**OUR MISSION**

"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.

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"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 paddling and swimming 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)." Parks, and paddled around more than 10 different lakes (like a king on his throne). He's brought so much joy and love into our house." - Ralphie. He's brought so much joy and love into our house."

**LIFE SAVING STORIES**

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 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.

Ralphie had lived his first 7 years in a southern shelter, where he'd never known love or a house of his own. "Thank you HHS for busting him out!" (from his previous shelter in the South). We'd been talking for months about adopting Ralphie before finding the right one to right off the bat when we met him, and his family 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!

"I'm not sure how I will survive Michigan winters, but thankfully my mom has bought me some nice clothes for our outdoor adventures." - Ralphie.

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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 a 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.

**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!
HIGHLIGHTS

we were able to grow our camp program!
2021, we nearly doubled our camp numbers!
20 kids attended Winter Camps! From 2020 to

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FELINE

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grow and learn so much in
short time, and to witness
their personalities
transform in a home." - Connie


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

NEW RTF PROGRAM KICKS OFF!
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
earning a priority in life-saving efforts

Cats released to our onsite cat colony.
161 working cats were adopted to families

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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
cost or fee waived vaccines, low cost spay/neuter services and more - pets belong at home.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

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COMMUNITY PETS HELD WITH OUR MONTHLY PANTRY
Thank you to John A. Vandenbosh, Chewy.com, and all of our pet food supply part-time
years-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!

GENEROUS DONATIONS SUPPORT THIS MISSION
Thank you for graciously
supporting our mission at Harbor! A new and
larger space for our community
to support us by shopping for a
cause, and donating new
gently used goods.

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

TOTAL SURGERIES PERFORMED IN 2021 - 3077
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.

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.

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With your support, Harbor can continue to provide life-saving care.
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528 owned pets were spayed/neutered!
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1,000 pets helped with our monthly pantry
582 owner pets were spayed/neutered!

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