



ANNUAL REPORT 2023



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PAWS of Grays Harbor protects dogs and cats until united with family.

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Between Our Staff, We Have 11
PAWS Alumni & 23 Pets Total



6,214 pounds of pet food provided to community members in need during 2023

156 Volunteers made a difference with 2,611 hours of service in 2023

We could not change the lives of so many animals without the dedication and love of our committed volunteers. These people make it possible!

Milestones Matter

Less than one hour into my first day at the shelter, I found a dog abandoned on our back porch in a taped-up cardboard box.

Trembling in fear, left without a note or a name, she became a part of our PAWS family. Can you imagine what that must have been like for her? In just one day, everything about her life – including her name – changed. Since we both shared a milestone that day, it seemed fitting that we also both share a name. Weighing in at a meager eight pounds, Anna Banana may have arrived on the worst day of her life but soon, her life was filled with love and a dotting family to call her own. Every year, hundreds of cats and dogs join our family each with stories of their own, seeking safe shelter while they wait for a home. Though their stay with us is temporary, they are a permanent part of our family.

This year, the PAWS of Grays Harbor family celebrates a special anniversary – our 50th year as an official nonprofit organization. **Fifty years of service to our community is an exciting milestone** – one that compels us to reflect on what we have accomplished and appreciate all of the people who have contributed to our success – including you. Our family does not just consist of its staff, but also includes adopters, fosterers, grantors, donors, volunteers, organizations, businesses, and so many more. When we say we couldn't do it with you, we mean it.

We also celebrate another important milestone in our history - **10 years as a no-kill shelter.** What this means is that we save at least 90% of the animals coming into our shelter; in 2022, for example, our save rate was an amazing 98%. We do not euthanize for space, which means we can only take in animals as space allows. As a result, we have a lengthy waitlist in place for people wishing to release a pet. Sadly, we are not alone in this difficult time.



Anna Banana



Wobbles



John

Maybe you have heard about the current nationwide crisis for animal shelters like ours. Maybe you have already heard about the lack of affordable spay/neuter services driven by a critical shortage of veterinary professionals and how this is causing our pet overpopulation problem to balloon into a full-blown catastrophe. **Add in high inflation and a lack of affordable housing and you can start to understand why we are fielding so many requests to surrender pets ... and why shelter pets are seeing longer stays when there are fewer adopters prepared to provide a safe space.** Maybe you have also heard how many no-kill shelters are having to reverse back to euthanizing for space or how overall euthanasia rates have increased dramatically.

While we remain committed to maintaining our no-kill policy, **we too face the difficulties of rising costs, decreasing donations, and inadequate space to expand our capacity for care.** By partnering with Stafford Creek Corrections Center to bring back the popular Freedom Tails program, we have expanded our capacity to support dogs. We continue to seek creative solutions to the challenges we face including adding new programs such as our PAWS Around Town program to help socialize our shelter dogs or our Working/Barn Cat program to help find placement for cats that may not be successful in a traditional home adoption.

We need the support of our PAWS family to continue our mission. Please help us in any way that you can so that we can continue to create meaningful milestones together. Your donations help us care for the hundreds of cats and dogs that find their way to us every year just like Anna Banana. For your contributions through the years, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for being a part of our family and helping us keep our doors open to animals in need of a safe space.

For the Animals,

Anna Boeche

**Anna Boeche, Executive Director
PAWS of Grays Harbor**



No Kill for 11 Years

What Does It Mean To Be No Kill?

When discussing no kill, the numbers matter. Every life is a number and every life counts. There are two common ways to determine if a shelter or rescue is no kill: save rate and human population benchmark.



Save Rate

An organization must have a Save Rate of more than 90% of their animals to be considered no kill. A Save Rate is determined by the ratio of animals with "Live Outcomes" divided by the number of "Total Outcomes".

Our Save Rate

2023 - 94%
2022 - 98%
2021 - 98%
2020 - 97%
2019 - 95%
2018 - 92%

Human Population Benchmark

To be considered no kill, an organization must have a Human Population Benchmark (HPB) of no more than 2 animals per every 1,000 people yearly. The HPB is determined by the ratio of animals "Without Live Outcomes" yearly divided by the number of 1,000 people in the community population.

Our H.P.B.

2023 - 0.42 per 1000
2022 - 0.12 per 1000
2021 - 0.13 per 1000
2020 - 0.24 per 1000
2019 - 0.45 per 1000
2018 - 0.78 per 1000

Our Policy

P.A.W.S. of Grays Harbor is to only euthanize pets not able to be rehabilitated; those which are hopelessly suffering or dangerous to other people or pets. This decision is never taken lightly. The numbers above represent every animal that passes while in our care.

We share these numbers in hopes of giving people a better understanding of what it means to be a no kill shelter. Every one of these lives matters to us.

Shelter Animal Intake

2023 Intake

533

Total
(493 in 2022)

411 cats
112 dogs

Where do they come from?

Aberdeen 46%
Hoquiam 17%
Elma 15%
Montesano 7%
Cosmopolis 1%
Westport 3%
Oakville 3%
McCleary 2%
Ocean Shores 1%
Other Grays Harbor County 2%
Pacific County 2%
Thurston County 1%
Other Counties <1%

Intake Reasons

Stray: 46%
Abandoned at PAWS: 10%
Unable to Afford: 9%
Other Personal Reasons: 7%
Moving/Abandoned by Tenant: 7%
Unwanted: 6%
Accidental Litter: 4%
Unsuitable Home: 4%
Behavioral Issues: 2%
Health Issues of Owner: 3%
Change in Family: 1%
Health Issues of Animal: <1%

Notes: Stray intake numbers primarily refer to cats. We also partner with local Animal Control agencies to help rehome stray, unclaimed dogs.

As many people in our community are suffering greatly economically, it is not surprising to see a rise in surrenders due to financial reasons.

Lack of affordable pet-friendly housing continues to add to the demand to surrender pets and we have seen a rising trend of animals simply abandoned at rental properties.



Shelter Animal Outcomes

2023 Adoptions

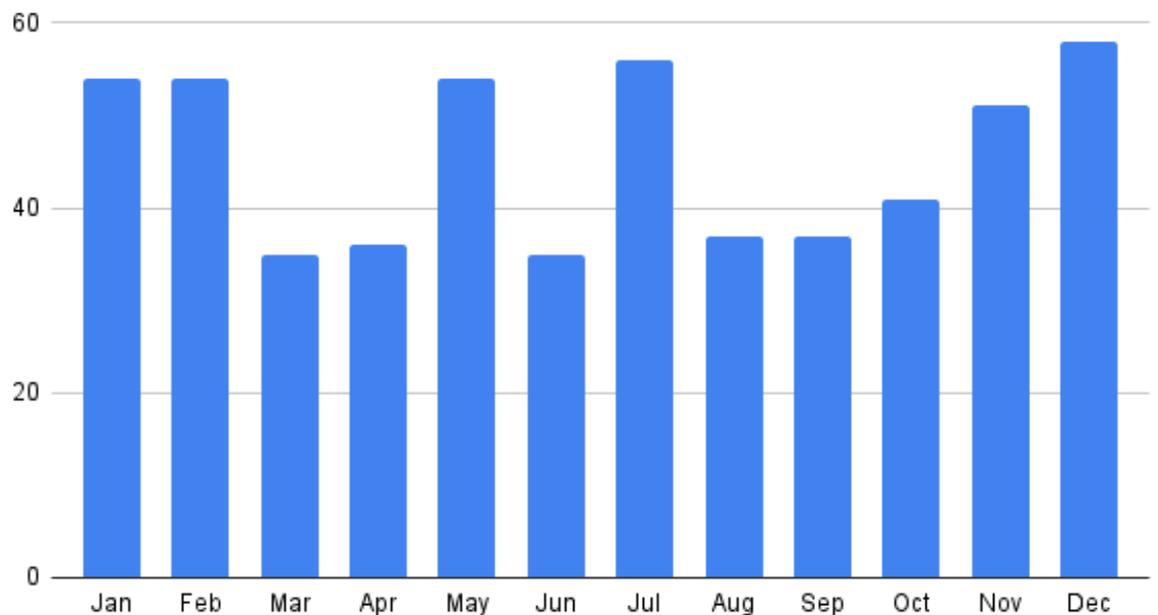
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Total
(495 in 2022)

432 cats
116 dogs



2023 Adoptions By Month



The average
shelter stay
for cats in
2023 was

39 days

The average
shelter stay
for dogs in
2023 was

38 days

Shelter Financials

January 2023 through December 2023

INCOME

• Grants	\$25,075
• Special Events	\$43,342
• Misc. Income	\$3,618
• Kennel Sponsorships	\$6,000

DONATIONS

• Contributions	\$50,111
• Memorials	\$6,934
• Amazon Smile	\$2,114 (discontinued)
• Amazon Wishlist	\$287 (discontinued)
• Pack Leader	\$15,315

PROGRAM DONATIONS

• Adoption Fees	\$85,482
• Release Fees	\$3,888
• Freedom Tails	\$5,460
• Boarding	\$120.00
• Grooming	\$5,070
• Medications	\$8,195

OTHER REVENUE

• Estates	\$0
• Interest Income	\$152,101

TOTAL REVENUE \$413,405.33

EXPENSES

• Advertising, Promotion, Networking	\$706
• Automobile	\$916
• Dues and Subscriptions	\$1842
• Fees and Charges	\$3040
• Liability Insurance	\$11,557
• Licenses and Permits	\$100
• Miscellaneous	\$0
• Office Expenses	\$1562
• Postage and Delivery	\$632
• Printing	\$111
• Professional Development	\$1,607
• Professional Fees	\$2,836
• Repairs	\$11,183
• Special Event Expenses	\$2,218
• Office Supplies/Food	\$4,714
• Utilities	\$19,534
• Payroll	\$246,990
• Program Services	\$145,569
• Veterinary Services	\$71,094

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$455,939.28



How to Support PAWS

Adopt

Volunteer

Foster

Take a Walk with ResQwalk and WoofTrax apps

Recycle with Pay More Recycle

Host a Pet Food & Supplies Drives

Shop our Amazon WishList

Join our Board of Directors

Be a Pack Leader Monthly Donor

Sponsor a Kennel Annually

Donate Your Tax Refund

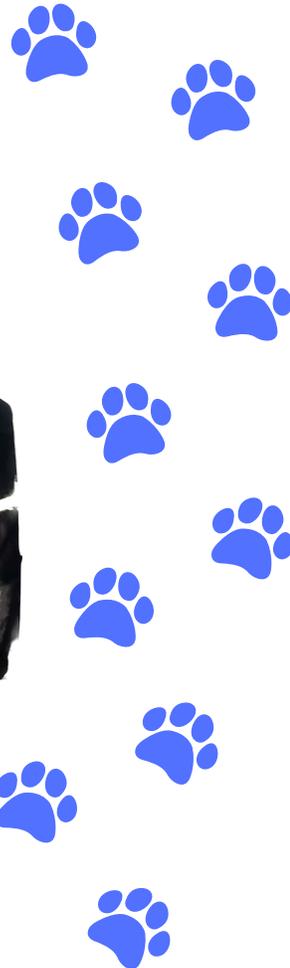
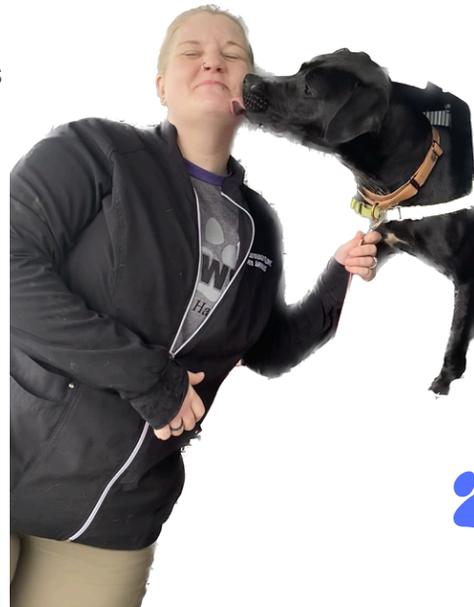
Donate Pet Food and Supplies

Attend Fundraising Events

Designate PAWS as a Beneficiary for your Life Insurance,

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Spread the Word



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Donors who gave over \$2500

Healthy Paws Foundation
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Donors who gave \$1000-\$2499

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Our Services

ADOPTION FEES: CANINE

Puppy/Young Adult (0 - 1 year)	\$350
Adult (1 - 8 years)	\$275
Senior (8+ years)	\$150
Small Breed Puppy/Young Adult	\$450
Small Breed Adult (up to 30 lbs)	\$400
Specialty Breeds	Varies

ADOPTION FEES: FELINE

Kitten/Young Adult (0 - 1 year)	\$175
Adult (1 - 10 years)	\$125
Senior (10+ years)	\$75
Specialty Breeds	Varies

RELEASE FEES

Puppy/Young Adult (0 - 1 year)	\$10
Adult Dog (1 - 8 years)	\$30
Senior Dog (8+ years)	\$35
Kitten/Young Adult (0 - 1 year)	\$10
Adult Cat (1 - 10 years)	\$20
Senior Cat (10+ years)	\$35
SICK/MEDICAL NEEDS: Additional	\$35

FLEA TREATMENT

Cat or Dog (up to 55 lbs)	\$15
Dog (55+ lbs)	\$20

CAT DEWORMER

2-3 lbs	\$5
4-8 lbs	\$10
9-12 lbs	\$15
13-16 lbs	\$20

DOG DEWORMER

6-12 lbs	\$10
12-25 lbs	\$15
25-50 lbs	\$20
50-100 lbs	\$25
100-150 lbs	\$30

GROOMING

Nail Trim	\$15
Self-Use Dog Wash	\$15



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