

An animal's eyes have
the power to speak a
great language.

— MARTIN BUBER

2020

Report to the Community

A message from our leadership

Thank you to our loyal community members who were there for animals during an unprecedented year at PAWS. The uncertainties presented by COVID made our supporters' contributions and the successes achieved that much more important. Typically PAWS relies on hundreds of volunteers to perform critical functions, but in 2020, PAWS staff took on this work while continuing to save lives. Nearly 3,000 dogs and cats were adopted into loving families. Our wildlife experts cared for 4,282 animals of 169 different species, making every effort to provide them a chance to thrive back in the wild. Our educators reached 2,393 students live through virtual classrooms and 29,000 others through an online curriculum.

PAWS was founded 54 years ago. With continued support from donors and our community, PAWS remains committed to being of service to animals and people well into the future.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Chuck Stempler
Board President



Heidi Wills
CEO



Heidi Wills, CEO, and Chuck Stempler,
Board President

Please deliver to a friend of animals at this address.

Helping Animals Go Home and Thrive

Lucky seven return home

When it's time to release rehabilitated black bears to the wild, even a pandemic can't stand in the way. COVID affected every area of PAWS in 2020, including problem-solving for how to release seven orphaned black bear yearlings after a year in care at **PAWS Wildlife Center** while protecting human health.

Normally, PAWS and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife workers ready the bears for transport back to the wild by giving them final medical exams and attaching ear tags and fitting GPS collars inside our wildlife center's small, enclosed exam room.

Social distancing was not possible. Instead, one by one, each bear was sedated and carried on a stretcher to an area outside the PAWS Wildlife building for their final preparations, including ear tags and GPS collars for collecting post-release data. Then all seven bears were successfully returned to their natural habitat, high in the Northwest mountains.



Finding safety at **PAWS**

A moving illustration of our mission is when an animal who has endured unimaginable suffering goes on to enrich their adoptive family with unconditional love. Blake, a four-year-old pit bull mix, arrived at **PAWS Companion Animal Shelter** in the fall of 2020. He had been at risk of euthanasia in an overcrowded shelter in California, but thanks to our valued animal transport program, Blake found safety at PAWS.

Our veterinary team discovered Blake's tragic past during his intake exam. He had been shot in the head at some point in his young life. Dozens of metal fragments were removed from his body, requiring a month of recovery. Despite the trauma, Blake was a friendly and trusting dog to all he met. A family, who happened to have a son named Blake, couldn't resist his charms. They say he's thriving in his two-Blake home: "Given what Blake went through, we thought it may be harder for him to trust, but that is not the case. He has brought so much love into our lives."

Wildlife Highlights

- Animals admitted: **4,282**
- Number of species admitted: **169**
- Rehabilitation release rate: **47%***
- Number of trained rehabilitation interns: **15**
- Number of medical procedures performed: **3,242**

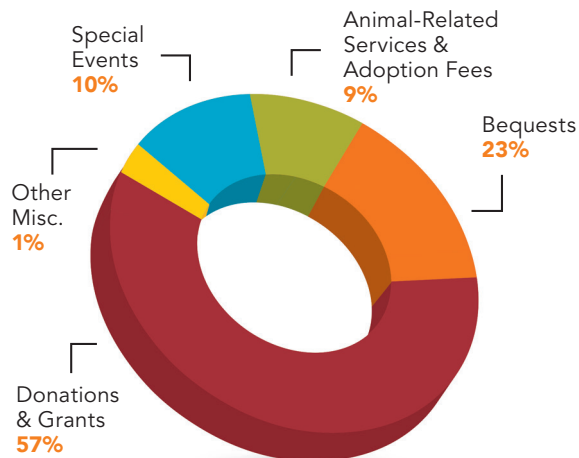
**This rate is calculated based on the number of animals who were released, died in care, or were humanely euthanized after failing to respond to treatment.*

Companion Animal Highlights

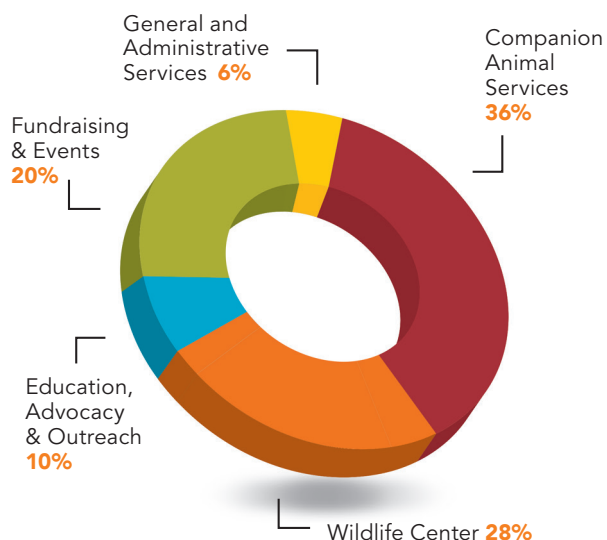
- Total animals in care: **3,322**
- Adoptions: **2,998**
Dogs: **656** Puppies: **209** Cats: **1,178** Kittens: **955**
- Animals placed into foster homes: **1,759**
- Animals transferred to PAWS: **2,422**
Dogs: **491** Puppies: **194** Cats: **840** Kittens: **897**
- Save rate: **97.43%**

2020 Financials

OPERATING REVENUE



OPERATING EXPENSES



Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS

Current assets

Cash and cash equivalents	4,979,262
Accounts receivable	8,725
Contributions receivable	71,702
Inventory	27,438
Prepaid expenses	161,022
Total current assets	5,248,149

Other assets

Cash and cash equivalents – restricted for capital campaign	2,588,530
Investments	4,233,366
Contributions receivable, net of current	364,198
Property and equipment, net	11,104,548
Beneficial interest held in trust	8,947,738
Other	2,680
Total other assets	27,241,060

TOTAL ASSETS **\$32,489,209**

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current liabilities

Accounts payable, accrued expenses	917,834
Total current liabilities	917,834

Net assets

Without donor restrictions	
Undesignated	588,096
Other board designated	12,155,753
Board designated endowment	2,058,106
	14,801,955
With donor restrictions	
Purpose and time	7,821,682
Perpetual in nature	8,947,738
	16,769,420

Total net assets **31,571,375**

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS **\$32,489,209**

Statement of Activities

OPERATING REVENUE

Public support

Contributions	2,972,063
Bequests	1,213,844
Special events, net	689,344
Grants	975,506
Distributions from perpetual trusts	390,974

Other revenue

Adoption fees, net of returns	410,834
Animal receiving fees	62,802
Animal-related services	68,127
Municipal contracts and pet licensing fees	67,096
Retail sales, net of returns and discounts	46,448
Miscellaneous	5,951
Investment return	11,358

TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE **\$6,914,345**

OPERATING EXPENSES

Program services

Companion Animal Services	1,910,045
Wildlife Center	1,470,670
Education, Advocacy and Outreach	542,990
Total program services	3,923,705

Supporting services

Fundraising and events	1,045,649
General and administrative	318,771
Total supporting services	1,364,420

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES **\$5,288,125**

Note: The financial information included in this presentation is unaudited and subject to revision upon completion of the 2020 audit and subsequent reporting.

PAWS

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PAWS Mission and Values

PAWS is people helping cats, dogs, and wild animals go home and thrive.

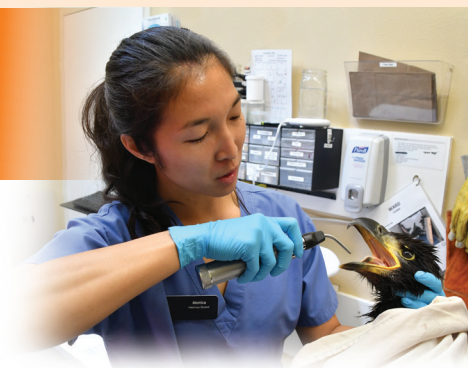
Commitment – A champion for animals no matter the difficulty.

Compassion – Demonstrate kindness toward all living beings.

Courage – Strength to do what is right for animals and people.

Respect – Welcoming to people of all backgrounds and identities.

Trust – Belief in the ability and positive intentions of others.



Sharing Ideas, Knowledge and Compassion

A natural desire to help animals can inspire young people to use their talents to take compassionate action and be vocal for those who have no voice. **PAWS Education** programs are designed to foster the unique connection children have with animals.

During the pandemic, when PAWS educators were transitioning to an online format and students were looking for ways to continue helping animals at PAWS, we received an offer to help from Hannah. A past participant in PAWS programs, she wanted to communicate with prospective adopters about longer-term dogs waiting extended periods to find homes by utilizing her talent as an artist. Hannah produced captivating original drawings showing the personalities of the dogs which were featured on PAWS' popular social media channels.

There was strong interest in the teen's emotive art and those dogs were adopted into loving homes. Says Hannah, "This project was so fun for me because all my life I have loved to draw and I have loved animals, so what better way to combine these two interests."



Education Program Highlights

- **31,971** community members reached
- **2,393** youth in live programs (*Kids Who CareSM, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts*)
- **2,771** adults in live programs
- **29,202** youth and adults via PAWS Academy (*self-guided*)
- **330** education programs, including:
 - **432** hours of instruction
 - **49** classrooms at **15** schools received Kids Who CareSM program (*in person and virtual*)
 - **77** Scout groups participated in badge/patch workshops
 - **306** live programs; **24** self-guided programs

PAWS fosters save the day

When Washington's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" mandate went into effect, hundreds of **PAWS volunteers** were furloughed. Without our skilled volunteers, we turned to our strong network of trained foster families and onboarded additional community members willing to help. These families provided enrichment and loving attention to dogs and cats requiring extra care in a home environment. One foster parent had her hands full with an under-socialized dog named Willow and her five puppies. "I used to read to Willow and would work on my laptop next to her while she slept so she could get used to having a human around."

Volunteer Highlights

- Number of volunteers: **542**
- Volunteer hours: **30,925** (*56% reduction due to COVID*)



Event Highlights

We livestreamed dogs, cats, and wildlife directly into homes for our signature fundraising events. Though we missed seeing our supporters in person, a wider national audience participated.