



**HUMANE  
SOCIETY**  
*of Washington County*

# 2020 Annual Report



## A Year of Surprises

The year 2020 was like no other. Seemingly overnight, COVID-19 changed the world—and HSWC—as we knew it. Between stay-at-home orders and a statewide mandate prohibiting elective spay-neuter procedures, HSWC's time-tested approach for preparing animals for adoption and placing them into loving homes was abruptly halted.

That's when we learned to adapt in unprecedented ways so that we could continue to fulfill our commitment to the animals and people of Washington County.

Onsite staffing was staggered to help ensure that if the shelter was impacted by a COVID-19 case, there would still be unexposed staff available to care for the animals. We also shifted to take on the additional work that our valuable volunteers could no longer help us do. As local pet owners struggled amidst the pandemic, HSWC doubled up our efforts to secure pet food to support hundreds of Washington County families in need. We implemented Remote Adoptions to find animals loving homes through a new virtual process. And as soon as the elective surgery ban was lifted, HSWC's Veterinary Team not only accelerated shelter animal procedures – they also TNR'd (Trap-Neuter-Release) a record-breaking number of community cats by the year's end.

Despite the unforeseen challenges, HSWC had an astoundingly successful 2020 – and we owe that to our steadfast supporters like you. We hope you enjoy this review of your incredible impact.

**4,228**

## **ANIMAL INTAKE**

- 77% Cats
- 20% Dogs
- 3% Other

**83%**

## **LIVE RELEASE RATE**

**1,018**

## **ANIMALS CARED FOR IN FOSTER CARE**



## **HSWC'S VETERINARY CENTER**

performed 2,566 life-saving surgical procedures.

### ***How did we help?***

We spayed and neutered 1,729 shelter animals, Trap-Neuter-Released (TNR) 600 community cats, and performed 237 life-improving procedures, including mass removals, amputations, enucleations, and dental extractions.

In addition, HSWC's Veterinary Team provided rabies vaccinations and low cost preventative veterinary care to 577 community-owned animals through our Wellness and Community Rabies Clinics between June and December 2020.



We TNR'd 600 community cats in 2020,  
preventing the unwanted birth  
of an estimated 2,480 kittens this year alone.

## FIELD SERVICES

Investigations of Cruelty or Neglect: **780**

Field Services Calls for Service: **1,789**

Criminal Charges Filed: **43**

Law Enforcement Requests for Assistance: **103**

After-Hours Emergency Responses: **164**



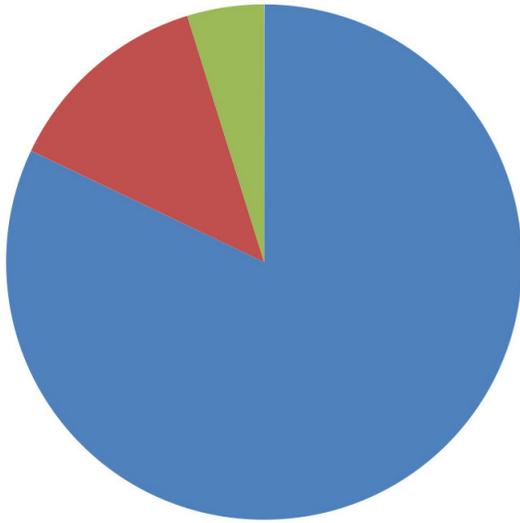
**338** LOST PETS WERE  
REUNITED WITH THEIR  
FAMILIES

**25,799** POUNDS OF  
PET FOOD WERE  
DISTRIBUTED TO  
FAMILIES IN NEED



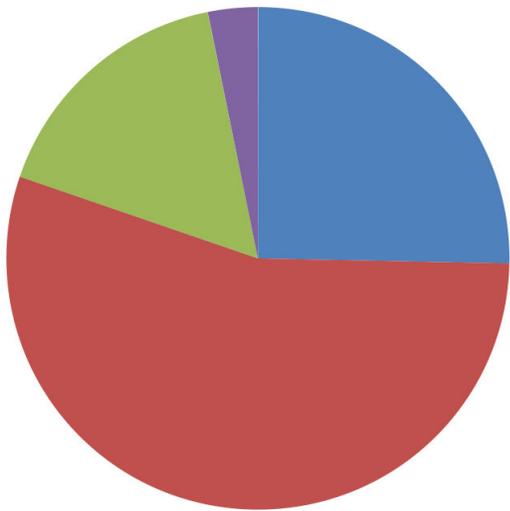
# Fiscal Year 2019-2020

## \$2,484,550 Budget



### Total Expenses

- Program Services 82%
- Administration 13%
- Fundraising 5%



### Total Revenue

- Contributions, Grants & Events 25%
- County Contract for Animal Care & Control 55%
- Programs & Services 17%
- Other 3%

For shelter leadership, Board of Directors, full audited financial statements, and 990s, please visit [www.hswcmd.org/about](http://www.hswcmd.org/about)

## HSWC'S MISSION

The Humane Society of Washington County exists to promote the welfare of companion and domestic animals through educational programs and initiatives that reduce pet overpopulation, endorse fostering, enrich adoptions, and encourage responsible pet guardianship.