

Whitman County Humane Society
Annual Report 2020
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<p>Outcomes</p> <p>Adoptions: 816 adoptions (260 more than 2019) 145 adult cats, 48 kits (5-7mo), 459 kits (2-4mo), 58 adult dogs, 17 pups (5-7mo), 37 pups (2-4mo), 1 hamster, 2 parakeets, 1 guinea pig, 2 bearded dragons, 1 rabbit, 2 ferrets, 43 rats</p> <p>Died: 21 animals 19 neonatal kittens, 1 adult cat, 1 rat</p> <p>Euthanasia: 5 animals 2 dogs, 2 cats, 1 kitten</p> <p>Transfers (Out): 105 animals 102 rats, 2 goats, 1 feral cat</p> <p>RTOs (Return to Owners): 95 animals 85 dogs, 9 cats, 1 goat On average, animals who are returned to their owner stay in shelter for 0.5 days</p> <hr/> <p>Foster Program 395 animals were fostered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The majority of animals in foster care were kittens - 36.4% of animal intakes needed foster care - The main reason for fostering was need for growth as our vets currently ask for kittens to be 2lbs before spay/neuter. 	<p>Intakes</p> <p>Owner Surrenders: 378 animals 71 adult cats, 13 kits (5-7mo), 252 kits (2-4mo), 20 adult dogs, 4pups (5-7mo), 11 pups (2-4mo), 1 hamster, 1 rabbit, 1 guinea pig, 2 ferrets, 2 pygmy goats</p> <p>Seized: 149 animals 123 rats, 16 kittens (2-4mo), 10 adult cats</p> <p>Transfers (In): 176 animals 1 rat, 28 adult cats, 10 kits (5-7mo), 84 kits (2-4mo), 20 adult dogs, 3 pups (5-7mo), 30 pups (2-4mo)</p> <p>Returns: 16 animals 12 dogs/puppies, 4 cats/kittens</p> <p>Strays: 338 animals 94 dogs, 4 pups (5-7mo), 7 pups (4mo-), 41 cats, 5 kits (5-7mo), 133 kits (4mo-), 1 goat, 1 ferret, 2 parakeets, 48 rats, 2 bearded dragons</p> <p>Animals Impounded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pullman ACO: 93 animals Pullman PD: 17 animals WSU Police: 1 animal Palouse PD: 1 animal Uniontown PD: 2 animals Orofino PD: 3 animals
<p>Clinic</p> <p>SNAP Vouchers: 127 TNR: 56 cats reported Microchip to Public: 25 Food Bank Sign Ups: 72</p>	<p>Volunteers</p> <p>Onsite Volunteer Hours: 2,171.5 hours (30% decrease from 2019 due to COVID-19)</p>
<p>Shelter Stats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Animals are in WCHS' care for an avg of 22 days, this includes neonates and critical care cases - We completed 1,083 intakes in 2020 - We performed 1,042 outcomes (excluding microchips) with a live release rate of 97.5% - 79.9% of adoptions performed were cats/kittens, 13.7% of adoptions were dogs/puppies, and 6.4% were exotic pets. 	<p>Special Situations/Stats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We received animals from 8 known hoarding/overpopulation cases. - Less than 1% of cat/kitten adoptions were returned to WCHS while 10.7% of dog/puppy adoptions were returned. - 80% of stray dogs/puppies were RTO. 22% of adult stray cats were RTO. No kittens were RTO. - 77.7% of RTO cats were microchipped - 39% of adopted dogs/puppies were transfers - 76.9% of deaths were neonatal/orphaned kittens - We received at least 12% of our intakes due to owners being hospitalized, incarcerated, or dying - 5 off-site staff rescues (over 50 animals!) - We cared for 7 FeLV+ cats and 9 FIV+ cats
<p>Special Funds</p> <p>5 animals helped via Hope Fund 2 animals helped via Dental Fund 183 animals helped via the SNAP/TNR Fund 7 cats were helped via funds raised for Fire Victims</p>	

Year in Review:

We had a VERY busy year, the busiest year yet in the history of our organization! This was all done with drastically reduced volunteer hours and a staff of 6 people. We built relationships with nearby shelters, forming transfer partnerships leading to more transferring of animals both in and out of our shelter. We've seen a decrease in owner surrenders and returned adoptions, but an increase in stray animals when comparing this year to last. We have built our foster programs and gained some very valuable and eager new fosters. We have also increased our social media following and support by almost 1k likes/followers over the past year.

We have responded to the cries of the community members several times in the interest of saving animals. From hoarding and overpopulation cases to fire relief, we've used our staff's time and skills to save more lives than ever before. Even with the increase in intakes and outcomes, we have maintained a high live release rate (with only a -0.4% difference from the previous year.) Taking into account all of the critical medical cases we took on this year, these numbers are quite impressive!

We have some big goals for 2021!

We have a meeting on 1/14/2021 to present the changes in Pullman's Animal Ordinances to the Senior ACO and Police Chief. It is abundantly clear that we primarily serve cats/kittens as that is the majority of the animal population in our area. Based on trends we have seen, research done by others, and the data above, will be recommending changes in the animal ordinances that will allow people to own more cats, but enforce spay/neuter and/or permanent identification (such as microchipping or ear tipping) for owned cats in Pullman, allowing ACOs to bring unaltered, unidentified cats to our shelter for adoption or TNR. Our hope is to create more homes for the never-ending cat population in our area as well as decrease the number of unaltered cats in Pullman, hopefully decreasing the number of kittens we intake each year as well as the number of strays in Pullman as a whole. We want to encourage licensing and microchipping because we know that licensed and microchipped pets go home instead of coming to or staying in the shelter!

We are looking forward to implementing changes based on the guidance received through the Shelter Fellowship Program. We already have adopted a more open adoption process and are excited to see how that changes our numbers and experiences going forward! We are already seeing some of the time saved from the change in our landlord approval process and can put that to even better use and save more lives. We are hoping to use more of Petpoint's features to track foster care and continue building our foster programs and resources for foster parents.