

HUMANE SOCIETY WATERVILLE AREA



THIS YEAR IN REVIEW

- 357 animals were cared for in foster
- 575 spay/neuter surgeries completed
- 3,037 vaccines administered
- 130 pets returned to their owners



**879 animals
adopted out
this year!**

Fostering Loving Homes for Pets

"I love cats and want them to have the best start looking for their forever home. It is still hard to give them up but I know I was the bridge to their forever."-Anonymous Foster



Fosters are an integral part of the work that we do here at the Humane Society of Waterville area. From pregnant cats and nursing kittens to under-socialized dogs, fosters provide a home away from the shelter to grow and thrive. This quarter we really wanted to show our appreciation for all of our fosters and the amazing work that they do for us.



If you or someone you know is interested in fostering, you can apply to be a foster at hswa.org/foster-program today!



"I loved the animals of course. But I also loved feeling involved in something. Being someone who was relied on for help in difficult cases, sharing pictures and progress updates with the group, seeing all the different advice people would share."- Anonymous Foster

Employee of the Month

Susan Robbins - October

As one of our longest term employees, Susan joined the team four years ago as a feline technician. With her recent switch to canine technician, she has found her stride as a caretaker and lover of dogs. She brings a positive energy and light to the shelter, and is always willing to help out where needed. Susan currently lives in Fairfield with her husband, daughter, and her fur babies.



Ian Lemieux - November

Ian was a volunteer with us before he joined the team in April of this year. He quickly became one of our most skilled feline technicians, and a great asset to the overall team. Ian works hard everyday to provide love and care to all of our cats and kittens here in the shelter. He currently lives in Winslow with his father and his three cats, Milo, Special Eddie, and Vinny.



Kaylyn Caron - December

Our most recent addition to the feline team, Kaylyn joined us in October of this year. She jumped right into her position here at the shelter and came to be on the committee of The Festival of Lights. Kaylyn is kind and compassionate, and gives each task the attention to detail it deserves. She adopted two kittens from the shelter after working closely with them everyday. Kaylyn lives in South China with her husband, two dogs: Sweetie and Zoey, and her two cats: Brae and Cleo.



HSWA

EVENTS



SECOND ANNUAL

TRUNK OR TREAT

What a treat it was! With just over 2,500 people in attendance on Sunday, Oct 30th 2022 from 2-5pm.



This event featured several field games, 20+ Trunks, craft vendors, 50/50 Raffle, Costume Contest, and a handful of food trucks. This turned into a Spooktacular evening for all! HSWA is so appreciative that Winslow High School wanted to host the location of this event!

HOLIDAY FOSTERING EVENTS

Everyone should have a home for the holidays! Our shelter animals included! We started a new program to encourage folks to open up their homes for Thanksgiving and Christmas Weekend to give our shelter animals a warm and cozy place to be this season! It's always insightful to get feedback about how the animals act around different elements, or what life is like outside of a kennel for them. More information means a better adoption placement! Fortunately, some even ended up adopting their fosters! What a merry end to this holiday story!



PHOTOS WITH SANTA

Santa came to HSWA for one full weekend to meet all of the local boys and girls, cats and dogs... and even, a guinea pig! It was so much fun seeing some of our HSWA alumni as well, featured in this photo is one of our Pyranees puppies that HSWA found homes for during the summertime. Can you believe he's just a puppy?!

The community was so generous, and left us a lot of donations for our shelter animals! Santa let us keep it all!

GIVING TUESDAY

We hope you tuned into our Facebook page for the month of November! We posted several informational videos featuring tough cases with animals and how our shelter has rallied around them! We were able to raise \$1,220!



GIVING



TUESDAY



Pictured below: Tammy Guertin,
Feline Manager



Pictured below: feral cats loaded up to be released; makeshift homes filled with straw on each side



Trap, Neuter, Release

This spring our organization worked with local veterinary clinics for our first successful trap, neuter, and release (TNR) program. One of our community members was able to capture six cats from the Winslow area to be spay or neutered, vaccinated, and released back into the area that is familiar to them. These cats are considered feral meaning they are accustomed to living outside without human contact and are better off being released. Feline manager, Tammy Guertin, was able to build mini homes for them filled with straw that will keep them warm during the winter months.

"TNR is important because it helps stabilize the colony size, makes the colony healthier through vaccines, and reduces the amount of feral cats by stopping the breeding cycle." -Tammy Guertin

Doggy Day Trips

Shelter life can be stressful on a dog, and can sometimes leave them feeling depressed. It's important to have days away from the shelter where our dogs can decompress and enjoy themselves. Our Doggy Day Trip program is perfect for just that. Members of our community are able to spend the day with a dog going for a hike, a drive, running errands, or just going to the park. These simple trips can make all the difference in a dog's mental wellbeing. If you or anyone you know is interested in being a part of our Doggy Day Trip program you can apply on our website at <https://hswa.org/doggy-day-trip-slumber-pups-application>



Pictured above: Momma, a long-term dog who was surrendered to us, going on a day trip with volunteer and board member, Mark Chapman

Pet Food Pantry

With the help of our incredible community we are able to offer dog food and cat food to those in our surrounding towns who are in need. Donations of pet food and supplies that we can't use here at the shelter are set aside for community members who may be financially struggling or just need a little bit of help.



and now for our favorite part... **ADOPTIONS!**

