



PAWGRESS REPORT

Humane Society of
Whitley County
Newsletter

2020 AT A GLANCE



Note from Executive Director

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It's always so exciting to share year end numbers, especially when they are so good. 2020 threw a wrench to everyone, including us, but we adjusted and are very proud of the 'new normal' we came up with to continue to help the animals in need.

Managed intakes and appointment only adoptions helped us maneuver through 2020 a little smoother. A tough year for everyone, our community, supporters, followers and volunteers continued to be there for us in times of need. Donations and support came pouring in when we seized 66 dogs in February. Funds raised in no time for animals in need of specific vet care. Contributions matched in record time on Giving Tuesday in December. And money for a new furnace to be installed happened in a flash.

Without our amazing supporters, we wouldn't be where we are today; helping thousands of animals that come through our door, get a second chance!

Our Mission

To assure sanctuary for homeless animals and encourage responsible pet ownership.

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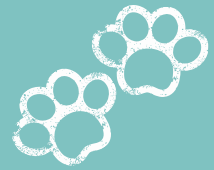
2020: A Record Breaking Year

This was a different kind of year for us all, but we adjusted our protocols to ensure everyone's health and safety. We kept the animals as our top priority and although it was a big shift in routine, we still ended the year with record breaking numbers.

- 218 Whitley County adoptions (36% of adoptions)
- 263 neighboring county adoptions - Allen, Huntington, Kosciusko, Noble (43% of adoptions)
- 26 out of state adoptions spanning 9 states
- Adoptions from 52 Indiana cities outside of Whitley County
- Found forever homes for 7 guinea pigs, 1 rabbit
- Transferred 1 pot belly pig to a rescue organization



Average Length of Stay



• 31.1 days for cats

decreased 23.2 days in 2 years

• Dogs - 14.9 days

decreased 2.1 days in 2 years



Adoptions

CATS

- 408 cats adopted
- 413 cats spayed & neutered
- 11 cats returned to owners
- 27 cats returned to the community (after spay/neuter)
- 40 cats transferred to 4 organizations to find their forever homes

Out of State Adoptions

- Illinois
- Michigan
- Missouri
- New York
- Ohio
- Washington
- Wisconsin

Adoptions

**DOGS**

- 184 dogs adopted
- 95 dogs spayed & neutered
- 89 dogs returned to owners
- 43 dogs transferred to rescues to find forever homes
- 50 dogs accepted from other organizations to find forever homes

Out of State Adoptions

- Florida
- Ohio
- Illinois
- Pennsylvania
- Michigan

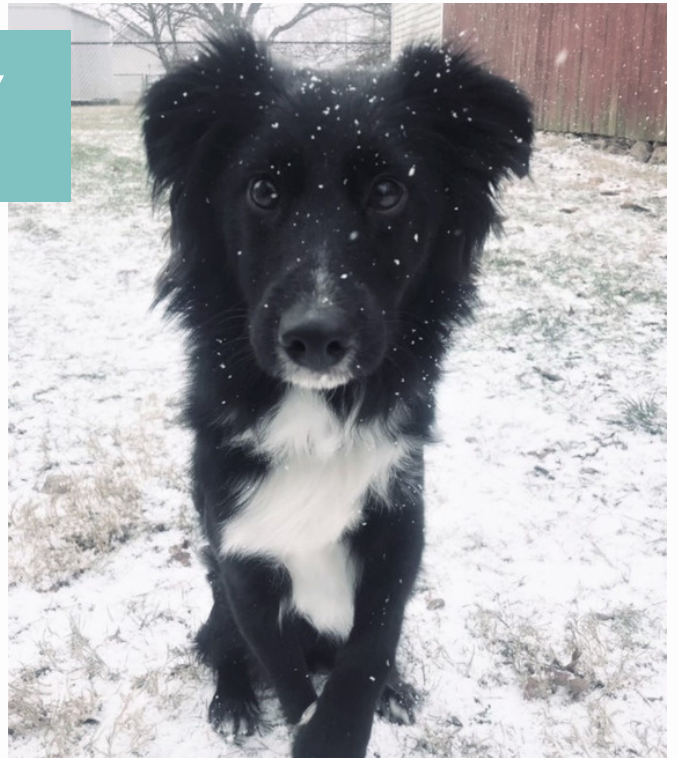
Impressive Stats

- Adopted 609 animals in 2020
- Returned 127 animals back to owners
- Spayed and neutered 508 dogs and cats in 2020
- Spayed and neutered 1181 cats and 305 dogs in the last three years



"We remind him everyday how loved he truly is!"

Tucker boy was adopted 2/28/2020 and loves his new home. He loves to chew on elk antlers, play with his cat sister Olive, and being outside. Mom is his person and he follows her everywhere she allows. His new found love of the snow is so fun, too! We are so grateful to HSWC for getting him and the other 65 animals out of the terrible situation they were in and we are sure to remind him everyday how loved he truly is!



Thank You COVID-19

We used our time during the COVID-19 shutdown to complete some much needed tasks, such as repainting much of the shelter, revamping our cat rooms, updating our microchip log and organizing our files. We were also able to implement a daily enrichment schedule for all of our animals.

Largest Hoarding Case in Shelter History

This year we rescued and rehabilitated 66 dogs and 1 cat from the largest hoarding case in shelter history. Thank you to EVERYONE for the tremendous outpouring of support throughout the entire year!

