Humane Society
OF SUMMIT COUNTY™

2018 Impact Report
A Note from our President & CEO

In 2018, the Humane Society of Summit County celebrated our 50th anniversary! Since our founding in 1968, we have provided compassionate rescue services, veterinary care, and secure futures to nearly 50,000 pets. We are proud to be Summit County’s primary resource for humane services, adoption, and education.

Over the past 50 years, we have represented the values of our community working together to care for one of our most vulnerable populations: animals who are victims of cruelty, abandonment, neglect, and abuse. Our work is unique in Summit County because of the services we provide including humane law enforcement, safe shelter, behavioral support, and love around every corner in our no time-limit facility.

While we have grown and changed in numerous ways over the last 50 years, our mission remains guided by resilience, gratitude, and hope — qualities we see demonstrated in the animals we serve every day. Our work is made possible through the investment of donors, volunteers, adopters, staff, and our community of supporters. We are grateful every day for these partnerships that save lives and create happy endings for deserving animals in our care. Together, there is no limit to the *pawsibilities* of the next 50 years!

Sincerely,

Diane Johnson, President & CEO

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A Second Chance

In October 2018, while struggling to survive outside on his own, Bill suffered a serious injury to one of his back legs. The resulting pain was so unbearable that Bill had to hobble along while lifting his injured leg off the ground. Without help, Bill’s future would be tragic.

Luckily, Bill was discovered by a kind citizen who knew exactly where to bring him for the care he needed — the Humane Society of Summit County.

Once at our shelter, Bill was examined by our veterinarian, who determined that Bill’s leg had been fractured. His recovery would take some time, but there would be no better place for Bill to heal than HSSC! After seven weeks filled with expert care, exercise, and special attention, Bill was ready to find his adoptive family and be given the safe, comfortable home he deserved.

At the Humane Society of Summit County, we rescue the animals most in need of help — the sick, injured, abused, neglected, and abandoned. Together, with our community, second chances are possible.

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Volunteer

- Active volunteers: 787
- Hours of donated time: 35,970

Outreach

- Visits from the Mobile Adoption Center: 61
- Community outreach programs: 175
2018 by the Numbers

**Rescue**
- Returns: 131
- Cruelty: 326
- Emergency Transfers: 455
- Surrenders: 649
- Sick or injured strays: 1,117
- Cruelty and abandonment investigations: 780
- Total Animals Rescued: 2,678

**Rehabilitation**
- Medical exams: 14,014
- Clinical lab tests: 796
- Spay/neuter surgeries: 1,685
- Other surgeries: 365

**Foster and Enrichment**
- Volunteer hours of canine socialization: 6,716
- Volunteer hours of canine training: 817
- Volunteer hours of feline socialization: 2,813
- Volunteer foster hours: 8,492

**Adoption**
- 1,420 Various small animals
- 694 Adult or Senior
- 60%
- 40%
- 80%

**Financial Summary**
- Total giving: $1,904,197*
- Number of donations: 13,393
- Value of in-kind donations: $41,728*
- Expenses: $2,185,608*
- Revenue: $2,358,253*

*Reflects pre-audited financial position.
Snow’s real-life nightmare ended in April of 2018. On that day, he was rescued from a life of despair and suffering at the hands of a neglectful, abusive owner.

Snow’s fur was severely matted, causing his eyes to be tangled shut. His small body was covered in immensely painful infections, scabs, and ulcers as, with time, his fur pulled tighter and tighter. Untrimmed for an extensive time, his nails had become tightly corkscrewed, making walking and standing painful.

Sadly, his condition would have been easily avoided with the most basic of care, attention, and love. Snow was the victim of severe neglect.

In our care, Snow was provided with the veterinary care and grooming he so desperately needed. To heal his wounds and ease his pain, our veterinary team prescribed him several medications and weekly soothing baths. With some time, Snow transformed.

During his rehabilitation, our Humane Officers sought justice for Snow. His previous owner was charged with animal cruelty and pled no contest. A portion of the sentencing handed down by the judge restricts his abuser from owning or living with any animals for at least 5 years and mandates the completion of abuse prevention classes.

Snow will never again experience the anguish that plagued his life prior to his rescue. Today, he enjoys the comforts, pampering, and love of his adoptive family.

His golden years will truly be nothing short of golden.

Mission
The Humane Society of Summit County (HSSC) cares and advocates for the abused, neglected, and abandoned animals of our community. Through education and support, we strengthen the bond between people and animals.

Vision
Create a community where animals are treated humanely.

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Tues-Fri: 1pm-7pm
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Sun: 12pm-5pm

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From Survivor of Neglect to Pampered Pooch