



2022

Community Impact Report

celebrating

80
CENTRAL
MISSOURI
HUMANE
SOCIETY
YEARS

of putting pets with people

A Letter from Our Executive Director,

JULIE ABER

We've made it through another year, and what a year it has been!

Throughout the changing environment of the pandemic, our staff has worked hard to ensure our doors stay open as the only open-admission shelter in Boone County. In 2022, our team placed over 2,100 animals into loving homes and reunited almost 200 animals with their owners. We are proud to be ending the year with a 97% placement rate for all animals entering our shelter! **This achievement was only possible thanks to the kind and generous support of our incredible community.**

As an organization, we have much to celebrate! In continuous operation since 1943, CMHS is proud of our long history and our growing impact in the community. Over the years, CMHS has achieved many significant milestones. Remember that just 10 years ago, we had a placement rate of only 72 percent. But as our programs have grown, our building has continued to degrade. The need for a new facility is now greater than ever, and we have begun the process of making our vision for a new facility a reality.

The care and safety of animals in need remain at the heart of all we do. Our vision is reflected in our many community programs offered to the public. In 2022, we distributed over 20,000 pounds of food to pet owners through our Community Pet Food Bank. We also provided hundreds of spay/neuter surgeries, vaccinations and microchips through our low-cost veterinary clinic. We recognize the far-reaching impact of our work in Boone County and the surrounding areas. We proudly serve pet owners in need and offer safety net programs to keep loved pets out of the shelter and in their homes.

Especially during difficult times, it's important to recognize all the work done behind the scenes. Our success is only possible thanks to the collaboration of our outstanding staff, board and community members. We are proud to have welcomed new board members with diverse skill sets who can help us achieve our goals and mission. We also celebrate our staff members who completed diversity and inclusion training and have received their REDI certification.

As I head into my 20th year at CMHS, I am moved by the accomplishments from the past year, despite its challenges. When the world changes, the only thing we can do is learn to change with it. **I am inspired by the overwhelming kindness of our community and grateful to everyone who has learned to find joy while responding to the changing needs in our "new normal."** Your support, encouragement and partnership have made all this possible.

On behalf of all the pets of CMHS, we send our best wishes to you and your family.


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Executive Director

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Open Admission

As the only open-door shelter in Boone County, we provide safe haven and care for thousands of animals in need each year.

Service

We take pride in serving our community and the pets who need us the most. At CMHS, we do not discriminate and take in all animals regardless of age, health, breed or temperament.

Collaboration

Fulfilling our mission is best achieved through the exchange of ideas, talents and contributions from other organizations in our community. We welcome the opportunity to partner with others to expand our impact in mid-Missouri.



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2022

YEAR IN REVIEW



2,441

animals came into our care

20,430

pounds of food given out from our pet food pantry



179

lost pets reunited



362

 foster homes

1,702

 pets fostered

477 volunteers | 3,773 hours



2,148

pets adopted

97%

placement rate



COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS

Keeping Pets with the People Who Love Them



Meet our Community Programs Coordinator, Janie Mills. Most people know us as the largest adoption facility in mid-Missouri, but we are much more than that. The pandemic led us to expand our community

support services, giving pet families in need the tools and resources to keep their loved pets, even during the most challenging times. Janie works within our community to increase access to pet services and provide support and solutions for pet owners. We never want an owner to face the difficult decision to re-home their pet simply because they cannot afford to provide basics such as food.

During the pandemic, Boone County pet owners experienced hardships like never before – and we stepped in to provide specialized assistance to help them care for and keep their loved pets. We are proud to offer community programs that positively benefit both pets and people in Columbia and Boone County.

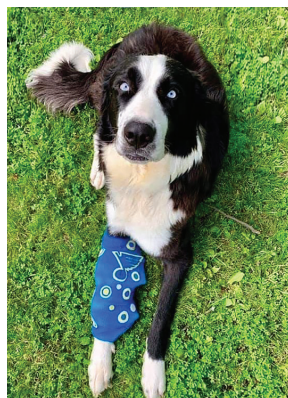


Pet Food Bank

It all starts with prevention. Pet owners shouldn't have to choose between feeding themselves or their pets. Our Community Pet Food Bank served hundreds of households in 2022, more than any other year. Thanks to generous donations, we distributed over 20,000 pounds of pet food to families in need.

CRASH Fund (Critical Recovery and Specialized Healing)

This fund was created to help shelter pets and pet owners in the community experiencing a costly medical emergency. Named after a CMHS canine alum who came to us with life-threatening injuries, the CRASH Fund was created to provide medical intervention for shelter pets and owned pets in our community. Through this program, our veterinary team provides life-saving medical care to prevent owners from having to relinquish their pets due to their inability to pay for medical costs.

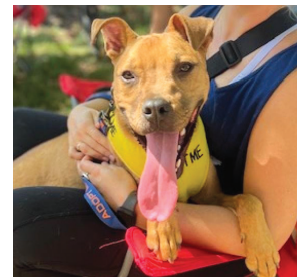


Volunteer and Foster Programs

Our work would not be possible without our incredible network of volunteers and foster parents. All animals come to us with unique beginnings. Some require specialized care and extra TLC before they are ready for adoption. The exceptional care and positive socialization animals receive in foster homes increase adoptability and help pets build the skills they need to succeed in their new homes. Our volunteer opportunities include dog walking, socialization and event support. We also offer a Doggy Day Out Program, which allows volunteers to take adoptable dogs off-site for an afternoon of adventure at staff-approved locations around town.

Animal Safety Net Program

With limited housing options, many people in abusive situations struggle to flee their abusers because they fear leaving their pets behind. With limited housing options, CMHS works with survivors to provide a safe space for their pets while they look for permanent housing. Our specialized group of foster parents cares for the pets in their homes and gives them all the love and attention they need to begin healing. We provide veterinary care to the pets at no cost to the owner and reunite them as soon as they find a safe space.



Community Cat Program



Most outdoor cats in Columbia and Boone County are what we refer to as community cats – free-roaming felines who are fearful of people and not suited to life indoors. CMHS works to manage community cat populations through our Trap-Neuter-Return efforts. Through this program, community cats are sterilized and vaccinated and receive a small ear notch to easily identify them. Without TNR programs like ours, community cats will continue to reproduce and create unwanted litters, increasing stress on already overwhelmed shelters and rescues.

A NEW "LEASH" ON LIFE

from Heartbreak to Happiness



Meet Bobby

Thousands of animals come through our doors each year. We are a part of so many stories, but there are some cases we will never forget.

Animal Control officers brought in a small crate covered in dirt, urine and feces. Inside was an emaciated puppy, too weak even to hold up his head. He was close to death, but our veterinary team got to work to try to save his life. He was skin and bones and covered in parasites. His gums were tacky, and his temperature was too low to register. Maggots covered his entire body. They were in every fold of skin, including his eye sockets and between his toes. This sweet and innocent puppy was being eaten alive.



Our veterinary team never lost hope, and after hours of medical intervention, he finally opened his eyes and lifted his head. One of our veterinary technicians took

him home and provided round-the-clock care. Slowly but surely, he started to gain strength through a thoughtful re-feeding plan. After three long and difficult weeks, Bobby had transformed into a happy and healthy puppy who loved to snuggle with his foster mom and play with his canine foster siblings. **He has since been adopted and is living the good life with his new family.** While his story is difficult to forget, the outcome is one that we will continue to celebrate each and every day.



Meet Olivia

When Olivia arrived at our shelter, she immediately captured the hearts of our staff. She was found abandoned near a dumpster and

brought to the MU Emergency Veterinary Hospital by a Good Samaritan. She was extremely thin and had a severe eye injury that would require surgery. She was stabilized overnight and brought to CMHS the next day. Our veterinary team was shocked when they saw her. She had a ruptured globe that caused the eye to hang out of the socket. Olivia would need emergency surgery to save her life. Although we estimated her age to be between five and six months, she barely weighed two and a half pounds upon intake. We had to postpone her surgery and send her to a loving foster home where we could manage her pain while she gained weight.



After a week, Olivia's body condition had improved enough to have enucleation surgery to remove the damaged eye. The surgery went well, but the healing process was slow.

Day by day, Olivia's personality started to blossom. She learned to play with toys and enjoyed spending time with other cats in her foster home. Olivia is now up for adoption and will soon start her new life with a loving family. **From dumpster to diva, Olivia's life was saved thanks to the generosity and kindness of our incredible community.**

No two stories are exactly alike. CMHS celebrates all the stories from 2022 and all those yet to be written.

In Remembrance of Daniel K. Knight



Dan was a dedicated board member for CMHS and the Prosecuting Attorney for Boone County. He had a special interest in animal abuse cases and was always there to assist with the most heartbreaking charges. He had a lifelong love for dogs and left behind his two rescues, Rex and Buster. Dan was a devoted

son, brother and uncle. He is survived by his loving family, including his mother and father, Sandra and David and his sister, Debby Clausen. Dan will be remembered as a kind and compassionate person who was always there for others. **He was a beloved member of our organization, and his memory will live on as we continue our work in the community.**

Be Kind Program

CMHS teaches Humane Education in Columbia schools through our Be Kind Program. This program was designed to benefit the community by teaching students about caring for companion animals through an in-person learning experience with our canine ambassador, Precious. Many people have followed Precious' journey with us over the past several years. She was one of the worst neglect cases we had ever seen, and she now visits schools to tell her story and encourage kindness for all. This program inspires



students to recognize their value and the value of those around them. **Precious is a perfect example of how kindness can change a life and make the world a better place for pets and people everywhere.**

GIVE THEM LOVE

THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE CMHS ANIMAL CARE & ADOPTION CENTER

CMHS is honored to be celebrating our 80th anniversary in continuous operation. The need for a new facility is now greater than ever. If you have ever visited our shelter, you know that it has heavily degraded over the years as thousands of homeless animals have passed through our doors. **As we go forward with our capital campaign for the CMHS Animal Care and Adoption Center, we recognize that our dreams are only possible with your support.**



FUR THE RECORD



Revenue

Donations and Fundraising – 67%

Contracted Services – 14%

Operating Income – 13%

Veterinary Income – 3%

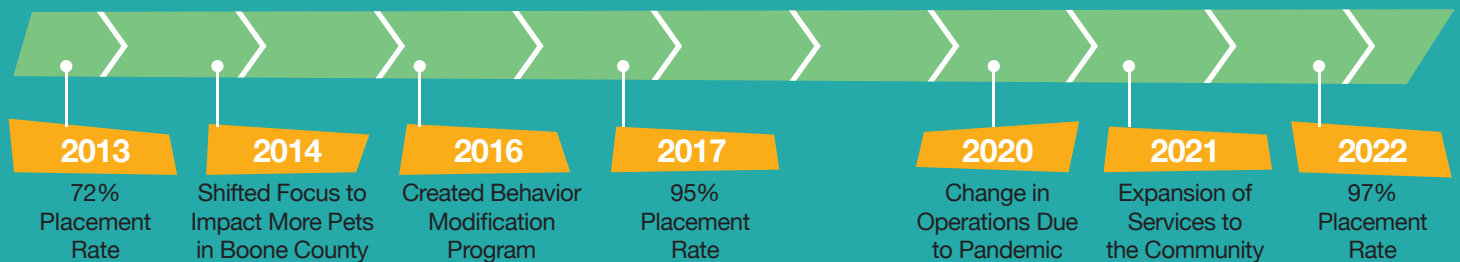
Grants – 3%



Shelter Medicine Partnership

On any given day, shelter veterinarians care for homeless pets whose medical needs include everything from spay/neuter procedures, infectious disease management, chronic disease treatment and so much more. CMHS is proud to partner with the MU College of Veterinary Medicine and its Shelter Medicine Program. Through this unique partnership, MU and CMHS provide medical care far beyond that found in traditional shelters while training the next generation of shelter veterinarians. **For pet owners everywhere, access to affordable veterinary care is the first step to keeping companion animals in loving homes.** In addition to serving shelter pets, our veterinary team provides the highest quality, low-cost veterinary services to pets in our community. In addition to spay/neuter surgery, we also offer vaccinations, microchips and preventative care.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND MILESTONES



VALUES

Inclusion

CMHS values, appreciates and welcomes employees and volunteers of all backgrounds and diverse characteristics. We strive to make our employees and volunteers feel respected for their differences. **Our inclusive culture empowers all of us to connect, inspire and grow the next generation of animal welfare professionals.**

Compassion

At CMHS, **we demonstrate empathy and compassion** for every individual, each of whom has a unique story. Our staff has an authentic desire to help others without judgment and is committed to creating a compassionate world for people and animals everywhere.

Integrity

Our organization was built on strong moral and ethical principles. CMHS remains honest and transparent in our communication and resource management. We believe building bonds and trust with our customers and each other is essential. **Every staff member, board member and volunteer contributes to the overall success of our organization** by working together and treating each other with respect and appreciation.

WHISKERS AND WINE

On October 20th, we welcomed nearly 300 guests to the Kimball Ballroom at Stephens College for our 9th Annual Whiskers and Wine Gala. **This incredible event raised \$65,000 for the pets in our care.** A big thank you to those who joined us – your generosity will impact thousands of needy animals!



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Thank you to the following organization for providing generous grants to impact the animals in our care!

- ASPCA
- Bissell Pet Foundation
- Petco Love
- Petfinder Foundation
- Ray Rowe Trust for Animals
- Rotary Club of Columbia Northwest Foundation
- Stafford Family Charitable Trust
- William G. Little Foundation



To see a complete list of Shelter Me Sponsors (dog and cat), please visit www.cmhspets.org/shelter-me.



MISSION:

In continuous operation since 1943, the Central Missouri Humane Society promotes the well-being of companion animals – pets that enrich the lives of the people who love them.

VISION:

The Central Missouri Humane Society envisions a time when no mid-Missouri pet is homeless, abused or neglected.



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