

5,601

companion
animals admitted

1,647

animals transferred
in from other groups
397 more than 2018

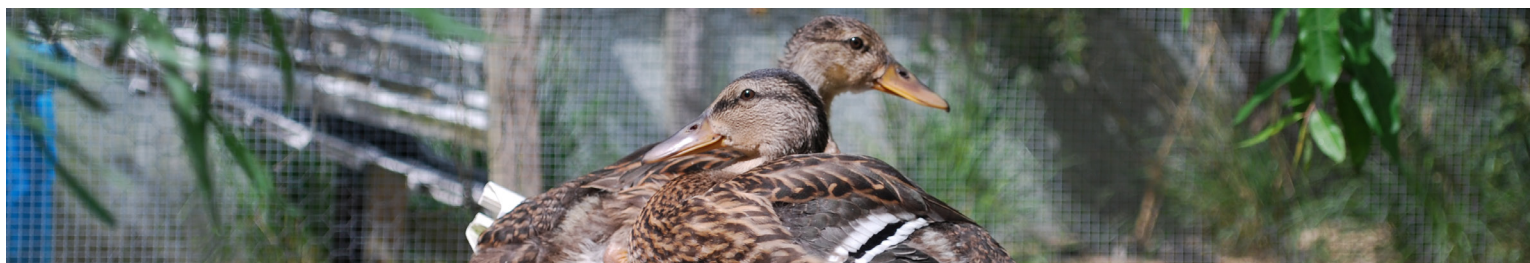
739

lost pets reunited
with their owners



Dane County Humane Society

2019 Annual Report



3,919

total animals
adopted
188 more than 2018

1,930 cats adopted

1,594 dogs adopted

395 other species adopted

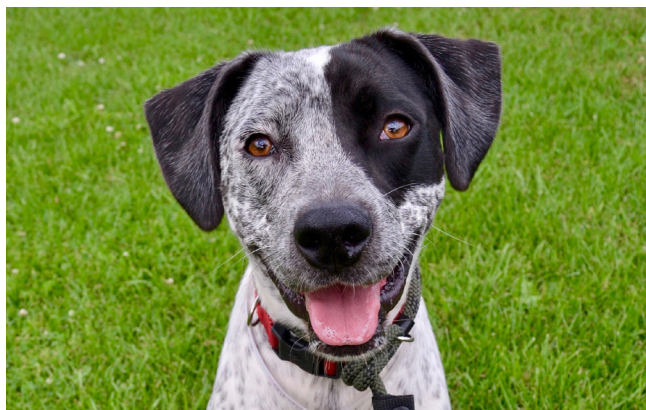
3,892

injured, ill and orphaned animals treated
at Dane County Humane Society's
Wildlife Center

Save Rate

is the percentage of live animals released by means of adoption, redemption and transfer during a given time period. Save Rate does not include the starting animal inventory for the given time period.

Save Rate = (Adoptions +
Redemptions + Transfers)/Intake



92%

save rate for all
companion animals
highest save rate ever

91%

save rate for cats

93%

save rate for dogs





WILDLIFE CENTER

3,892

wild animals were admitted after being found ill, injured or orphaned

223

volunteers and interns cared for wild patients

5,953

phone calls were received and answered by the Wildlife Center reception team

Notable Species

first lesser yellowlegs in at least 6 years

first Northern goshawk in 4 years

first river otter in at least 6 years

12 bald eagles

83 owls

9 different warbler species

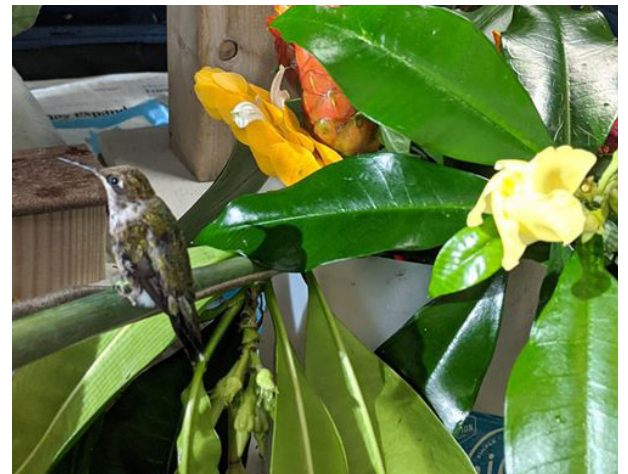
5 different bat species

7 different turtle species

27 different mammal species

► In September 2019, a hummingbird was found stuck to flypaper. While struggling to get free, he lost all of his front body feathers and damaged his flight feathers. Without enough body feather growth to insulate him during migration, DCHS's Wildlife Center was unable to release him by the time he should have left Wisconsin to fly south. He spent the winter in our care.

Donated fresh flowers from Olbrich Botanical Gardens are helping him feel at home. He eats a specialized nectar made fresh every day and has extended full spectrum lights to mimic the day length in Central America. The hope is he will be healthy with feathers fully grown back in time for a Spring 2020 release.



Barn

74 barn animals were cared for by Dane County Humane Society

32 chickens

5 horses

17 goats

4 pigs

7 tortoises

1 Guinea fowl

7 ducks

1 pheasant



◀ Pot-bellied pig **Hank** spent a total of 128 days in Dane County Humane Society's care while we treated his injured hoof pads. A healthy Hank was adopted in April 2019.

Animal Medical Services

9,304

medical exams performed

2,299

spay/neuter surgeries performed
on 1,245 cats, 986 dogs
and 68 rabbits

267

dental surgeries performed on
194 cats and 73 dogs

106

other surgeries performed such as
amputations, femoral head ostectomies
and enucleations

57

UW veterinary students attended ambulatory
rotations at DCHS to learn about shelter
medicine and management

Foster

150

foster families
provided homes for

393 cats

87 dogs

528

animals to grow,
rest and recover

48 critters

F.I.T. Center

102

cats with dermatophyte
(ringworm) were treated and
cured in Maddie's Felines In
Treatment Center at DCHS

volunteers spent

1,772

hours caring for cats
in the F.I.T. Center

45

days was the
longest stay
for a cat

64

cats were transferred
in from outside
organizations



◀ 3-month-old kitten **Cider** was at Marshfield Area Pet Shelter when they discovered she had eyelid agenesis, a condition where part of her upper eyelid did not develop before birth. A DCHS veterinarian knew how to perform a "Switch Flap Reconstruction" which would remove hair rubbing against her eye and provide the kitten with a complete eyelid. Cider was transferred to DCHS and, following a successful surgery and recovery in a foster home, she was immediately adopted into a loving home.

Canine Behavior Team

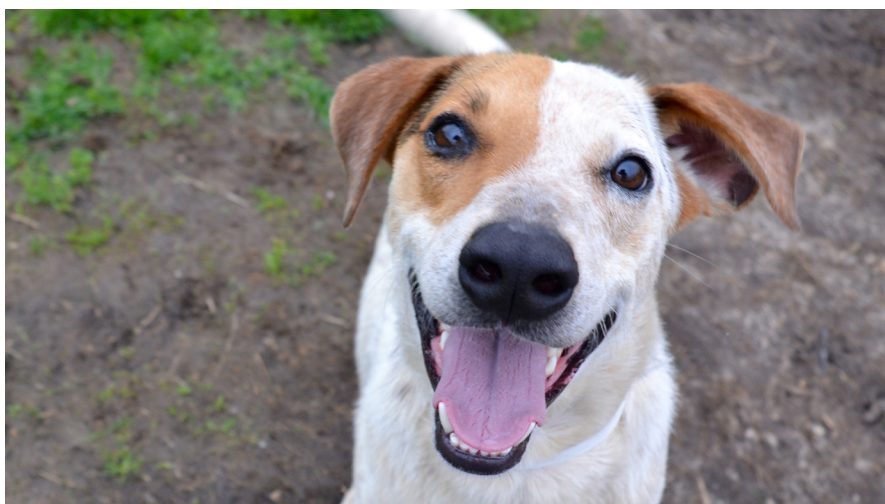
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dogs were enrolled in DCHS's Behavior Modification program, 54 more than 2018

2,000+

hours were spent by staff and volunteers training dogs

▼ Echo was a 5-year-old dog having difficulty finding the right family. He was a high energy pup who found certain new situations scary. During his 60 day stay at DCHS, the Canine Behavior Team enrolled Echo in the Behavior Modification Program, employing techniques to help him gain confidence and learn how to calm himself down during anxious moments. These techniques helped Echo become an even better adoption candidate than before and helped him find his forever home.



Pets for Life

149 new clients with **204** pets have received assistance and resources

33 were spayed/neutered

205 received vaccinations

515 other medications and services were provided

Community Dog Day

106 dogs were served at one Community Dog Day event

54 dogs received microchips

41 dogs were signed up for spay/neuter surgeries

90 rabies and **94** distemper and parvo vaccines were administered

Volunteers

1,320

volunteers contributed

114,813

hours of work, which is
equivalent to having over

54

full-time staff members

771

volunteer hours were
contributed by employees
of local businesses



▲ **Linda Gilsdorf** was awarded the 2019 Ida Kittleson Award given to a volunteer whose actions and deeds exemplify the mission of DCHS. Linda began volunteering in 2006, and over the years she has lent her passion and skills in many areas of the shelter including adoptions, foster care, the F.I.T. Center and wildlife program. Linda's kindness and experience make her a superstar, especially with the shelter cats who are in need of extra love and care.

Independent Fundraisers

\$148,861

was donated to DCHS through

112

Facebook fundraisers and

219

independent events,

129

hosted by local businesses and

90

hosted by kids

Keeping Pets in their Homes

29,200

pounds of pet food and cat litter were
donated to local food pantries

295,131

pounds of pet food and cat litter have
been donated to local food pantries since
the program began in 2011

DCHS collaborates with Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin to help those experiencing economic hardship keep their pets.

Humane Education

241

humane education events reached

6,922

adults and kids through Camp Pawprint, shelter tours,
offsite presentations, field trips, scout workshops and the
Humane Heroes Club.

Major Events

80

organizations provided cash
and in-kind sponsorships
to support DCHS

392

supporters attended
Toto's Gala
which raised

\$151,879

240

supporters attended
Bark & Wine
which raised

\$113,716

1,000+

supporters attended
Dogtoberfest
which raised

\$34,916

2019 Board of Directors

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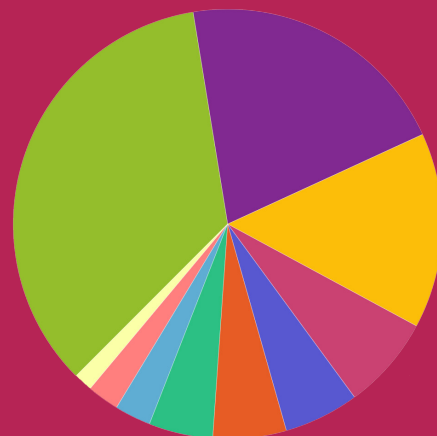
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Joel Davidson

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Maggie Premo



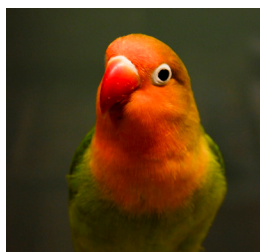
Revenue

Individual Donations	\$1,907,569	35.06%
Program Services & Fees	\$1,128,097	20.73%
Bequests	\$800,852	14.72%
Municipal Contracts	\$383,922	7.06%
Investments & Misc. Income	\$300,810	5.52%
Major Events	\$300,511	5.52%
Grants	\$262,855	4.83%
Independent Events	\$148,861	2.74%
Thrift Store	\$131,216	2.41%
Merchandise Sales	\$76,762	1.41%
Total	\$5,441,455	



Expenses

Direct Program Expenses	\$3,198,798	70.30%
Core Mission Support:		
Fundraising, Marketing & Thrift Store	\$949,242	20.86%
Shelter Administration	\$402,092	8.84%
Total	\$4,550,132	



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