



2020 Annual Report



Our Mission

Our mission is to improve the quality of life and welfare for domestic animals and to provide a safe haven while finding lifelong homes for the animals in our care. We embrace the No Kill* philosophy, seeking to end the euthanasia of healthy and treatable animals

Passion In Numbers

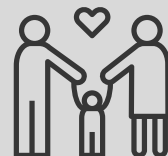


866

Animals Adopted

200

Families Reunited



98.2%

Save Rate*

2,000+

Donors Giving



Where Our Animals Come From

Owner Surrender	496
Returned Adoptions	33
Born in Care	21
Special Hold	6
Stray	344
Seized / Custody	15
Transferred In	130

Total 1045

Where Our Animals Go

Adoption	866
Returned to Owner	200
Transferred Out	35
Died / Lost in Care	19
Euthanized**	9

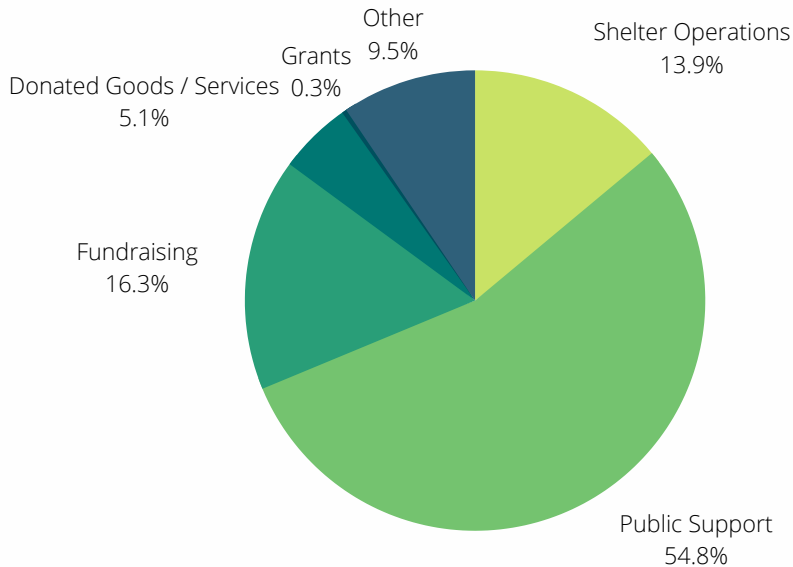
Total 1129

*Save Rate Formula: $\text{Sum of intake} - \text{euthanized} / \text{total intake}$

**No animals were euthanized due to space. Euthanasia is a last option after considering quality of life and public safety.

Financial Overview

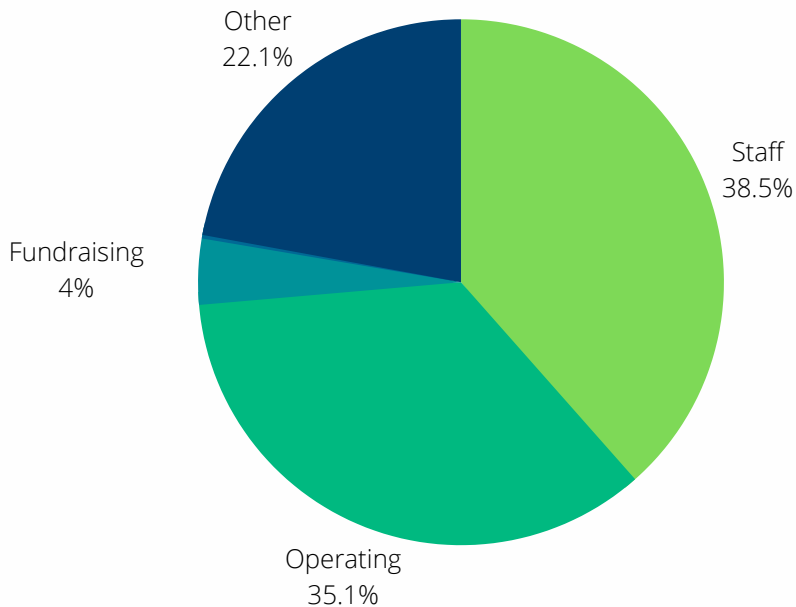
Revenue



Shelter Operations	\$95,372
Public Support	\$375,014
Fundraising	\$111,875
Donated Goods / Services	\$34,991
Grants	\$2,257
Other	\$64,778

Total **\$684,287**

Expenses



Staff	\$229,082
Operating	\$209,227
Fundraising	\$24,067
Grants	\$1,299
Other	\$131,670

Other Includes: Mortgage Interest, Professional Fees, Promotional Expense, and Resale Item Expense

Total **\$595,345**

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2020 Year in Review

Unprecedented is a term we've all been familiar with to describe 2020. Along with the rest of the world, UPAWS had to change the way we served our community. Starting in March, we immediately had to change our operations and procedures to keep both our human and animal visitors of our shelter safe. All services were conducted by appointment only. We thank all of our community for their patience.

Not only did the COVID-19 pandemic affect our operations, but our fundraising efforts as well. Several of our regular fundraisers had to be either modified or cancelled. Fortunately others did very well along with something new we tried this year.

We've been able to navigate this situation together thanks to the amazing support of our wonderful staff and community.

Together we can make a difference.
<https://upaws.org/donate>

MDARD Grant Awarded

Since UPAWS moved into our new facility, we have been actively seeking funding to support a diverse shelter medicine program. In January 2020, we received notification that UPAWS was awarded a **\$4,584 grant** through the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) for the purchase of spay/neuter equipment. The MDARD grant has enabled UPAWS to purchase some initial medical/surgical equipment needed for the Vet Center, such as an anesthesia machine, IV pump and spay/neuter instruments. Implementing a new surgical program at the UPAWS facility is an important expansion of the quality care that we currently provide. The design and construction of the veterinary treatment center area was intended to support health isolation areas for dogs and cats, preventative treatment and minor surgical procedures. With this grant, UPAWS is moving closer to expanding our shelter medicine program by purchasing medical, diagnostic, and surgical equipment. We will continue to work with our local veterinarians for future coordination efforts to conduct spay and neuter services for our shelter animals. The veterinary center is also intended to increase our ability to diagnose and treat animals in the shelter without the stress of transportation to outside facilities.

Locking Up Celebrities

This fundraiser was a new idea at UPAWS and WOW did our community embrace it. Twenty local celebrities volunteered to be locked up in a kennel to raise money for UPAWS. Donors could either contribute to their bail to get out or make them stay longer by adding to their bail.

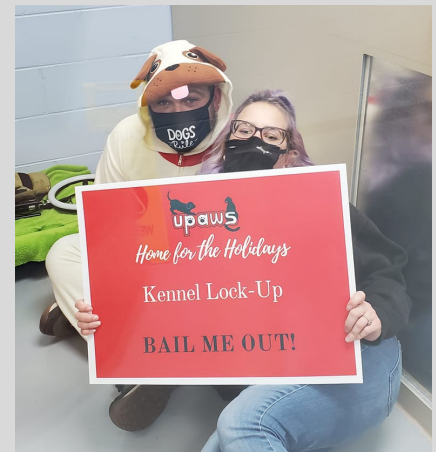
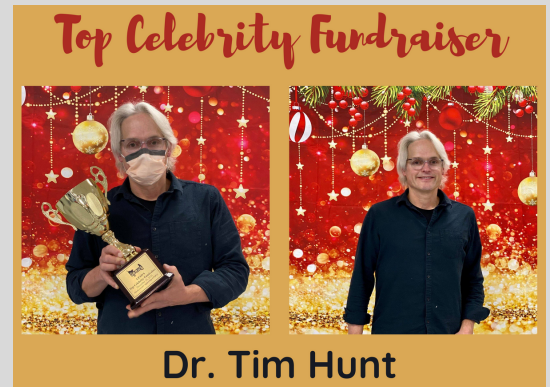
The Home for the Holidays Kennel Lock-Up Fundraiser allowed us to bring awareness to what kennel life is like for the animals in our care and the importance of finding each animal a forever home. We highlighted the extensive behavioral and medical treatment our staff and local Veterinary Clinics provided to the animals while they are at our safe haven. Everything from kennel enrichment, exercise, behavioral training, medical needs, and assessment, and going above and beyond for every animal's individual needs.

20
Celebrities

400
Donors

\$25,000
Raised

500
Donations



Pet Photo Calendar Contest

We've been running our Pet Photo Calendar Contest for quite a few years now. We broke records for votes, entries, and dollars raised this year! We start with people submitting their pets photos then the community votes on which photos get included in our calendar.

225
Entries

90,264
Votes

354
Sold



Sally's Fund

Now that we're in our new shelter, we've been fortunate enough to have a barn for the temporary care of horses in our community involved in abuse or neglect cases. This year, Sally's Fund was able to care for a record number of horses. Check out the photos to the right for the before and after photos of Spice, a horse brought in from a neglect situation.

Sally's Fund is beyond blessed to have the amazing volunteers and donors that continue to help us!



6

Individual
Cases

13

Horses
Cared For

Read With UPAWS

Literacy Legacy Fund of Michigan, at the beginning of 2020, contributed a monetary gift to UPAWS to assist with the start-up of our "Shelter Buddies Read to Your Shelter Pet Program," which pairs children with pets and books.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we had to delay the start of this in-shelter program. Instead, we developed a virtual storytime for children called Read with UPAWS. Children can enjoy humane educational video stories while at home!

Read with UPAWS Virtual Storytime



New videos
monthly



Sponsored by The Literacy Legacy Fund of Michigan

#readwithupaws



For kids
ages 2 -8

Our Staff Go Above and Beyond

This is Dottie. She came to UPAWS in rough shape. From consultation with local veterinarians, it was determined she has some neurological issues that prevent full use of her back legs. Our amazing community came together and raised over \$600 to get her a wheelchair.

Our staff have gone out of their way to give Dottie the best care including walks at Ellwood A Mattson Lower Harbor Park and trips to the beach.

