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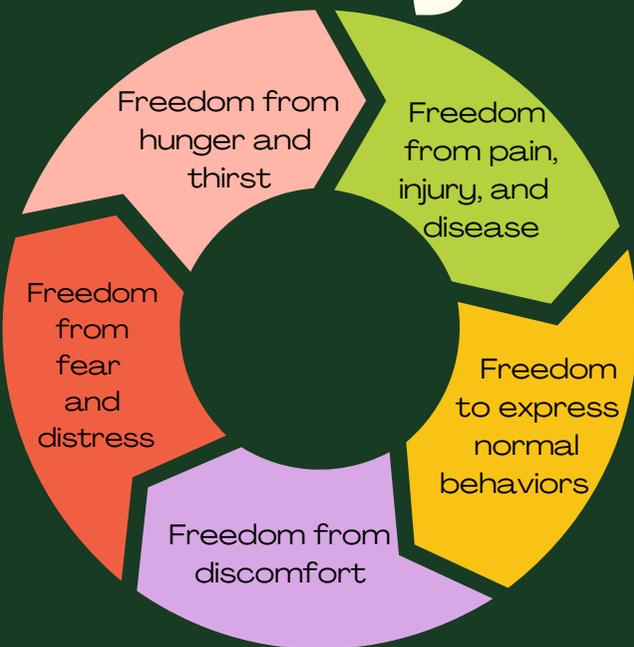


**Heartland
Humane**
shelter & care



**HELLO
FROM THE
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR**

THE FIVE FREEDOMS



Dear Friends of Heartland,

At just over a year in my role as Executive Director, I am encouraged to see how much our community cares about animals. With hundreds of animals in need coming through our doors each year, your support makes all the difference.

The profound effect that animals can have on our lives is remarkable. The enthusiastic greeting I receive from our rescued dog, Joey, when I return home reminds me that I matter in this world. And Cloud (our foster failure feline), loves to rotate evening snuggles between my wife, daughter, and myself. I believe it is a special gift of the human experience to bond in such meaningful ways with other species.



That experience, and numerous studies, confirm the benefits companion animals offer to us: reducing stress and loneliness, motivating us to exercise (hopefully!), teaching compassion and responsibility, sensing when we are troubled, and listening without criticism. In return, we owe them respect, dignity, and kindness. Here at Heartland, we ensure that every animal in our care is provided The Five Freedoms.

All the animals that come through Heartland's doors have their own stories. We work to manage their care according to their needs, and optimize their well-being as they await that special individual or family who will provide them with a new, loving home.

Our ability to provide this care would not be possible without your kind support. We thank you for helping us make a wonderful difference for so many animals deserving of a second chance!

Thank you for placing your faith in our organization and supporting its mission.

With appreciation, Chuck Tourtillott

Sometimes the best home is the one they already have.

Heartland isn't just about finding new homes for homeless animals. It's more about helping animals and the people who love them.

That's why things like **Lost & Found services** and the **Safe Housing Program** are so important - they keep animals with their loving families.

Through efforts at the shelter, with lost and found reporting and management and monitoring of social media lost pet pages, this past year

275 animals returned

to their families from the shelter.

The **Safe Housing Program** saw an additional

28 animals reunited

with their families after crisis. With wildfires, record temperatures, medical emergencies, and homelessness affecting more people this past year, **The Safe Housing Program** provided care for animal companions with the promise that they would be reunited after people received the help they needed.



**Finding homes
saves lives**

\$60.

covers an intake examination and care for a stray animal before they are reclaimed by their family.

\$580.

provides intake-to-reunion care for an animal in the Safe Housing Program.

477 fostered animals

received the extra care they needed to thrive.

Foster families receive 24 hour support and any supplies needed for a successful experience for both animals and people.

53 families

opened their homes and hearts to Heartland animals to give them the best chance at recovery, adoption, and happy lives.



\$270. 60 vaccinations

\$770. kitten milk replacer for one kitten through weaning

\$28 blood test for animals going into foster care

When they need care

11,474 hours

were given by volunteers at the shelter who came faithfully to help care for the animals despite pandemic restrictions.

8,287 hours

were worked at the Thrift Shop, where volunteers kept the shop running through the pandemic, generating vital revenue and providing adoption outreach.





889 surgeries

were performed this year in Heartland's clinic this year.

From spay and neuter surgeries that are standard for all animals, to injury repairs, amputations, and dental extractions, the surgery team addresses each animal's needs so they can have a better quality of life and the best chance at finding a loving home.

we're there.



\$54 critical care for a struggling kitten.

\$320 cat litter for a month

\$80 orientation and onboarding for volunteers

\$747 the average cost for a special surgery performed at the shelter.





**Because of you...
Underdogs
Overachieve**

\$462

Spay/neuter surgeries for 5 dogs

\$245

microchips, collars, leashes, and tags for 10 adopted pets

\$89

Bloodwork panel for a senior cat

Charlie came to Heartland with a severely damaged front leg. West Hills Animal Hospital graciously offered to help Heartland's Surgery Team remove Charlie's leg so he could have a chance to recover and have a better quality of life.

We are happy to report that Charlie has been adopted and has a new *leash* on life - he is being trained to serve as a therapy dog for Shriners Hospital for Children!

987 adoptions

were made possible this year by your support.

Animals that needed a second chance at a happy life were given that chance, because of you.



For those who were adopted



and senior cats get a second chance

Ms. Valentina was surrendered at 10 years old. This shy senior kitty was having litterbox issues in the shelter, but was finally adopted after a month in care. She has blossomed in her new home, playing, pouncing and showing her big personality.

Her adopter observed her behavior and taking her cues, placed night lights around the house so that she can get to the litterbox.

She says that Ms. V is a blessing, and she hopes people will really listen to what their pet is telling them and work on getting over fears/issues together.

Beyond shelter,
lives changed

Your gifts help animals get the care they need.

and those who are still waiting



thank you.



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