COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Our pet food pantry helped 1311 families. Fed 2525 dogs, 2906 cats, & 175 other animals. = 5606 pets fed & kept in homes!

We assisted 24 other organizations with pet food.

Our low-cost vaccine clinics serviced 236 dogs & 76 cats!

OUR CATS

- 90 working cat adoptions
- 245 pet store cat adoptions
- 11 cats released to onsite colony

TRAINING

- 381 dogs attended our obedience classes
- 173 puppies adopted all received 6 free puppy playtime classes

FOSTER

- 340 Dog Foster Families
- 603 Foster Dog Experiences
- 1,230 cats sent to foster
- 163 cat foster families

ADOPT

Cosmo

"Sometimes animals find you. When this happens, it is truly special. That is mine and Cosmo’s story. We’ve climbed mountains in Virginia, camped under the stars in Ohio, AirBnB’d in NYC, the life of room service and pampering in our hotel rooms.

He is the kindest and most loving dog I have known. Cuddles like a champ, plays like a tank, & has proven to be the angel everyone has always seen in him. I have found a best friend."

SUCCESS STORIES

Calder came to us and we quickly discovered he had cerebellar hypoplasia, meaning his brain hadn’t developed properly. He had neurological issues that caused sudden jerky movements, uncoordinated motion and loss of balance. A lady from Rhode Island saw him on Petfinder as a special needs kitty and made the trek all the way to West Olive, Michigan to adopt him! She already had a cat at home that had CH, and they are now living their best cat-life thanks to her!

BIG EVENTS, BIG IMPACT

- A RECORD YEAR RAISING $100,000 FOR OUR SHELTER PETS!
- INAUGURAL YEAR 12 LOCATIONS RAISED $15,000+
- SELL OUT EVENT RAISED A RECORD $17,000!
RESILIENCE.

A single word that describes the mindset of so many animals we take care of and the staff who care for them. No matter what circumstances have brought these animals to us, they rise the next day full of hope, and our staff continues to show up through the good and bad.

We are so thankful for your support which helps us be resilient in the face of whatever comes at us. 2022 had a lot of highlights and times that didn’t feel so high! We had 27 cats who were with us for a few months after being found locked in a shed for months. These cats went onto live healthy and happy lives after it played out in court. We were able to bring a new veterinarian on board and continue the level of care we believe all animals deserve to have. We partnered with Bissell Pet Foundation to do several free spay and neuter clinics for the community. We had Gentle Ben, who was a senior dog left tied outside to our building after hours, sparking the conversation about how we value our pets at the end of their lives as well as how Harbor Humane is always here to help and never to judge. We saw long term dogs, Cosmo, Daphne, and so many more find their forever homes, showing us that there is the perfect fit out there, even though it may take a while.

And we once again, saw our community show up to support us— with donations, adoptions, fostering, volunteering, and even just advocating for us. Together, we do this. Together, we change lives. Together, we are resilient and know that tomorrow will always bring brighter times, and even it if doesn’t, we will bounce back and be stronger than before.

Jean Self-Aiguz
Executive Director

OUR WHY

RUNNING A SHELTER REQUIRES HEART, DEDICATION, AND MANY, MANY HOURS.

My “why” is seeing families being reunited with lost pets, staying together with the help of our community resources, and being completed by adding a new furry family member. I love being a part of an organization that makes a huge difference in the lives of the people and animals within our community— Tayler, Customer Service Representative.

"Harbor is special to me because it allows me to be hands on, care and advocate for those without a voice. When they don’t have a family to call their own, we love them as our own while they wait for their forever home!"
- Jackie, Kennel Manager

Even though 2022 was a difficult year, our staff remained committed to making a positive impact on the lives of our county’s animals in need. Despite the many challenges we faced, they never lost sight of this goal. They worked long hours, often going above and beyond the call of duty, to ensure that our animals received the best care possible. Through their tireless efforts, we were able to provide a safe haven for countless animals who would otherwise have nowhere else to turn. We were able to give them the medical attention they needed, the love and attention they craved, and the hope they deserved.
- Megan Director of Shelter Operations

"The quality of our work is the quality of their lives."
Sarah Rapisarda, Behavior Manager

IN 2022, WE WELCOMED A NEW VET TO THE TEAM, DR. TERRI ANDERS!

IMPORTANT FACILITY UPDATES WERE MADE CRITICAL SPACES: FLOORS, ISOLATION, EXAM ROOM KITTEN ROOM AND MORE!

WE CELEBRATED OUR 1ST FULL YEAR IN OUR NEW RESALE STORE SPACE!

HOURS OF DEDICATION
Customer Service: 10,511 hours
Kennel Techs: 24,323 hours
Leadership Team: 19,720 hours

Check out the Harbor story, thanks to our friends at Hope College who produced this beautiful documentary! 😊