



2022 Annual Report

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We Speak for Those Who Cannot
Speak for Themselves.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

After serving over three decades as a member of the board of directors of The Lycoming SPCA, I wasn't planning or anticipating stepping into the shoes that had previously been filled by two amazing ladies - Margaret Megahan and Joyce Hershberger. These remarkable women lead our SPCA for a large part of our 131 years of existence. I had the privilege of serving under Margaret for a brief period when I joined the SPCA Board in 1989. I then served under Joyce for 32 years. Joyce was not only a great leader and mentor but a true friend who taught me a great deal about operating an animal shelter and about life in general. Unfortunately, we recently lost Joyce, however her impact on the Lycoming SPCA and our community will live on forever.

Looking over the history of the Lycoming County SPCA there were truly many dedicated individuals whose tremendous contributions of their time, talents, and treasures have taken an idea 132 years ago and turned it into one of the longest continually operating and respected organizations in Lycoming County.

In 1892 a group of a dozen or more subscribers created The Lycoming County SPCA for the purpose of providing effective means for the prevention of cruelty to animals throughout the county of Lycoming. There was a board of managers appointed with the responsibility to create by-laws for the governance of the SPCA.

The SPCA operated without a permanent shelter until 1950 when, with the assistance of Dr. Robert Little and Helen Little, his wife, a shelter was constructed on their property in Old Lycoming Township.

In 1955 the SPCA was able to obtain a piece of property and a house on Reach Road in the City of Williamsport. With alterations to the house and the addition of a kennel, the SPCA was able to increase their services and accommodate a greater number of animals.

In 1997 the board concluded that after more than 40 years at the then current structure, the facility could no longer accommodate the mission of the SPCA. A decision was made that a new facility was need. Under the leadership of Joyce Hershberger, a Lycoming County SPCA Building Campaign was begun. After much discussion and research, the 1.2 million dollar building project campaign was started and subsequently funded with the help of campaign gifts, trust monies and a municipal bond issue.

The campaign was a success and the newly constructed shelter was open to the public in November 1998 thanks to the generosity of the community, the leadership of the board and specifically Joyce Hershberger.

We can now annually serve over 3,100 animals and their families while going from euthanizing upwards of 2200 shelter animals a year to only 50 a year, achieving a life-saving rate of 95% in 2022.

I'm very excited that we welcomed Alyssa Correll as our new Executive Director to pick-up where Vickie Stryker left off. Vickie was another amazing woman who served the SPCA with tremendous dedication and great success for 22 years.

Following the invaluable examples left by our predecessors, the Board and I have the ongoing challenge to continue to grow and expand, furthering the mission of the Lycoming County SPCA into the 21st century. I have no doubt that with the ongoing support of our donors and communities, the SPCA will meet our mission. And as Margaret Megahan would say: "Keep Em Barking".



Bill Fox, President
Lycoming County SPCA

MISSION

The mission of the Lycoming County SPCA is to protect all domestic animals by providing shelter, emergency treatment, investigation and prosecution of cruelty or abuse complaints, adoption and counseling, education programs, and humane care throughout Lycoming County.

DIRECTOR'S LETTER

The past year and a half has truly provided an education on a side of Lycoming County that, as a resident of 25 years, I could have never imagined.

Compounded by economic instability, the rate of animals being surrendered, abandoned, and neglected has been unprecedented, and it's not only in our county, but nationwide. Prices on essential goods and services such as animal food, veterinary medicine, and utilities like water for cleaning or gas for heating the kennels are skyrocketing. Throughout these after-effects of the global pandemic, the shelter has undergone an immense amount of change. In 2021, I stepped into the shoes of the former Director, Victoria Stryker, after a 22-year tenure. In January of 2022, former President, Joyce Hershberger, stepped down after 37 years of service and leadership and was succeeded by current President, Bill Fox. Spring brought the opportunity to provide an online adoption application process and adopter waiting lists, something that had been requested for years. In July we welcomed a new Development Director, Joel Harris, to the team to help work toward economic stability of the shelter's operations and services to the public.

Despite challenges and growing pains, we served over 3,100 Lycoming County animals and their families in 2022. Our lifesaving rate remained high, at nearly 95%, as the team worked to rehabilitate and re-home every animal we took into our care. Through panleukopenia outbreaks; neglect cases of animals emaciated and skeletal or so matted they could barely move; and the waves of orphaned kittens requiring around-the-clock bottle feedings or abandoned dogs terrified after running outside for weeks who require support and patience as we ready them to transition back into loving homes, the staff and volunteers' hard work and support was steadfast.

For 2023, we look forward to more new opportunities. We are excited to build deeper connections with the communities we serve. Improvements for the health and safety of shelter denizens are already in the works. Change is rarely comfortable, but it is the only constant in life. As Best Friends Animal Society's Julie Castle said, "No matter what challenges arise, we remain wholly dedicated to our most beloved companions — adjusting our approach, but never our purpose."

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alyssa Correll". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a small star-like flourish above the letter 'C'.

Alyssa Correll
Executive Director

Board of Directors



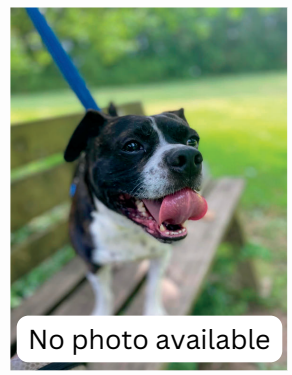
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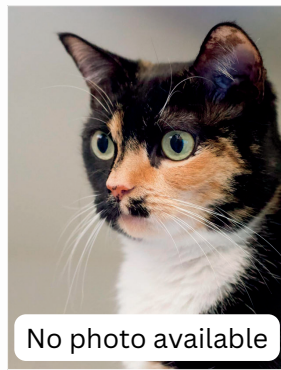
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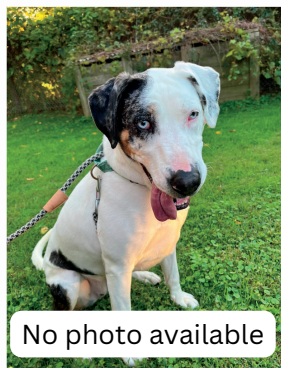
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Justin Wenner

The Shelter Team



Alyssa Correll
Executive Director



Joel Harris
Development Director



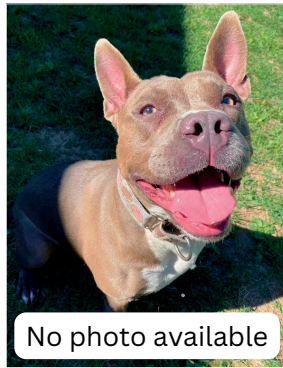
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Officer (HSPO)



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Kennel Manager



Missy Black
Volunteer & Community
Engagement Manager



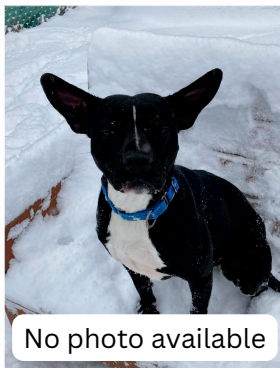
Betsy Sparling
Assistant Kennel
Manager & HSPO



Kelli Smith
Animal Care Lead



Bethany Reed
Feline Foster Coordinator
& Adoption Counselor



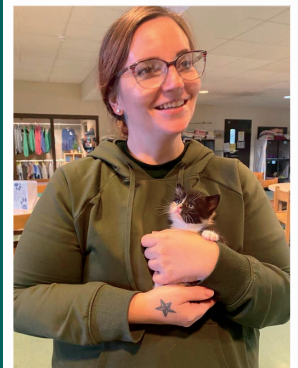
Tammy Houck
Animal Care Technician
& Adoption Counselor



Malena Evans
Animal Care Technician
& Adoption Counselor



Nicole Mummert
Animal Care Technician
& Adoption Counselor



Heather Pellacore
Adoption Counselor



Julie Bennet
Secretary &
Adoption Counselor



Amy Ringkamp
Marketing Assistant

Patti Barclay
Bookkeeper

Dr. Laura Williams, DVM
Shelter Veterinarian

Amy Swanson
Veterinary Technician

Amanda Crum
Safari Camp Teacher

Bailey Derrick
Safari Camp Aide

Kennel Technicians

Howard Simpson
Dominic Preziosi
Blake Chamberlin
Bayli Kurtz
Addison Schoonover
Alex Johnson
Masen Hills
Lizzie Hall
Amanda Foster
Cate Chandler
Megan Goykovich

James Preziosi
Building & Grounds

Shelter Impact

Despite reduced funding and increasing cost of care, the Lycoming County SPCA has maintained level of impact over the last 5 years.

3,140
ANIMALS SERVED

Adoptions	854
Spay/Neuter Assistance	591
Reunion with Owner	279
Humane Officer Activities	450
Fosters	852
Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR)	315
Cremation/Burial for Owner	386
Save Rate*	94.88%

*Save Rate is calculated by [(Live Intakes, excluding services like vouchers, owner-requested euthanasia, and microchipping) - (Died in Care) - (Shelter Euthanasia)] divided by Live Intakes. Our shelter works to save all savable pets entering our care. We do not euthanize healthy or treatable pets, even at an owner's request.

Adoption Highlights

• Brutus & Lootah

Audra and Troy chose to pursue Brutus' adoption when they asked an SPCA staff member which dog had been there the longest. They filled out an application and spent over an hour at the shelter meeting with Brutus and his dedicated volunteer trainer, Ann. "At that point, Brutus had been institutionalized. These were his people. Did he want a home? Did he want to go through the adjustment?", thought Audra. He had been at the shelter for three years.

The pair worked with staff to arrange a 2-week pre-adoption trial run. During that time, it was clear Brutus would need a lot of continued training, but he wanted to be in a home. "So, yeah, we said we were in," said Audra.

Audra and Troy's love didn't stop at rescuing Brutus. Audra's brother, Damon, had lost his dog a week before Brutus's adoption. Audra was speaking to Damon about the shelter and brought up the second-longest shelter resident, Lady. Lady was a lady with a very particular set of needs and she hadn't been able to find her perfect match. Lady took to Damon immediately. He listened to her and understood how to best meet her needs.

After almost exactly three years for Brutus and two years for Lady (now Lootah) both dogs were adopted and became part of one loving family.

• Petey

Petey and the rest of "The Crunchies"--fourteen old, mostly toothless, and scabby from flea bites-- cats came into care as part of hoarding situation. They were kept as indoor/outdoor cats until their caretaker, an older woman, passed away and then were made garage/outdoor cats by her widower and fell into ill health. The man was selling the property and could not take the cats with him.

All of "the crunchies" were very nervous when shelter staff first put them in the carriers for transport, but the vet and their team said all were very sweet and able to be handled.

The widower noted that his wife had bottle fed Petey since she was particularly tiny and both of them had been surprised she survived as "she has always been a little different than 'normal' cats." The man also thought Petey was possibly blind and deaf, as she had very little reaction to cars moving towards her or people walking up to her, though the vet office believed she had some vision.

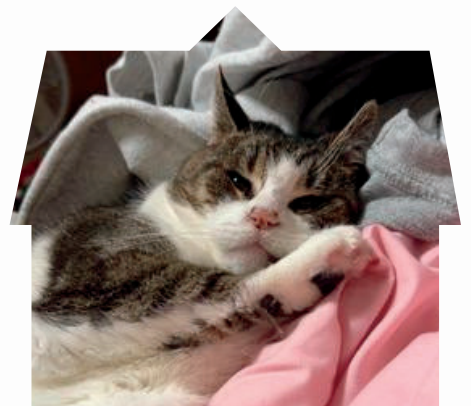
For 10 months Petey lived in the shelter with the others from her colony, watching as some of her family were adopted. In August of 2022, the woman who had adopted her colony-mates Pumpkin and Chuck earlier in the year returned and added Petey to the household.



Lootah (formerly Lady)



Brutus, Audra & Troy



Petey, cozy in her new home

Humane Law Enforcement

In Pennsylvania, humane societies and SPCAs have the authority to employ Humane Society Police Officers (HSPOs) who are trained and court appointed to enforce one section of the PA Crimes Code: Section 5511, which deals with cruelty to animals.

Every tip received by the Lycoming County SPCA regarding animal abuse or neglect is investigated. If an animal is found in unfavorable conditions but not in danger, we first offer counsel/education and aid on improvements to the animal's care. If the animal is in immediate danger under the definition of the law or conditions are not improved after counsel, owners are prosecuted.

While we prosecute abuse and neglect cases, this does not always mean an owner is found guilty or sentenced to the extent we request.

HSPOs must work within the confines of the law.

Investigations	229
Check Backs	157
Citations	12
Hearings	19
Animals Seized	61
Ambulance Trips	33

Investigations:

Stories from the Field

• Bausinger

In June of 2019, Bausinger was investigated after a report of neglect was made. At the time, there were 14 animals at the property (9 dogs, 2 cats, 3 guinea pigs). However, only one was in poor enough condition to be seized (Molly). Bausinger was found guilty of a misdemeanor and sentenced to one year probation, 25 hours community service, restitution of \$2,597.37 for veterinary care, and ordered to surrender Molly. After medical treatment and lots of TLC in a foster home, Molly was happy and adopted into the loving family she always deserved.

In August 2021, Bausinger's probation officer from the first offense reported that there were more animals in poor condition at the property. This time all animals were able to be seized from the house, though multiple owners were also identified. Three dogs were required to be returned after their owners were found guilty of summary offenses of unsanitary conditions. The remaining 10 animals that were seized belonged to Bausinger.

Several days after seizure, one cat, Tinkerbelle, passed away due to its condition. Later, Albert, the guinea pig also passed.

In January 2022, one dog, Peanut, had to be humanely euthanized as she had been battling long-term, untreated mammary cancer.

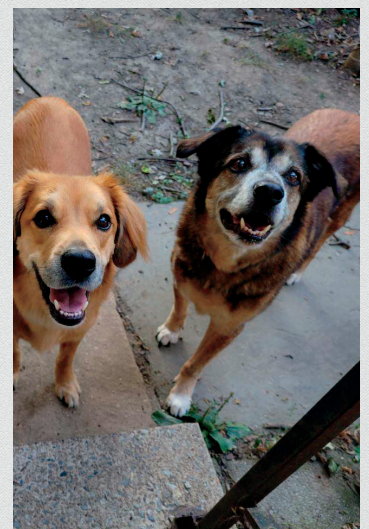
In March of 2022, another dog, Bud, had to undergo emergency eye removal surgery, despite veterinary treatment to save and remedy the horrible condition of the eye present when he came into the shelter. It had been neglected for too long prior to seizure to be saved. Later, just days after custody was granted to the SPCA, he succumbed to other medical issues linked to his lack of care prior to seizure.

While these animals never got the opportunity to be adopted, they were adored by the shelter staff, volunteers, and their respective foster families. They passed surrounded by those who loved them.

On August 15th, 2022, Bausinger pled guilty to 17 counts of summary offense - Neglect of Animal. She was sentenced to 2 years probation and for those 2 years could not reside in a home with any animals, prohibition of owning any animals for 4 years, 100 hours of community service, and \$1,225 in restitution for veterinary care. Animals that had been seized were finally officially under the ownership of the shelter.

The four remaining dogs were adopted into loving homes and the remaining cat, Shadow, is still at the shelter, awaiting adoption.

To date, only a single restitution payment of \$25 has ever been made by Bausinger.



Bud (Left: at time of seizure, Right: in SPCA foster home)

Peanut, on a walk at the shelter

Rossie & new brother, Ike

Investigations cont.

• West

In September of 2021, the Lycoming County SPCA received a report of severely sick puppies. An officer was dispatched to investigate and a minor answered the door at the property and noted that there were only six puppies of remaining as some had already been sold.

An incredibly thin puppy walked past the minor and out of the door, ribs and hip bones clearly visible. The officer left contact information with the minor and asked that an adult call as soon as they returned. Meanwhile, the officer began working on securing a search warrant based on the emaciated puppy encountered. Fortunately, the animals' owner, West, returned shortly and contacted the officer.

West commented that one of the puppies inside had already passed, agreed to sign over three of the remaining puppies, and permitted the officer to take a fourth for emergency treatment, but refused to surrender ownership to the officer. All four puppies were rushed to a local veterinarian and given all treatment available, but the outlook was grim based on their state.

Upon arriving at the shelter after their vet visit, one puppy, Angel, passed away that evening while staff were sitting with them in the quarantine room. Another, Rocky, passed in his sleep during the night.

Test results from the puppies came back negative for the suspected Parvo virus, but positive for Coccidia-- an easily treatable parasite that is incredibly common with puppies and kittens. Had the animals been taken to the vet earlier, it is almost certain all would have survived rather than succumbing to dehydration and emaciation.

Charges were filed and West, who was already on probation, was placed on bail. Lycoming County SPCA's Humane Officer requested a condition of bail being that West have no animals (to prevent additional litters). The mother and father of the puppies were seized from West at this time.

Court proceedings spanned throughout 2022. On November 3rd, a jury trial was held for four felony counts of 3rd degree Aggravated Cruelty to Animal by lack of veterinary care for the death of two puppies and putting the other two at risk of death. West was found guilty on all four charges.

In March of 2023, West was sentenced to pay all costs of prosecution, \$14,230.72 in restitution for veterinary treatment and animal care, forfeiture of all animals (including the puppies' parents), prohibition of owning animals for 5 years, and to undergo incarceration in a State Correctional Institution for a minimum of two years to maximum of four years.

To date, \$87.24 in restitution has been repaid.



Angel, at time of surrender



Rocky & Ice Jr., upon arrival



Sky (still awaiting adoption)



Sky & Ice Jr. with volunteer

Volunteers and Events

If you are interested in volunteering to help the animals of Lycoming County, please submit a volunteer application at: <https://lycomingspca.org/volunteer/>

Only through the efforts of volunteers and staff combined are we able to create the impact needed in our community.

April 9th
Paws Run



May - July
Pawtraits Calendar Contest



June-Aug.
Safari Camp



July 22nd
Pints 4 Pups



Nov. 5th
Sweet Temptations



Dec.
Photos with Santa



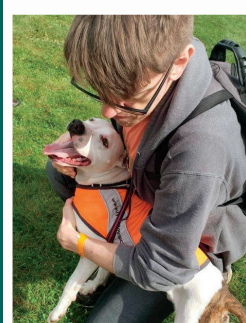
Melanie
Volunteer Supervisor



Robyn
Volunteer Supervisor



Roxann
Volunteer Supervisor



Brian
Volunteer Supervisor

In the Community



Public Aid

The shelter offers a low-income spay/neuter voucher program to assist animals in at-risk households. This not only protects against unintended breeding, but also is beneficial to the long-term health of the pet, keeping them with owners who may not be able to afford vet care for maladies with higher risk from remaining intact.

The Joyce Hershberger Medical Fund Loan program aids pet owners with paying for emergency vet care. Again, the goal is keeping pets in loving homes.



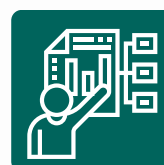
Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR)

The Trap-Neuter-Return program aims to decrease the feral cat population through reducing breeding potential. Colonies are trapped, sterilized, and returned to their environment. With this method, no void is left in a resource-rich environment to be filled by new, fertile animals that begin the problem anew. This improves sanitation as well as reduces potential disease vectors (including rabies).



Pet Pantry Partner

While the Lycoming County SPCA does not have the physical room to manage a food assistance pantry, it does support the pet owners of Williamsport by donating excess supplies to the Pet Pantry managed by the Williamsport American Rescue Workers.



Education

Teaching animal safety and humane education to hundreds of students in schools and organizations is essential. Summer Camp for children ages 6 ½ to 13 & teen "Boot Camp" teaches the care of and safe practices for interacting with domestic animals.

The aim is to improve public welfare by preventing the occurrence of animal-related injuries (ex. dog bites).



Domestic Violence Sheltering

Through partnerships with Williamsport-based homeless shelters, we may offer temporary (up to 60 days) kenneling while individuals work to regain housing so long as kennel space is available. This keeps animals off of the street, reducing risk to residents, and prevents surrender to shelter by keeping families together.



Supporting Law Enforcement

The shelter accepts stray animal drop-off at all hours from local law enforcement officers. This negates the need for local governments to invest in building kennels of their own or finding space to house animals at large.

Additionally, local police departments are granted use of the shelter's crematory for appropriate contraband destruction at no charge.

Municipal Service & Support

	Animal Intake	Funding Received		Animal Intake	Funding Received
City of Williamsport	992	\$28,000	Duboisstown Borough	41	\$0
South Williamsport	146	\$1,700	Upper Fairfield Township	38	\$0
Loyalsock Township	145	\$4,000	Limestone Township	37	\$0
Hepburn Township	115	\$0	Clinton Township	33	\$0
Anthony Township	108	\$0	Porter Township	32	\$0
Woodward Township	97	\$0	Fairfield Township	30	\$1,750
Jersey Shore Borough	96	\$375	Brady Township	30	\$0
Lycoming Township	87	\$0	Armstrong Township	25	\$0
Old Lycoming Township	77	\$0	Hughesville Borough	24	\$300
Montoursville Borough	71	\$0	Jordan Township	24	\$0
Muncy Creek Township	66	\$0	Eldred Township	20	\$0
Cogan House Townshp	65	\$250	Cummings Township	19	\$0
Muncy Borough	54	\$0	Franklin Township	17	\$0
Montgomery Borough	49	\$750	Susquehanna Township	16	\$0
Wolf Township	49	\$3,500	Mifflin Township	13	\$500
Nippenose Township	48	\$0	Washington Township	13	\$0
Muncy Township	43	\$0	Lewis Township	13	\$1,000
Piatt Township	43	\$0	Penn Township	10	\$0

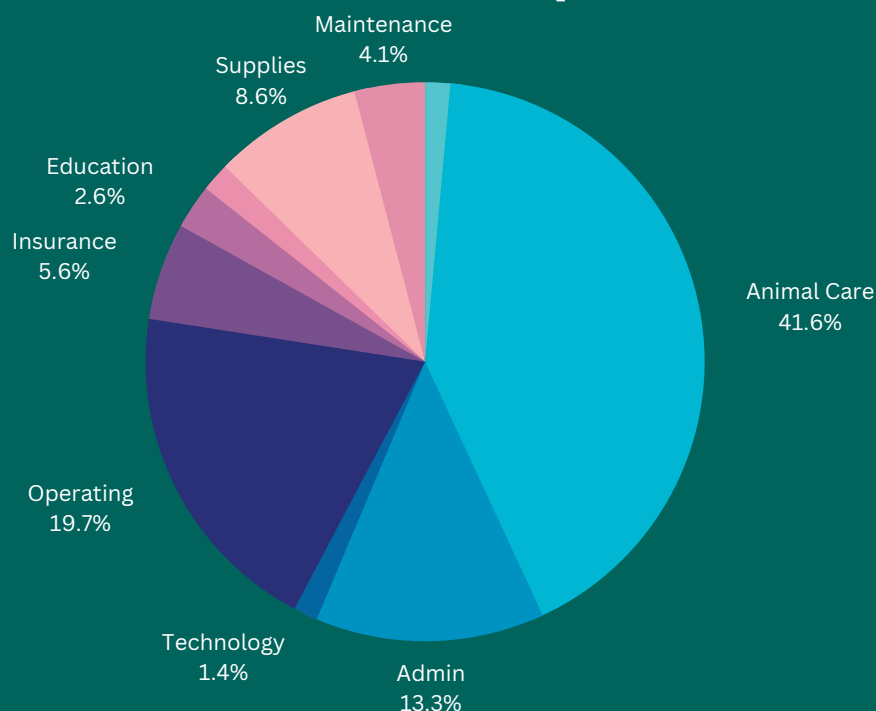
*Townships and boroughs not listed contributed less than 10 intakes each

Financials

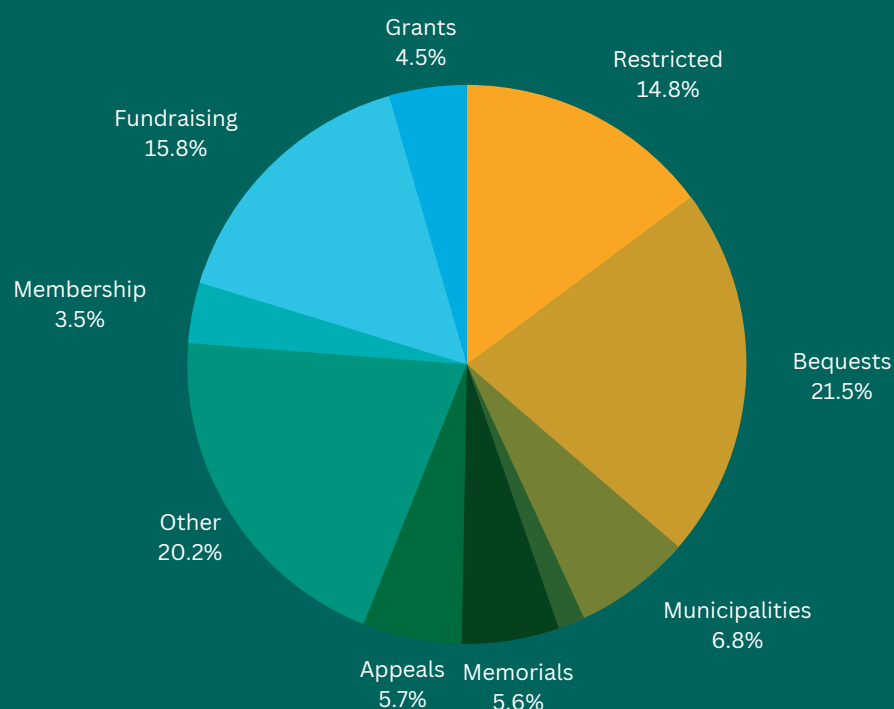
FAQ: How much does it cost for the shelter to operate?

As of October 2022, total operating expenses averaged \$93,029 per month.

2021 Actual Expenses



2022 Income



*For additional information, please see 990 filings posted on our website at:
<https://lycomingspca.org/about-us/financial-accountability>

Bequests

2021

- Ruth Lamade
- Mary Louise Kissel
- Elizabeth Spuler

2022

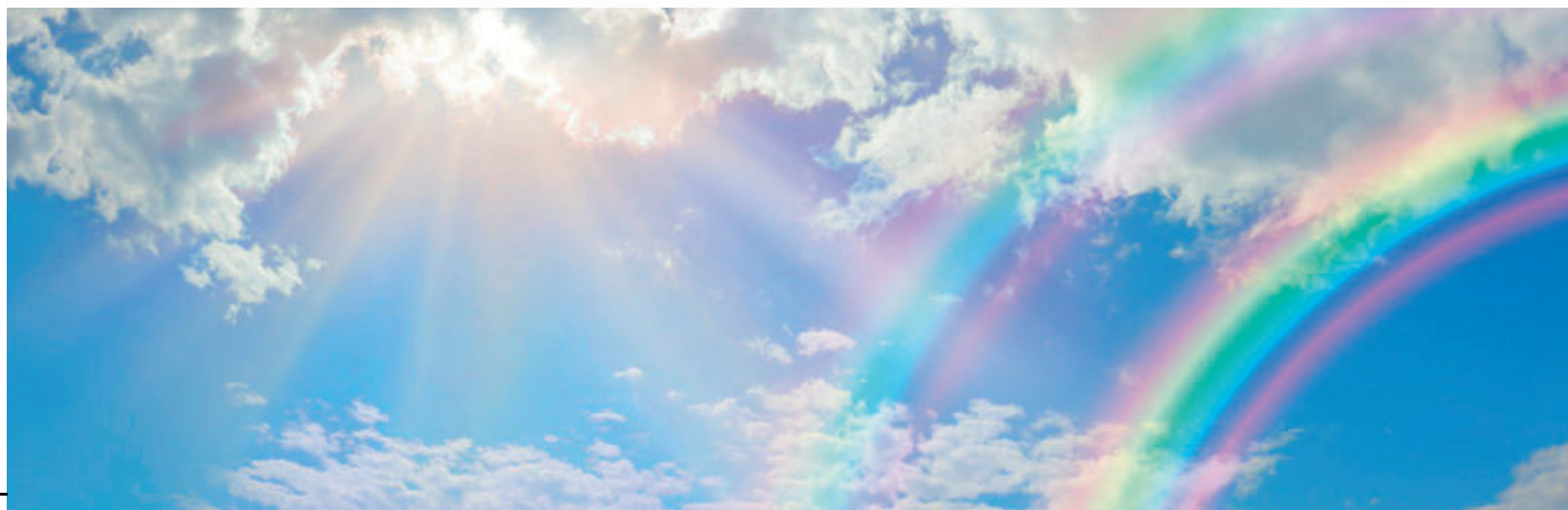
- Eleanor Perciballi
- Robert Ulrich

Each year the Lycoming County SPCA receives notices from attorneys that generous animal lovers have left a bequest to the SPCA in their will. Often, we are surprised by the gift and have not had the opportunity to thank the donor.

A rising trend in the donor world is Donor Advised Funds. Individuals create this fund through most major investment organizations and most local community foundations. A person can then deposit charitable donations into their fund that accrues until the donor designates the donation to a nonprofit. These funds can also be disbursed as part of an estate.

If you, or someone you love, plan to support our work through a bequest, please consider joining the Rainbow Bridge Society. Joining our Rainbow Bridge Society, gives us an opportunity to say thank you, as well as invite you to events to see firsthand how your donations help to sustain the shelter's life-saving work.

To learn more about our Rainbow Bridge Society, or other opportunities to give to the Lycoming County SPCA, please contact our Director of Development. You can also find more information about the Rainbow Bridge Society and legacy giving on our website, www.lycomingspca.org.



Our 2023 goals

1

1,000 Adoptions & 500 TNR Surgeries

Our primary goal is preventing cruelty to animals and the main pathway is sheltering them from dangerous living circumstances and finding them safe and loving homes.

A secondary means of preventing suffering is ensuring no animal is born into it. Preventing overpopulation through spay and neuter keeps thousands of kittens from dying on the streets.

2

Healthier Living Quarters Upgrades

As best practices advance, so must we. A focus is on upgrading the existing kennel infrastructure from great to even better only decreases the risk of illness and increases comfort for the animals in our care.

2023 will see the improvement of cat holding kennels from a porous material to stainless steel, which will be better ventilated and sterilized.

3

Pet Cemetery Enhancements

From its beginnings as the "Side of the Road Pet Cemetery" before the shelter was even constructed, the pet cemetery has served as a resting place for hundreds of pets and a space for owners to memorialize their lost loved ones.

Enhancements to help family locate and visit their pets' graves honors all and offers a more dignified way for owners to mourn.

4

Communication and Transparency

Communications regarding the services and state of the shelter have remained archaic. Increasingly we are looking at more clear and constant communication methods to invite the community to understand just how the shelter serves them.

This began with the creation of an online adoption portal and website redesign in 2022. 2023 will continue this path to include more frequent and detail-rich content to keep everyone updated on what is happening at the shelter.

Thank You

Thank you for your continued support of the Lycoming County SPCA!

The shelter is only able to exist through the continued support of the community. Donors, volunteers, fosters, adopters, educators, and cheerleaders alike all play important roles in aiding the animals of Lycoming County.

From every cat, cow, chicken, chinchilla, cockatiel, conure, dog, duck, ferret, fish, gerbil, goat, guinea pig, hamster, iguana, lizard, macaw, mouse, parakeet, parrot, rabbit, rat, snake, turkey, turtle, and human we were able to aid in 2022, thank you so much!



Connecting best friends since 1892 | lycomingspca.org

Still Awaiting Adoption...



Pixie



Jett



Snowflake



Allie & Shilo