

# SUSTAINING OUR MISSION

Our work is only as great as the support we receive from our community. Thanks to our year-round partners, donors & adopters!

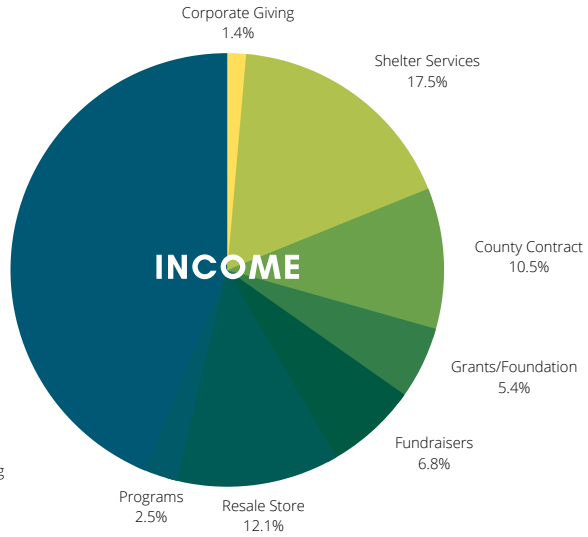
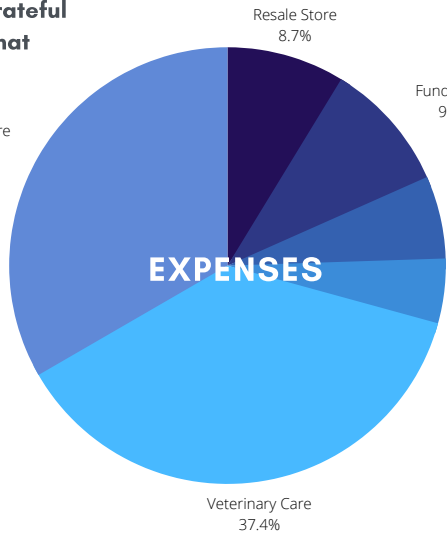
## KENNEL SPONSORS

"I chose to foster, to sponsor a kennel and to donate to the 2021 Day of Caring, as I believe in Harbor Humane, their mission, and the great work they do to ensure that every animal in our county finds a wonderful home and family they can call their own. Helping to ensure these animals are loved and cared for in a safe and healthy environment until they find their fur-ever homes is so critical." - Katherine G.

## LEGACY DONORS

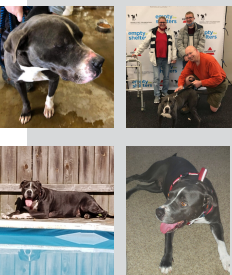
"We have included HHS in our will so that we can leave behind some money to replace our ongoing support to an organization that means so much to us and to the animals in need of care in our area. We are grateful for everything you do and recognize that in our will." - Mr & Mrs Chambers

## ANNUAL PARTNERS



2021 operating budget: \$1,643,000+

## LIFE SAVING STORIES

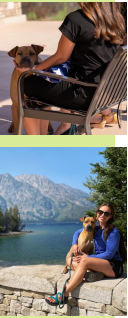


Ralphie had lived his first 7 years in a southern shelter, where he'd never known life outside of his outdoor kennel. "Thank you HHS for busting him out (from his previous shelter in the South). We'd been talking for months about adopting. Ralphie charmed us right off the bat when we met him, and he joined our family that day in May. He fits our family beyond what we could have ever imagined! He's just a super boy, great at holding down couches and beds until he hears his leash picked up. Then he's always up and excited for a walk no matter the weather. He's also earned his lifeguard certification (sort of!) and learned to shake! He's still young at heart, especially at playtime. We feel honored and grateful to be sharing our lives with Ralphie. He's brought so much joy and love into our house."



Zuko came into the shelter as a stray in May 2021 with an enormous wound on his back. Four surgeries and many months later he is still healing, but the end is in sight! Zuko, now known as "Stan" has been in a foster home since summer, who will be adopting him once he is medically cleared. After a slow healing process our vet team was able to determine that Zuko had an antibiotic resistant staph infection in his neck, the portion of his wound that just didn't want to heal completely. They targeted it with a new antibiotic and the wound has now shrunk to around a nickel in size! Zuko is happy to no longer have to wear a full body wrap and he's looking forward to the day (hopefully in the near future) when he can be completely gauze and bandage free! Zuko's incredible recovery was made possible by our amazing veterinary team and a wonderful foster home where's he has been able to heal, relax and spend time with his kitty brother. Special medical cases like Zuko's are funded by our HOPE Fund, which is dedicated to above and beyond medical care to save more pets in need.

"I adopted Recon at the beginning of April when I came to Harbor looking for an emotional support dog after my father passed away. Recon is named in memory of my father who was a Recon Marine. Since then, Recon and I have enjoyed many days paddleboarding on numerous lakes, too many pup cups, and even took a 6,000 mile road trip to California and back to bury my father. I am confident when I say Recon rescued me. (From Recon) "In 8 months I've been to 14 states, 4 National Parks, and paddled around more than 10 different lakes (like a king on his throne). My mom also felt bad that I didn't have a yard to run around in so she bought me my very own house with a big fenced in yard! True to my adoption name, I occasionally still dart faster than the speed of light if something piques my interest, but I get really nervous when I can't find my mom so I've pretty much stopped doing that. I'm not sure how I will survive Michigan winters, but thankfully my mom has bought me some nice clothes for our outdoor adventures."



# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Harbor Humane Society

2021 has come and gone and Harbor Humane still feels a bit of whiplash from the tumultuous start to the decade. When asked to think back on the past year, it is a bit of whirlwind as 2020 blended into 2021, and now 2022 feels eerily similar. The more things change, the more they stay the same. We are about to enter year three of a pandemic that has an unknown end date. Partisan politics continue to divide our nation. Sometimes it seems as if common human decency has been all but abandoned in favor of arguing with strangers on the internet. Luckily, when it comes to animals, we are united in our passion and love for them. We can all agree, they are amazing. The animals we care for at Harbor Humane continue to set the bar for the level of kindness and pure goodness that all beings are capable of. And that care and compassion is reflected in all the humans who advocate for them each and every day. Animals bring out the good in all of us, especially when we work together to save them. It is a beacon of light and hope in an often challenging world. And we thank you for helping us be that safe harbor in the night.



# HIGHLIGHTS



**YOUTH PROGRAMMING**

114 kids attended our Summer Camps, and 20 kids attended Winter Camps! From 2020 to 2021, we nearly doubled our camp numbers! Despite still operating with COVID regulations, we were able to grow our camp program!

**A RECORD YEAR ALES FOR TAILS \$85K**

**DOG TRAINING 101**

213 pet owners attended obedience classes and 325 puppies attended our puppy playtime classes!

**528** owned pets that were spayed or neutered  
**3077** TOTAL SURGERIES  
**17** ocular surgeries  
**270** ♥ WORM TREATED DOGS  
**13** mass removals surgeries  
**53** rabbits spayed/neutered  
**17** AMPUTATIONS



**REUNITED!**  
 rescue & compassion get Max back home

Max was found and brought to Harbor, and adopted shortly after his stray hold. A series of events then led to his original owners being located. His new adopters knew that was where he belonged, and returned him home! "Thank you for helping bring Max back to our family. My daughters had tears of joy when they saw him. Thank you for graciously returning him to his family, and for taking good care of him."

**COMMUNITY CLINIC OUTREACH**  
 Holland Police Dpt + HHS hosted a community vaccine clinic at the new Van Raalte Dog Park!  
 Over 45 owned pets were served!



**30065** SHELTER PETS FOUND HOMES!

**RELOCATED AND REBRANDED!**

A new and larger space for our community to support us by shopping for a cause, and donating new and gently used goods.

**HARBOR HUMANE RESALE STORE**  
 GIVING ANIMALS A SECOND CHANCE BY SHOPPING SECOND HAND



716 Chicago Drive Suite 200, Holland MI

**NEW RTF PROGRAM KICKS OFF!**

**CATS RETURNED TO FIELD**

**116** 116 stray cats were Returned to Field (RTF) in 2021 - our first year of the program!

This allowed feral cats to be returned to their outdoor home after being fixed and vaccinated. RTF will continue to grow, with feral cats being a priority in life-saving efforts

Cats released to our on-site cat colony.

**161** working cats were adopted to families needing help with pest control or barn "caretakers"!



# PEOPLE & PETS THE REASON WE'RE HERE



← Madchen and Hazel, both had been shot and needed removal to maintain quality of life.

At Harbor, we are able to go above and beyond when animals need it most. With our newly purchased x-ray machine, ultrasound capabilities, and medically trained staff, both shelter and owned pets benefited greatly in 2021.

**300** total spay/neuter surgeries for shelter and community owned pets  
**79** owned pets were seen for other surgical services

**2929** spay/neuter surgeries for shelter pets

**TOTAL SURGERIES PERFORMED IN 2021 = 3077**

**We believe all animals deserve a chance at life and love, regardless of their originating zip code.**

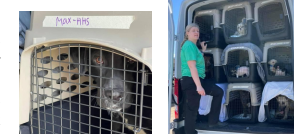
**979** Animals transferred to HHS for their 2nd chance

As time and space allows, we reach beyond our backyard to help other animals in need. We transfer animals from overcrowded shelters in Michigan and other states, such as Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Florida.



Before & after: Dakota in the AR shelter, and at his adoption!

Some of the faces we bring to MI! Our transport van from Bissell Pet Foundation has already earned over 25k miles in trips to save lives!



## VOLUNTEERS

THE ONES WE COUNT ON.

What we do here at Harbor is made possible with the help of so many amazing volunteers, giving of their time, talents, love and loyalty to support our animals in need, and serve our community.

**Volunteer Hours:** over 3,500 onsite, around 500 at events, + all of our foster hours! | **Number of volunteers:** 150 regular volunteers, 250 more that volunteer as they are able | **New volunteers:** Approximately 20 new volunteers each month attend our orientation!

For me, volunteering is my self care. My kids are teens, and I wanted to find something I could do for me. I'm so happy I signed on. It's the best decision I've ever made.  
 - Andrea



Volunteering is a feel good kind of thing. Being around dogs is just a benefit, & mingling with the public is fun, while getting to know some great people that love animals as much as I do.  
 - Cheryl



I volunteer to make a difference with animals in need and to end as much animal suffering as is possible.  
 - Brandon

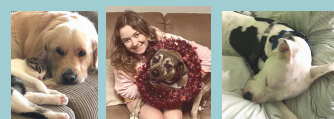


I volunteer because its FUN to work with a great group of people with a passion for animals! Icing on the cake is sharing in special moments when one finds their forever home.  
 - Kim



## FOSTERING LIFESAVING

"Fostering is a way for us to help the kitties and the shelter, and heal the furry ones entrusted to our care...and in the process, maybe help heal our hearts too." - Connie



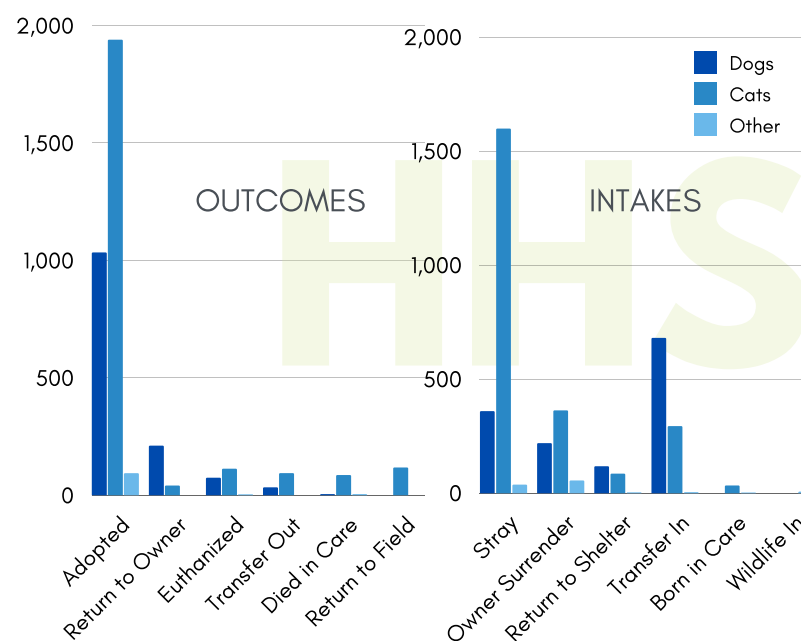
"We foster because of how rewarding it is to see these animals grow and learn so much in a short time, and to witness their personalities transform in a home." - Kristen

**840** TOTAL FELINE FOSTERS  
**577** TOTAL CANINE FOSTERS



**ACTIVE FOSTER FAMILIES 387**

## OUR ANIMALS



\*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.

## COMMUNITY IMPACT

KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER ANY WAY WE CAN.



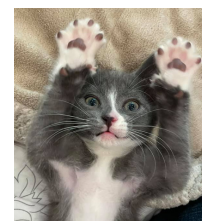
It is priority for us to work with families in difficult situations, including those who may feel surrendering their pet due to hardship is the only option. We are here to help. Assisting with pet food or supplies, low cost or fee waived vaccines, low cost spay/neuter services and more - pets belong at home.

**528 owned pets were spayed/neutered!**

**GENEROUS DONATIONS SUPPORT THIS MISSION**

Thank you to John A. Vandenbosch, Chewy.com, and all of our pet food supply partners year-long, who have donated over 200,000 pounds of pet food to help us keep people and pets together.

We were awarded grants from Petco Love and The Grand Haven Community Foundation that enabled us to provide vaccines for hundreds more community pets, at a reduced or no cost!



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