

Roice-Hurst Humane Society

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**Roice-Hurst
Humane Society**

GRATITUDE REPORT 2021

Stevie

Adopted September 2021





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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

At Roice-Hurst Humane Society, 2021 was a year of reconnection. After a year of life in a pandemic, **we were so grateful to finally be able to reconnect with you, our amazing supporters**, inside our shelter and at in-person events, like our Wüffstock Music Festival, Wine & Whiskers Gala, adoption events, and program launches as we embarked on exciting new endeavors to help even more pets and people in western Colorado.

I am grateful every day that you, our **compassionate donors, adopters, volunteers, and supporters**, share our unwavering passion to create, promote, and preserve bonds between pets and people in our community. None of the incredible transformations we witness every day would be possible without you.

Together, we made a tremendous impact in the lives of thousands of pets and people in 2021, and as you read this report, I hope you are proud of what we accomplished together. On behalf of each newborn kitten, lost dog, fearful cat, tiny puppy, and devoted pet owner that your support helped in 2021, **thank you**.

ANNA STOUT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CERTIFIED ANIMAL WELFARE ADMINISTRATOR

ANIMAL CARE

by the numbers



278
DOGS
adopted

408
CATS
adopted

1 **TURTLE** adopted

**AVERAGE
LENGTH
OF STAY**

(INCLUDING
FOSTER CARE)

27 DAYS

DOGS & PUPPIES

**CATS
& KITTENS**
44
DAYS



After being found abandoned in an apartment building, Turtle found a new home through Roice-Hurst!

TOP REASONS FOR REHOMING PETS

1
abandoned

2
housing

**too
many
pets**

4
pet
behavior

5
owner
health

OUTCOMES

71.83% ADOPTED FROM RHHS

8.80% OTHER OUTCOMES
(TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN,
PROTECTIVE CUSTODY, ETC.)

2.93% TRANSFERRED TO
PARTNER SHELTERS
FOR ADOPTION

96.23% LIVE OUTCOMES

12.67% LOST PETS
REUNITED
WITH OWNERS

3.77% HUMANE EUTHANASIA
OR DIED IN CARE

STAFF STORIES



We asked our team to share stories of the animals that impacted them the most in 2021 – the ones with the biggest transformations, most heartwarming stories, and most endearing qualities – that exemplify the life-changing work they do every day.

MOCHI

Story from Justin McCoy,
Adoption and Behavior Counselor

"On my first day of job training, a gentleman came to our Delta satellite facility with a matted, dehydrated, senior dog that he had found near the landfill, later to be named Mochi. It looked like she had been wandering the landfill for weeks. This poor girl desperately needed our help. At first, because Mochi was so wobbly and uncoordinated with an adorable head tilt, we thought she was blind. But after a vet exam, we learned that she could see just fine. Her odd mannerisms were due to arthritis and her quirky personality. With time, her condition improved, and she became the most wonderful companion. She eventually was adopted into her forever home, where she continues to thrive! Mochi was the most unique dog I met in 2021."

BIG O

Story from Mila Revelle,
Operations Lead

"When I joined the team at Roice-Hurst over three years ago, I met Big O. He was part of the colony of outdoor cats that live outside the shelter, too under-socialized to humans

to become house cats. When you take on the responsibility of caring for outdoor cats, **the first step is to have them spayed or neutered** to limit the population and improve their quality of life. **Luckily, we offer free spay/neuter for cats in the 81501 ZIP code as part of our Grand Valley Cat Project**, so I trapped Big O in a humane trap, got him neutered through our program, and returned him to his colony.

For years, Big O was too shy to place into our adoption program and wouldn't let us touch him.

But he got used to our company and finally, around Christmas of 2021, **Big O finally asked to come inside!** I stayed late to help him acclimate to our cat room – and he blossomed! He spent some time in foster care and **it brought tears to my eyes when Big O was finally adopted after he spent three years watching countless pets walk out our doors with families of their own."**



VOLUNTEERS

by the numbers



246 volunteers donated **33,131** hours, which is equivalent to **16** full-time staff!

107 fosters cared for:



289
KITTENS



39
ADULT CATS



106
PUPPIES



57
ADULT DOGS

210
pets spent time in foster-to-adopt homes

TRANSPORT
VET ROOM
EVENTS
CAT CARE
ADMIN
CLINIC
BOARD
CLEANING
SURGERY
DOG CARE

0

VOLUNTEER HOURS BY TASK

(28,695 HOURS OF FOSTER CARE NOT SHOWN)





SPARTACUS

Story from Savannah Holiman,
Delta Shelter Technician

"Spartacus, deemed the 'untouchable dog,' was found as a stray in the Delta desert. Normally, dogs at our Delta satellite facility are transported to the Grand Junction location after their 5-day stray hold is up, but Spartacus stayed with me in Delta for a month as I worked to gain his trust, build his confidence, and convince the rest of the team that Spartacus was an adoptable family dog.

Progress was very slow, and he was so shy. Most days, he wouldn't even move or stand up. It took so much work and lots of treats to coax him out of his shell – until one day, he had a breakthrough.

Another dog, Bee, entered the shelter after being found in the same desert as Spartacus – and Spartacus thought Bee was the most beautiful dog he'd ever seen. Once he saw her confidence and playful, trusting personality, Spartacus became a totally different dog! He was brave enough to come out of his kennel, play with toys, run around the yard, and even ask for attention from me.

After more than a month in our care, Spartacus was adopted for the first time – but that wasn't the end of his story. Fearful of his new surroundings, Spartacus ran away from his new home and remained on the run for several weeks, evading capture.

But finally, two months after he first arrived at Roice-Hurst, Spartacus was caught, returned to our care, and finally found the safe, loving home he didn't know he needed.

I am so grateful we gave him a second – and third! – chance. He was quite the project, but so worth it for his happy ending!"

MORE THAN A SHELTER

animal resource center

We know that when a pet walks out of our doors with their new family, that moment is only the beginning. The years to come will surely be full of endless laughter, slobbery kisses, and soothing purrs – as well as **unforeseen challenges that may threaten a family's ability to remain united with their beloved furry family member.**

Roice-Hurst Humane Society is more than a shelter. We offer a variety of safety net programs designed to keep families together.

At the start of 2021, we correctly predicted that we would see an increase in the demand for these support services as the economic impact of the pandemic set in, causing housing challenges and financial hardships. Because of donors like you, our programs kept families afloat as they navigated personal crises.

PET PANTRY

↑42%
from
2020

139

pet owners
assisted with
pet food and
supplies

4,518

pet meals
donated to
human service
organizations

CRISIS BOARDING

10

cats
temporarily
boarded

20

dogs
temporarily
boarded

573

nights paid
for by
Roice-Hurst

↑38%
from
2020



SPAY/NEUTER

157

free spay/neuter
surgeries for cats in
the 81501 ZIP code

3

low-cost
spay/neuter
clinics held

VACCINE CLINICS

619

pets vaccinated at
low-cost clinics

43

low-cost
vaccine
clinics held

↑65%
from
2020

↑47%
from
2020



Eleven years ago, a 10-year-old Roice-Hurst dog named Jake lost his battle to heartworm. Now, **over a decade later**, Jake's memory lives on through a special fund at Roice-Hurst called **Jake's Fund**. Since 2011, hundreds of pets have received second chances thanks to our Jake's Fund donors who help shelter pets with extraordinary medical needs get the care they need.

JAZZY, TITUS & RUGER

Story from Jamie Bollig, Receptionist

"In the fall of 2021, we welcomed Jazzy and her ten beautiful newborn puppies. Jazzy and her babies moved into an amazing foster home, where the pups grew up and eventually were all adopted. But raising ten puppies took a toll on Jazzy's already small frame, and her health began rapidly declining. After spending much time at the vet, Jazzy was in need of a blood transfusion.

At the same time, two extra-large senior dogs, Titus and Ruger, had lost their home after their owner passed away. As a bonded pair, they were looking for a rare adopter who would adopt them together.

Ruger, at 130 pounds, was the perfect blood donor for Jazzy. He bravely underwent the procedure, saving Jazzy's life. The best part? Mere hours later, karma paid a visit as Titus and Ruger were miraculously adopted together into the perfect home!

I hold a special place in my heart for Titus and Ruger in particular, and for the generous Jake's Fund donors who make it possible to help dogs like Jazzy with extraordinary medical expenses."

MILESTONES

expanding our impact

DELTA SATELLITE FACILITY

In February, we officially opened our Delta Satellite Facility! **We provide sheltering services for stray and impounded dogs for the City of Delta and Delta County.**

117
dogs
returned to
owners

96
entered
adoption
program

HOMeward HOUNDS

In December, we unveiled our collaboration with HomewardBound of the Grand Valley! Funded primarily by PetSmart Charities, **Homeward Hounds is a first-of-its-kind project designed to provide temporary dignified shelter to people experiencing homelessness with their pets.**



IN-PERSON EVENTS

We were elated to reconnect with you at our in-person events in 2021 after having to cancel so many of them in 2020. **You supported us at the Wüffstock Music Festival at the Amphitheater at Las Colonias Park, Wine & Whiskers Gala at Two Rivers Winery, and several in-person adoption events!**

SHELTER PAWSITIVE

Inspired by our participation in the national Cat Pawsitive Pro program, **we designed and implemented a comprehensive enrichment program called Shelter Pawsitive, ensuring all dogs and cats at Roice-Hurst receive daily opportunities for mental, physical, and emotional stimulation** through a variety of creative games and enrichment and training activities.



GOLD: BEST FUNDRAISING EVENT
GOLD: BEST PET SERVICE
SILVER: BEST NONPROFIT
BRONZE: BEST VOLUNTEER GROUP



INTEGRATION AWARD



HARLEY

Story from Arlena Philip, Veterinary Assistant

"Harley came to us as a semi-feral kitten in December 2020 after we Trap-Neuter-Returned her outdoor colony. It was clear that she wanted nothing to do with humans. But her arrival came at the perfect time, since Roice-Hurst was a participant in the national Cat Pawsitive Pro program, which teaches cats like Harley more adoptable behaviors through clicker training.

Harley was a tough cat to crack, but after 7 months of daily training and trust-building, Harley went from giving timid hisses to high fives on command – and she was adopted!

The program literally changed the course of her life, transforming from a feral street kitten to a happy house cat. Harley taught me patience, consistency, and perseverance. She learned what it is to love and be loved."

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

CHIPETA

Story from Anna Stout, CEO

"While walking down Chipeta Avenue in August, my team and I stumbled upon Chipeta, an elderly cat lying lifeless on the sidewalk, severely matted and swarming with flies. We rushed her to the vet, where she was stabilized, and we learned that she was in end-stage kidney disease. **Chipeta's prognosis was not long, but she still had a life left.**

For three weeks, Chipeta lived an incredible tenth life at my home as a hospice foster,

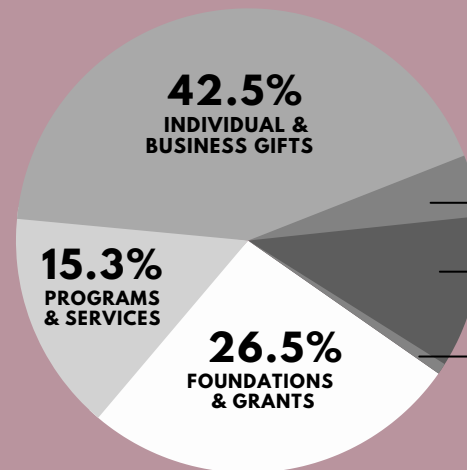


where she spent her final days indulging in a cat's greatest comforts and pleasures – like a heated bed, loving scratches, tasty food, and time lounging in my arms in the sunshine.

I am so grateful that our serendipitous meeting that day on the sidewalk allowed Chipeta to have the dignified end of life that she deserved."

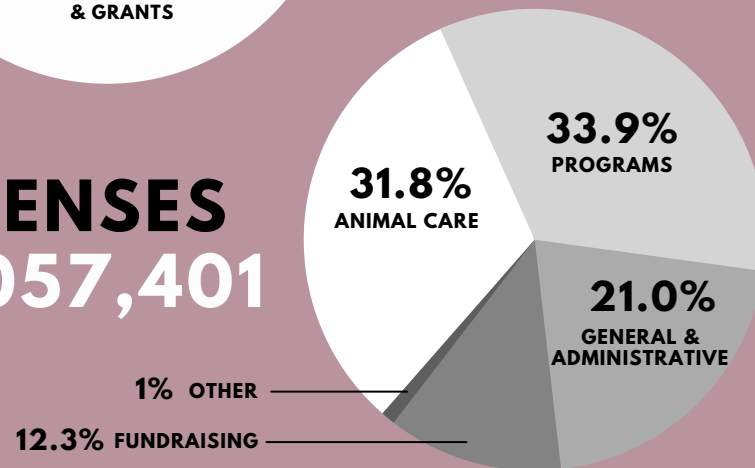


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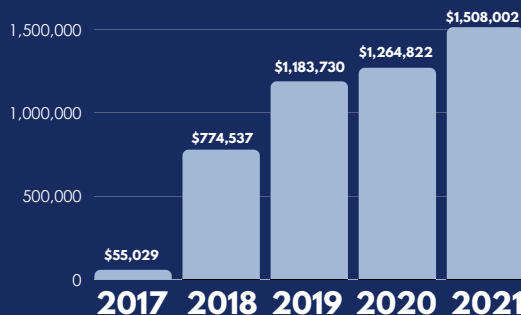


REVENUE
\$1,222,328

EXPENSES
\$1,057,401



ENDOWMENT VALUE



1,332

UNIQUE
DONORS
MADE
GIFTS

2,450

GIFTS
RECIEVED
IN 2021

\$223,020

IN LEGACY
GIFTS
RECIEVED
IN 2021

WAYS TO GIVE

RECURRING

Set up a recurring monthly, quarterly, or yearly gift to be automatically deducted from your bank account and make your support convenient and constant.

ONE-TIME

Make a one-time donation of any amount to support the pets and people in our community! Donations are a great way to honor the memory of a pet or loved one.

LEGACY

Leave a philanthropic legacy by naming Roice-Hurst as a beneficiary in your will, IRAs, life insurance, and other accounts, thus supporting pets in perpetuity.

ASSETS

Donating appreciated assets like stocks and bonds is an easy and tax-efficient way to support the pets at Roice-Hurst.

IN-KIND

Donate items like pet food, cleaning supplies, kitten formula, and other pet supplies to be used in the shelter, in foster homes, and in our Pet Pantry.

VOLUNTEER & FOSTER

Give your time to the pets at Roice-Hurst! A variety of volunteer opportunities are available, from on-site animal care to off-site administrative tasks to foster care.



GIVE ONLINE



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THANK YOU

to our compassionate donors for what your kindness made possible in 2021

♥ = volunteer ★ = foster

These donors gave \$250+ in 2021.

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