



Humane Society
OF SUMMIT COUNTY™



2025 Impact Report

A Note From Our Board Chair

This past year marked one of growth, momentum, and meaningful impact at the Humane Society of Summit County (HSSC).

After our first full year in the new, centrally located shelter, HSSC experienced a 25% increase in animal intake, reflecting the growing need for our services across Summit County. Even more importantly, adoptions increased by 13.46%, meaning more animals than ever found loving, permanent homes.

One of our most significant achievements was the successful relaunch of MABEL, our Mobile Veterinary Clinic. By bringing essential services such as vaccinations and spay/neuter surgeries directly to families facing financial barriers, MABEL ensured that critical veterinary care was accessible at no cost to qualifying households.

Through this effort, MABEL served 1,086 animals across 804 households, helping pets stay healthy and remain with the people who love them, while also strengthening public health throughout our community. This represents a remarkable 126.25% increase in the number of animals served compared to the previous year.

Our Happy Tails Thrift Shop also played an important role in advancing our mission by generating vital funding that supports programs and services for our animals.

None of this impact would be possible without the generosity of our supporters or the dedication of our staff and volunteers. Thank you for standing with us and helping create healthier pets, stronger families, and brighter futures for our community.

With gratitude,



Joleen Cicchinelli
Board Chair
Humane Society of Summit County

Clifton's Long Wait: Finding His Forever Home



Clifton, a resilient, joyful dog whose journey reminds us why patience, compassion, and community matter. This 60-pound American Pit Bull Terrier mix arrived at the Humane Society of Summit County in January 2023 as an injured stray, likely after being hit by a car. Despite a painful start, Clifton never lost his spark. He quickly became known for his goofy personality, love of squeaky toys, and enthusiasm for walks and playtime in the yard.

For more than 1,000 days, Clifton waited. He became our longest resident, charming staff, volunteers, and fosters alike with his affectionate nature and gentle soul. When Clifton finally had the chance to spend time in a foster home, his true self shined lounging happily, walking politely on a leash, and soaking up every ounce of love offered to him.

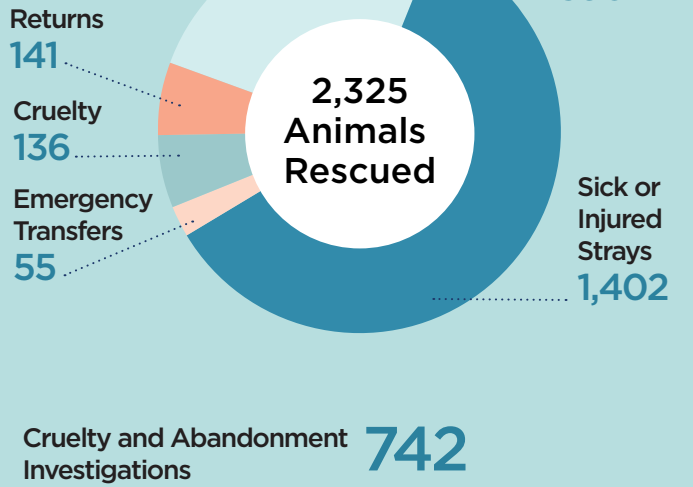


In late 2025, Clifton's story reached the people who were meant to find him. After seeing his face online, Stephanie and her husband knew he belonged with them. Today, Clifton is home cuddling, playing, and living the life he has waited so long to enjoy. His favorite activity is curling up on the couch beside his favorite people.

His journey shows that hope and kindness can change everything.

2025 by the Numbers

Rescue



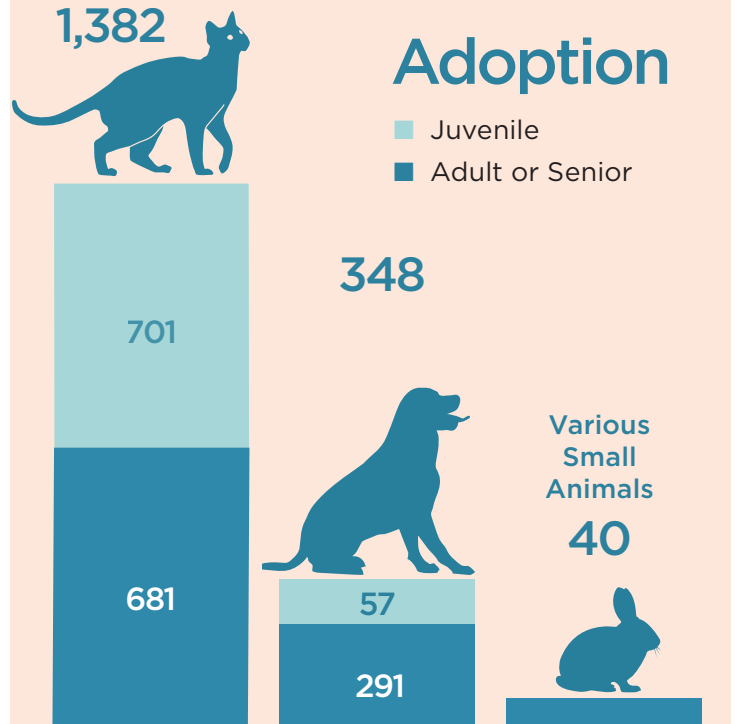
Rehabilitation

Medical Exams	Vaccines Administered	Spay/Neuter Surgeries	Other Surgeries
20,201	15,248	1,497	287

Foster and Volunteers

Foster Families: 183
 Fostered Kittens and Cats: 627
 Fostered Puppies and Dogs: 97
 Total Active Volunteers: 200
 Total Volunteer Hours: 17,496

Adoption



Outreach

MABEL (Mobile Veterinary Clinic): 1,086 Animals
 655 Spay/Neuter Surgeries
 2,338 Vaccines Administered
 804 Households Served

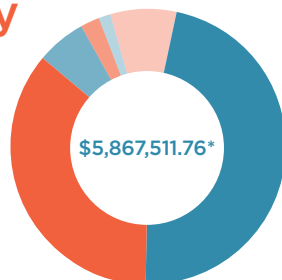
Pounds of pet food donated through our Pet Food Pantry: 31,500

Financial Summary

Total Giving: **\$4,694,009.43 ***

Number of Donations: **11,696**

Value of In-Kind Donations: **\$38,987.32***

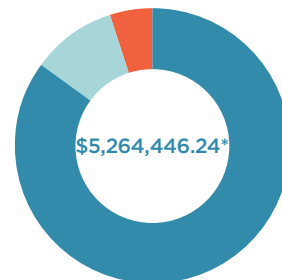


Revenue

- Donations
- Bequests
- Events
- Government
- Adoptions
- Miscellaneous

Expenses

- Animal Care
- Fundraising
- Management



*Reflects pre-audited financial position.

Zebra's Quiet Journey Home

Zebra arrived at the Humane Society of Summit County as part of a large hoarding case involving 120 cats. She came with her two kittens, unsure and adjusting to an entirely new environment. Over time, every one of the other cats from that situation found homes, until Zebra was the only one still waiting.

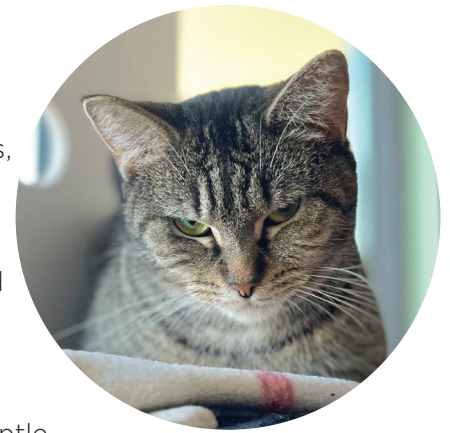
She was a quiet soul. While some cats eagerly sought attention, Zebra preferred to observe from a higher perch and move at her own pace. Trust came slowly, but when it did, she showed it in small, meaningful ways, a slow blink or a gentle head bump.

Zebra spent seven months in our care while our team and volunteers gave her the time and support she needed to feel safe. They understood that not every animal adjusts quickly, and that patience is sometimes the most important part

of care. As weeks turned into months, Zebra remained, even as the other 119 cats from the case were adopted one by one.

Eventually, Zebra found a home that appreciates her gentle personality and respects her need for calm and consistency. In a meaningful milestone, she was the very last cat from the hoarding case to be adopted, closing a chapter that began with 120 cats in need.

Zebra's journey reflects the impact of patience, understanding, and compassionate care. Because of that commitment, she is now safe in a loving home.



Leave a Lasting Legacy

Planned gifts provide lasting support for the Humane Society of Summit County's lifesaving work.

By including HSSC in your estate plans, you help ensure that abandoned, injured, and homeless animals will always find safety, comfort, and compassionate care. These future gifts, large or small, create a legacy of impact, sustaining our mission and strengthening our ability to serve animals and the people who love them for generations to come.

If you've already included HSSC in your plans, or would like to learn more about planned giving, please let us know so we may express our gratitude and welcome you into the Legacy Society. Contact Amanda Novelli at anovelli@summithumane.org.

Calendar of Events

Pawsibility Ball

Saturday, August 29, 2026
6-9 PM
House Three Thirty

Bow Wow Bingo

Friday, October 16, 2026
6-9 PM
St. George Fellowship Center

Illuminate & Celebrate

Saturday, November 14, 2026
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Adopt

Visit summithumane.org/adopt-foster or call 330-487-0333 ext. 803 for more information

Foster

Visit summithumane.org/adopt-foster/fostering-process or call 234-287-8424 for more information

Give

Visit summithumane.org/give or send your gift in the enclosed envelope!

Wish List

summithumane.org/ways-to-help/supply-wish-list

Volunteer

summithumane.org/volunteer

Mission

Humane Society of Summit County serves our community by caring and advocating for vulnerable animals and enriching the lives of pets and people.

Vision

A more compassionate and humane community for animals.