



2020 Annual Report

of Allen County SPCA & H.O.P.E. For Animals

A Bonded Pair



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**HUMANE SOCIETY
OF GREATER FORT WAYNE**

Our Mission

From adoption and pet retention programs, to spay/neuter and wellness services, to community outreach and education, we work tirelessly to prevent the incidence of euthanasia and to promote the happiness, safety and wellbeing of pets and the people who love them.

Together. For good.



Dear Friends,

Together. For good. That's how I describe the merger between the Allen County SPCA and H.O.P.E. for Animals. And, boy, has it been good! The decision to pursue a merger between two of Fort Wayne's most beloved animal welfare organizations was swift, but the process of methodically doing our due diligence was anything but. Thanks to generous support from the Foellinger Foundation, we engaged counsel from True North Advisors, and they, along with attorneys and accountants representing both organizations helped us realize what we already knew in our hearts was true: the Allen County SPCA and H.O.P.E. for Animals were a bonded pair and that together, we could do so much more for community animals in need.

But, of course, the merger wasn't the only challenge on our plates. There was the global pandemic to address. Both the clinic and the shelter had to navigate impacts to our programs and our funding. Each organization closed temporarily at the outset of the virus until we had a handle on how to safely open to the public while keeping our staff, volunteers, and animals healthy. Thanks to federal PPP loan funding along with emergency grants from the Foellinger Foundation and the ASPCA, as well as overwhelming generosity from our supporters, neither organization was forced to make any funding cuts. We worked lean, and as a result, on January 1, 2021, the full, legal merger of the Allen County SPCA and H.O.P.E. for Animals was effective.

Merging amid a pandemic was not easy, but important things so rarely are. I am in debt to the supportive boards from both organizations, especially one of the founders of H.O.P.E. for Animals, Melissa McKown, as well as the SPCA's board chair, Kathy Roudebush, for the countless hours they contributed to our successful merger.

In the world of animal welfare, a good match is always the ultimate goal. We know that we have made a wonderful match, and together, the future has never seemed better. Stay tuned in the months ahead for even more exciting news from the Allen County SPCA as we work ceaselessly to meet the needs of our community's homeless and at-risk pets...none of which we'll be able to accomplish without your past, present, and continued support. Thank you for all you do to help us help animals.

To the future!

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Jessica". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jessica J. Henry
Executive Director



Boldly moving forward

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Dear Friends,

As I composed last year's annual report, I remarked on the changes wrought by the COVID pandemic. Little did any of us know that a year later it would still be defining much of our day-to-day lives.

Throughout the year, we've moved boldly into our future, while adapting to an ever changing present. In July, we officially merged with H.O.P.E. for Animals. We are blessed to have formalized this relationship and I am very proud to blend our two missions into one dynamic, life changing organization. I thank our legacy H.O.P.E. and SPCA board members, passionate and talented staff members, dedicated volunteers, and committed donors who are with us on the journey of impacting the lives of our community's pets and the people who love them. I'm so proud of each of you!

Financially, we've emerged from 2020 in a wonderful place. Thanks to those who support us, as well as staff who've pinched pennies and done more with less, we ended our fiscal year in the black. Even in lean economic times, our incredible donors allowed us to stay mission driven. Corporate sponsors ensured Giving Tuesday was a grand success and, with the remarkable generosity of Fort Wayne Subaru's donation of a 2020 Outback which was the prize in our December raffle, we were able overcome all budget deficits from the loss of fall fund raising events.

I said this in 2020, but it bears repeating: as we move forward to the future, we can't know exactly what the world will present to us. But, we do know that each of our volunteers, donors, and staff are committed to our mission and vision and that everyone works creatively to be proactive and innovative as we move forward. Our shared vision, our dedication, and our adaptability allow us to serve our community, saving lives every day.

On behalf of the board of directors, I thank everyone who has contributed time and treasure to this past year. We're off to a fabulous start in 2021 and are honored to work alongside you all.

Fondly,

Kathy Roudebush
Board Chair

Faithful Friends Society

Caring for your pets as you Care for those we save

Our dogs, cats and other pets are so close to our hearts, it's difficult to think about the day when they'll no longer be with us. But what if something happens to us first, and we're not around to take care of them? When preparing your will or trust, what is the best way to plan for your pets' future after you're gone, and what should you include in your will?

One solution is to include us your will. Pet owners who have named HFW as a beneficiary in their estate planning receive the added security of our commitment to caring for their pets should the owner pre-decease a beloved cat or dog. We commit to doing our best to find a perfect home for your furry friend where they can spend the rest of their lives. When you make provisions for HFW in your will you become part of Faithful Friends.

Faithful Friends is a new recognition group of very special HFW donors. By putting HFW in their will, they assure the future our organization. Faithful Friends is our special way of recognizing those whose planned gifts enable a healthy financial future for our organization and the homeless pets in our care. These gifts are so special because they truly ensure the future of the HFW and thousands of animals in need. As stated above, all members have the added benefit of being able to count on HFW to care for any animals that survive beyond their passing. More information about our new recognition group will be available soon.

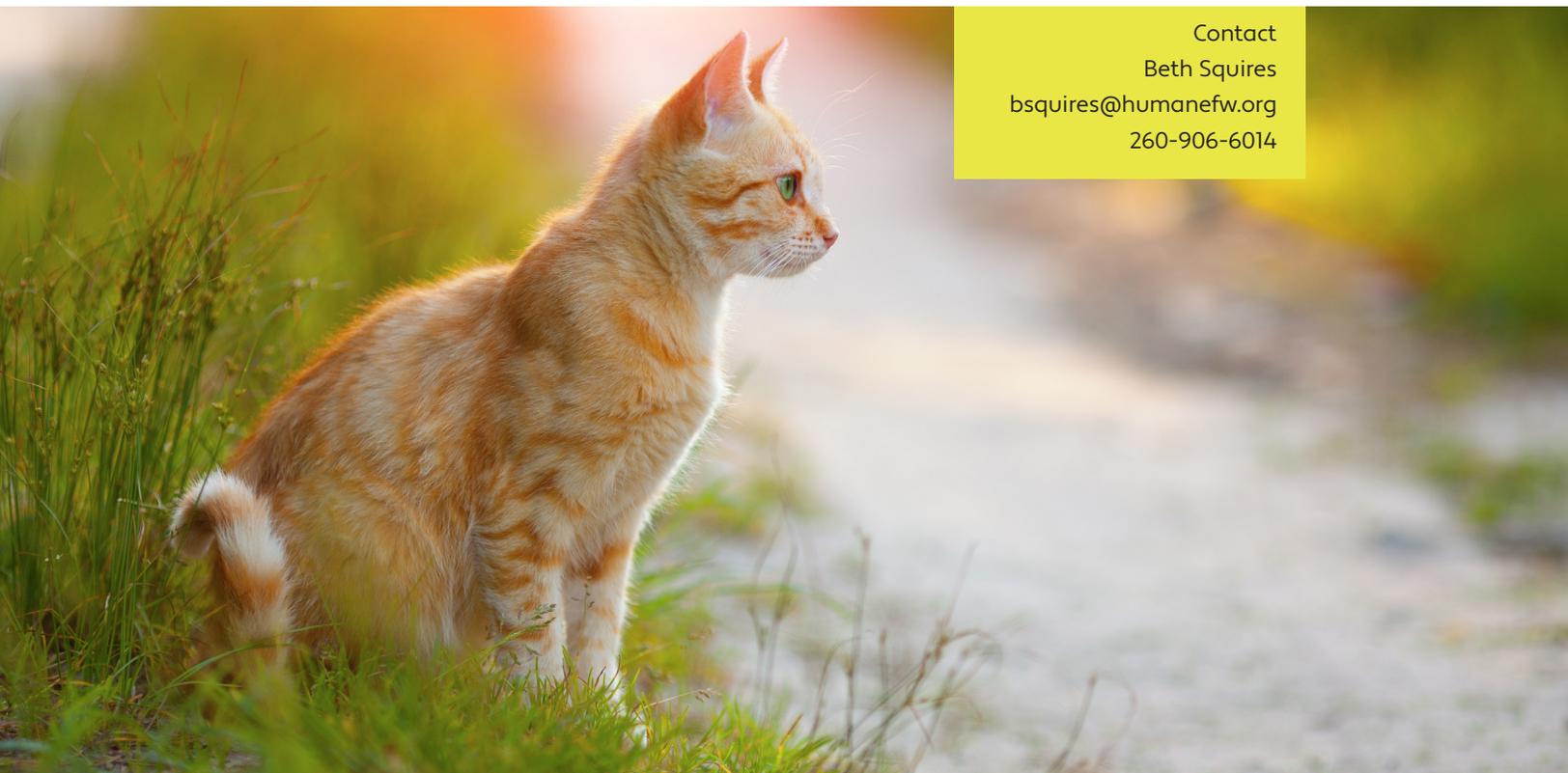
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Community Cats

Last year was the beginning of our Community Cat Caretaker Facebook Group. The purpose of this group is to unite Community Cat Caregivers. For those who take care of outdoor, un-owned, free-roaming cats, this is a platform in which you can share your questions, struggles and successes with one another day or night. We have reached 117 members so far! Many are asking great questions to make life better for the cats they look after. Members enthusiastically offer their support and share tips, tricks and accumulative wisdom with one another. Many cat caretakers express a feeling of isolation when it comes to caring for the cats. This group is proving that they are not alone. There are countless individuals doing what they can, big or small, to help secure a brighter future for cats in our community.

We also joined forces with our local pet stores (Pet Supplies Plus) to offer even more food for our community cat caretakers. This food helps cat caretakers to supplement the diet of outdoor cats – especially those struggling with the financial burden of feeding larger cat colonies. This is important because it also allows us to build relationships with the kindhearted men and woman who look after our local free-roaming cats. They not only feed the cats, but also help us in ensuring each cat is spayed/neutered through the Community Cat Program.



The principle mission of the community cat program is to end the breeding cycle for free-roaming cats in order to eliminate pet overpopulation. This not only saves the lives of feral cats, but also effectively creates additional room in our shelters for adoptable cats in need of good homes.

While this is our primary goal, we call on the citizens of Allen county to help us offer something more for these cats, lifesaving winter housing. Each October members of our community bundle up and join us for our Feline Fall Festival in celebration of Feral Cat Month. Last year, not even a global pandemic could keep these heroes from offering a helping hand in assembling 300 insulated community cat shelters. This was nothing short of a miracle considering the circumstances faced. Thanks to our noble volunteers and generous supporters, we've handed out almost 500 shelters to community cat caretakers and local business owners who want to support the mission. This nearly doubles the number from 2019! We aren't finished yet. With many cold nights ahead, we will continue to hand out shelters with the help of volunteers and those who make donations toward this cause.

We are incredibly fortunate to live in a community filled with helpers who are willing to step up to the challenges presented in order to save the lives of innocent animals!



We have distributed out nearly 500 Community Cat shelters this winter!



2020 Stats

1,141

Female community cats spayed

850

Male community cats neutered

1,991

Total spay/neutered community cats
(even with a 5 week mandated shutdown)

157

Vaccines & health exams for sick or injured
community cats

254

Cats assisted through our Financial
Assistance Program

Working Cats



109

Cats found employment at job sites in 2020

Some cats just don't want to live inside our homes. In partnership with Fort Wayne Animal Care & Control and H.O.P.E. for Animals, this program is designed to find homes for cats that have traditionally been deemed un-adoptable through our "normal" adoption procedures.

Supporting a working cat is the safest way to control the rodent population in your barn or business, and you'll enjoy watching the cats as well as have the satisfaction of giving them a much-needed home! Since beginning this program, more than 550 working cats have been saved.



Allen County SPCA Financials

Financial Position Allen County SPCA

December 31, 2020 (Unaudited)

Assets

Current Assets:

Checking/Savings	1,645,730
Accounts Receivable	24,454
Other Current Assets	6,656
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,676,841

Fixed Assets:

Furniture & Fixtures	10,152
Equipment	136,175
Buildings	186,354
Accumulated Depreciation	(268,827)
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 63,854

Other Assets

Investments	2,270,401
Accrued Interest	70
Total Other Assets	\$ 2,270,471

Total Assets \$ 4,011,165

Liabilities and Equity

Current Liabilities:

Accounts payable	9,172
Credit cards	(46)
Other Current liabilities	170,071
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 179,196

Net Assets:

Unrestricted fund balance	3,037,218
Board designated unrestricted	13,187
Temporarily restricted fund bal.	247,875
Net Income	533,688
Total Equity	\$ 3,831,969

Total Liabilities and Equity \$ 4,011,165



2020 Volunteers

172 = 8,290

volunteers total hours

Cash Flow

Allen County SPCA

Year Ended December 31, 2020 (Unaudited)

Income

Animal Fees	134,495
Donations	809,121
Grants	302,865
Membership dues	52,655
Special events	224,434
Miscellaneous	24,503
Total Income	\$ 1,402,673

Expenses

Personnel	896,783
Animal care & adoption	212,453
Building & utilities	30,608
Business & office	167,481
Fundraising/membership dev.	76,100
Special events	40,575
LoveSeat Campaign	10,000
Volunteer program	1,197
Pet Promise	20,257
Compassion foster	16,914
Total Expenses	\$ 1,472,368

Net Income

\$ (69,694)



98%
LIVE RELEASE
RATE

Shelter Stats

January 1 - December 31, 2020

Species By Age

Beginning Animal Count

Canine Feline Total

45 53 98

Live Intakes:

From the public	163	304	467
Transfers from Community/Coalition	479	789	1268
Transfers from other organizations	70	83	153
Total Live Intake	712	1176	1888

Outcomes:

Adoptions	701	1140	1841
Transferred to Coalition & other org.	1	5	6
Returned to owner	22	9	31
Euthanasia	3	12	15
Died in care	0	26	26
Total Outcomes	727	1192	1919

Ending Animal Count

30 37 67

H.O.P.E. For Animals Financials

Financial Position

H.O.P.E. For Animals

December 31, 2020 (Unaudited)

Assets

Current Assets:

Checking/Savings	891,946
Accounts Receivable	14,588
Other Current Assets	68,943
Total Current Assets	\$ 975,476

Fixed Assets:

Community Foundation Endow #2	11,429
Furniture & Equipment	162,333
Building	675,869
Land	131,262
GMC Van	5,000
Dodge Van	56,580
Accumulated Depreciation	(266,914)
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 775,560

Other Assets

Investments	500
Total Other Assets	\$ 500

Total Assets \$ 1,751,536

Liabilities and Equity

Current Liabilities:

Accounts payable	244
Other Current liabilities	21,340
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 21,584

Net Assets:

Board restricted funds	82
Net assets donor restricted	344,746
Unrestricted net assets	1,343,944
Net Income	41,180
Total Equity	\$ 1,729,953

Total Liabilities and Equity \$ 1,751,536

Cash Flow

H.O.P.E. For Animals

Year Ended December 31, 2020 (Unaudited)

Income

S/N Clinic	86,208
City Tag Admin	57
Wellness Clinic	33,044
Donations & Grants	17,737
Interest	6
Total Income	\$ 137,052

Expenses

COGS	2,002
Clinic Operations	129,063
Corporate expenses	1,142
Program expenses	123
Depreciation	41,849
Loss on fixed assets	933
Total Expenses	\$ 175,112

Net Income

\$ (38,060)



9,161

Spayed/neutered surgeries

2,172

Shelter pet surgeries

1,989

Community cat surgeries

6,879

Served in wellness clinic

574

Pet owners received financial assistance

592

Animals received transport service for S/N



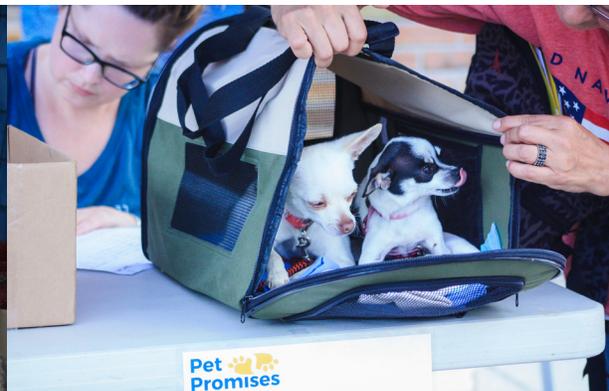
Pet Promises

Connecting at-risk pets and their owners to life-saving resources

Pets are more than animals; they're family. And sometimes, families endure hardships. That's why this program exists—to help you keep the promises you made to your pet.

How we help families keep their pet promises

- Food and supply giveaways held every Saturday
- Compassion Foster
- In-Home Services
- Access to low-cost spay/neuter for qualified individuals
- Quarterly Vaccine Clinics for area low-income residents



2020 Stats

347

Animals were spayed/neutered

63

Disabled/homebound pet owners served

48

Received veterinary assistance

114

Pets served at our vaccine clinic

232

Families (on average) were served weekly at our Pet Food bank



Canine and Feline Behavior Modification

Stronger commitment to the success of our dogs and cats



Feline Behavior

We are an approved Jackson Galaxy Cat Pawsitive Pro (CPP) shelter! That means we use a training approach that helps shy, scared, and overly exuberant cats in shelters become their most lovable selves in order to find forever homes.



Canine Behavior

2020 brought challenges to the shelter. We rely heavily on volunteer run programs to meet the needs of the dogs in our care. With limited volunteers, we had to come up with creative ideas to keep the dogs physically and mentally stimulated with a small staff.

We focused heavily on enrichment to keep dogs busy throughout the day. With limited appointments we saw our length of stay increase for many dogs, which caused an increase in behavior issues. Kennel staff was able to work with these dogs on problems ranging from over arousal, kennel reactivity, resource guarding, and leash walking issues.

As 2020 came to a close, we found that we had created programs that had been so successful we will continue using them moving forward. Detailed daily enrichment plans, behavior specific modification plans and offering free puppy classes for all adopted dogs 6 months and under have been very successful. With the changes we were forced to make in the past year, we feel like we were able to really streamline the way we care for the dogs on a daily basis and are excited about using the programs we created to improve the quality of care for every animal that comes to the shelter on its way to their new home.

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**Thank You
For Your Support!**

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