



## Spring Newsletter 2024

#### **OUR MISSION**

We serve the citizens and animals of our local communities by providing shelter, medical care, and adoption and transport opportunities for stray, abandoned or surrendered animals.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**April 1st to 30th** Paws on the Path

**April 6th** Free Vaccine Clinic

**April 12th** Spring Bingo Bash

April 19th & 20th Low-cost Spay/Neuter Clinic

**May 1st - 15th** Bissell's Empty the Shelter

**August 23rd** Pars for Pets

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## Washington County SPCA Awarded \$75,000 Matching Grant from Petco Love!

We are thrilled to announce that Washington County SPCA has been awarded a life-saving matching grant of \$75,000 from Petco Love, a leading animal welfare organization. This generous grant will enable us to continue our mission of providing vital care and support to animals in need within our community.

But the good news doesn't end there! Petco Love has also presented us with an inspiring challenge: to raise \$25,000 every quarter for the remainder of 2024. This challenge match offers us the opportunity to double our impact, potentially raising a total of \$150,000 by the end of the year.

This additional funding will allow us to expand our services, including providing vaccines, essential care, and spay/neuter services to even more animals in need. With your help, we can make a significant difference in the lives of countless furry friends.

To meet this challenge, we've set up fundraising efforts in conjunction with our quarterly newsletters. Look out for opportunities to contribute in the Spring, Summer (during our Annual Campaign), and Winter (Holiday) editions. Together, we can reach our fundraising goals and continue to be a lifeline for animals in our community.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to our cause. Let's make 2024 a year of transformation and hope for animals in need!

# Spring into Action

Help Washington County SPCA meet our Matching Challenge Grant goal of \$25,000 from Petco Love





Dear Supporters,

As we welcome the vibrant spirit of spring, I want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support of Washington County SPCA. Your generosity has been instrumental in our mission to provide compassionate care and find loving homes for animals in need.

Reflecting on the challenges of the past year, 2023 proved to be particularly demanding for us. Despite our tireless efforts, we encountered obstacles that significantly impacted our ability to fulfill our mission to the fullest extent.

One of the most pressing issues we faced was the scarcity of animal transports. Due to various logistical constraints and unforeseen circumstances, our ability to transfer animals to partner shelters was severely limited. As a result, our shelter became overcrowded, placing immense strain on our resources and staff.

Furthermore, the length of stay for many of our dogs reached unprecedented levels. With limited space and resources, some of our furry friends remained in our care for longer periods than we would have hoped. While we spared no effort to ensure their comfort and well-being, the prolonged stays took a toll on both the animals and our team.

However, amidst these challenges, your continued support served as a beacon of hope for us and the animals we serve. Your donations enabled us to provide essential medical care, nutritious meals, and enrichment activities to our residents, despite the odds stacked against us.

Looking ahead to the spring season, we are committed to overcoming the obstacles that stand in the way of our mission. With your ongoing support, we are determined to enhance our transport efforts, reduce the length of stay for our animals, and continue providing the highest standard of care possible.

As we embark on this journey, we humbly ask for your renewed support. Your donation, no matter the size, will make a meaningful difference in the lives of countless animals in our care. Together, let us spring into action and ensure that every animal receives the love, care, and chance for a brighter future they deserve.

Thank you once again for your incredible generosity and commitment to our cause. With your support, we can make this spring season one of hope, healing, and new beginnings for animals in need.

Warmest regards,

Tonya Pete CEO



#### Helping Paws and Preventing Overpopulation!

Our community cat program (TNVR) is working tirelessly to provide vaccines, medical care, and spaying/neutering to these feline friends. By getting ahead of the breeding season, we're ensuring a healthier future for our community and its beloved cats.





Gratitude in Full Swing

Huge thanks to the College High & Sooner Alumni Club for their generous donations of treats, a portable adoption cage, and a cat exercise wheel. With your support, we're making tails wag and hearts purr brighter than ever!

#### Young Philanthropists Share Their Birthday With The Shelter Animals

Turning birthday wishes into happy tails, these young philanthropists chose to spread joy by donating muchneeded supplies to shelter animals from their special day. Compassion knows no age!

#### From Shelter Resident to Family Member



After being at the shelter for a year, Ranger got a much needed respit from the shelter, where he quickly wormed his way into his foster's heart.

Ranger's temporary foster turned forever home is a heartwarming reminder of the power of love and second chances. Here he is, thriving in his new backyard, enjoying fetch, cuddles, and all the joys of a forever family. Happy tails, Ranger!

#### From Shelter Resident to Family Member

His new name is Loki, as he is mischievous and clever and constantly up to no good. He loves cuddling, his best friend is Bond (also adopted from wcspca) and he is one of the goofiest dogs I've ever met. He will sass you back and cause drama, he can open and close our trash, toilets, doors, and even containers aren't safe from his smart nose! He's slowly learning tricks but knows lay, shake, sit and almost roll over.

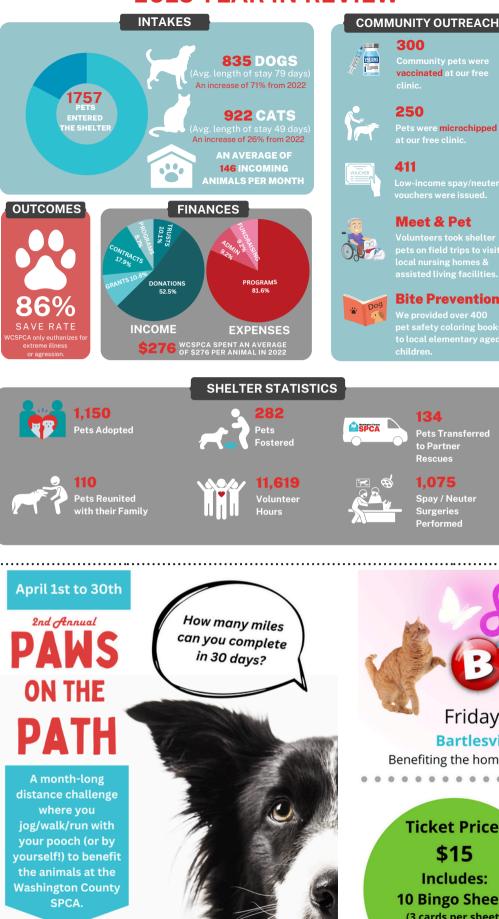


#### Be a Hero, Become a Foster Parent Today!

Can we crash at your place for a while? We need to ... gain weight mature heal recover learn grow Up SIGN UP TO BE A FOSTER TODAY SCAN During breeding season, pet fostering becomes a lifeline for our shelter, offering love and care to vulnerable kittens and puppies until they're ready for adoption.

Fosters play a vital role beyond just baby animals. They provide crucial support for adult pets recovering from surgery, heartworm treatment, or needing to gain/lose weight. Every foster makes a difference in their journey to a forever home.

## **2023 YEAR IN REVIEW**



For more information and to register, visit wcspca.org or scan the QR code.



**COMMUNITY OUTREACH** 300

Community pets were vaccinated at our free



411

Meet & Pet



**Bite Prevention** We provided over 400 pet safety coloring books to local elementary aged

Volunteers took shelter pets on field trips to visit local nursing homes &



Spay / Neuter Surgeries Performed

#### **2024 WCSPCA Board of Directors**

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**Bartlesville Community Center** Benefiting the homeless animals of Washington County

### **Ticket Price:** \$15

**Includes: 10 Bingo Sheets** (3 cards per sheet)

**Concessions Available** 

Doors open at 5:30 pm 50/50 Mini Bingo 5:45 - 6:45 pm \$1.00 per card Regular Bingo 7:00 pm 50/50 Raffle

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Tickets available at: WCSPCA or online at wcscpa.org

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