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A RECORD YEAR

2020 annual report
A RECORD YEAR IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE! HARBOR HUMANE TOOK IN 3,892 ANIMALS THIS YEAR, WITH A RECORD YEAR OF ADOPTIONS - A 15% INCREASE OVER 2019 - TOTALING 3,305 ANIMALS FINDING THEIR SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE AND LOVE!

### OUTCOMES

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#### Adopted

- *Animals euthanized were not behaviorally sound or they were suffering medically. Animals who died in care include puppies, and kittens who were neonatals unable to be saved.*

#### CRITTERS, CAMPS &... COVID?

- Masking up, personal sanitation packs, craft kits, and smaller groups - SPARK camps marched on through COVID as kids joined us onsite and virtually to learn and practice compassion and empathy for all beings.

#### THE ROAD TO A BETTER LIFE

SAVING LIVES BEYOND OUR ZIP CODE

- Animals transported in from areas where adoption interest is low, to Harbor Humane for their 2nd chance at life and love.

#### HARBOR HIGHLIGHTS

- **1,807 Pets served through food pantry**
- **3,830+ Volunteer hours**
- **3,059 Spay/neuter surgeries performed**
- **207 Completed heartworm treatments**
- **153 Animals serviced through vaccine clinics**
- **15% Increase in adoptions over 2019**
- **58 Obedience class participants**

#### LIFE SAVING FOSTERS

Our fosters - new and old - truly stepped up in a time of need! Over 200 households signed up to open their hearts and homes as a foster family this spring, alleviating the workload on our essential “skeleton staff” team during the shutdown.

- **723 dogs and 882 cats were fostered over the course of 2020!**
- “We lost our dog of 11 years during the “lockdown” and deciding to foster was the best decision...Stella got us moving again and outside...definitely got us out of our slump.”
- “We got Coco 3 days after the lockdown, and she has been something we have bonded over, and shared experiences throughout. Taking her on hikes got us outdoors as a family.”
- “...to see their little personalities emerge until they are ready to find loving homes of their own...they always take a little piece of my heart with them, but I know that with that farewell comes the opportunity to open our home and our hearts again to another animal in need.”
- “Coming in to love and be loved on by the dogs is quite a win-win deal for me! I always leave feeling better than I came.”
- “I love every part of my last 14 years at Harbor. The dogs help me for more than they could ever help them.”
- “I love helping out at surgery because of how hard they work to help those animals.”

#### OUR 2020

- **January**
  - Started off strongly!
  - First transport drive down to St. Landry’s, LA 19 hours each way!
- **February**
  - Shutdown for 2 weeks, essential staff only onsite, and spay/neuter surgeries halted
- **March**
  - Adoptions by appointment only
  - Our Resale shop re-opens!
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#### Achieved fundraising goal for new X-Ray machine!

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When New Year’s Day rang in on 1/1/2020, I don’t think any of us had any idea about what trials and tribulations we would face in the coming year. No one could foresee shutdowns, masking up, schools canceled, and working from home became the norm. We never in a million years dreamed that a worldwide pandemic would result in our highest number of adoptions EVER!

3,305 animals found their forever homes during those turbulent times and at the end of the day they made the trials and tribulations that families were facing pale in comparison to the love that families found in the paws of their new dog, cat, rabbit, rat, mouse, and even chickens!

We saw a huge increase in the number of foster families offering their help as well. As one foster said in early April, “It seemed that all my family was talking about around the dinner table was covid this and covid that. Now Aggie (foster dog) has given us hours of endless entertainment and our dinner conversations are now filled with fun and love as we talk about her antics and what an amazing dog she is.”

We’ve always known that animals were the cure for anything. Now we know that although they can’t cure covid and make 2021 magically better, they can show us that unconditional love rules overall. At the end of the day there is nothing like a dog wanting you to pet him, a cat purring on your lap, or even a chicken following you around. May our animals continue to give us the best moments of our lives.

Jen Self-Aulgur, Executive Director

In 2020, one of our most cherished memories is the adoption of Violet, one of our longest resident at HHS, who spent more than 9 months at the shelter until she was adopted in October (celebrations ensued!). Violet was one of those that was just a bit harder to place as she had some special requirements. But Violet was also one of the sweetest, smartest dogs at the shelter, who stole all of our hearts! Her family has told us how wonderfully she has adapted into their home and life, and we are reminded of just why we do what we do.

One of our most cherished memories from 2020 is the adoption of Gal, who found her very own humans after nearly 5 months at the shelter. Her kennel behavior made us wonder if she’d ever be able to find a family to call her own (sassy is putting it lightly - she was the Queen!). She was moved into the office with two of our staff, where she slowly came out of her shell, while still staying true to her sassy, steadfast ways. Would anyone understand her in the ways we had come to? Yes! Not only did Gal find a new human Mom, but also a Sister! These two “gals” are now living the best lives together!