

Community Impact Report 2025

Meet our longest
CMHS resident,
Rufus!



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Reflections and Gratitude from our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

As I look back on 2025, I am once again reminded of the extraordinary compassion that defines our community. Each year brings new challenges and opportunities, and every step forward is made possible because of people like you.

This year, our team provided care, comfort, and hope to thousands of animals who came through our doors. From tiny kittens needing bottle-feeding to senior pets requiring patience and medical support, each animal arrived with a story and found safety within our walls. Through our Foster and Volunteer Program, more community members than ever opened their homes and hearts to pets in need. Our Doggy Day Out program also continued to shine, sending hundreds of dogs on enriching adventures that built confidence and brought joy during their stay with us.

We also supported some of the most complex cases in partnership with Columbia/Boone County Animal Control, including caring for dozens of pets from large impoundment situations who needed extensive veterinary and behavioral care before finding loving homes. Additionally, we continued providing a safe haven for the pets of domestic violence survivors, ensuring families could seek safety without leaving a beloved companion behind.

Through all of this critical work, we maintained a 96 percent placement rate, a testament to our staff's dedication and the unwavering generosity of our community.

At the same time, we made monumental progress toward building the future our animals deserve. In 2025, we advanced the Give Them Love Capital Campaign as urgency grew around our deteriorating facility. We completed inspections of our 17.5-acre property on E. Brown School Rd., secured necessary permits, and reached a major milestone in November with the demolition of a condemned home and outbuilding. Today, the site is cleared and ready for the next chapter.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this mission and trusted in this vision. Your generosity transforms lives every single day. Until we can welcome you to our new campus, we will continue protecting vulnerable pets, caring for them with compassion, and working tirelessly to build the future they deserve.

Thank you for standing with us every step of the way.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Julie Aber
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Executive Director

• 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 a 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 - Friday: 12 - 6 pm
Saturday: 12 - 5 pm
Sunday: 12 - 3 pm



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2025

year end review

2,589

animals came into the shelter

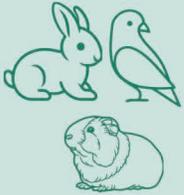
2,204

 adoptions

1,141 cats



971 dogs



92 small animals



Gator & Gizmo

776

cats fostered

475

dogs fostered

404

foster parents



375

volunteers

3,453

hours



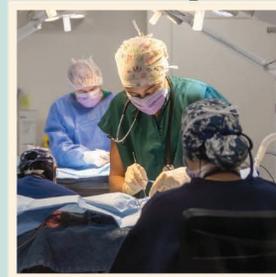
33,998



pounds of pet food given out

2,881

spay/neuter surgeries



Community Vet Care

223

 cases

Max & Marco

96%

placement rate



Partnership with Columbia/Boone County Animal Control

CMHS proudly serves as a trusted refuge for animals brought to us through our longstanding partnership with Columbia/Boone County Animal Control. The City of Columbia does not operate a municipal shelter, and for more than five decades, Columbia/Boone County Animal Control has contracted with CMHS to fulfill this essential community responsibility. Through this agreement, CMHS

provides housing, daily care, enrichment, and veterinary services to ensure these animals receive the support they deserve.

With the acquisition of a 17.5-acre property, CMHS has created an opportunity for our community to develop an animal care campus designed to serve pets, families, and service providers for generations to come.

CMHS is eager to continue this vital partnership in our future facility and to collaboratively design a space that strengthens animal services throughout Columbia and Boone County. To make this shared vision possible, meaningful financial participation from the City will be essential to support the Animal Control components of the facility.

We look forward to continued dialogue and collaboration to ensure this long-standing partnership is sustained in a way that reflects the shared responsibility and commitment to animal welfare in our community.



2023

Identified property on E. Brown School Rd.

September 2024

Completed purchase of land.

June 2024

Planning and zoning process to annex property into the city.

Spring and Summer 2025

Inspections, bids and demo permits.

Saving Lives Together

MU Shelter Medicine Program

CMHS is grateful to partner with the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine and its outstanding Shelter Medicine Program. Each year, hundreds of shelter animals are spayed or neutered and receive comprehensive health examinations thanks to this innovative collaboration. This partnership not only elevates the level of care we can offer but also plays a vital role in training the next generation of veterinarians.

As CMHS plans for a new, modern facility, we are eager to continue and strengthen this partnership by working side by side to deliver the highest standard of veterinary care for the animals who need it most. To make this vision a reality, dedicated space and infrastructure must be built to support the Shelter Medicine Program's continued presence.

We hope to continue collaborating with MU to ensure this shared investment is included in the new facility so that we may continue our lifesaving work well into the future.



December 2025

Site ready for foundation.



November 2025

Demo complete.



Community Support Programs and Services

CRASH Fund: Critical Support When It Matters Most

The CRASH (Critical Recovery and Specialized Healing) Fund is our community's safety net for animals facing sudden medical emergencies. Whether it's a shelter pet in urgent need or a beloved family animal whose owners are struggling with unexpected costs, CRASH ensures that no pet is left without essential care. This fund allows us to respond immediately in moments of crisis, providing lifesaving treatment and relief when it's needed most.



Animal Safety Net (ASN): A Safe Haven in Times of Crisis

Through our ASN program, we offer confidential, temporary shelter for the pets of individuals and families escaping domestic violence, homelessness or other life-altering crises. By providing a secure and compassionate place for these animals, ASN helps remove one of the most significant barriers survivors face when seeking safety. This program keeps families, both human and animal, connected, protected and supported during their most vulnerable moments.



Community Pet Food Bank: Keeping Pets and Families Together

No family should have to choose between meeting their own needs and feeding their pets. Our Community Pet Food Bank provides critical support to local households facing financial hardship by supplying thousands of pounds of pet food each year. Thanks to generous community donations, we help ensure that pets remain healthy, nourished and most importantly, at home with the people who love them.

Veterinary Services & TNVR: Strengthening Animal Welfare Across Our Community

Our CMHS clinic provides essential, affordable veterinary care to low-income pet owners, offering services such as vaccinations, microchipping and spay/neuter surgeries. Each year, our veterinary team performs thousands of sterilization procedures for owned pets and delivers high-quality medical care to the animals in our shelter. In addition, our Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Release program plays a critical role in managing the community cat population across Boone County and surrounding areas. Through compassionate care, sterilization and vaccination, we are improving the lives of community cats while promoting a healthier, more stable feline population.



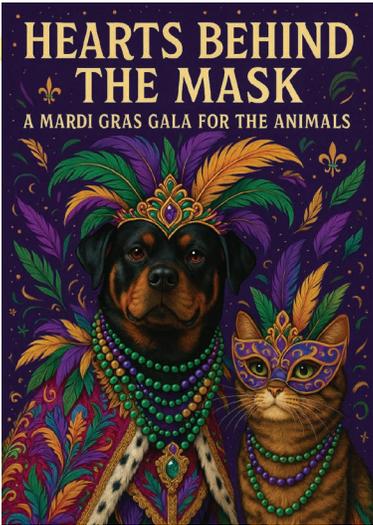
Humane Education: Inspiring Compassion in Future Generations

Our Be Kind program, led by our cherished canine ambassador Precious, brings lessons of empathy, responsibility and kindness directly into Columbia classrooms. Through Precious' journey from surviving neglect to becoming a joyful, resilient companion, students learn how their actions can make a meaningful difference in the lives of animals and people alike. This program empowers young learners to build a more compassionate community, one caring choice at a time.

Volunteer & Foster Programs: The Heart of Our Lifesaving Work

Our volunteers and foster families are the backbone of CMHS. Foster homes provide pets with a safe and nurturing place to heal, grow and relax away from the stress of the shelter, giving them the best possible chance at finding their forever families. Volunteers support nearly every aspect of our mission, from walking dogs, socializing cats, assisting with adoptions, helping at events and so much more. Together, these dedicated individuals expand our capacity to care for animals in need and make an immeasurable difference in their lives.





Mardi Paws 2025 October 9

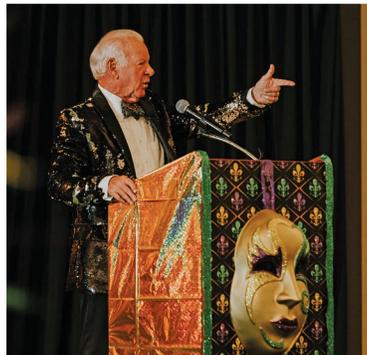
Our 12th annual Whiskers and Wine, themed Mardi Paws, was a remarkable celebration of compassion and community. Thanks to a generous matching gift from the William G. Little Foundation, every dollar raised at the event was doubled, multiplying our impact for the pets who rely on us.

This year, we achieved a record-breaking milestone by raising \$150,000! That amount was matched, and the additional funds went towards our capital campaign for a new facility. We extend our deepest gratitude to every sponsor, volunteer and attendee who made this success possible.

Thank You!



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Top Dog, Lily Belle

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Simms Construction
CMFM Construction
Central Bank of Boone County

Others

Johnston Paint and Décor
TIG Advisors
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Carissa King



From Broken to Beloved

When Hickory first arrived at CMHS, he was in a state that broke every heart in the building. His entire body was covered in a severe, painful, moist skin infection. His kennel walls were speckled with blood from the constant biting at his own limbs. His skin was raw, inflamed and oozing. He was exhausted from the unrelenting itch and discomfort, something he had clearly endured for far too long.

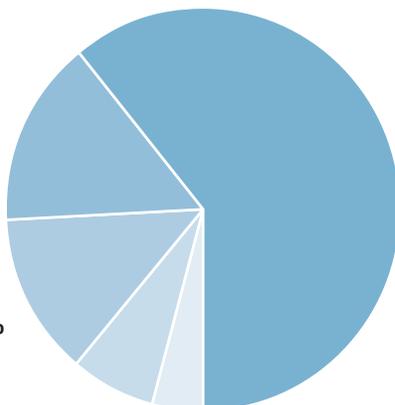
But even in that moment, when he had every reason to shut down or give up, Hickory didn't. No growling. No biting. Just the quiet, earnest hope of a dog who wanted to be loved. Hickory began treatment right away, but what he needed just as much as medicine was comfort. That came when a loving foster stepped forward and opened their home, and their heart, to him.

Hickory's journey is just one story, one life, among the thousands of pets CMHS has cared for this year. Every animal that comes through our doors carries a story worth hearing, a life worth saving and a future worth fighting for. As animal welfare professionals, we have the privilege and responsibility of speaking for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Every donation, big or small, helps us continue that mission. Your generosity gives animals like Hickory the chance to heal, to hope and to finally experience the love they've always deserved. Because every life we touch is a story worth saving. And Hickory's is just one of many made possible by you.

Revenue

- Donations and Fundraising – 61%
- Contracted Services – 15%
- Operating Income – 13%
- Veterinary Income – 7%
- Grants – 4%



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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.