



Happy Tail

Spice

Adopted February, 2019

With your support this year, 3,770 Humane Society of West Michigan animals have been adopted into loving forever homes. One of these fortunate animals is Spice, a two-year-old Terrier mix. Spice was one of HSWM's longest-term residents, having arrived from Mississippi in December of 2017. Though she is young, Spice has already experienced more than most.

Found chained and malnourished in a yard, Spice was rescued and moved from shelter to shelter in the area. At one shelter, Spice was stolen from her kennel during a break-in. She was recovered a few days later and arrests were made. Rescuers decided to send Spice on the fifteen hour journey to West Michigan in search of a permanent home.

Spice came to HSWM and instantly won the hearts of many staff members. Her bright hazel eyes and incredibly playful demeanor made her irresistible to everyone she met. Her energy and need to be an only pet, however, made her difficult to place.

It was dog walking volunteers Addison and Carter that fell most in love with Spice. The pair walked her every Sunday for months, teaching her skills and helping her to express her energy. Almost as soon as the couple had closed on purchasing a new home, they were at our doors to adopt Spice. She now lives the good life, visiting her local ice cream shop as often as possible and dressing up in all of the costumes her mom makes for her.

Spice's new parents are so thankful for the care and opportunity for a new life she received during her time with us.

Your compassion allows Humane Society of West Michigan to continue saving lives and finding animals like Spice their forever homes, no matter how long it takes. Thank you for making stories like Spice's possible.

Together
we make a difference. 

Annual Report

2018 - 2019



Petoskey
Adopted, February 2019



Meet Holly!

"I am so excited to join Humane Society of West Michigan! Pets and their people are very important to me. HSWM has been helping the West Michigan community for decades and I can't wait to help lead this wonderful organization into the future."



Holly Guild
Executive Director

Vision and Mission

To build a more compassionate community where animals are given the care they deserve and to promote the humane treatment and responsible care of animals in West Michigan through education, example, placement, and protection.



Bean
Adopted February 2019

Animal Impact Stats

3,770 Animals Adopted



1,514



1,994



262
(other)

ANIMALS ADMITTED: **4,055 Total**



1,592



2,188



275
(other)

SPAYS & NEUTERS: **556 Total**



227



281



48
(other)

HUMANE EDUCATION: 2,650 Individuals*

*Children & adults learn compassion, responsible pet care, and animal safety through outreach and on-site programming including presentations, school visits, camps, clubs, and tours. *School Presentation and Other participation is estimated.*

School Presentations: **1500*** | Camps: **300** | Other: **850***

BEHAVIOR ASSISTANCE: 434

Includes obedience classes, one-on-one counseling, and seminars to provide support for adopters and others in the community.

Classes: **230** | Consults: **194** | Seminars: **10**

Pet Care Assistance Program

To help keep beloved pets in their homes, we offer reduced cost vaccines and a pet food bank to low income pet owners in the community.

VACCINE CLINICS:

492 Animals

KIBBLE KONNECTION:

91 Active Clients

254 Animals

10,642 Pounds of Food per Year



Raja
Adopted July, 2018

HSWM Volunteers

The care and love we provide to our animals could not be achieved without the critical help from our volunteers.

15,075 Volunteer Hours

It would take an additional **8 full-time staff** members to perform all the work done by our awesome volunteers!

225 Shelter Volunteers

Staff to Volunteer
Ratio of 1:8

Euthanasia

HSWM does not euthanize animals for time or space. Humane euthanasia is performed for severe medical reasons or animals who are behaviorally unsafe to adopt. HSWM offers affordable euthanasia services to pet owners in the community to assist them through the difficult process of saying goodbye to a beloved pet.

OWNER REQUESTED: 373

MEDICAL REASONS: 87

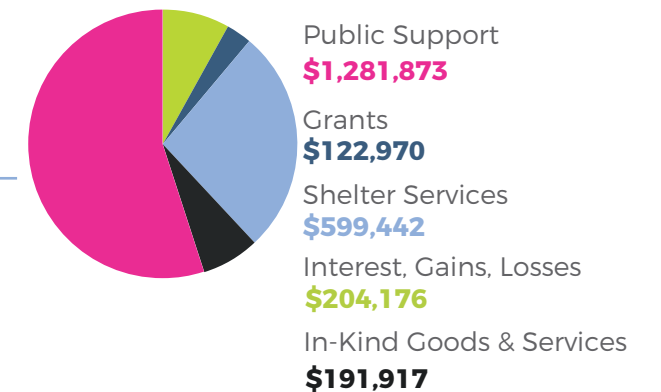
BEHAVIORAL REASONS: 33

Financial Stats

HSWM is **100% donor funded** — we don't receive funding from the government or rely on funding from national animal welfare organizations.

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REVENUE: \$2,400,380



EXPENSES: \$2,387,660

