

Wood County Humane Society



Annual Report 2023 Calendar Year

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, WE...

- restructured the organizational chart by creating two new leadership positions
- held an adoption event with the Wood County Dog Shelter resulting in five adoptions and \$250 raised
- welcomed four animal care team members, a Volunteer Coordinator, and a new Humane Agent in training
- started a foster finder program to help find placement for stray cats and kittens we cannot appropriately or safely house in the shelter but are able to help care for through adoption prep; this program allowed us to take 31 cats and kittens into our care, but not into shelter during the panleukopenia outbreak
- had a foster dog get away from their foster resulting in him being on the run for just shy of two weeks; thanks to the incredible diligence of his foster and the support of the community, he was safely found and has since been adopted
- ◆ adopted together (by their post-panleukopenia quarantine foster) a nursing mother and week-old kitten who survived panleukopenia exposure (Cora and Tesha, meaning heart and strength)
- ◆ Balsa was adopted after being in our care for over a year and a couple of failed adoptions; she arrived 2/8/22 and was officially adopted 5/14/23.
- ◆ Ernest was adopted. He had extreme separation anxiety resulting in highly destructive behaviors (did \$3000 worth of damage in a home in under 30 minutes). Ernest arrived 2/8/23 and was adopted 7/10/23.

We saved
537
animals

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381

	2021	2022	2023	% of Change (2022-2023)
Cats Received	435	526	381	-27.6%
Cats Adopted	399	412	308	-25.2%
Avg. Length of Stay (days) (Cats)	11	11	10	-9.1%
Avg. Length of Stay (days) (Kittens)	8	7	9	28.6%
Dogs Received	260	171	155	-9.4%
Dogs Adopted	248	173	155	-9.4%
Avg. Length of Stay (days) (Dogs)	9	15	11	-26.7%
Avg. Length of Stay (days) (Puppies)	8	7	5	-28.6%

The Building and Grounds Committee in 2023 was primarily invested in upgrading interior business systems for the shelter operations and a few other items. Upgrades and other projects included:

- A new phone system and internet provider were purchased and installed
- A new server, two new desktops, and three new laptops were purchased and installed
- The Habitec security system module was upgraded
- The Rinnai instant hot water heater was replaced
- All HVAC equipment (and the Rinnai HW heater) now have an annual preventative maintenance contract
- Interior drain lines were cleaned and the contaminant separation basin was pumped out
- The huge tree in the west kennel was significantly trimmed in the hopes of it surviving another five years or so. We lost two blue spruce pines to a wind storm and had other dead trees and shrubs removed.

Potential significant projects for next year include a new roof for the shelter as well as cleaning and resealing the exterior walls. These would be considered ongoing maintenance items for the existing building.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Aleksander, Treasurer

The Wood County Humane Society remained fiscally sound throughout 2023. The monthly net income and expenses in the operating budget were subject to a variety of factors that resulted in significant fluctuation throughout the year. It appears that the 2023 operating budget will end up with a middling negative balance for the year. (Final figures were not available at the time this report was written.) Even with this being the case, the finances of the organization are healthy and new initiatives are being instituted to improve the operating budget for the coming year. Some notes of interest for 2023:

- WCHS received certifications that we are PCI/DSS (Payment Card Industry/Data Security Standard) compliant from two companies that process the use of credit cards in our operations.
- WCHS was chosen for a random audit by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation in May of this year. At the conclusion of the audit, there were no recommendations for any changes to be made. (We passed!)
- The Ohio Bureau of Taxation handed down their Final Determination pertaining to WCHS paying property taxes on the five acres of land we own and on which we allow farming to take place. It was ruled that we must pay property taxes on this land. We can resubmit for tax exempt status as a non-profit once we can provide the State with a site plan showing our proposed use of the property along with a timeline for fundraising for the project.
- WCHS updated insurance policies for the organization. We were advised that drivers under our auto policy need to be aware that in the State of Ohio, use of a cell phone while driving or driving 20 mph over the speed limit are now considered major violations and can cause the immediate cancellation of our insurance.
- Older financial documents from (many) past years were sorted and purged. They are now cached sequentially in the outside storage container.
- We continued efforts to streamline the accounts payable process to ensure efficient payment of invoices, provide up-to-date information and reduce risks of fraud.
- Training the Director of Business Administration in all facets of financial responsibilities with regards to the operations of WCHS began.
- It was recommended the 2023 Operating Budget be rolled over for 2024 until a new operating budget can be developed by appropriate Board and Staff personnel.
- The WCHS 2022 Non-Profit 990 tax documents and forms were filed with the appropriate Federal and State agencies prior to the extended November 2023 filing deadline.

HUMANE AGENT REPORT

Our HA investigates alleged animal cruelty or neglect throughout Wood County.

Investigations by the Humane Agent in 2023 included: four resulting in education or/and surrender assistance; two large cat colonies, both of which resulted in waitlist placement and education; two overcrowding situations with insufficient resources for dogs, one resulting in education and one resulting in partial surrender, education, and ultimately surrender of the remaining pets. Housing assistance with local law enforcement in 2023 included: three pets from a home in Perrysburg due to a suspected abandonment which resulted in an overnight stay at WCHS (owners made contact and picked up within 24 hours); two pets from a home in Bowling Green due to neglect, both resulting in humane euthanasia due to condition/behavior; one pet from a home in Grand Rapids due to suspected abandonment with eviction, resulting in owner being present and evacuating the premises with pet; and one pet from a home in Cygnet due to neglect, resulting in charges from the state and custody to WCHS.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The support of volunteers, donors, friends, and advocates makes our work possible.

Special Thanks

MICHAEL JAGER who donated an incubator

TABBY & FIDO'S CAT LOUNGE for housing WCHS cats and increasing our visibility

PHYLLIS CHANEY for housing and fostering some of our special cats and kittens, always eagerly showing up within the day

ITAWI FAMILY who started fostering an FeLV+ cat for a weekend in November and has now had them for almost two months as a foster

ANIMAL HOSPITAL AT WEST RIDGE for accepting us as a client given all the unique scenarios we bring in, as well as for prioritizing the pet's stress and comfort

MIDWAY ANIMAL HOSPITAL for accepting us as a client and almost always having an available appointment

TOLEDO HUMANE SOCIETY for being an integral part of Tristan's care through repeated x-rays and antibiotics

BARKNATION for Kongsgiving, which provided Kongs and treats for the dogs

KATHY OF SAINTS ELSEWHERE PET RESCUE who groomed Bear and Heaven

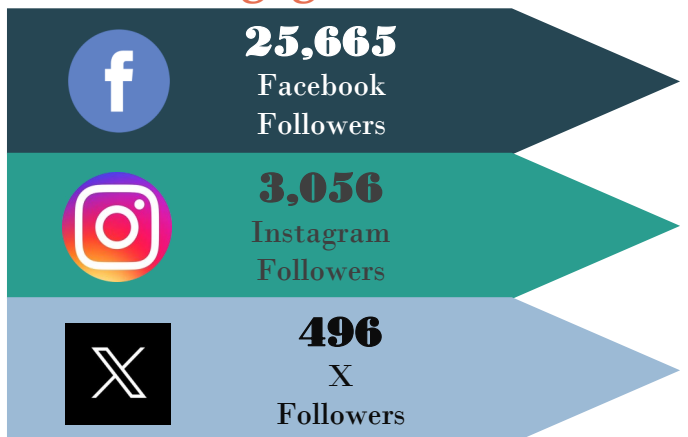
WOOD COUNTY JR. FAIR BOARD ROYALTY for donating their time to help with the animals and miscellaneous tasks in shelter

LOGAN UDOWSKI for fostering Tristan since September; Tristan has by no means been an easy foster, but Logan is incredible at navigating his appointments, energy level, activity restrictions, and working manners. Most appointments Logan and his partner will bring donations of cat scratchers, bleach, degreaser, and any other items urgently needed.

Volunteers Who Logged 50 or More Hours in 2023

Emily Adams-Swain	Elizabeth Gordon
John Aleksander	Alena Olang
Nikki Badman	Michelle Swain
Katie Byers	Liesel Traister
Heath A. Diehl	
Cathy Goddu	

Online Engagement



FINANCIALS

INCOME

Donations/Fundraising	\$181,106.86
Trust Funds	\$19,469.13
Services	\$100,686.42
TOTAL INCOME	\$301,262.41

EXPENSES

Building & Grounds, Utilities	\$27,733.85
Insurance, Licenses, & Taxes	\$13,064.77
Events, Equipment, Vehicles/Travel	\$12,669.83
Administration/Office/Contractors	\$18,835.32
Payroll	\$224,525.28
Medical Expenses	\$57,868.99
Animal Expenses	\$6,359.53
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$361,057.57



Wood County Humane Society exists to be a community leader, providing services and resources that enrich the relationship between animals and humans through advocacy, education and animal welfare.

SHELTER STAFF

- Megann Smith, Director of Shelter Operations
- Renee Scaletta, Assistant Manager
- Lindsay Crites, Humane Agent
- Crystal Cook, Registered Veterinary Technician
- Sophie Fisher, Volunteer Coordinator
- Tiffani Gill-Carew, Director of Business Operations
- Josh Bennett, Animal Care Team
- Jesse Oestreich, Animal Care Team
- Lichen Sherer, Animal Care Team
- Braden Smith, Animal Care Team
- Kelly Wolbert, Animal Care Team

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Dr. Heath A Diehl, President
- Elizabeth Gordon, Vice President
- John Aleksander, Treasurer
- Nikki Badman, Secretary
- Michael Bailey, Board Member

