



Humane Society
OF SUMMIT COUNTY™



2024 Impact Report

A Note from our President and CEO



As I reflect on all we achieved together in 2024, I'm filled with gratitude. This past year we rescued over 1,800 animals. That's 1,800 lives saved, and families completed through pet adoption.

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the opening of our new shelter, a 25,510-square-foot state-of-the-art facility designed to enhance the care, comfort, and rehoming of abused, neglected, and abandoned animals throughout Summit County. This milestone represents a transformative chapter for the Humane Society of Summit County, enabling us to expand our lifesaving work and provide even greater support to pets and their families.

As we look ahead to 2025, we're dedicated to building on this momentum. Our vision includes expanding access to critical services through MABEL, our mobile veterinary clinic, forging stronger partnerships to advance our mission, and ensuring every pet in Summit County has a chance at a brighter future.

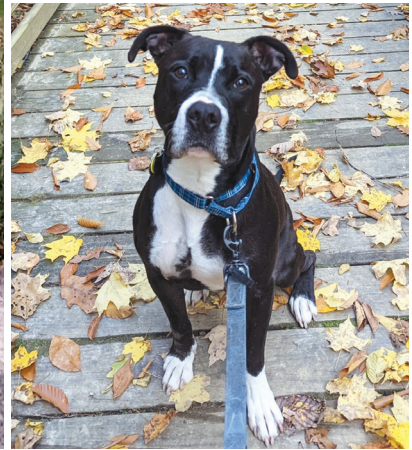
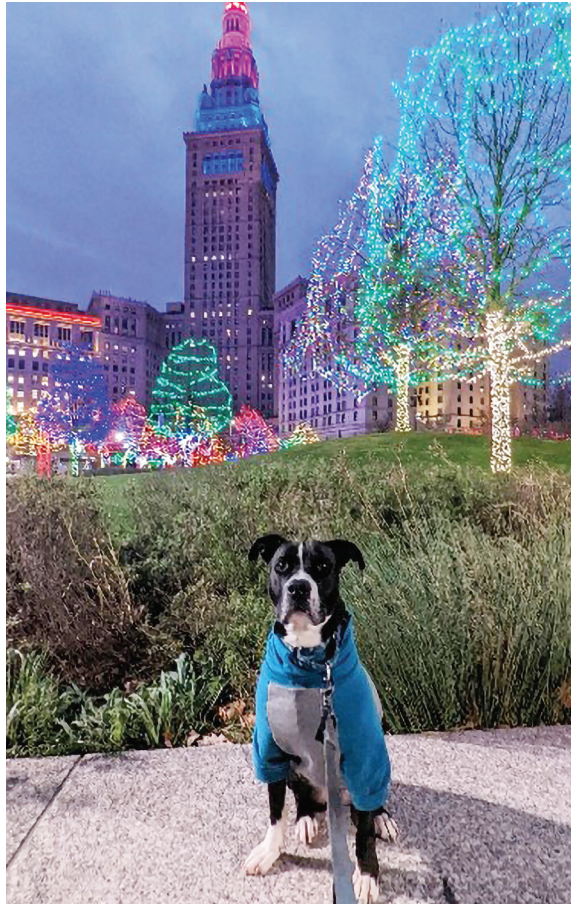
Thank you for your continued generosity, compassion, and trust in our mission. Together, we are transforming the lives of animals and the people who love them. None of this would be possible without your support.

With gratitude,

Neil Browning

President and CEO
Humane Society of Summit County

A Heart and Home: for Rescued Animals



Megan Bobula first became involved with HSSC in 2007 when she drove by the shelter during an adoption event. On her initial visit, the adoption counselor helped her find the perfect match, and Megan came home with a sweet dog named Fiona. Shortly thereafter, she began volunteering with HSSC. In 2014, she had the opportunity to shadow the HSSC Board, which led to her joining the Board in 2015.

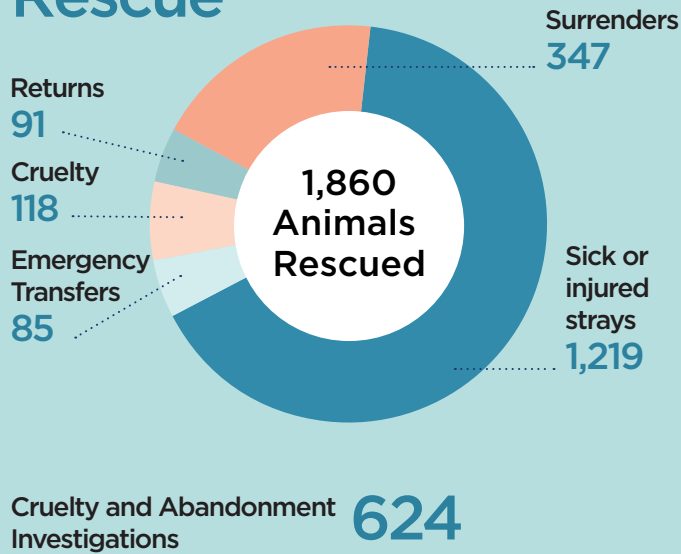
To help clear the shelters during the pandemic, Megan decided to foster a dog named Brulee, quickly became attached, and ultimately decided to keep him, renaming him Oliver.

Sadly, in 2024, both Fiona and Oliver passed away. This loss prompted Megan and her fiancée to open their home again to an animal in need. When they met Kodak, there was an instant connection! He has since been named Carl and has settled in perfectly in his new home.

Megan said, "In the animal rescue field, you see the worst of humanity with animal abusers, but you also see the absolute best in the people who work tirelessly to provide compassionate care and help the animals heal. HSSC offers services that not only save animals but also save humans by pairing us with these loving companions. I am so proud of our growth and excited about what the future holds for the shelter in our amazing new building. It has been a true honor to be involved in such a wonderful organization."

2024 by the Numbers

Rescue



Rehabilitation



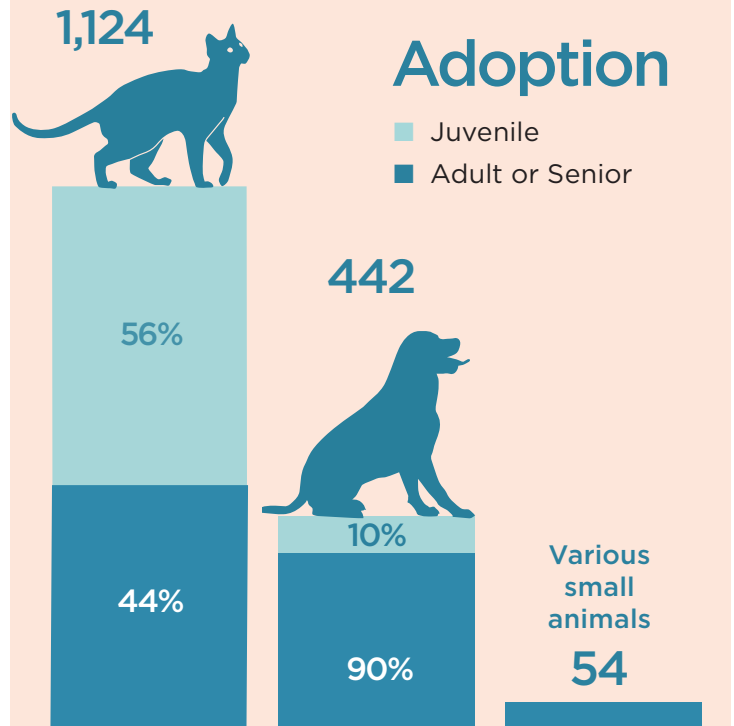
Medical exams	Vaccines administered	Spay/neuter surgeries	Other surgeries
16,349	7,678	1,155	225

Foster and Volunteer



Foster families	279
Fostered kittens and cats	760
Fostered puppies and dogs	139
Total Active Volunteers	316
Total Volunteer Hours	12,144

Adoption



Outreach

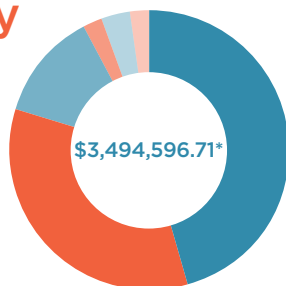
Visits from the Mobile Adoption Center	Students completed the No More Bullying!® education program	Pounds of pet food donated through our Pet Food Pantry
47	1,734	28,220

Financial Summary

Total giving
\$2,798,091.52 *

Number of donations
11,349

Value of in-kind donations
\$37,830.34*

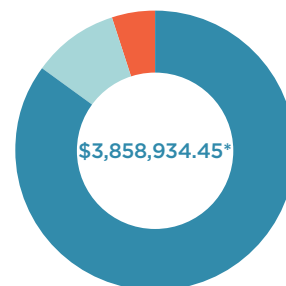


Revenue

Donations
Bequests
Events
Government
Adoptions
Miscellaneous

Expenses

Programs
Fundraising
Management



*Reflects pre-audited financial position.

Beowulf: *A Heroic Rescue*

The story of Beowulf, a 79-pound mastiff, begins on a sweltering summer day when the Humane Society of Summit County's dedicated Humane Agents arrived at a heartbreaking scene. Six dogs were left to fend for themselves in deplorable conditions, some locked in cages, others tethered outside, all suffering from fleas and malnutrition.

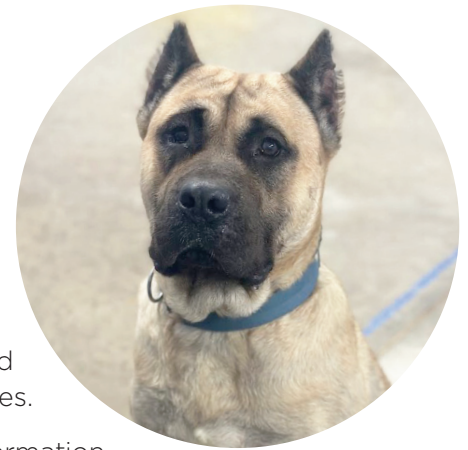
Among them was Beowulf, a gentle giant, who was tied to a basketball pole with a choke chain so tight that it caused him pain. Abandoned without access to food, water, or shelter, he was also covered in fleas and flies and suffered from a severe skin condition and an eye injury that required surgery.

Beowulf was timid and slow to trust those who came to rescue him. However, with time, dedication, and support from our expert behavioral, medical, and adoption staff, he began to understand that not

every human was a monster to fear. Gradually, he gained weight, healed from his skin and eye issues, and his shy demeanor transformed into tail wags and smiles.

His remarkable transformation did not go unnoticed, and soon Beowulf caught the eye of his future owner. Today, he is the protector of his home, looking after his person and two small canine brothers, especially his shy chihuahua sibling. Beowulf now enjoys the warmth of cuddling with his family and the comfort of a cool house in summer.

No longer does he have to fight for survival; he is now finishing his heroic story of recovery in a loving home.



Zora: *Fraidy Cat To Friendly Feline*

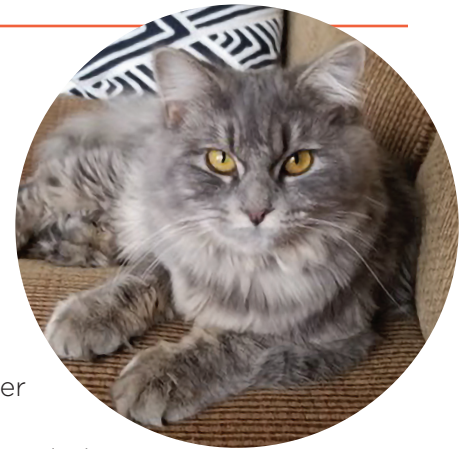
On a chilly November day, eight abandoned kittens were brought to HSSC. All of them were suffering from severe respiratory infections and ringworm. After a month of assessments, treatment, and acclimatization, one shy kitten named Zora required three months of isolation. This meant that her primary interactions were limited to other isolated cats. Before her intake, Zora was already fearful of human touch, which made her treatment even more challenging.

Once she was healthy enough to return to the main shelter population, the staff noticed that Zora loved mingling with other felines, but she remained extremely fearful of people, often running away as far as possible when they approached. Not only was Zora very shy, but she was also incredibly intelligent—a tricky combination. She quickly earned the

nickname "Houdini of HSSC" for her ability to open cage doors.

Fortunately, an understanding and dedicated staff member named Jasmine Y. recognized that Zora needed special attention and decided to foster her. With plenty of love, patience, and kindness, Jasmine's incredible skills helped earn Zora's trust. Eventually, Zora realized that Jasmine was her person, and she had found her forever home. Not only does Zora now allow people to pet her, but she also loves snuggling up against Jasmine's cheek.

Zora's story exemplifies the dedication and compassion of the HSSC team.



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