



Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter 2021 Annual Report

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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

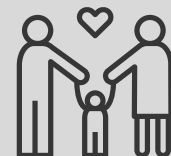


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Animals Adopted

190

Families Reunited



99.2%

Save Rate*

2,000+

Donors Giving



Where Our Animals Come From

Owner Surrender	695
Returned Adoptions	55
Born in Care	59
Special Hold	14
Stray	328
Seized / Custody	4
Transferred In	258

Total 1,413

Where Our Animals Go

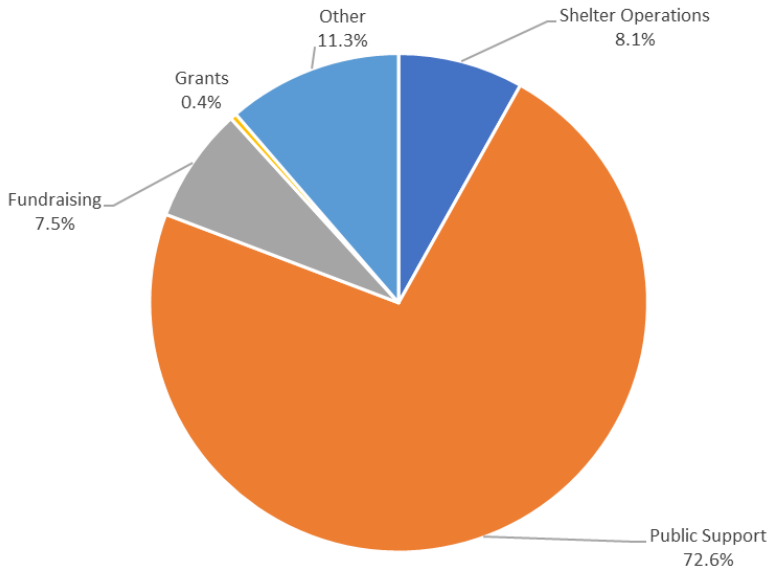
Adoption	1139
Returned to Owner	190
Transferred Out	5
Died / Lost in Care	32
Euthanized**	11

Total 1,377

*Save Rate Formula: $1,413 \text{ (total animals received)} - 11 \text{ (animals euthanized)} \div 1,413 \text{ (total animals received)} = 99.2\% \text{ (save rate)}$

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

Financial Overview

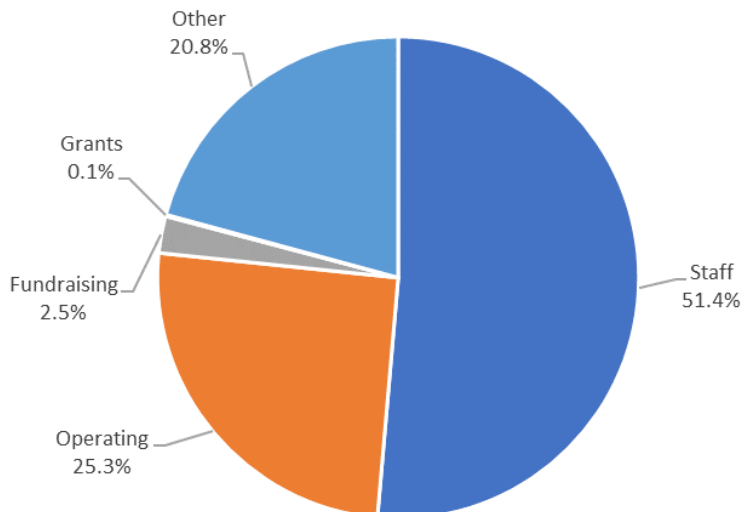


Revenue

Shelter Operations	\$143,872
Public Support	\$1,285,737
Fundraising	\$132,152
Grants	\$7,455
*Other	\$200,733

Total **\$1,769,949**

**Other includes: Paycheck Protection Program (Covid PPP Loan), Resale Items, Fund Earnings*



Expenses

Staff	\$359,955
Operating	\$176,934
Fundraising	\$17,330
Grants	\$700
*Other	\$145,607

Subtotal **\$700,526**
Mortgage Liability **\$1,030,883**
Total **\$1,730,883**

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

Mortgage Payoff



When the dream became a reality for UPAWS to build a new shelter, the biggest challenge was to raise the 3.6 million dollars for the campaign. With the dedication of the board, volunteers, and community, UPAWS has reached this goal and paid off the entire project in 2021. With the support of our community, thousands of animals will be positively impacted in Marquette County for years to come. We appreciate all the community has done to help fulfill the mission of UPAWS.

Strut Your Mutt

Strut Your Mutt was back in person this year and took place on 9/17/21. It was a great day of walking, activities, contests, and all to support UPAWS and all of the animals that have or will come through UPAWS' doors! \$14,451.13 was raised for the 2021 walk.



Bissell Pet Foundation

The Bissell Pet Foundation hosted five national pet adoption events in 2021. UPAWS participated in all five events, finding families for 28 dogs and 76 cats plus many kittens and small critters!

"With shelters across the country struggling with overcrowding, it's a relief to know that our 'Empty the Shelters' events help thousands of animals find loving homes," said Cathy Bissell, founder of BISSELL Pet Foundation.

UPAWS is beyond grateful to the Bissell Pet Foundation and Cathy Bissell for sponsoring the Empty the Shelters events so animals in our community can find a new home.



Mission Moments



Sponge

Sponge came into UPAWS as a stray in October. To say she was in a bad state is an understatement! Her face was swollen and infected; she had ear infections and hematomas. She had wounds and deep bites on her face. A puncture inside her had air under it, so she crackled, plus she was emaciated. This gal was defeated mentally and physically and in need, desperately, of help! On top of it, our vet had no idea if she had a rabies vaccine, being a stray. Her bites most likely came from a wild animal. So, per protocol, she was placed on a 4-month rabies hold.

During those four months, our caring staff and vets tended to her physical needs and, as they healed, her mental needs became a priority. Our team gave her plenty of TLC! She has learned basics like sit, stay, leave it, drop it, come, go to your spot, and shake. SMART GIRL!! She made such a miraculous recovery that she was adopted and thriving in her new home.

Francis

Francis, a female Great Pyrenees was with us for eight months before being adopted on 9/13/21! The staff worked extremely hard with Francis to help her physical and mental well-being so she would be able live in a new home. She is doing well and living the good life with her new family.



Jazz

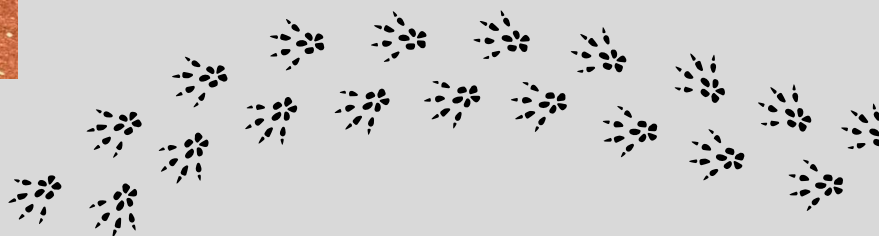
Little kitten Jazz has never known a family. A kind person rescued him and brought him to UPAWS to help him. On top of a very rough beginning to his life, he arrived at UPAWS with his left eye missing. Once at UPAWS, he was given medical attention and put up for adoption, where he found a loving home!



Small Critters



Here at UPAWS, we help out more than just cats and dogs. We often have many small critters up for adoption. These small critters include rodents, reptiles, birds, and even fish!



Sally's Fund

"Rescue" doesn't always mean removing an animal; it's about education and doing what's best for the animal and the unique circumstance they are in. The volunteers of Sally's Fund helped a "young" pony and his family be comfortable in his final years with a sturdy and safe paddock, shelter with clean bedding and mineral salt block, plenty of hay and endless fresh water! The volunteers also helped Dolly get back to a healthy lifestyle and find a new home to enjoy retirement.



UPAWS Grant Winner



UPAWS was selected for a grant by the Michigan Pet Alliance to receive a Shelter Assessment (valued at \$3,000). The assessment will consist of evaluations of our adoption policies, animal health care, animal feeding and training procedures, customer service, community programs, property upkeep, and staff trainings. We believe this assessment and the feedback we receive, will help guide us in making future decisions to better the lives of the animals we take care of and to continue with being a positive influence in our community.



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