

2022

Gratitude Report



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It is our mission to serve our community in a humane, public safety capacity while working to keep pets with loving families by providing education opportunities and resources or facilitating re-homing or adoption when necessary.

HUMANE EDUCATION

Studies have shown there is a link between animal abuse and domestic abuse. It is our goal to end the violence by teaching youth to have empathy, kindness, and compassion through animals with our on-going educational programs.

ANIMAL CARE OFFICERS

We are a full service law enforcement and public safety department serving people and animals within the city of Fort Wayne. Our officers protect and assist with animals in need, surrendered, and abandoned.

COMMUNITY CAT PROGRAM

Outdoor free roaming cat that has been evaluated and sterilized by a licensed veterinarian, ear tipped, vaccinated for rabies, microchipped, and documented are released back into the area from which it was captured.

AMY-JO SITES

FWACC DIRECTOR



WE HAD A HUGE WIN AT THE END OF 2022 DURING THE BUDGET HEARINGS. WE SPENT A LOT OF TIME EARLY IN THE YEAR SHARING WITH THE CITY ADMINISTRATION OUR LARGEST OBSTACLES. THEY CAN'T CONTROL THE VOLUME OF ANIMALS WE CARE FOR AT THE SHELTER, BUT THEY DID RECOGNIZE WE NEEDED MORE PEOPLE AND SPACE TO DO IT. WE COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MORE PLEASED TO BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW OUR SHELTER IN ACTION TO SEVERAL MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL. THEY TOOK THE TIME OUT OF THEIR BUSY SCHEDULES TO TOUR THE SHELTER, DISCUSS OUR OBSTACLES, AND ASK ANY QUESTIONS THEY HAD ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS OR THE ROLE WE PLAY IN OUR COMMUNITY. OUR VICTORY WAS HAVING OUR 2023 BUDGET NOT ONLY APPROVED FOR ADDITIONAL STAFF BUT ALSO FOR AN EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING SHELTER. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO ADDING ADDITIONAL FACES TO OUR AMAZING TEAM SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE BEST CARE AND ASSISTANCE FOR ANIMALS AND OUR COMMUNITY.





ANGEL FUND

THE STORY OF SIMBA

Thanks to our Angel Fund donors, our medical team was able to provide the care Simba needed to become healthy. He was emaciated, unable to see from his left eye, and in need of dental work. Due to the trauma Simba sustained he was quite reserved at the start.



Simba experienced an uphill battle on his recovery to health. He was unable to accept solid foods for a period time and had to be placed on a liquid diet. He could not support his own weight while standing or walking. After a plethora of care and love, Simba began to exhibit the normal behaviors expected from a dog, running, jumping, and eating solid food.

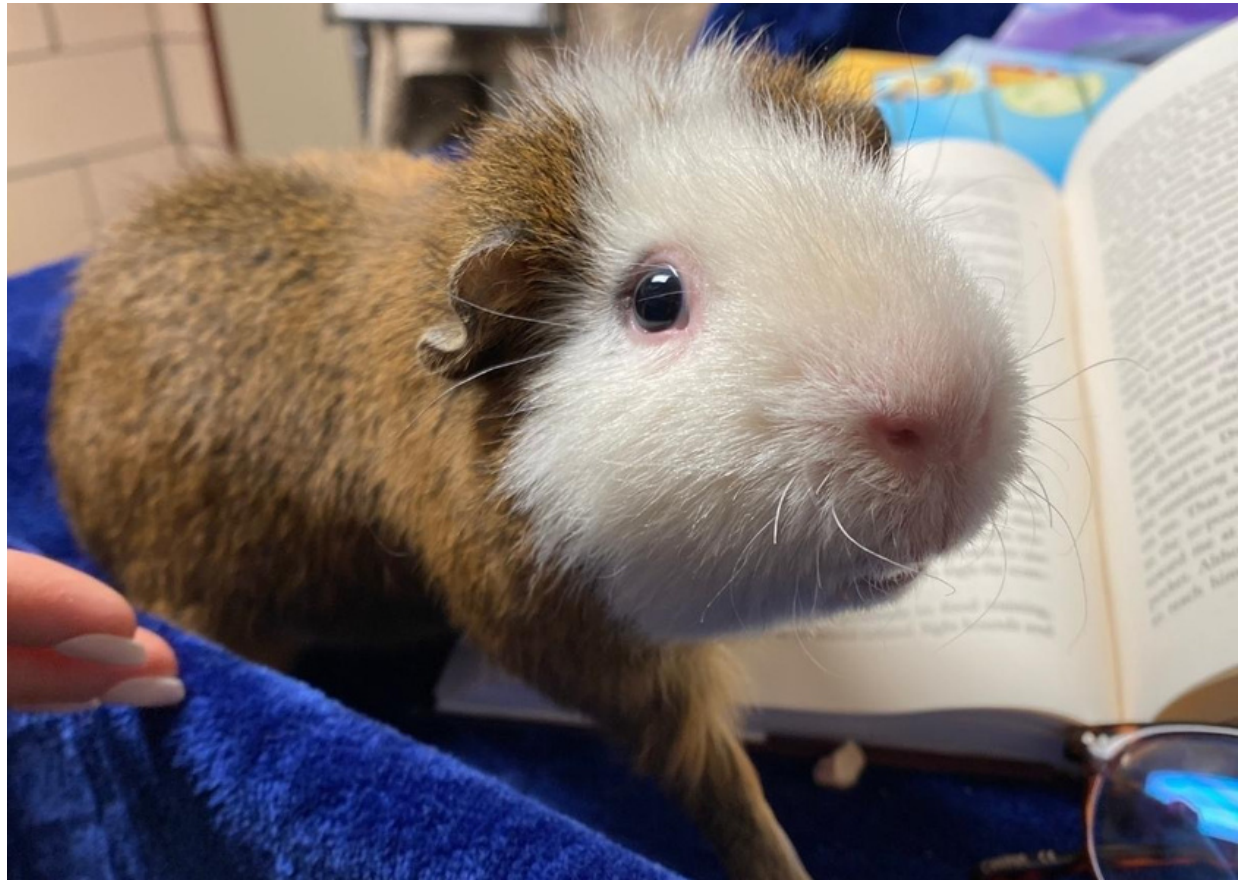


The Angel Fund is a lifesaving fund that helps the animals in our care with advanced medical needs including broken bones, heartworm disease, dental needs or extra supportive care due to cruelty or neglect like Simba.

The Angel Fund also covers basic medical needs and provides preventative care through vaccines, veterinary services, medical supplies and equipment.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

PREVENTING CRUELTY BEFORE IT STARTS



Our Humane Education Outreach team created such a love of reading that additional days had to be added to the 2023 calendar to accommodate the growing waitlist of students eager to participate.

We believe through education we can create a more humane community with lower rates of animal abuse and neglect. We offer an array of different programs reaching ages anywhere between 3 to 18. From classroom visits, shelter tours, Read to the Animals, Pet Explorer Camps, and Animal Care Teens, we provide several opportunities to teach children empathy, compassion, and kindness. The Humane Education department is solely supported by donations and grants and reaches thousands of children in our community each year.



JANUARY

#BettyWhiteChallenge

Over \$16,000 was raised to continue to save the lives of animals from right here in our community.



MARCH

\$5,390 was donated to FWACC from Canine Con



MAY

Fort Wayne Animal Care & Control launched a new life-saving campaign urging citizens to stop “kitnapping” unweaned kittens.

JULY

National nonprofit Petco Love Invests in Fort Wayne Animal Care & Control to save and improve the lives of pets in Fort Wayne



SEPTEMBER

Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control participated in the Allen County Safety Fair



NOVEMBER

\$18,213.60 was donated to our Angel Fund for Giving Tuesday

APRIL

Humane Education held their first Spring Break Camp



JUNE

Black Forest ‘Cat Café’ Grand Opening



AUGUST

Panleukopenia Outbreak hits Fort Wayne - thanks to our community, many donations were made to our Angel Fund to help during this outbreak



OCTOBER

187 animals were returned to their owners in our #Return to Home challenge



\$19,000 was raised for Humane Education in the Howl-o-Walkoween event

DECEMBER

103 animals were adopted through participation in BISSELL Pet Foundation’s “Empty the Shelters”



**“Such short little lives our pets have to spend with us, and they spend most of it waiting for us to come home each day.”
– John Grogan**



A huge wave of both joy and relief was felt when we received the email from Orphan Kitten Club informing us we were selected as grant recipients! It is hard to put into words what the help of having 2 additional foster care assistants has done for our foster department here at Fort Wayne Animal Care & Control. Going from just one full time and one part time employee to an additional two staff members to oversee our program was tremendously helpful and allowed us to assist fosters much more efficiently and effectively.

By the Numbers Summary



FOSTERING

1,514

Our Fosters provided loving homes, and were supported with all the resources needed to care for the animal(s).

ADOPTIONS

3,099

With new partners, came new opportunities. We were able to provide several sponsored adoptions.

SPAY & NEUTER

4,026

Our Spay and Neuter Program serves not only animals brought into the shelter but is a low cost option for citizens.

Iris is one of the animals to heal in a foster home. Fosters care for animals that are underage, underweight, recovering from illness and event surgeries. Thanks to the fosters sharing their experiences with their friends and family, many animals have found their forever home.





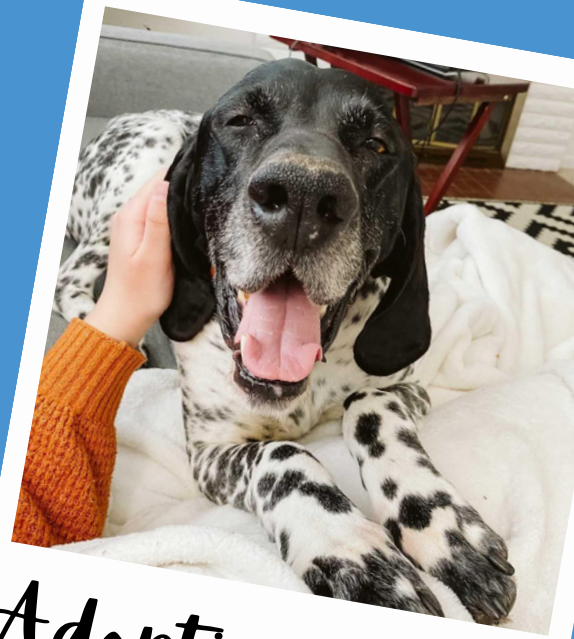
Ranger

"We weren't really sure what to expect because he was an owner surrender, a high energy breed, and 9 years old.

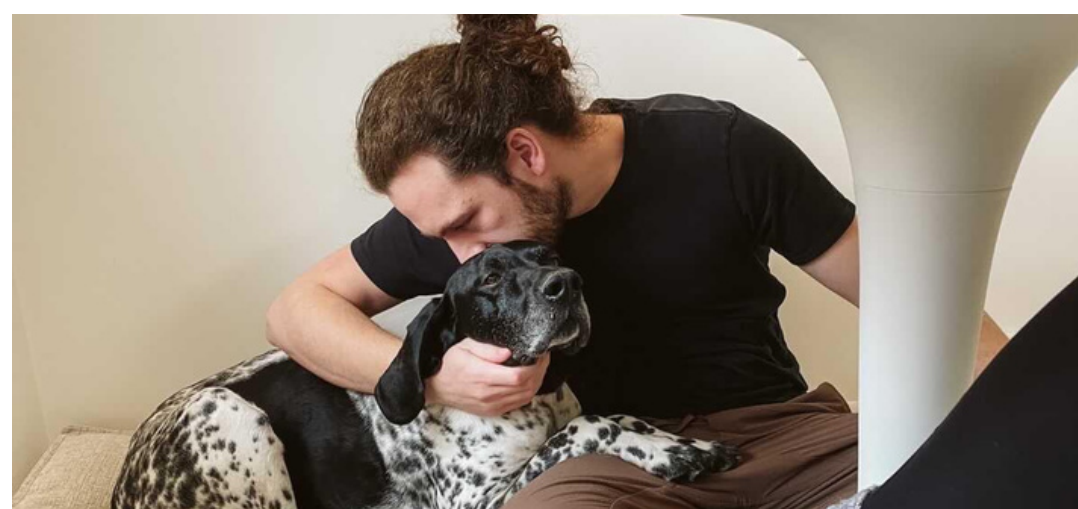
When we brought Ranger home, he was VERY nervous, but he was ALWAYS ready for some snuggles on the couch to help him calm down.

We are still working through some of his anxiety struggles, but Ranger has been such a fun addition to our little family, and he LOVES that his parents work from home. He goes everywhere with us and loves taking car rides. He also gets VERY excited for his Kongs, Yak Chews, and beef cheek rolls! He is such a sweet boy and we will love him for the rest of his years!"

-Ranger's adopted family



Adoption Story



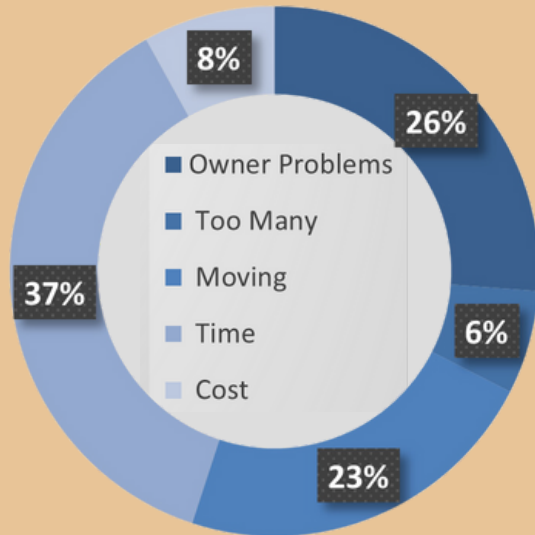
Ranger & Dad

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65,233 ANSWERED CALLS

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS RESPONDED TO 20,353 CALLS



TOP 5 SURRENDER REASONS

1,131 ANIMALS WERE SURRENDERED BY THEIR OWNER

DISPATCHERS SPENT 274,080 MINUTES ON THE PHONE



FWACC officers help free a stuck coyote

Officials say that officers received reports on Saturday of what was believed to be a dog with a jug stuck on its head. FWACC officers arrived to find that what was suspected to be a dog was actually a coyote. According to officials, FWACC officers managed to cut the jug off the coyote's head, and they say it quickly sprinted into the woods.

-Evan Harris

Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week is Positively Fort Wayne!

"Making a difference is what Baird and her fellow officers do every day. 12 animal control officers completed 19,128 calls of service last year in the city of Fort Wayne and New Haven. Of those calls, 3,772 were to investigate potential cruelty or neglect."

-Pat Hoffmann

Black Forest 'Cat Café' Celebrates Grand Opening

"All the cats at the café are available for adoption through Fort Wayne Animal Care & Control. As the largest open access shelter in northeast Indiana, the shelter is often overwhelmed with cats during warmer months. 'We are so excited to partner with Julie and Emily to offer another avenue of adoption for cats in our care,' Animal Care & Control Director Amy-Jo Sites said."

-The Waynedale News Staff



11,790

TOTAL INTAKE



4,026

SPAY AND NEUTER SURGERIES

ANDREW RIEBE

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

We are more than a municipal animal shelter. We are a place for those who have nowhere else to go. We are the largest open access shelter in Northeast Indiana. We reflect our community, and we are a community who values the lives of those who cannot care for themselves. It is our dream that no behaviorally and medically sound animal is euthanized. We are working every day to develop new resources and programming to help those who need it most.

Our medical team performed more than 4,000 surgeries during 2022 which was an increase of almost five percent from the previous year. Although Dr. Riebe is our only full-time veterinarian on staff, we were able to receive a grant from the PetCo Foundation allowing us the opportunity to contract with veterinarians from our community. With the assistance of the contracted veterinarians, we were able to double the number of surgeries performed.

When staffing allows, our medical team assists citizens with low-cost veterinary services to ensure they are in compliance with City Ordinances and their pet(s) have received basic pet care.



Delaney - Community Outreach Educator

"Working at FWACC fulfills my passion of not only working with animals but for them and our community members. It is inspiring to work in tandem with fellow animal-lovers that are dedicated to the mission of our shelter while also striving to continuously evolve and learn in order to improve our shelter and the Fort Wayne community."



Magdalena - Dispatcher

"I've been truly blessed to be able to work at FWACC with the kindest and most dedicated individuals on the planet. Everyone here is so passionate about helping, making a change and being the voice for thousands of animals each year. We are a team through and through, and I love getting to be a part of it."



Kennedi - Adoption Assistant

"I love knowing that I am making even the tiniest difference in the lives of animals and am doing so alongside humans that are passionate about their welfare. Animal advocacy is a labor of love, and I can truly say each person I work with goes into every day expecting little personal reward, but instead is aiming to better the well-being of the animals we help."

Kristen - Animal Care Specialist

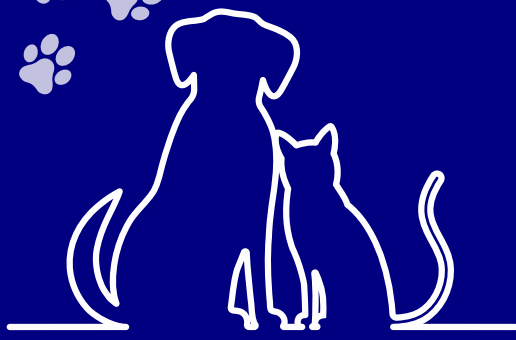
"I love being able to make difference in a dogs stay while being here. Dogs that are fearful and shut down when they come in, that by the end of their stay greet you with wiggly bodies and happy faces and kisses, it's a very wholesome feeling."



Mandi - Field Coordinator

"I enjoy working here because I feel like it gives me the opportunity to make a difference in my community. Not only do I get to work with animals, but I get to assist the public. We have the opportunity to provide services to families who need them and keep pets in homes who love them."





VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

WE RELY ON OUR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SERVE ALL OF THE ANIMALS IN OUR CARE. WE HAVE A ROBUST PROGRAM OF MORE THAN 150 ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS. OUR VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE THE EQUIVALENT TO 6 FULL TIME STAFF.

12,500 TOTAL HOURS

OUR VOLUNTEERS RANGE FROM 18 YEARS OF AGE THROUGH 93.





LEAVE A LOVING LEGACY

Whether you are a consistent donor or an occasional one, your love for animals and their health can continue for future generations. By planning a gift for the future, you are helping to improve the welfare of animals in our care and assisting us in educating the community on pet care and safety. Planned gifts allow you to continue to show your support for Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control. Our estate planning options have several tax benefits.

Estate planning allows you to:

- Honor a family member, friend or pet
- Reduce taxes
- Avoid capital gains taxes
- Preserve wealth for your family

Shelter Animals Count: 2022 Report

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	Dog	Cat	Other	Total
Beginning Shelter Count (1/1/2022)	66	139	13	218
Animal Intake				
Stray at Large	2001	4048	167	6216
Relinquish by Owner	521	798	153	1472
Owner-Intended Euthanasia	403	190	18	611
Transferred in from Agency	5	47	3	55
Other Intakes	733	542	74	1349
Total Intakes (Not including owner-intended euthanasia)	3260	5435	397	9092
Live Outcomes				
Adoptions	606	2313	195	3,099
Returned to Owner	1463	401	14	1878
Transferred Out	125	334	41	500
Returned to Field (Includes Community Cats)	0	1220	0	1220
Other Live Outcomes	733	542	74	1349
Subtotal Live Outcomes	2927	4810	324	8061
Other Outcomes				
Died in Care	2	60	6	68
Lost in Care	0	0	0	0
Shelter Euthanasia	1074	1176	143	2393
Owner-Intended Euthanasia	403	190	18	611
Subtotal Other Outcome(Not Including owner-intended euthanasia)	733	542	74	1349
Total Outcomes	2212	1968	241	4421
Ending Shelter Count	55	149	8	212
(12/31/2022) Live Release Rate	57%	71%	68%	65%



Thank You!




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