



Washington County
SPCA



Holiday 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.

OUR VALUES

We work to create a community where all dogs and cats have a safe and loving home.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 3rd

Giving Tuesday

Online, in-person, or by mail

December 1st to 17th

Bissell's Empty the Shelter
WCSPCA, Petco, PetSmart

December 7th

WCSPCA Open House
16620 State Hwy. 123

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A Home for Hardy: From Quarantine to Cherished Companion

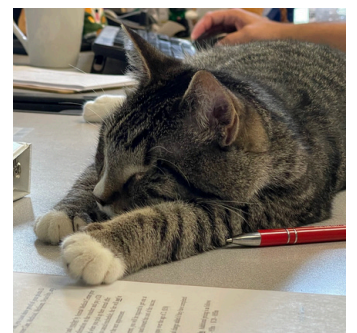
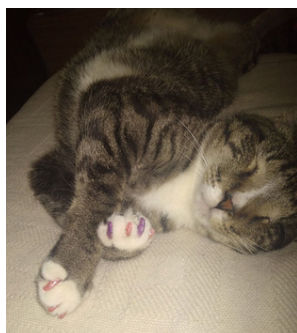
Hardy's journey is one of resilience, love, and finding the perfect match when it was least expected. Born at the shelter to an unhealthy feral mother, Hardy's start in life was anything but easy. His compromised immune system meant frequent battles with upper respiratory infections and persistent eye issues that eventually required the surgical removal of one eye.

Because of his health challenges, Hardy spent much of his first year in the shelter being transferred back and forth to our quarantine areas for treatment. This meant he often missed out on being visible in our adoption areas, making it harder for him to find a forever home. Through it all, Hardy became a fixture at the shelter, forming strong bonds with our staff. He was so affectionate that he earned the unofficial title of "office cat," brightening our days and—at times—making it nearly impossible to get any work done with his relentless requests for cuddles.

Hardy's story took a heartwarming turn when the residents of Forest Manor, a local assisted living facility, needed a little affection of their own. One of their residents, accompanied by an employee, visited our shelter and met Hardy in the office. It was love at first sight. They knew Hardy was the perfect match for their community.

Today, Hardy is thriving in his new role as the beloved companion of the residents at Forest Manor. Surrounded by people who adore him, he spends his days soaking up all the affection he so richly deserves. Hardy's journey from a sickly kitten to a cherished companion reminds us why we do what we do—every life matters, and every animal deserves a chance to find their perfect home.

This holiday season, your support ensures that cats like Hardy receive the care they need while waiting for their second chance. Together, we can create more happy endings like Hardy's.



DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT ON GIVING TUESDAY TO SUPPORT TNVR



There are several ways to participate:

- Donate online at wcspca.org on December 3rd
- Scan the QR Code
- Stop by the shelter and drop off a donation or mail a check



SCAN TO DONATE

This **Giving Tuesday**, we have an incredible opportunity to make a significant difference for the cats in our community. Thanks to the generosity of a dedicated supporter and advocate for our Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR) program, your donation will be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to \$5,000!

TNVR has been a game-changer for managing and improving the lives of community cats in Washington County. Since its launch, we've made remarkable progress. By preventing the birth of countless litters and improving the health of outdoor cats, this program benefits the entire community.

However, the grant funding that made this lifesaving program possible has been fully utilized. Without additional support, we risk losing the momentum we've built. Every dollar raised on **Giving Tuesday** will go directly to our TNVR efforts, ensuring we can continue reducing overpopulation, protecting feline health, and making a lasting impact in our neighborhoods.

This **Giving Tuesday**, you can help us double that impact. Together, we can sustain and expand our TNVR program, creating a safer, healthier, and more humane community—one paw at a time. Mark your calendars for **Giving Tuesday** and make your gift. Let's make every dollar count for the cats who need us most.

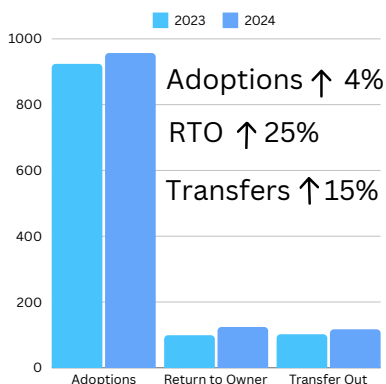
DOGGIE'S DAY OUT - A NEW PROGRAM LOVED BY DOGS AND VOLUNTEERS



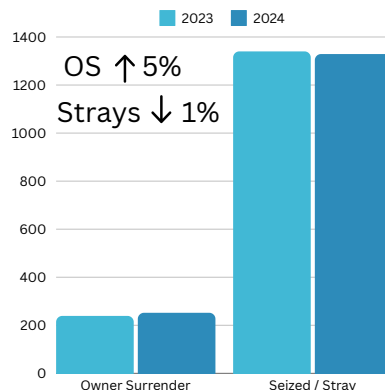
Looking for a way to make a difference in a shelter dog's life? Our Doggie Day Out program allows volunteers to take a dog out for the day or even the weekend! Take them to dog-friendly spots, on a hike, or just enjoy a relaxing day at home. By spending time with our dogs outside the shelter, you'll help them get the mental and physical exercise they need, and you'll provide us with valuable insights into their behavior.



Outcomes

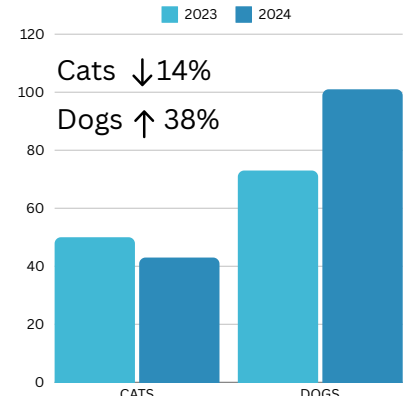


Intakes



Length of Stay

Average number of days in our care



WCSPCA Statistics January 1st to October 31st 2023 vs. January 1st to October 31st 2024

November 27, 2024



Dear Friends,

As we near the end of 2024, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible difference you've made this year for the animals in our care and for our community.

Thanks to your generosity, we accomplished so much together:

- Provided shelter, food, and medical care to 1,900 local animals in need.
- Launched and expanded programs like our Community Cat Program, helping to significantly reduce the local cat population by preventing unwanted pregnancies and reducing the spread of preventable diseases.
- Held free vaccine and microchip clinics and low-cost spay and neuter events to keep pets safe and healthy.
- Supported families with pets affected by the devastating tornado that tore through our town in May, thanks to disaster relief grants from PetSmart Charities and Petco Love.

In addition to these milestones, your support helped us rise to the challenge of Petco Love's matching grant. Because of you, we met our 2nd and 3rd quarter goals of raising \$25,000 each, unlocking \$100,000 in total funding so far this year to help the animals who need us most.

Now, as we enter the final quarter of this challenge, we have one last opportunity to meet our goal and unlock the full \$150,000 potential of this grant. Raising another \$25,000 by December 31 will allow us to continue providing life-saving care and compassionate services for animals and families in our community.

If the pandemic taught us anything, it's that we never know what tomorrow will bring. The same is true for the animals who find their way to us—each one with their own story of hardship and hope. Your support ensures that, no matter the obstacles, we'll be here to continue to provide homeless animals with the care and compassion they deserve.

Please consider making a year-end gift to help us reach this critical goal. **Every dollar you give will be doubled thanks to Petco Love.** Together, we can save more lives and make 2024 our most successful year yet. Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season and a bright start to the new year!

With deep gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tonya".

Tonya Pete
CEO, Washington County SPCA



Building a Safer, Healthier, Humane Community: One Paw at a Time
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Adoption Updates



"I brought Owen home one year ago today (November 12th, 2023). He has been a joy. Such a sweet personality and very much a mama's boy. Thank you for all you do!" - Vickie Chaffin

Three of our barn cats hit the jackpot! Their new family recently wrote to share an update: Mochi and Jack are thriving and loving their best barn cat life, while China is also doing great—though she was off on her own adventure at the time.



"I just wanted to give you an update on Luna. Next month will be a year since we adopted her. We love her so much! She and My 3 year old are best friends, she is so gentle with her. The whole family loves her, and she loves us. Her favorite things to do are play outside, going for car rides, playing with the kids, and being a couch potato. It makes me sad that someone could drop off such a sweet dog in the streets, but makes me happy that she gets to be a big part of our family! Thank you!" Crystal L Tabery

Simple Simon's Pizza in Dewey is adding adorable WCSPCA adoptable dogs to their pizza boxes—a fun and creative way to help homeless pets find loving homes! 🐾❤️

Next time you grab a pizza, keep an eye out for your future furry friend and support this amazing local business.

Would your business like to help, too? Adding adoption photos to carryout bags or containers is an easy way to make a big difference for animals in need. Thank you, Simple Simon's, for being such a great partner! 🍕🐾

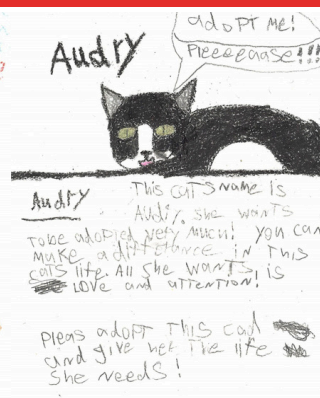


A Paws-itively Amazing Day with Hoover Elementary!

Last week, we had the pleasure of hosting Mrs. Hockett's 5th-grade class from Hoover Elementary, and what a fantastic day it was! The students spent time meeting our adoptable dogs and cats, learning about their unique personalities while providing much-needed socialization for the animals. They didn't stop there—they rolled up their sleeves to help unload supplies and sweep the floors, proving that they're not afraid to pitch in and make a difference.

During their visit, the students learned what it means to be a responsible pet owner, from providing proper care to the importance of adoption. To top it all off, they showcased their creative talents by drawing pictures of our animals and writing heartfelt reasons why these pets deserve a loving home. Their enthusiasm and creativity truly warmed our hearts!

We loved having Mrs. Hockett's class at the shelter and are so grateful for the energy, kindness, and passion they brought with them. Thank you, Hoover Elementary, for spending your day with us and helping make a difference in the lives of our animals!



Thank You For Making a Difference

As we reflect on this season of gratitude, we are overwhelmed by the incredible support that fuels our mission.

To our devoted volunteers, thank you for pouring your time, energy, and heart into every task, big or small. Your dedication brings our vision to life and touches so many lives. To our generous donors, your belief in our cause allows us to go above and beyond, expanding our impact and creating a stronger, more compassionate community.

We are equally grateful to our business sponsors, whose partnership strengthens our ability to serve. Your commitment to our mission helps us achieve goals that once seemed out of reach. And to our grantors, thank you for investing in our future. Your trust empowers us to innovate, grow, and make lasting, meaningful change. Together, your support is more than kindness—it's transformation. You're changing lives, bringing hope, and making our community a brighter place for every animal and every person. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

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- Donate Stock
- Volunteer
- Apply for an employer match
- Include us in your planned giving

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