



Humane Society of West Michigan is a non-profit organization that receives all of our funding through generous donations and grants. This year, HSWM was privileged to become a partner shelter with Orphan Kitten Club! The Kitten Lady, Hannah Shaw--popular internet personality and leading humane educator in newborn kitten care--started OKC to build innovative programs that save the lives of the tiniest felines. This group not only gives strategic grants to help shelter kittens, but also seeks to educate and engage the community to support and celebrate kittens!

HSWM was thrilled to receive a grant from OKC to purchase and install new medical equipment that greatly improves the care we're able to offer newborn kittens, including our first ever incubator! Within the first 60 days of use, over 30 kittens spent time in the incubator to help them recover from being in less than ideal conditions. We were able to purchase IV fluid pumps, an IV fluid warmer, an oxygen tent, glucose monitors, and pediatric stethoscopes. All of this new equipment allowed us to save more fragile kittens than ever before!

Orphan Kitten Club not only has invested in HSWM through grants to improve our medical equipment, but also through their

emergency program for kittens in need called 'MightyCats'. We have been lucky enough to receive this funding four times to support critical kittens in our care! One litter of kittens, pictured above, were rushed to a local emergency clinic for crisis care after their health took a sudden turn for the worst. The costly emergency bill was covered by the Mighty Cats program, and three of the four pulled through! OKC also helped a kitten named Azriel with three very crooked legs. It was determined that surgery and splinting was needed to save one of his badly bent back legs, and both surgery and multiple visits to a specialist in Flint gave him the support he needed to grow and thrive!

These success stories are only possible because of the generosity of Orphan Kitten Club. Our partnership with OKC has provided learning and networking opportunities for staff, fosters, and volunteers. We are so grateful to be a grant recipient and partner with them, continuing to strive towards being the best at what we do--giving animals another chance at life.

Together.
we make a difference



Annual Report

2021 - 2022





Paws, Claws & Corks

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at DeVos Place

Mark your calendar to join us for our 11th annual Paws, Claws & Corks gala event! Featuring the hottest restaurants, breweries, and wineries in West Michigan, guests will enjoy fabulous cuisine and beverages, as well as opportunities to bid on exciting packages and experiences - all to support animals in need at HSWM!

Our Vision and Mission

To build a more compassionate community where all 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.



Animal Impact Statistics

2,523 Animals Adopted



854 Dogs



1,517 Cats



152 Other

ANIMALS ADMITTED: **2,770 Total**



947 Dogs



1,659 Cats



164 Other

SPAYS AND NEUTERS: **1,694 Total**



579 Dogs



1,069 Cats



46 Other

HUMANE EDUCATION: 2,255

Children & adults learn compassion, responsible pet care, and animal safety through outreach and on-site programming including presentations, school visits, camps, clubs, and tours. These numbers represent individuals enriched by these programs.

School Visits: **1,000** | Camps: **670** | Other*: **585**

*Tours, Birthdays, Junior Volunteer Clubs

BEHAVIOR ASSISTANCE: 150

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

Classes: **80** | Consults: **65** | Seminars: **5**

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. We also offer an emergency pet housing program to help families in crisis.

VACCINE CLINICS: **556 Animals**

KIBBLE KONNECTION: **575 Active Clients, and 16,000 Pounds of Food Distributed**

P.E.T.S. NETWORK: **54 Animals**

HSWM Volunteers

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

8,082 Volunteer Hours

That means our awesome volunteers have altogether given **337 days** of around-the-clock care to the animals at our shelter!

111 Shelter Volunteers | Staff to Volunteer Ratio of **1:3**

Live Release Rate: 97.9%

Live Release Rate refers to the percentage of animals who leave our care and go on to live happy, healthy lives!

Euthanasia

HSWM does not euthanize animals for time or space, but only 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: **214**

MEDICAL REASONS: **33**

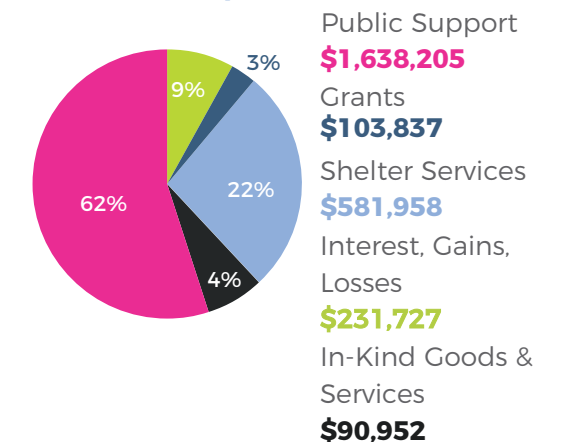
BEHAVIORAL REASONS: **24**

Financial Stats

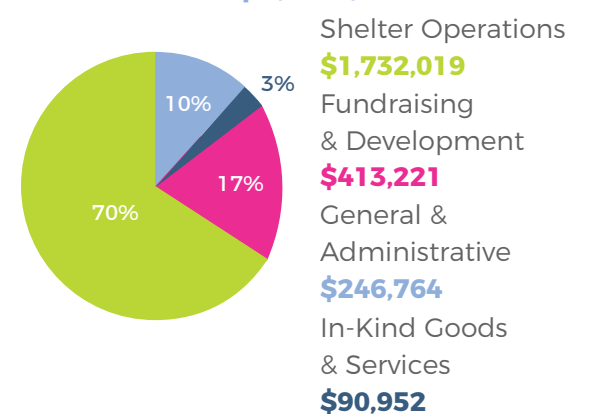
HSWM is 100% donor funded--we don't receive funding from the government or any national animal welfare organizations.

To donate please call 616.791.8057 or visit hswestmi.org/give.

REVENUE: **\$2,646,681**



EXPENSES: **\$2,482,957**



Total Assets: **\$7,618,265**

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