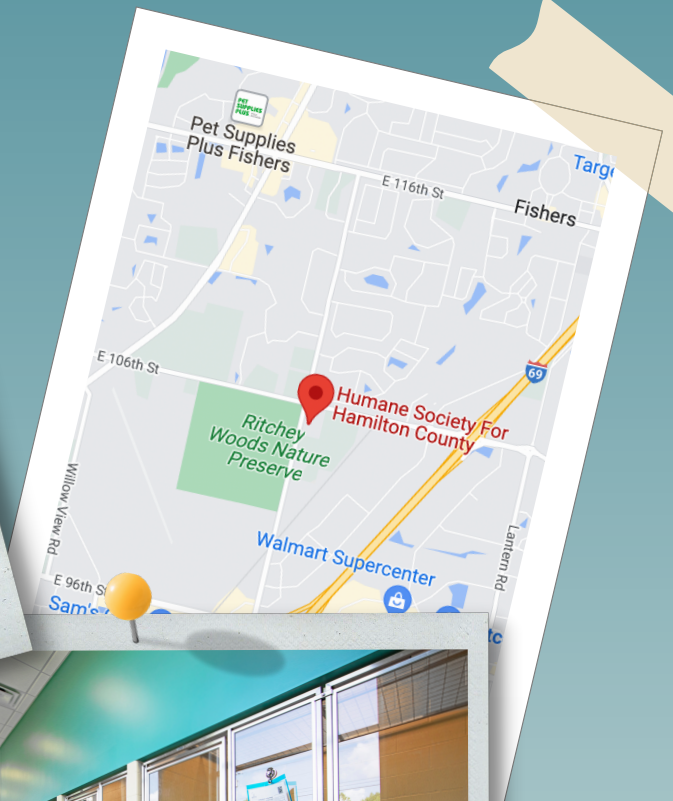




Our Philosophy

The philosophy on which the “No Kill” movement was founded defines truly no kill as saving 100% of the animals in your care who are treatable (medical) or rehabilitatable (behavior) – irrespective of age, breed, special medical needs, or disabilities.

HSHC embraces the truly no-kill philosophy, and we never stop working until we reached that goal. We are incredibly proud to share that we have consistently achieved a 98% or higher live placement rate since 2014.



ANIMALS RECEIVED & ADOPTIONS

4,398

TOTAL RECEIVED*

*17 additional animals came to HSHC representing seven different species.

1,855



2,543



In addition to the animals already in the care of HSHC at the end of the prior year, HSHC received:

2,284 STRAYS

Dogs, cats, and small animals

1,338 OWNER SURRENDERS

Dogs, cats, and small animals

890 TRANSFERS

From other Indiana shelters and/or non-Hamilton County residents

3,561 ANIMALS PLACED INTO LOVING HOMES

1,371

DOGS

2,190

CATS

*11 additional animals of other species found loving homes.

460 LOST PETS REUNITED

369

DOGS

91

CATS*

*2 additional animals of other species were returned home.

CANINES SPENT 151 DAYS

TRAINING ONE-ON-ONE WITH TRAINERS AT PAWS & PLAY, PETSUITES, BARKEFELLERS AND 4 PAWS LODGE



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FOSTERS, VOLUNTEERS, & RESCUE RELIEF

1,280 FOSTER
ANIMALS

354

DOGS

926

CATS



916

TOTAL
FOSTER FAMILIES

974

TOTAL
VOLUNTEERS



59,224

VOLUNTEER HOURS

60 TOTAL NUMBER OF
VOLUNTEER ROLES

848

SERVICE HOURS
DONATED BY
CORPORATE GROUPS



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PROGRAMS SPOTLIGHT

It costs approximately \$635 per month, per animal to provide basic care and shelter to more than 4,000 animals each year. The best way the public can support the growing cost of daily care is by becoming a Love & Let Live Supporter.

**LOVE &
LET LIVE**

\$103,598 RAISED
IN 2022



The Pets Healing Vets program pairs shelter dogs and cats with qualifying Hoosier veterans suffering from PTSD or traumatic brain injury at no cost to the veteran—for the life of the pet.

\$153,645 RAISED IN 2022

41 PETS PAIRED WITH 40 VETERANS

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**SURVIVOR
PROGRAM**

Each year, the Survivor Program raises funds for all life-saving medical care as well as the costs associated with rescuing hundreds of animals at-risk for euthanasia in surrounding shelters or animals taken in from out of county.

\$181,184 RAISED IN 2022

**2,706 ANIMAL LIVES
SAVED**

890 of which were from other Indiana shelters and/or outside of Hamilton County.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Pet Cremation

Pets are our family members, and their loss is indescribable. HSHC has partnered with Pet Angel Memorial Center in Greenwood to provide cremation services following the passing of a pet.

Pet Microchipping

The best way to ensure your pet makes it home safely is with a microchip. HSHC offers discounted pet microchipping, no appointment required.

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PET FAMILIES
SERVED



DONOR RECOGNITION

\$93,475 CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS

\$136,000 GRANTS

\$34,703 BEQUESTS

\$1,460,513 INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

\$936,697 FUNDRAISING EVENTS

\$347,153 IN-KIND DONATIONS



TOTAL:
\$3,008,540



FINANCIALS

TOTAL REVENUE

\$1,724,691 CONTRIBUTIONS & GRANTS

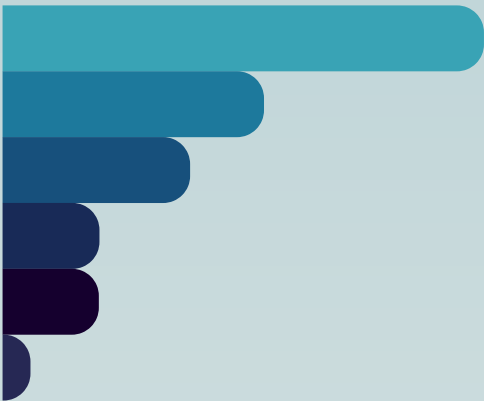
\$936,697 FUNDRAISING EVENTS

\$671,942 COUNTY CONTRACT FEES

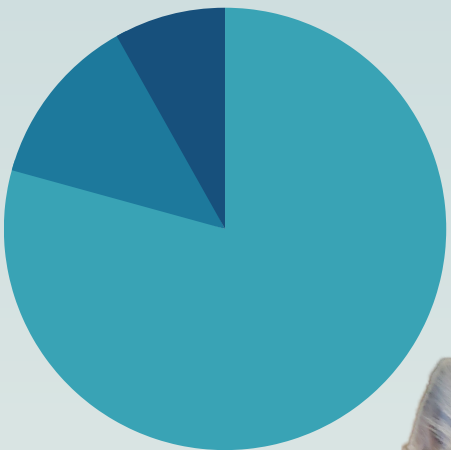
\$347,153 IN-KIND DONATIONS

\$344,936 PROGRAM REVENUE

\$24,782 OTHER INCOME



TOTAL EXPENSES



\$2,929,129 PROGRAM EXPENSES

\$464,767 FUNDRAISING

**\$301,070 MANAGEMENT
& GENERAL**





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