



2018 GRATITUDE REPORT

FORT WAYNE ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL

Helping People. Helping Animals.



Letter from the Director



2018 marked the 20-year anniversary of us being in the building. As we continue to progress and develop more lifesaving opportunities for animals in our care, we have found we need more space. Having a full-time veterinarian and full-time veterinarian assistant showed us our existing surgical suite could not efficiently handle the volume of animals they see on a daily basis.

With the help of several departments, our staff, volunteers, and citizens, we were able to convince City Council to support funding half of the project costs using funds available in the 2018 budget. Thanks to the support of various donors and businesses, we are well on our way to raising the remaining half of the project fees. We are anxiously awaiting the completion of the project which is set to be finished by the end of April of 2019.

Several of our staff and volunteers were awarded an amazing opportunity to attend a training led by Dogs Playing for Life. This group provided our attendees with the tools to effectively run daily play groups in our outdoor Pooch Playground. The goal is to learn more about each dog we evaluate for our adoption program in a safe yet fun environment.

Our Humane Education Department put on not one but three summer day camps for kids ages 6 to 12 years old. We had over 50 children attend the camps. Each camper began their journey to learning how to be responsible pet guardians through fun, interactive games and activities. By the end of each day the smiles on the faces of both the animals and children was unforgettable!

Soon we will be providing much needed animal control services to the City of New Haven. We will continue to encourage responsible pet ownership through education and if necessary enforcement. We are and will always be the voice for animals in need.



Gracie



Making improvements for our community

Our cover dog, Gracie was just one of the over 140 animals saved by our Angel Fund.

Having our full time veterinarian on staff allows us to treat more animals than ever before. They would not have any options if it were not for the opportunities provided by these donor dollars. Thank you for your continued support of this fund and our Paws for Progress triage remodel campaign!

Learn more about the Angel Fund at

fwacc.org



**1,033 COMMUNITY CATS WERE
SAVED**

**2,576
SURGERIES
WERE
PERFORMED IN
HOUSE.**

Most surgeries were spays and neuters but our vet also performed amputations, eye surgeries, and much more in house. For the first time this year we were able to treat dogs who tested positive for Parvo Virus.



As an open admission shelter we never turn animals away. We accept all animals including those with severe behavioral and medical issues. The steady decline in our animal intake is directly related to the hard work that happens at Hope For Animals, our area's low cost spay/ neuter clinic. .

DOGS, CATS, SMALL ANIMALS TAKEN IN:

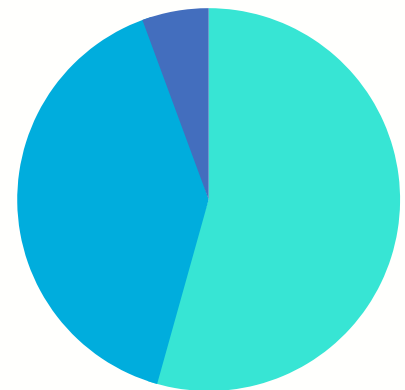
10,558

AN AVERAGE OF 29/DAY

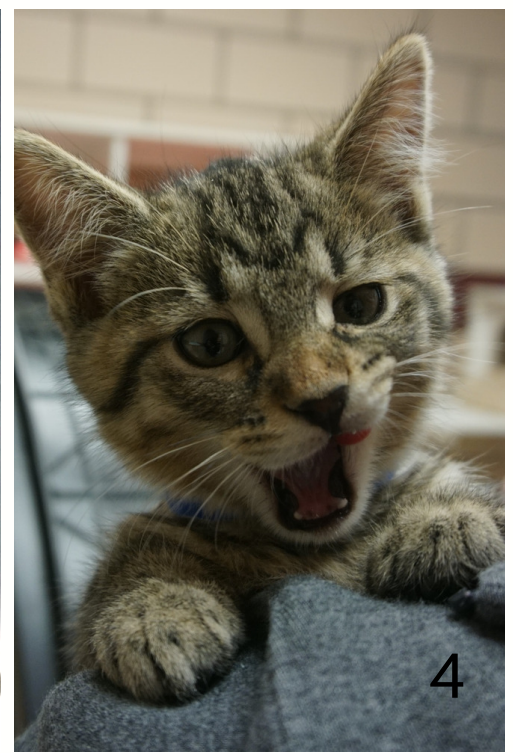
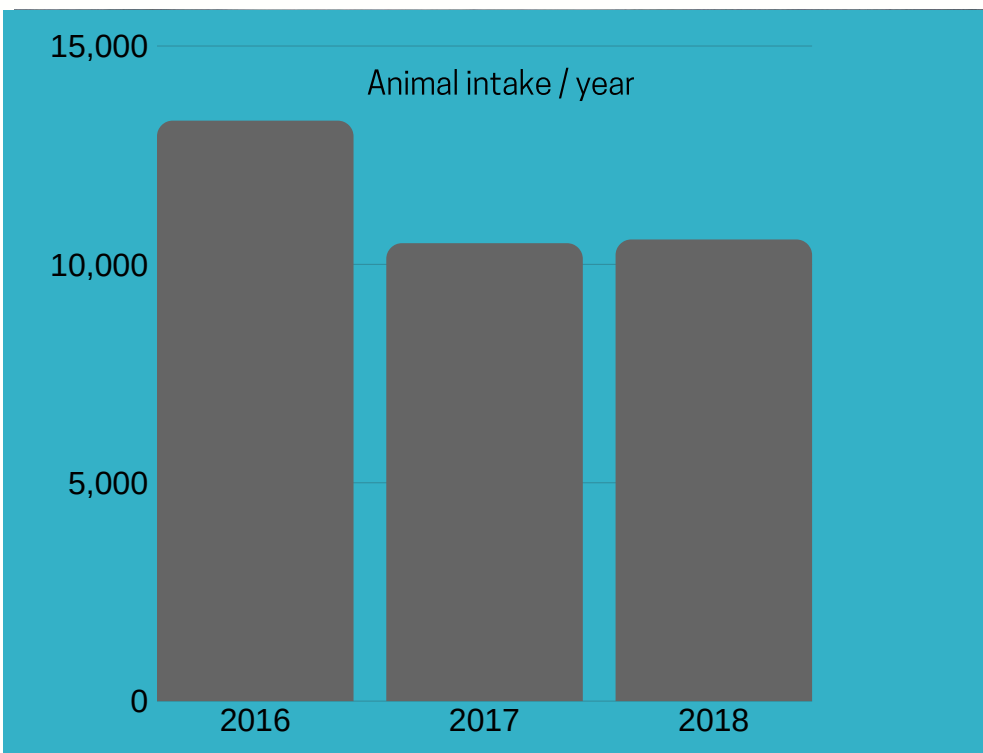
Small Animals

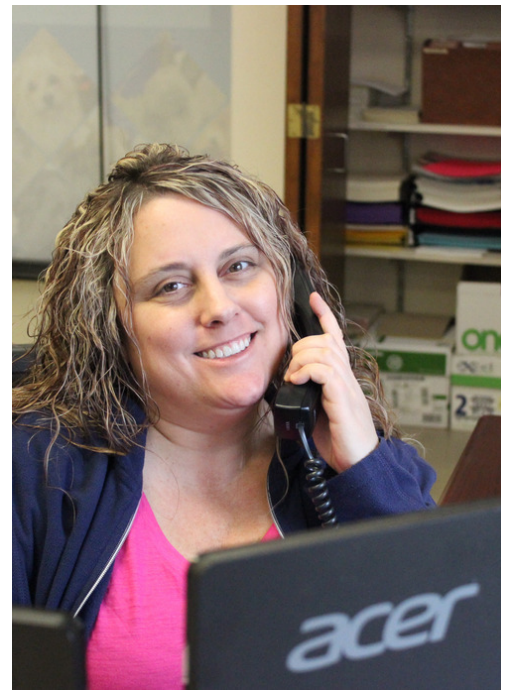
5.6%

Dogs
40%



Cats
54.3%



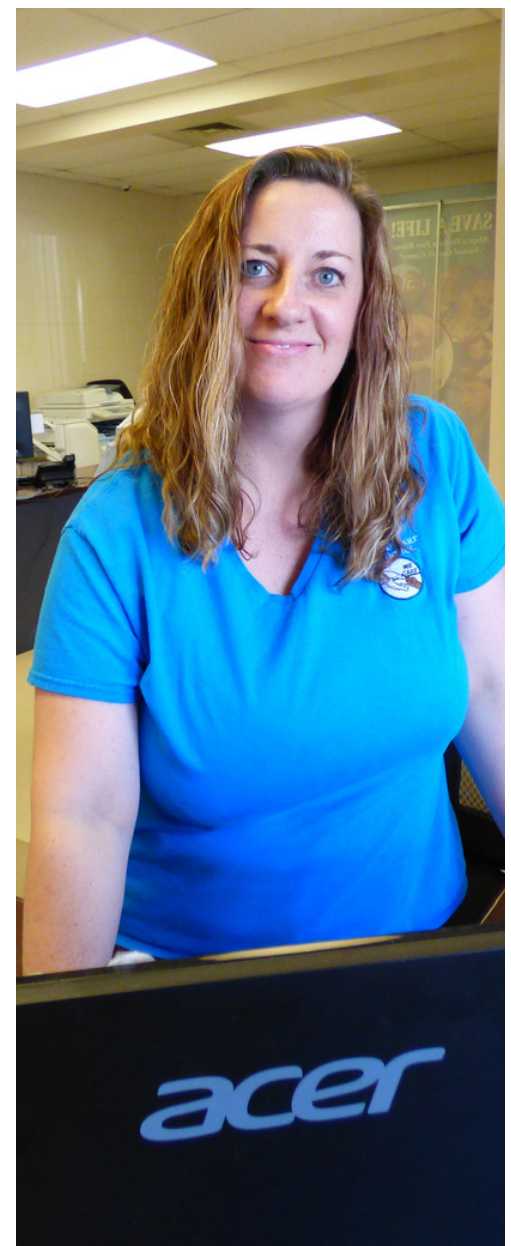
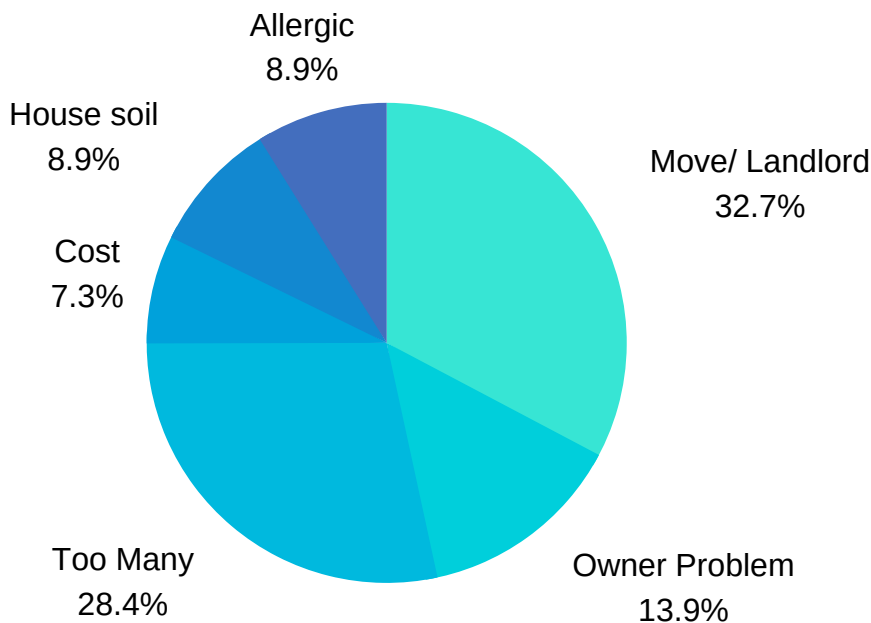


Helping people.

Our dispatchers work tirelessly to assist the citizens and animals of our community. They spent over 33,500 minutes on the phone! Dispatchers were able to return 2,166 animals to their owners!

There were 2,621 animals surrendered by their owners. In 2019 we plan to continue to grow our program to provide alternative resources to those surrendering pets.

Top 6 surrender reasons



SAVING LIVES EVERYDAY.

There are 11 animal care and control officers who serve the city of Fort Wayne. In 2018 they completed 20,191 calls. Of those, 1,413 were cruelty or neglect investigations. These officers work tirelessly to educate and assist citizens of our city.

**1,044 BITE INVESTIGATIONS
OCCURRED.
701 BITES TO HUMANS
343 BITES TO ANIMALS**

**OFFICERS RETURNED 265
ANIMALS TO THEIR OWNERS
WITHOUT HAVING TO COME
TO THE SHELTER BECAUSE
THEY WERE WEARING ID.**





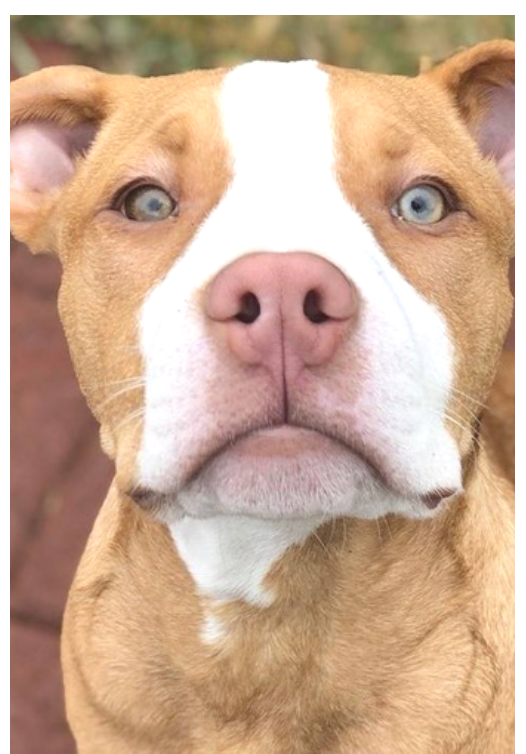
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

PREVENTING CRUELTY

— BEFORE IT STARTS —

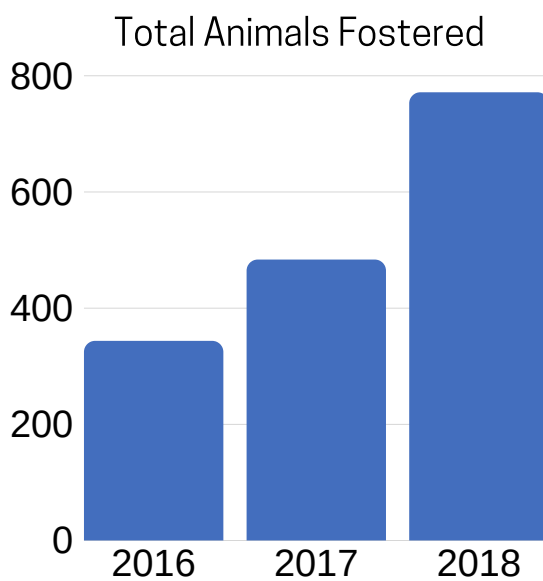


In 2018 the education department created Reading to the Animals where nearly 200 children participated in the monthly reading program. We also hosted a summer camp for the first time which allowed nearly 50 campers to learn how to be responsible pet guardians and learn kindness and compassion towards animals. The department also hosted more than 70 programs for kids and adults and created more than 70 educational or promotional videos.



Volunteers

Our volunteers are absolutely vital to helping save the lives of the animals in our care. From cleaning, to socializing animals, to adoption counseling, helping with surgery and more. Our volunteers spent 13,874 hours in 2018 helping to save the lives of animals in our care.

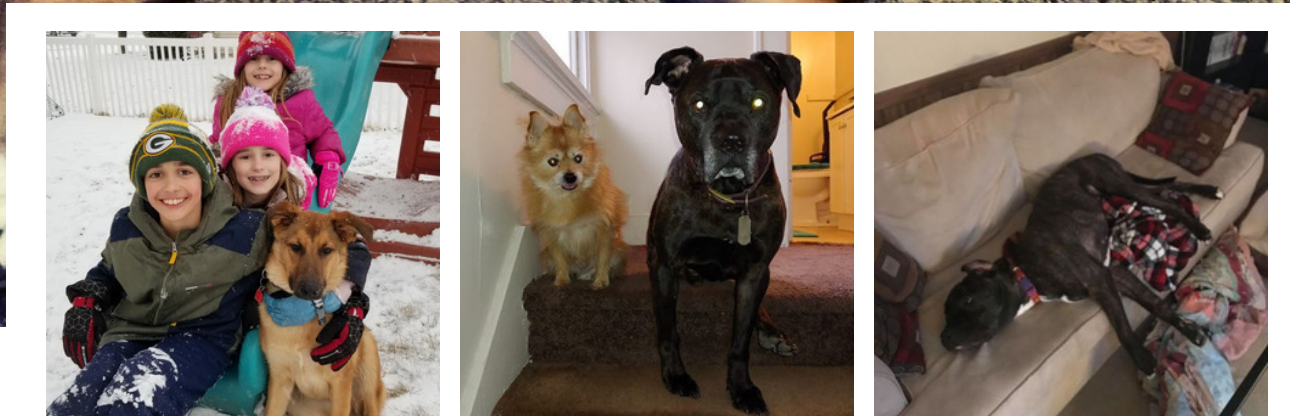
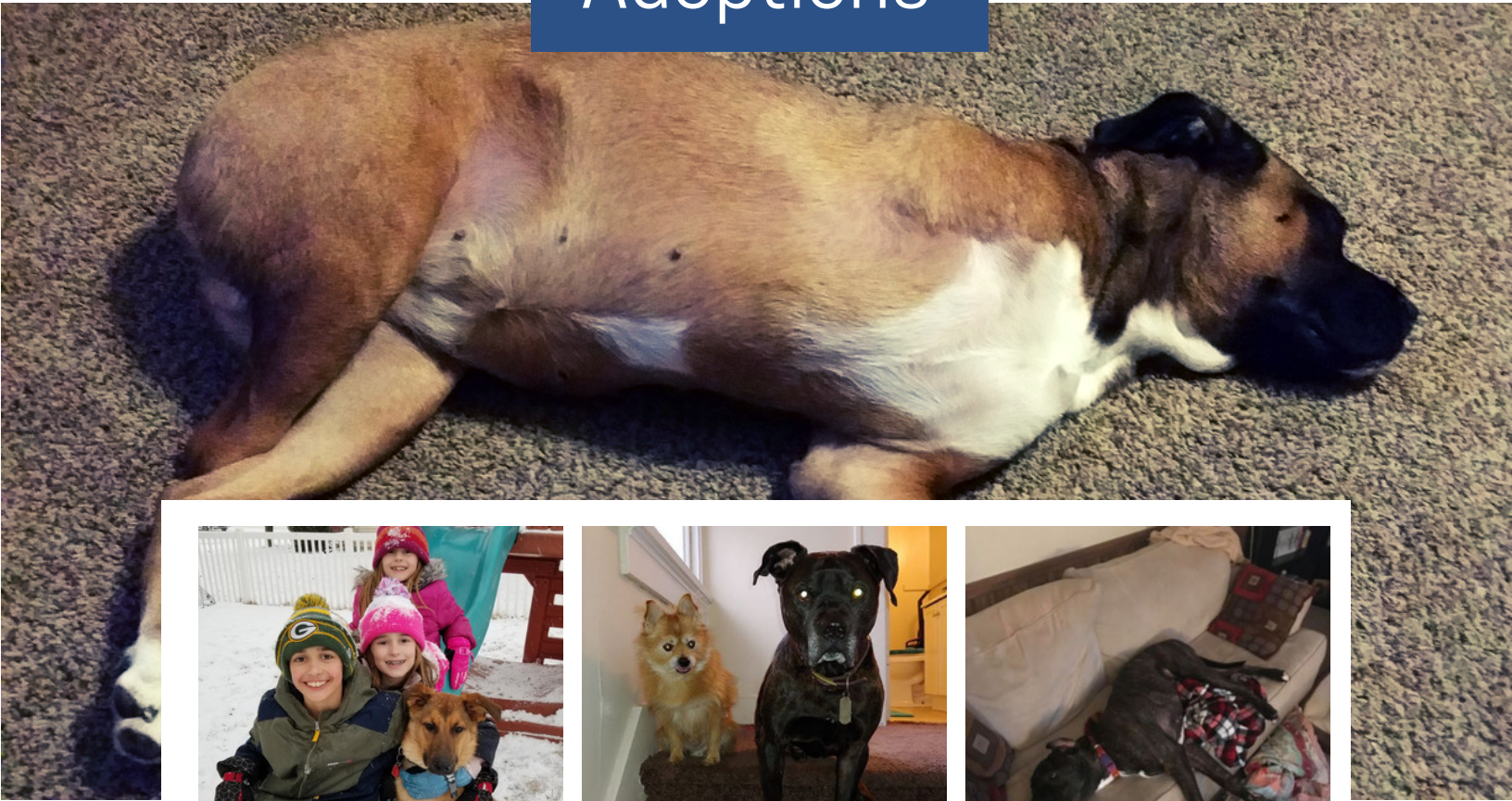


Foster care providers take animals into their homes until they are old enough or healthy enough to place in our adoption program.

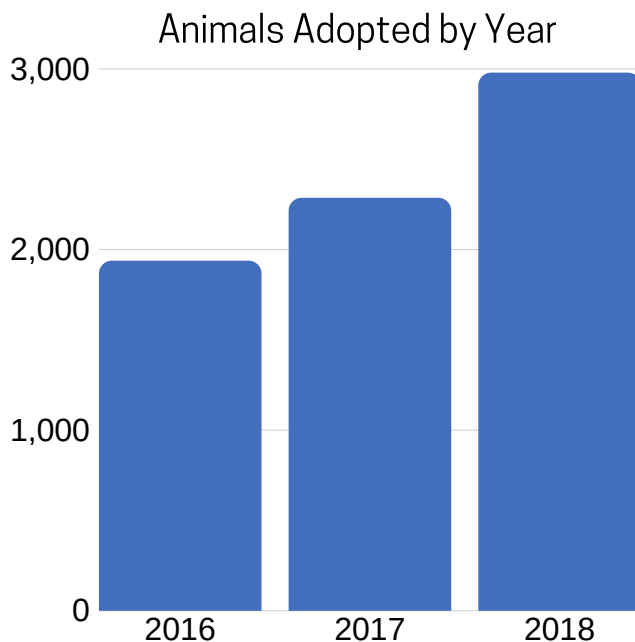
There were 771 animals saved through our foster program in 2018.



Adoptions



There were 2,977 animals adopted into loving homes in 2018!



Our adoption program continues to expand in an effort to save more lives! This was the first full year of Retail Rescues, our partnership with Glenbrook Square. Through these Saturday adoption days we adopted out many animals, freeing up space in our adoption rooms. We also adopted out animals through offsite locations at both Pet Supplies Plus stores, all Petsmart locations, St Joe Vet, Westside Vet, and through friends of our fosters.



ANIMAL CARE STAFF

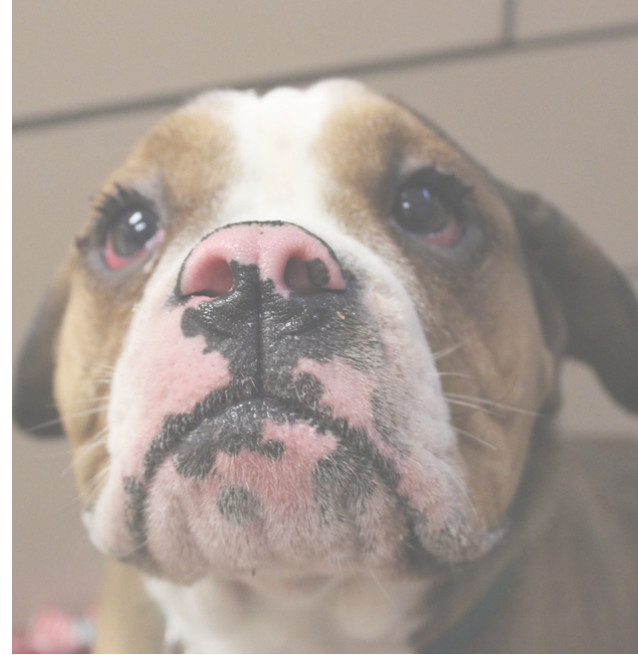
HEALING HEARTS DAY IN AND DAY OUT



Our animal care and adoption staff work tirelessly to improve the lives of the animals in our care. From working patiently to help fearful animals feel more comfortable, to helping high energy animals burn off excess energy, our staff goes above and beyond to show kindness and compassion to the animals in our care. This year we began to do doggy playgroups and have seen an immediate reduction in kennel stress. We love implementing new life saving programs!

WE CAN'T DO IT ALONE!

TRANSFER PARTNERS SAVE LIVES!



ALLEN COUNTY
SPCA

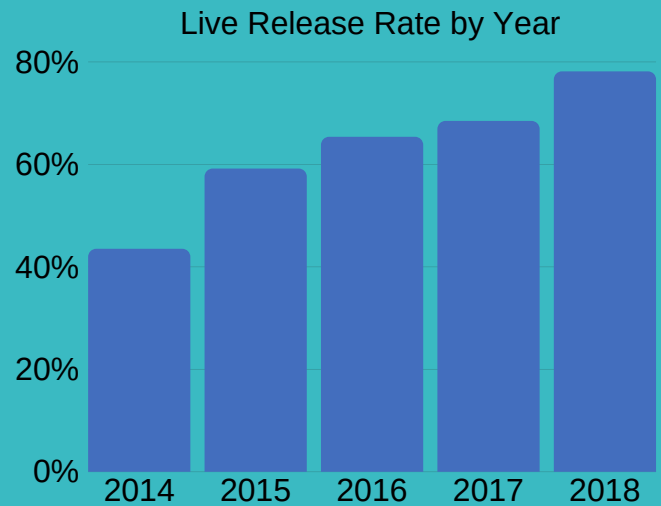
OUR PARTNERS,
THE ALLEN
COUNTY SPCA
ACCEPTED
1,088 ANIMALS
FROM OUR
SHELTER.

WE WORK WITH SEVERAL
APPROVED 501(C)3 RESCUES!

THERE WERE 332
ANIMALS
TRANSFERRED TO
OTHER RESCUE
GROUPS AND AREA
SHELTERS.



We are working diligently to increase our Live Release Rate. Our goal is to achieve a program where no healthy, adoptable animal is being euthanized. With your help, we are getting closer every single day. The worksheet below does not include small animals. We took in 539 small animals in 2018 and adopted out 309, some were also transferred to rescues. We accepted 1,191 wildlife which, when possible, were transferred to licensed wildlife rehabilitators.



Shelter Animals Count: 2018 Report Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control				
		FWACC		
		Dog	Cat	Total
A	Beginning Shelter Count (1/1/2016) <i>Corrected Totals</i>	50	58	108
Animal Intake				
B	Stray-At-Large	2,284	3,118	5,402
C	Relinquished by Owner	994	1,328	2,322
D	Owner-Intended Euthanasia	287	127	414
E	Transferred in from Agency	11	20	31
F	Other Intakes	836	686	1,522
G	Total Intakes (Not including owner-intended euthanasia)	4,125	5,152	9,277
Live Outcomes				
H	Adoptions	1,231	1,450	2,681
I	Returned to Owner	1,710	424	2,134
K	Transferred Out	530	799	1,329
L	Return to Field: includes community cats		1,033	1,033
M	Other Live Outcome	6	61	67
N	Subtotal Live Outcomes	3,477	3,767	7,244
Other Outcomes				
O	Died in Care	11	41	52
P	Lost in Care	0	8	8
Q	Shelter Euthanasia	631	1,292	1,923
R	Owner-Intended Euthanasia	286	126	412
S	Subtotal Other Outcomes (not including owner-intended euthanasia)	928	1,467	1,983
T	Total Outcomes	4,405	5,234	9,639
U	ENDING SHELTER COUNT (12/31/2017)	57	101	158
	Live Release Rate	84.29%	73.12%	78.09%

* Died in Care (line O) describes animals who entered shelter care with life threatening injuries.

* Lost in Care (line P) denotes data entry errors/ duplicates, not actual lost animals.

Thank you!

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Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control

