

OUR MISSION

The mission of Windham County Humane Society is to ensure the safety and well-being of animals and enhance the relationship between individuals and pets through adoption, education, advocacy, compassion, and promotion of animal welfare.







a message from our **Executive Director**

I will always remember March 13th of 2020. It was the day that the Governor of Vermont declared a state of emergency due to COVID-19. Keri, our Director of Operations, and I put a closed sign up on the door of the shelter. All across the planet, people were experiencing that scary moment in one way or another as we all realized we were facing a global pandemic. The future loomed uncertainly as we wondered what this meant for WCHS.

With animals to house and care for, we were deemed essential by the state of Vermont, so even though we were closed, our work continued. Lucky for us, our community rose to assist us with the challenge we were facing and donations and support rolled in. Our intake and adoptions became by appointment only and we met our customers outside. By early May, we were back to offering spay/neuter and affordable veterinary care to help keep animals happy and healthy at home. By the end of 2020, we had helped more animals than ever before. Close to 400 homeless animals came through our doors to find new homes, while over 600 local animals received affordable veterinary care, from spay/neuter surgeries to parasite control and vaccines.

I am so grateful to our community, who came through for us in this time of great uncertainty, and immensely proud of the staff who, though there were fewer of them, worked tirelessly to help animals. Hearltfelt thanks to everyone who helped keep us going in a turbulent year.

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2020 by the numbers

pets in local homes







78 MICROCHIPS ADMINISTERED





shelter pets



Organizational Summary

The Windham County Humane Society (WCHS) is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of animals and enhancing the relationship between individuals and pets through adoption, education, advocacy, compassion and promotion of animal welfare.

WCHS helps stray, abandoned, neglected and surrendered pets by giving them a second chance at a healthy, happy life. WCHS animals receive excellent health care from our staff and local veterinarians. Because we are committed to reducing the number of unwanted animals, all animals are spayed or neutered prior to adoption. We do not euthanize for time or space – all adoptable animals stay safely at WCHS until the right new home comes along.

Windham County Humane Society is working to create a vibrant, well-run and financially secure community-supported animal shelter that offers a variety of programs, services and facilities that promote the well-being and dignity of pets and other companion animals, and support their responsible stewardship by human caregivers.

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OUR IMPACT

In 2020, WCHS placed 464 animals into new, loving homes, including 336 cats, 123 dogs, and 5 small animals. 168 pets were transported from shelters where they faced euthanasia to new homes in New England. Shelter animals benefitted from 758 clinic visits, 1,036 vaccines, 479 spay/neuter surgeries, 570 microchips, and 559 diagnostic tests. 101 lost pets were returned to their owners and 121 pets were fostered by caring volunteers.

847 pet owners participated in our Pet Care Assistance Program. That support included 1,421 clinic visits, 1,447 vaccines, 725 spay/neuter surgeries, 159 diagnostic tests, 492 doses of parasite prevention, and 78 microchips.

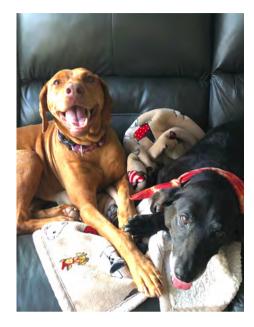


Happy Tails

Adoption Highlights



















SPOTLIGHT ON OUR DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS & FOSTERS

Due to Covid-19, we limited volunteer participation in our facility in 2020. We did have a small, committed group of volunteers who were essential to the health and well-being of our animals, and we are deeply grateful to them all.

Thank You! volunteered to help

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THANKS TO OUR DONATION BANK PARTNERS



Without the generous support of our community and local businesses, WCHS would not be able to offer the animals in our care a second chance at happy, healthy lives. Many businesses throughout the Southern Vermont community graciously host our donation banks. Each time you donate to our banks, your contribution allows us to provide shelter, food, medicine, and veterinary care for animals in need. We thank all of them for their support! (For a full list of donation bank partners, please visit our website: www.windhamcountyhumane.org/partners)

THANKS TO OUR PARTNER AGENCIES

Best Friends

- Central Vermont Humane Society Felines & Friends Foundation Franklin County Animal Rescue Good Karma Pet Rescue Grand Strand Humane Society Health & Harmony Animal Hospital HSUS Humane Society of Chittenden County Huntington-Cabell-Wayne Animal Control
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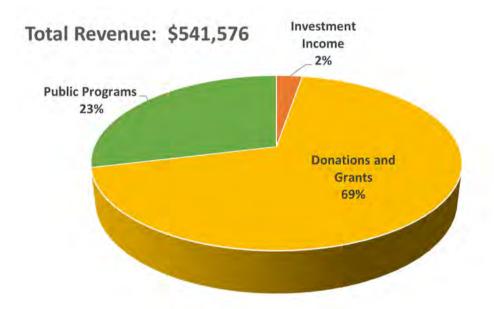




We apologize for any omissions. If we left you off, please contact us so we can correct our error.

2020 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Along with revenue from animal adoptions, spay/neuter surgeries, and the provision of limited veterinary care, WCHS solicits contributions through fundraising appeals in newsletters, direct mail, online, and via special events. Individual gifts, corporate sponsorships, foundation support, legacy gifts, and fundraising events comprise the bulk of the organization's revenue. We are extremely grateful for all of our supporters.



Total Expenses: \$521,886



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A Snapshot of Our Year



























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