

Community Impact Report 2024

*Campaign
Edition*

GIVE THEM LOVE.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE CMHS
ANIMAL CARE & ADOPTION CENTER



celebrating over

80

CENTRAL
MISSOURI
HUMANE
SOCIETY



YEARS

of putting pets with people

*Rune,
Adopted April 2024*





• 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.

• 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.

• 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.

• Adoption Hours

Monday-Saturday 12 pm to 6 pm



Adopt.
Donate.
Volunteer.



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Reflections and Gratitude from our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

As I reflect on this incredible year at the Central Missouri Humane Society, my heart is filled with gratitude for our community. This year marked some of our most remarkable milestones yet, and it's all thanks to supporters like you, who share our passion and commitment to the animals and families in mid-Missouri.

In 2024, we provided care, comfort, and healing to thousands of animals. Each one arrived with a unique story, and each found compassion and hope within our walls. Every journey serves as a reminder of why we do this work. These lives matter, and each is precious.

Our programs reached new heights this year. Our CRASH Fund provided vital emergency care to pets in our shelter and the community, offering comfort to families facing unexpected crises. Our Doggy Day Out program flourished, with more volunteers than ever taking animals on adventures that enrich their days and lift their spirits.

But beyond these daily successes, we've taken a historic step toward a brighter future. Through our **Give Them Love Capital Campaign**, we're creating a resource center that the animals, our team, and our community truly deserve. This new campus — 17.5 acres on East Brown School Road — will provide a safe, comfortable, and healing space that will allow us to serve our mission like never before. From state-of-the-art veterinary rooms and quiet, dedicated spaces for animals, to enriching outdoor areas and sustainable, fear-free design, we are building a place that speaks to the love and respect we have for every animal we serve.

As we approach the final stretch of this campaign, your support matters more than ever. We are within reach of making this vision a reality, and each gift — no matter the size — brings us closer.

Thank you for being part of our story, for sharing in our dreams, and for making this journey possible. I look forward to welcoming you to our future home, where together, we will continue to build brighter tomorrows for mid-Missouri's animals.

With endless gratitude,

Julie Aber
Julie Aber
Executive
Director



2,068
adoptions



1,021



936



111

784
cats
fostered

473
dogs
fostered



337
foster
parents

427
volunteers



2,936
hours volunteered

20
24

year end review

CENTRAL MISSOURI
HUMANE SOCIETY



2,413

animals came
into our care



Community Pet Care



281 vaccinations

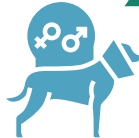


431 TNR cats



62 medical cases

2,966



spay/neuter
surgeries

31,626

pounds of
pet food
given out



95%

placement rate





Home Sweet Home Building a New Future for CMHS

At CMHS, we've long dreamed of a new facility — a place built with both comfort and compassion in mind, a shelter that meets the needs of our community and our animals for years to come. That dream is finally coming to life with our “Give Them Love” Capital Campaign. We are thrilled to share that after a long journey, marked by collaboration and determination, we have raised a significant portion of our multi-million dollar goal. But there's more to raise!

The Journey So Far: Planning and Zoning

Securing the right property for CMHS wasn't easy, but with patience, persistence, and unwavering community support, we found the perfect site on East Brown School Road. It took months of collaboration with city officials to secure rezoning, annexation, and preliminary plat approval. Our team worked tirelessly to keep the process smooth, ensuring that our plans were included on the consent agenda for approval without delay. Thanks to the support of the Mayor, City Council and our community, we are now on solid ground to proceed with a facility that truly reflects the needs of CMHS.

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A Glimpse at the Future Site

Our new property, spread over **17.5 acres of beautiful, open space**, offers incredible potential. Surrounded by nature, it will provide a peaceful environment for our animals, staff, and visitors. The layout will allow for a spacious facility with dedicated areas for adoptions, medical care, and community outreach, plus abundant outdoor space for play areas, training zones, and dog walking trails. This setting, designed to be a “fear-free” environment, will create a calming atmosphere where animals and people can connect.

 Coil Construction



Next Steps: Schematic Design and Construction Documents



With the property secured, we are now collaborating with local firm SOA, as well as Animal Arts, an architecture firm renowned for designing humane and innovative animal care facilities. Their vision for our new building includes modern, energy-efficient features like HVAC systems tailored for disease control, ample daylight, and sound-proofed areas to minimize stress for our animals. Our engineers are conducting a topographic survey and finalizing plans for construction. Together, these teams will bring our dream to life with a facility designed to provide high-quality care for animals and a welcoming, enriching space for the community.



You Can Help Us Reach Our Goal

To date, the "Give Them Love" campaign has raised over **\$5 million**, thanks to the generosity of our supporters. This incredible milestone has propelled us past our first fundraising goal, bringing us closer to breaking ground for our new facility. But there's still work to be done, and we need your help. Every contribution, large or small, is a step toward a state-of-the-art shelter and community campus that will change lives for decades to come. With your support, we can build more than a shelter — we can build a home, a haven, and a new beginning for thousands of pets and people in mid-Missouri. Thank you for being a part of this journey with us. Let's continue this dream together.

Legacy of Love



Creating a Lasting Impact Through Planned Giving

At CMHS, every gift is a testament to the love and compassion our supporters feel for animals and the people who care for them. For those who want to extend their impact beyond their lifetimes, our Legacy of Love Planned Giving Program offers a way to create a meaningful, lasting contribution to the welfare of animals in mid-Missouri. Planned giving provides a way for donors to help ensure that our mission continues to thrive for generations to come, creating a legacy that speaks to their enduring values and commitment to compassion.

Ways to Make a Planned Gift

There are many ways to create a planned gift, each with unique benefits for donors and their loved ones. Options include bequests in a will, naming CMHS as a beneficiary of a retirement account or life insurance policy, establishing a charitable trust, or setting up a gift annuity. Each of these planned giving options helps donors make a lasting impact while meeting their own financial and philanthropic goals.



Animal Arts

CMHS is partnering with Animal Arts, a nationally recognized architecture

firm specializing exclusively in veterinary hospitals and animal shelters. By working with a firm that understands the unique needs of animal care spaces, we're ensuring a safe, functional, and compassionate environment for the pets and people we serve.

From the Ground Up! What Goes Into Building a New Shelter?

Designing a space that's safe, comfortable, and built to last — for animals, staff, and visitors.



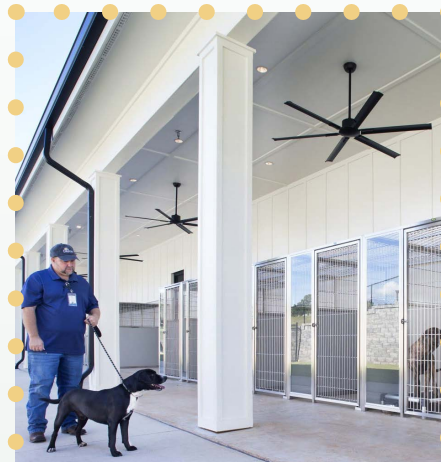
Advanced HVAC Systems

Clean air means healthy animals. Our specialized HVAC system minimizes the spread of airborne diseases and controls temperature and humidity, creating a stress-free environment for animals and staff alike.



Specialized Plumbing

From heavy-duty drainage to easy-to-clean wash stations, our plumbing is designed to handle the unique challenges of an animal shelter, keeping the environment sanitary and efficient.



Odor and Noise Control

Our shelter will feature soundproofing materials and advanced odor-control systems to ensure a peaceful environment for animals and visitors.



Disease Prevention

Shelters are like hospitals for animals — every surface and system is designed to prevent the spread of illness, from antimicrobial flooring to UV sanitizing lights.



Comfortable Housing

Modern kennels with natural lighting, soft bedding, and space to stretch ensure every animal feels loved and safe while they wait for a forever home.

Every detail in our shelter is designed with love and care — but it comes at a cost. Your donations make this incredible vision possible.

Help us
break
ground!



Our Impact on Mid-Missouri

CRASH Fund: Critical Care, Urgent Compassion

The CRASH (Critical Recovery and Specialized Healing) Fund exists because life is unpredictable, and pet emergencies are heart-wrenching. This fund provides urgent medical care to both shelter animals and community pets in crisis, ensuring that no animal suffers because of financial constraints. Each donation to CRASH is a direct lifeline, allowing us to be ready at a moment's notice for the pets who need us most.



Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR): Guardians of Community Cats

Through our efforts to spay, neuter, and vaccinate free-roaming cats, we're reducing the stray population and improving the lives of thousands of cats across mid-Missouri. Each cat we trap, treat, and release contributes to a healthier, safer community.

Humane Education: Inspiring Kindness for a New Generation

The Be Kind Program doesn't just teach children about pets; it teaches them about empathy, respect, and the responsibility we all share in caring for each other. Led by our beloved canine ambassador, Precious, our Humane Education program reaches Columbia schools to inspire young minds to be kind to all creatures. Students follow Precious' story — from a victim of neglect to a happy, thriving companion — and learn that kindness can transform lives.

Community Pet Food Bank: No Pet Left Hungry

The bond between people and pets should never be broken by something as basic as food. Our Community Pet Food Bank helps hundreds of local families keep their beloved pets fed, even in tough times. With donations from our community, we provide thousands of pounds of pet food each year, easing the strain on struggling households and keeping pets where they belong: at home with the families who love them.

Behavior & Enrichment: Finding Calm and Confidence

Not all wounds are visible. Some of the animals who come to CMHS carry invisible scars from neglect, abuse, or abandonment. Our Behavior and Enrichment Program uses science-based, fear-free techniques to help animals regain their confidence, feel safe, and prepare for the love of a new family. Every behavior plan is tailored to the individual, ensuring that every pet can find peace and happiness.

Shelter Medicine Program: Healing Hands, Hopeful Hearts

Our partnership with the University of Missouri's College of Veterinary Medicine and their Shelter Medicine Program is a blend of compassion and cutting-edge care. Veterinary students gain hands-on experience while shelter animals receive top-notch medical attention, from spay/neuter surgeries to specialized treatments. This program is a win-win, creating a future generation of compassionate veterinarians while providing the best care to pets in need. For each animal that recovers and thrives, we see the impact of a program that's paving the way for a healthier future.



Animal Control Partnership: A Safe Place for All

CMHS stands as a refuge for animals brought in through our partnership with local Animal Control. Whether they're lost, stray, or in need of a safe place, each animal receives care, attention, and a comfortable space. Animals unclaimed by owners find a fresh start through our adoption program, and the community gains peace of mind knowing that our shelter is a safe harbor for pets in need. It's a partnership based on trust and a shared mission to ensure every animal has a place to call home.



Volunteer and Foster Program

Our foster and volunteer programs are essential to the lifesaving work we do at CMHS. Foster families provide temporary homes for pets in need, giving them a chance to heal, grow, and thrive outside the shelter environment. Volunteers play a vital role in everything from walking dogs and socializing cats to assisting with adoptions and events. Together, these dedicated individuals help reduce stress for shelter animals, increase their chances of finding forever homes, and make a lasting impact on their lives.





Fur the Record



Revenue

- Donations and Fundraising – **61%**
- Contracted Services – **17%**
- Operating Income – **14%**
- Veterinary Income – **6%**
- Grants – **2%**

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Our efforts are made possible through your generous financial support.

With your help, we can continue to provide a refuge for lost and unwanted animals in need.

The Central Missouri Humane Society is recognized as a non-profit under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) status. Donations to CMHS are tax deductible. Donors should consult their tax advisor for questions regarding deductibility. Central Missouri Humane Society's EIN is 43-0666742.

A copy of the CMHS's determination letter is available upon request.