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*Happy
New
Year!*



**WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR THREE NEW EMPLOYEES THAT
CAME ON BOARD IN 2021.**

THEY ARE DOING A FANTASTIC JOB - KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

Barbara Turck - Cat Rooms - Animal Care Worker

Marah Mellnitz - Dog - Animal Care Worker

Kelsey Morak - Dog - Animal Care Worker

THE SHELTER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, VOLUNTEERS, COMMUNITY AND MOST OF ALL THE ANIMALS ARE GOING TO MISS AMBER 2 SO VERY MUCH! AMBER REAPE'S LAST DAY AS AN EMPLOYEE AT THE SHELTER WAS FRIDAY 12/31/2021.

THANK YOU AMBER FOR EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE, THE LOVE YOU HAVE SHOWN AND THE SECOND CHANCE YOU HAVE GIVEN TO SO MANY ANIMALS!



OUR 2021 IMPACT

01/01/2021 - 12/31/2021

Total Cats, Kittens, Dogs & Puppies taken In: 714
Cat/Kitten total IN: 457 - OUT: 446 **** Dog/Puppy total IN: 257 - OUT: 251

Other Animals In & all adopted out:

Rabbits: 4

Ferret: 1

Lizard: 1

So many WONDERFUL Adoptions:

WAITED LONG TERM & FINALLY ADOPTED!



Atlas (263 days)



Dixie (205 days)



Zeus (258 days)



Tiger (253 days)



Meadow (250 days)



Marsh

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Kovu (211 days)



Tundra (223 days)



Princess (232 days)

Reminder: Animals Still Waiting For Their Furever Homes:

LONG TERM & STILL WAITING FOR ADOPTIONS!



Milo (334 days)



Tiny (308 days)



Sassy (275 days)



Scarlet (187 days)



Emerald (194 days)



Jezebel (196 days)



King (236 days)



Colt (215 days)



Grumps (205 days)

Update on the cat room project / dog kennels

We have made mention of cat room / dog kennel projects & upgrades over the past year, and want to update all our sponsors/donors with our plans.

We had planned on starting the cat room project this winter. However, we have some exciting bigger plans that are going to put the majority of it on hold for a little bit.

We have been in contact with a grant writer that writes grants for the Companion Animal Capital Fund Grant. Our shelter is eligible to apply for a grant from \$100,000 to \$500,000, where up to 75% of the project cost would be funded (we pay 25%). Since we were planning on spending a minimum of \$40,000, and possibly up to \$70,000 on upgrades, we decided to dream big. Why not pay 25% and get 75% extra in grant funds!

There is a LOT of work to do to get pre-qualified for such a grant, and lots more work to do to apply for the grant. Our Board of Directors has voted to spend the next year getting everything in order and in place, and apply January of 2023.

All of your donated dollars will remain in a fund for exactly what they were intended for, and we will keep track of the names of the sponsors/donors who donated over \$500 in 2021 and going forward in 2022 for the plaques.

Some work in the cat rooms simply cannot wait, and we will be accomplishing a few projects in the next few months. Thank you for understanding, and we assure you this work will get accomplished with your donations; we just hope to make them go much further with a grant!

Of course, nothing is ever guaranteed and if we don't get the grant, we will proceed as originally planned in 2023.

Donations for the cat rooms / dog kennel projects are still being accepted throughout 2022!

If you wish to donate specifically for one of the projects - please make sure to specify with the donation.



DECEMBER 2021 - A MONTH TO REMEMBER

Our Light up the Howl-a-days raised \$2,620 between the stockings/bulbs (169 made!), raffles, donations & jewelry sales. We also received so many wonderful donations of food, supplies & toys!

Thank you to Julia Stoffle, Reiki / Shaman Practitioner for doing the blessing of the animals.

Don't forget to pick up your stockings/bulbs at the shelter.

Also if you adopt - there is likely one already made with your pet's name on it!



DOUBLE OUR DECEMBER MATCH WE MET OUR GOAL!!!!

Donations up to \$10,000 made thru December 31st were matched by the Burrstone Bassett Fund.

Thank you to all who have donated!

We never know when an animal will need our help. Currently Catelyn the kitty is at the vet fighting her battle with our help. We have a dog that needs hip surgery. We have dogs like Grumps who without training funds may never get his chance with a loving family. We want to give these animals their best fighting chance, and your donations are their lifeline.

Your donations give so much hope to the animals in need.

We couldn't do any of this without YOU - our wonderful supportive community.

How to help your dog's joints this winter

1. Make sure their bed has extra padding and blankets
2. Maintain a healthy weight - every extra pound adds to the pain
3. Keep them moving! Light to moderate exercise is a must
4. Give a glucosamine supplement that also contains turmeric and green lip mussel
5. Slipping on hardwood floors or icy sidewalks can put a lot of extra strain on your dog's joints. Carpet runners or dog booties may help your dog maintain their footing
6. It might be too difficult for your dog to hop into your car or onto your bed. Jumping can be extremely painful for dogs with joint problems, so ramps and stairs can make a big difference in your dog's quality of life.
7. Keep nails trimmed - weekly is recommended
8. Acupuncture helps to stimulate the body's own anti-inflammatory and pain-reducing responses.

Foods and supplements for dogs that may help

**Ask your vet before giving anything new to your pet
and make sure it is dog friendly!**

1. Glucosamine / Chondroitin & MSM
2. Canine Turmeric supplement
3. Licorice
4. Ginger
5. Yucca
6. Horsetail
7. Alfalfa
8. Fish Oil

Adopt an FIV Cat

FIV (feline immunodeficiency virus) is a widely misunderstood condition. Many people think that it's easily spread, makes cats very sick, and that they have a lower life expectancy, so they are often overlooked for adoption. This is far from the truth!

When a cat tests positive for FIV, it means they either carry the virus or were vaccinated against it at some point (which causes them to test positive for the disease; this vaccine was discontinued in North America in 2015). FIV is not spread through casual contact such as shared food/water/litter, mutual grooming, or playing. It is most commonly spread through deep, vicious bite wounds typically inflicted by intact toms fighting on the streets over food, females, or territory. If a cat has been spayed or neutered, they are unlikely to fight in this manner, and if the population is stable (no serious fighting), FIV+ cats can live with non-infected cats (Litster 2014).

It was previously thought that FIV+ pregnant queens could pass the virus to their kittens, but this has since been disproved [according to a 2014 study](#) done by the School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University. Kittens with an FIV+ mother may test positive for up to 6 months due to the presence of maternal antibodies, but these dissipate over time.

FIV+ cats can live as long and healthy a life as non-infected cats. This doesn't mean they will never become ill; they are, after all, immunocompromised, so illnesses can be easier to catch and harder to fight off. They have the same needs as any other cat: [high quality nutrition](#), a clean, stress-free, strictly indoor environment, regular veterinary visits (ideally, two times per year), and lots of love. If they should become ill, they are generally treated earlier, for a longer duration, and more aggressively than non-immunocompromised cats (meaning they need to see the vet at the very first sign of illness and may be on stronger medication or on medication for a longer period).

Please consider opening your heart and home to an FIV+ cat!

