



Humane Society of Greater Akron **2011 ANNUAL REPORT**

Since 1968 Pawsibilities®, Humane Society of Greater Akron has been Summit County's trusted caretaker for underserved animals. Our mission is to rescue and rehabilitate abused, abandoned and neglected animals of Summit County, place them in good homes, investigate and prosecute animal cruelty, while striving to set a standard of excellence and leadership in animal care, humane education, and progressive animal welfare programs.

In 2011 our organization rescued more than 1,800 animals in need. Our shelter provides on-site medical and surgical services, animal temperament assessment, basic obedience training, and community education programs. These programs offer Summit County residents the opportunity to learn about animal safety, the proper care of companion animals and the relationship between interpersonal violence and animal cruelty.

Pawsibilities®, Humane Society of Greater Akron is a no-time limit facility; adoptable healthy animals are cared for until they find their forever home. All of our animals are current on age appropriate vaccinations, spayed or neutered, de-wormed, de-fleaed and microchipped before adoptions are finalized. All dogs over six months of age receive a temperament assessment by our Certified Professional Dog Trainer to facilitate appropriate placement. Also, many animals in our care receive basic obedience training to improve manners and increase adoptability.

LETTER FROM CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The extraordinary commitment of supporters, volunteers and staff produced many "firsts" for Pawsibilities®, Humane Society of Greater Akron in 2011. We couldn't do it without you!

With your support we completed our first full year in our new, accessible and animal-friendly shelter. The first of thousands of dogs, cats and others received veterinary services as we took direct responsibility for spay and neuter to reduce the number of homeless pets. The first harder-to-place and long-time dogs graduated from Basic Obedience Training or earned Canine Good Citizen status. Fully 25% of the new grads were adopted within weeks of the training. Fifty (50) super volunteer trainers helped them succeed. The first dogs ran free as the wind in our newly fenced back yard. A record 85 cats found new homes in December. Our dedicated Humane Officers rescued 102 animals in a single hoarding case and won animal cruelty convictions in court.

These "firsts" are impressive; but the ones that really count are the first time a shy and neglected dog chases a ball or an injured cat get needed medical care or a rabbit gets nourishing food. New loving homes were the ultimate "firsts" for 1355 animals in 2011.

Thank you so much for your leadership, your compassion and your financial support. We have made real progress toward a viable future. Our audacious goal for 2012 is to raise significant funds to own our first home so abused and neglected animals will always have shelter and a chance at a better future.

Our mission challenges us to be more, to do more and do it better. That's the gift the animals give us!

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We would also like to extend our sincerest appreciation to all of our individual donors who gave in 2011.

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RESCUE

Overcast was found by a Good Samaritan while wandering alone in a wooded area of southern Summit County, a defenseless stray cat who had fallen victim to a controversial contraption. Thankfully, he had the strength and determination necessary to survive until our Humane Officers, Tim Harland and Shannon O'Herron, responded to his emergency call and saved him.



Once removed from the trap, Overcast's limb was damaged severely and had to be amputated. He recovered well here at the shelter and was soon placed up for adoption. It was not long until he found a fabulous home and was renamed "Jigsaw."



Overcast's story is one of 449 Emergency Responses by our Humane Officers in 2011. Pawsibilities, Humane Society of Greater Akron is the only animal entity in Summit County with the legal authority to protect injured, abused and neglected animals. Our staff includes two full-time deputized Humane Officers respond to calls, investigate and, as warranted, prosecute offenders. In 2011, we investigated more than 1,050 cruelty investigations throughout Summit County.

HEAL



Bell was brought in by Humane Officers after responding to an emergency call about a sick dog. Dr. Wilson, our resident veterinarian, found she had a critical case of Demodex. Demodex, also referred to as demodectic mange, is a common infestation of a dog's skin with mites who reside, and feed in the hair follicle and oil glands of the skin. Dr. Wilson prescribed treatment to be administered daily. After three months, a skin scrap was performed to see if Bell's Demodex had cleared, she tested positive and was treated for another month. We administered a second skin scrap which came back negative. Bell was placed on a standard two week probationary period after which time we completed a third scrap to be sure the infection was healed. Once she was cleared a second time, Bell was spayed and micro-chipped, Behaviorally Assessed and ready for adoption!

Bell was one of the first animals treated in our new Medical Surgical Suite which opened in October of 2011. Since opening, the Medical Surgical Suite has performed an average of 77 spay and neuter surgeries monthly, in addition to 86 other minor surgeries and 275 wellness exams.



ADOPT

In 2011 we were thrilled to place 1,355 animals in to their forever homes. Often when we meet our animals they are in shocking conditions. On a regular basis we devote our efforts to helping them heal and find their permanent homes. Trooper is one of these miraculous stories in which we were fortunate to play a part.

When we found Trooper, his body was emaciated with a chain badly embedded in his neck which spread infection throughout his frame. We rushed him to a local veterinarian who performed emergency surgery to remove the chain and clean the wound. Impressed by his strength and persistence, the veterinary staff aptly named him "Trooper."



Back at our shelter, Trooper steadily gained weight and his neck wound began to heal. His kind demeanor and inner strength quickly won over our kennel staff who took pride in helping him recover. After regular vet check-ups, Heartworm Treatment and a Behavioral Assessment, Trooper was available for adoption. One of the Veterinary Technicians who had been involved with Trooper since the first emergency visit was so taken with him, she and her family decided to adopt him. From now on, not only will Trooper have a loving family of his own, but also excellent care and treatment.



2011 Financials

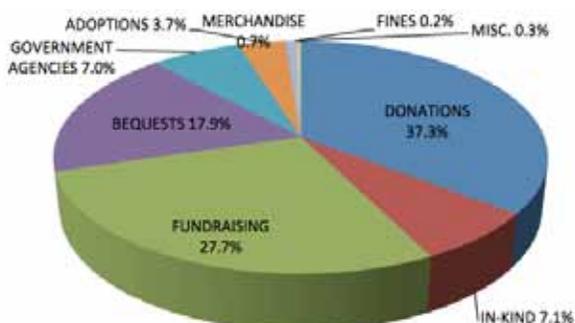
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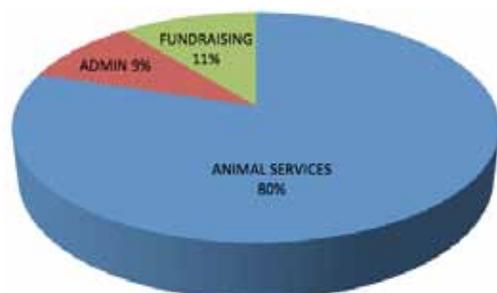
Donations	\$492,469	35.5%	\$492,469
In-kind contributions	98,508	7.1%	98,508
Special events, net	384,938	27.7%	384,938
Bequests	248,215	17.9%	248,215
Government agencies	97,000	7.0%	97,000
Adoptions and surrenders	51,150	3.7%	51,150
Merchandise sales	9,205	0.7%	9,205
Animal services and fines	2,653	0.2%	2,653
Miscellaneous	4,560	0.3%	4,560
	\$1,388,698	100%	1,388,698

EXPENSES:

Program services	1,136,775	80%	1,136,775
Management and general	133,227	9%	133,227
Fundraising expenses	155,504	11%	155,504
Total expenses	\$1,425,507	100%	\$1,425,508



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