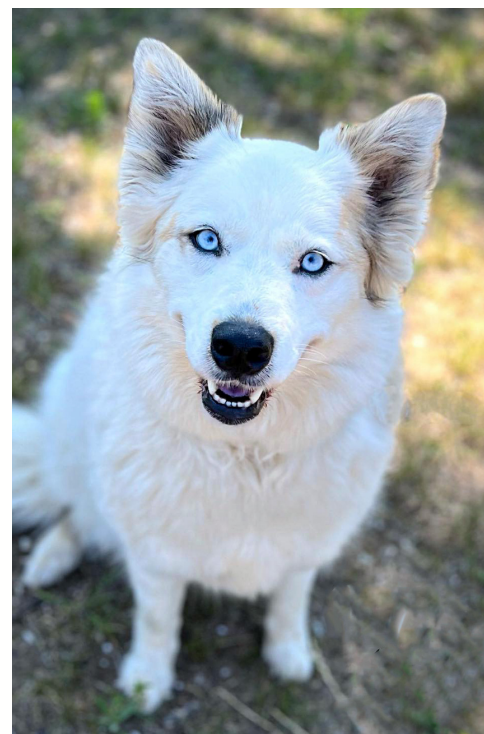


# Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter

# 2022

## ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY





# HIGHLIGHTS



## Passion in Numbers



Cats &  
Kittens  
Adopted  
**549**

Dogs &  
Puppies  
Adopted  
**273**

Small  
Animals &  
Others  
Adopted  
**226**

**99.1%**  
**Save Rate**

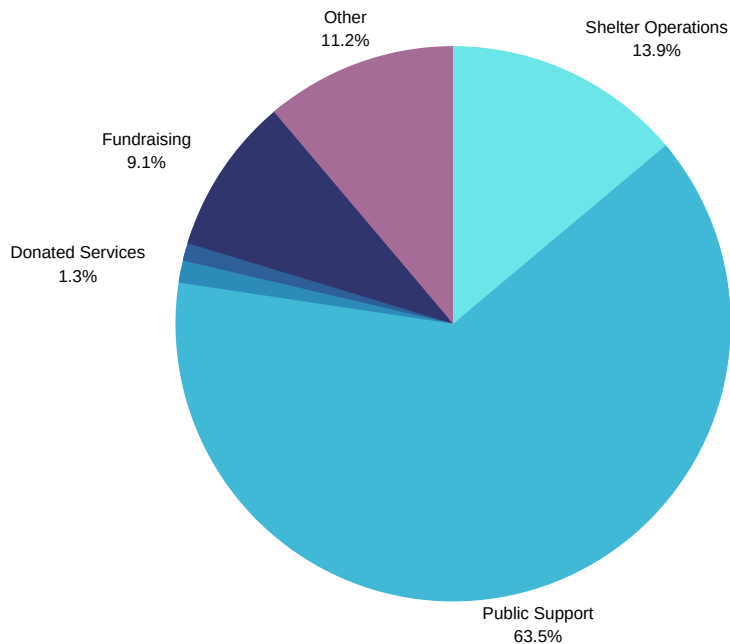
Strays  
Returned to  
Owner  
**163**

Transferred  
In  
**208**

Transferred  
Out  
**8**



# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

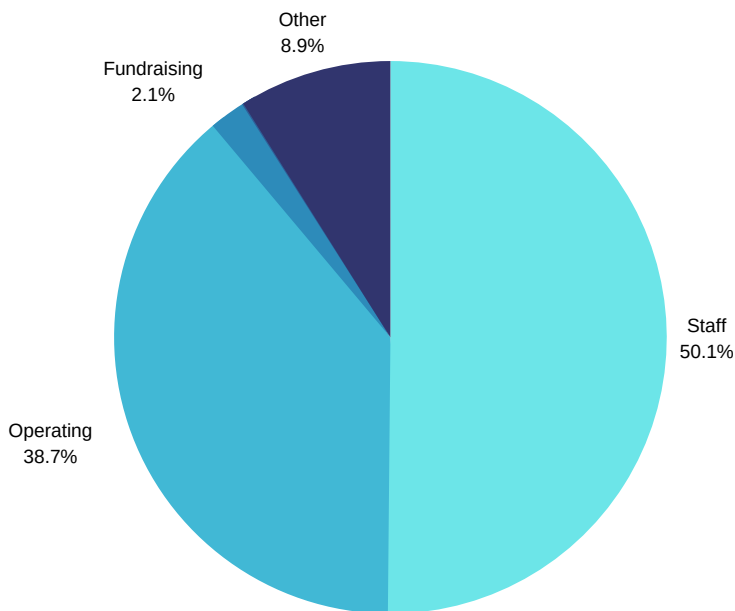


## Revenue

Shelter Operations	\$144,312
Public Support	\$659,530
Fundraising	\$94,978
Donated Goods / Services	\$13,402
Grants	\$10,714
Other	\$116,043

*Other includes retail sales, interest revenue, and endowment fund distributions.*

**Total** **\$1,038,979**



## Expenses

Staff	\$513,084
Operating	\$396,311
Fundraising	\$21,457
Grants	\$808.00
Other	\$91,498

*Other includes professional fees, promotional expense, resale item expense, and publications expense.*

**Total** **\$1,023,158**

## **UPAWS is committed to positively impacting the lives of homeless pets & people in the community.**

Here are some of our recent accomplishments and ongoing initiatives.

**Community Spay/Neuter Services:** We understand that pet owners may face financial constraints when spaying and neutering their pets. UPAWS has been working hard to provide the community with low-cost spay and neuter services. Thanks to generous donors, and partnerships with veterinary clinics, we offered 43 surgeries to pets from low-income households.

**Food Pantry:** The Shelter Pet Food Pantry is a vital resource for pet owners in need. It provides food to pet owners who are unable to provide enough food for their animals. With the help of generous donations, this pantry can help people keep their beloved pets in their homes. We thank all those who donate to the pantry and help to ensure that all pets have access to the food and love they deserve.

**Networking with Other Shelters:** At UPAWS, we believe in the power of collaboration and teamwork. That's why we've been working on building stronger relationships with neighboring shelters in Michigan. By working together, we can transfer pets to locations with potential adopters and find loving homes for more pets.

**Volunteers & Foster Homes:** We're incredibly grateful to our volunteers and fosters who open their homes and hearts to foster homeless pets in need. Over the past year, we've encouraged more volunteers to join our shelter team and foster program to increase the number of pets in foster care. We've even had some incredible "foster failures," where our foster families fell in love with their foster pets and decided to adopt them permanently.

**Sponsored Events and Promotions:** UPAWS has been a longtime participant in the Bissell Pet Foundation Empty the Shelters events. Four adoption events were held in 2022, finding hundreds of UPAWS pets loving homes. We've also been fortunate to receive sponsorship from generous donors and organizations like Swick Home Services' Lonely Heart program and Adopt Me program, which has led to many long-term and harder-to-place pets finding new families.

**Sasawin Project:** We continue a strong partnership with the Woman's Center to offer the Sasawin Project, which helps domestic abuse survivors create escape plans that include safe pet placements.

**4-H Youth Partnership:** UPAWS has partnered with Marquette County 4-H Youth to help educate the youth on proper animal care, community outreach, and much more. Through this partnership, youth will get the opportunity to volunteer and learn about responsible pet ownership, breed-specific information, nutrition, and other humane education topics. UPAWS also provides community outreach to help educate the public about spaying and neutering, animal welfare, and other vital issues. This partnership benefits both organizations and will help ensure all animals are well-cared for in the Marquette area.



## Mission Statement

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.

## Vision

A community where there are no homeless, neglected or abused animals, and where everyone understands and practices the level of commitment and responsibility that pet guardianship entails.

## Conclusion

The Board of Directors is dedicated to ensuring a rewarding employee and volunteer experience and ensuring that they understand the tremendous impact they have every day. We are committed to ensuring that every dollar donated to UPAWS is used effectively to improve our community's pets' lives. UPAWS is grateful to all our staff, volunteers, donors, and community partners whose support is vital to all the animals in our care - Thank You!

## Board of Directors

Leslie Hurst – President  
Lynn Andronis – Vice President  
Chris Danik – Treasurer  
Hailey Kimball Dexter – Secretary  
Brian Hummel  
Carol Touchinski

## Committee Chairs

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Finance – Chris Danik  
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