# 2023 Annual Report



Pictured: Lily Mae

We Speak for Those Who Cannot Speak for Themselves.

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### MISSION

The mission of the Lycoming County SPCA is to protect 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.

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#### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Having the privilege to serve as the president of the Lycoming County SPCA board of directors the past couple of years and as a board member for over 30 years I will conclude my final year as president in 2024.

I've learned a great deal about animal shelters during these three plus decades and in particular The Lycoming County SPCA. As humans we have received the gift of many different animals and in particular those that have been domesticated and become a part of our families and homes. The Lycoming County SPCA has chosen the role of speaking for those who cannot speak for themselves. A role that has been carried out for over 130 years. Currently your local SPCA is serving over 3,000 animals of 20 or more species annually.

This tremendous responsibility cannot be undertaken by a handful of individuals. It takes four very critical groups of people to bring it all together. I experienced the important role the board of directors plays and the privilege we have to serve in that role. But the real work and support comes from three groups of individuals. Like a three legged stool without one of them the stool will fall.

In the genesis of our SPCA all of the work was accomplished by volunteers. Individuals with a tremendous love of and dedication to those who cannot speak for themselves. Today this group of over 125 provides care, love and training to the thousands of guest that come to our shelter each year. Without their commitment and the sacrifice of their personal time we could not accomplish our mission. A big thank you to all the volunteers past and present.

The SPCA has been blessed with an unbelievable group of 31 people that serve as the staff. They are truly a special breed of people who have chosen to provide their talents and energy to care for our family of guests ranging from reptiles, birds, fish, ferrets to our many dogs and cats and various others. I would like to remember two very special men who dedicated their working years to the SPCA and have recently passed. Lester Yeagle and Larry Waltz. Two gentlemen who came in every day and made the shelter tick. Those of us who were privileged to know them will never forget them.

Our shelter does not operate from hard work alone. That's were the third leg comes in. Our donors. Receiving no federal, state or county funding, finding over a million dollars annually to operate is dependent on the1,900 individuals current gifts and bequest, numerous corporate sponsors and some of the many municipalities we serve e.g. The City of Williamsport and 11 of the 52 townships and boroughs in Lycoming County. With significant increases in operational costs it has become increasingly difficult to find the dollars to operate each year. So we truly appreciate those who have chosen to provide their financial support. If you haven't been able to support us in the past we hope you find it within your heart to contribute whatever you can in the future.

With the completion of another successful year I look forward to working with the board, staff, volunteers and our donors in 2024.

Keep Em Barking, Meowing and using whatever voice God gave them.

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Bill Fox, President Lycoming County SPCA

#### DIRECTOR'S LETTER

In March 2023, an overwhelmed citizen left a single pet carrier packed with 18 cats on the doorstep of the Lycoming County SPCA. What they didn't know was the shelter already felt just as packed as that carrier.

Shelter Animals Count, a nationwide organization dedicated to providing a centralized, standardized database for animal shelter statistics, has tracked the steady increase in animal intakes and flatline/decreases in shelter outcomes year after year since 2020. This has created a national gap in outcomes such that 900,000 more animals have entered animal welfare facilities and have gotten no type of outcome, creating a capacity crisis in shelters and rescues across the country. In this, the Lycoming County SPCA is not an outlier.

We are proud that our local shelter does excel is in intakes and live outcomes for our animals. In 2023, compared to other shelters without a government contract, we took in far more cats (905) than PA state (700) and national average (533), and we took in more dogs (354) than PA state average of (262). We also boasted far more live outcomes for cats (1,228) than both PA state (515) and national average (655) and had more successful dog outcomes (332) than PA state average (255).

Though the situation in March was a strain on the shelter, staff rose to the occasion, aiding all the cats and finding them safe and loving homes they had always deserved. This team of individuals is the very reason the Lycoming County SPCA can encounter the same struggles as other animal welfare agencies across the country, but remain a leader when it comes to achieving positive results.

In addition to continuing to manage an overpopulation crisis, the shelter celebrated many clear successes, both benefiting the animals directly as well as the organization so as to achieve even broader results. With aid from our community of supporters, the shelter gained new, stainless steel cat kennels that are more easily sanitized as well as blood and urine analysis machines to allow us to more expediently identify and resolve health issues for the shelter's residents. We were able to double the number of outdoor cats trapped, neutered, and returned (TNR'ed). We gained security cameras to improve the identification and prosecution of individuals who improperly abandoned their animals as well as deter those who may have tried to illegally reclaim animals who were under the shelter's protective custody, as has been attempted in the past.

Operationally, the shelter gained a revitalized website, supported heavily by one of the organization's three new Board members, and implemented a new CRM system to better track donations, be it monetary, in kind, or time gifted and share gratitude with those who enable the shelter to continue.

While all these advancements were impactful to the long-term quality of the shelter, perhaps the most important was the development of the Lycoming County SPCA's Capacity of Care Guidelines. Following the Association of Shelter Veterinarians' Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters, the Lycoming County SPCA identified, based on space, staffing resource and time, and finances the number of animals the organization could realistically care for without the quality of that care dropping to a substandard level. However, this meant that, for the first time in recent history, we did have to discontinue 24-hour police drop-off and begin delaying animals from coming through our doors if we did not have space in which to house them.

Through the ups and downs, potentially the most exciting step forward was the Board of Director's engagement in long-range strategic planning. Seeing the state of animal welfare for what it has become, the focus has shifted to community aid to keep animals healthy and in safe homes where they are already loved and out of shelter kennels. Only together can our community resolve the heartbreaking overwhelm of homeless and suffering animals.

We cannot possibly do all the good our community needs, but our community needs all the good we can do.

Together, for the animals,

Jysa Correll

Alyssa Correll Executive Director

## **Board of Directors**



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## **The Shelter Team**



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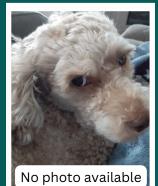
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# **Shelter Impact**



Adoptions	1041
Spay/Neuter Assistance	484
Reunion with Owner	198
Humane Officer Activities	438
Animals Fostered	979
Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR)	651
Cremation/Burial for Owner	647
JHMF Emergency Assistance	39
Save Rate*	93%

\*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 does not euthanize for space and works to save all savable pets entering our care. We do not euthanize healthy or treatable pets, even at an owner's request.

### 2023 ANIMAL STATISTICS TABLE

		Canine	Feline	Other	Total		
А	Beginning Animals In Care Count (1/1/23)	66	296	31	393		
	<u>Intakes</u>						
В	Stray	257	682	12	951		
С	Owner Surrender	179	269	94	542		
D	Seized	20	42	0	62		
E	Returned to Shelter	8	24	3	35		
F	Owner-Requested Euthanasia	153	154	6	313		
G	Services Intake (Microchip, TNR, Low-Income S/N Vouchers, Joyce Hershberger Medical Fund Emergency Loan, & Cremation-Only Services)	259	491	0	750		
Н	Total Intakes (B+C+D+E+F+G)	876	1662	115	2653		
I	Low Cost Public Services (F + G) Owner-Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only) & Services Intake	412	645	6	1063		
J	Adjusted Total Intake (H minus I)	464	1017	109	1590		
	<u>Outcomes</u>						
К	Adoptions & Transfers	170	789	88	1047		
L	Return to Owner/Guardian	176	22	0	198		
М	Total Live Outcomes (K + L)	346	811	88	1245		
N	Shelter Euthanasia (Total)	12	39	3	54		
	Untreatable Medical Illness/Injury	6	38	3	47		
	Aggression/Deemed Dangerous	6	1	0	7		
0	Died (Medical or Age Related)	3	45	10	58		
Р	Total Non-Live Outcomes (N + O)	15	84	13	112		
Q	Total Outcomes (M + P)	361	895	101	1357		
R	Year-End Animals In Care Count (12/31/23)	58	237	1	296		

Live Release Rate aka "Save Rate":

(Live Intakes [1590] - Non-Live Outcomes [112])/Live Intakes [1590] x 100 = %

 $1478/1590 = .93 \times 100 = 93\%$ 

## **Adoption Highlights**

### Betty

Betty was a young Boxer/Bully mix who entered the shelter as a stray in early July 2021. Her big smile made her a shelter darling.

Initially she was an energetic young girl who loved to jump and mouth, like any other teenager without direction. It was also clear that she was not a fan of other dogs and would stalk them when given the opportunity. During her time at the shelter, she became accustomed to routine and staff and volunteers worked to teach her basic manners and boundaries. Over her two-year stay, her behavioral evaluation notes went from a 16+ kids/no animal household recommendation to a 12+ kids/dogselective recommendation, showing marked improvement.

In fall of 2023, a partnership afforded the shelter a free Embark DNA test (thank you, Pet Adoption Gateway!). All of the shelter dogs' names were entered and Betty was selected to learn her genetic makeup! Not far from the staff's guess, Betty was 38% American Pit Bull Terrier, 31% American Bulldog, 25% Boxer, and 6% Rottweiler.

Betty celebrated Thanksgiving a few days late in 2023, because a couple of days later her new parents officially adopted her on November 25th!



### Merry & Bright

The Lycoming SPCA serves all types of domestic animals, not just cats and dogs. Case in point: Merry and Bright.

Merry and their tank-mate, Bright, arrived at the shelter in December 2022, when an apartment rental employee found them left behind in an emplty unit. Their water was disgusting, so the immediate need was to acclimate them to clean, treated water.

Over the days, Merry showed off his affinity for lounging in the tank with limbs outstreatched like a holiday star!

After a few months of observation, they were deemed medically clear to find their new home and an interested adopter jumped at the opportunity. Since finding their new family, everything has been going swimmingly.



Merry



Bright

Betty & her new parents

## Adoptions cont.

### • Sybil

Sybil was brought in as a stray after she was found running along Park Ave. in Williamsport in February 2021. It was apparent that this little girl was struggling with her sight, as her eyelids were very swollen and her eyes were crossed. She also showed little reaction to noise and, being a white dog, it was also likely she was deaf.

In August 2021, she was adopted! Sadly, in December of 2022 the adopter's health changed and they needed to surrender all of their animals, including Sybil.

She was adopted a few days after her return to the shelter, but was returned 2 months later because she started showing behavior issues and reacting to the other dogs in the home -which she had never done before. Three days later, she stopped eating, began throwing up, and became lethargic. She was rushed to the vet and it turned out that a rock she had eaten worked its way through her digestive tract and had become a blockage. This likely explained her sudden change in demeanor.

She had emergency surgery and lost a bit of intestine from it, but it didn't slow this sweet girl down for long! She was back to her normal self and became the go-to cuddlebug for shelter staff and volunteers alike. She even made an appearance on WNEP's "To the Resuce" segment!

In April of 2023, Sybil was adopted into a loving family. She, her new mom and dad, and her cat siblings are living the best life. We know this because she has her own TikTok account that chronicles her adventure. She even takes time to come back and visit all of her fans at the shelter.

#### Mommy & Geovanny

Mommy and Geovanny were two sweet kitties who were surrendered to the shelter because their owner passed. As their names may indicate, these two girls were a mother/daughter duo.

When they arrived at the shelter in September of 2022, both were very stressed and fear reactive, taking to hissing, growling, and swatting at anyone that came near the pair. This was difficult as they also had nasty upper respiratory infections that needed to be treated.

Through the patience and care of the staff, Mommy & Geovanny received the medications needed to overcome their respiratory illness. After that, the girls were able to decompress over time.

The next major hurdle the girls faced was adoption. It was clear that they were deeply bonded and relied on eachother for a sense of safety. However, far fewer adopters are looking to take on a pair of cats instead of one. Furthermore, they would need to be in a calm home after their ordeal.

That perfect home came a little over a year after entering the shelter, in December of 2023. They were able to celebrate Christmas in their new home and have a wonderful beginning to 2024.

It's a Happily Ever After for Sybil\_the\_pibble.



Sybil, snuggling at the shelter



Sybil, at home, in her princess dress



Mommy & Geovanny, heading 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
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## **Investigations: Stories from the Field**

#### <u>Dagitz & Reed</u>

Domestic partners, Dagitz and Reed, were not unknown to the Lycoming County SPCA. Among ongoing dealings with these individuals, the shelter received a call on October 8th, 2022 from the two who alleged that they had "rescued" a dog a month prior from another individual and that it had just died in their home.

The shelter's HSPO responded to the scene and Dagitz and Reed met the officer with a brown box containing the body of a young and emaciated looking hound type dog. The two alleged that the dog had been throwing up regularly, threw up blood, was always underweight, would not gain weight, and had diarrhea for 3-4 days prior to dying. At no point did they take the dog to the vet.

Seeing the condition of the corpse and being familiar with the individuals, shelter staff immediately transported the body to Cornell University for an official necropsy. The results were that the 5 to 6 month old female hound was severely malnourished, weighing only 23.5 lbs. The dog's stomach was completely empty with the exception of a single penny minted in 2011 (dog was also tested for zinc toxicity and it was ruled out).

After 5 days of starvation, fat stores become the main source of energy. The dog's fat stores had been depleted. Muscles become the animal's main protein source. The dog had moderate to severe muscle loss. "The necropsy did not offer any evidence of an underlying disease process that could have contributed to the dog's severe malnutrition and emaciation thus, this emaciation is likely due to exogenous (external) circumstances." Because the penny had been found in the dog's stomach, it indicated that "around the time of death, this dog had an appetite and willingness to eat, as well as the ability to chew and swallow."

The dog had been starved to death during the month it had been owned by Dagitz and Reed.

On September 8th, 2023, the courts accepted Dagitz's guilty plea to the 3rd degree felony charge of Aggravated Cruelty to Animals (causing substantial bodily injury or death). He was sentenced to 12 months of probation with the possibility of early release after 6 months with no violations and a 7-year prohibition of owning or possessing animals. Reed also plead guilty to the same felony and received 7 years of prohibition of owning or possessing animals. Jointly, Reed & Dagitz owed restitution of \$425.00 to the SPCA to cover the cost of the necropsy.

Update: In August of 2024, a report was made that animals were at Dagitz's place of residence. This violated his prohibition sentence. The Lycoming SPCA HSPO made Dagitz's probation officer aware and seized the animals.



Dagitz's Docket Number: CP-41-CR-0001610-2022

Reed's Docket Number: CP-41-CR-0001609-2022

Thank you to Lycoming County ADA Matt Welickovitch for his collaboration on this case.

#### • Parker & Lowmiller

In January of 2023, the SPCA received a tip that, a week prior, the caller had seen a dog and believed that no one had been caring for the dog and that it now may have injuries to its muzzle from trying to escape a crate it had been left inside. The address's inhabitants (Parker & Lowmiller) were not unknown to the Lycoming County SPCA.

Parker called the Humane Officer and stated that he recently gave away one dog, so only currently owned one, a dog named Mocha, and worked during the day but was at the address daily after work. He also stated that the dog had an appointment at his vet in a week. When asked if the dog had any injuries around the muzzle, Parker replied no, but that the dog was thin because it refused to eat when it is in heat. The Humane Officer let Parker know that he would follow up.

The day before the scheduled vet appointment, the Humane Officer once more called Parker and also spoke with Parker's partner. They explained that they were no longer allowed to live at the address where the dog is kept because of restrictions set by Children & Youth due to their child, but that they visit their former address to care for the dog, feeding it and taking it on walks.

The day of the dog's appointment, the Humane Officer spoke with veterinary staff who relayed that the dog had been brought in by Lowmiller and was in very poor condition.

Mocha was a roughly 14-month-old female terrier mix who was severely emaciated and was having difficulty standing or walking because she was so weak. The veterinarian also pointed out a large area of infection around the dog's neck and shoulder.



Parker's Docket Number: CP-41-CR-0000286-2023 Lowmiller's Docket Number: CP-41-CR-0000285-2023

The veterinarian relayed that Lowmiller was considering taking Mocha back without treatment because of financial concerns. The vet had told Lowmiller that the clinic would treat the dog, including the necessary surgery, for free if she would owner-surrender the animal to the veterinary hospital. Returning to the Lycoming County SPCA, the HSPO called Parker and Lowmiller to advised them that the dog needed to remain at the veterinary clinic. The veterinary staff performed the surgery to drain the large, infectionfilled wound.

Roughly a week later, Lowmiller called the shelter wanting to know if she would be getting her dog back. The Humane Officer relayed that Mocha needed to remain at the hospital to heal and that she was likely going to be charged with neglect aligning with the severity of findings in the veterinarian's report.

In mid-February, at a court hearing for Parker and Lowmiller, Parker stated that he had sold all of his snakes and has no other dogs. However, Parker and Lowmiller had also had a conversation while in the court building where one stated "they can keep Mocha, because we have another dog". It was suggested that the Humane Officer visit the address where the pair were now residing to investigate if there were other animals. At the address, the officer encountered one individual who confirmed that Parker had two other dogs (in addition to Mocha) at that point that were being kept at another location with a friend. A second individual encountered at the address noted that the rats and snakes were with Parker's brother. The officer advised these two encountered individuals that Parker and Lowmiller were not to come into contact with or ownership of any of animals. Those who were harboring the animals noted had accepted duty of care and were now responsible for them.

On June 2nd, 2023, Parker pled guilty and he requested light sentencing for a plea agreement. He was found guilty of a 3rd degree felony of aggravated cruelty to animals causing substantial bodily injury or death. Parker was placed under the supervision of a Adult Probation Officer for 5 years as well as being prohibited from owning any animals during the length of the probation. He was also forced to surrender his dog, Mocha, as part of the plea agreement. On August 18th, 2023, Lowmiller plead guilty and was sentenced to the same as Parker. Together Lowmiller and Parker owed restitution in the amount of \$2,257.57 to the veterinary facility to which the dog was transported.

## **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.



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## **Volunteer Impact** Who Let the Dogs Out?

In 2023, our shelter hosted *Who Let the Dogs Out?*, a one-day fundraiser to increase dog adoptions and raise awareness about our mission. Since our kennels are normally closed to the public, this special event allowed community members to visit our property, meet the dogs, and experience the joy of connecting with potential new companions—all without having to apply first.

The event was entirely volunteer-run, with our team working tirelessly to create a welcoming and fun environment for the dogs and the attendees. The goal was simple: to find forever homes for as many of our shelter dogs as possible. We are thrilled to report that two dogs were successfully adopted as a result of this initiative, marking a direct impact on their lives and giving them the loving homes they deserve.

In addition to the adoption success, the event served as a crucial fundraiser, generating much-needed funds for our ongoing animal care efforts. With the support of local vendors and community members, *Who Let the Dogs Out?* offered not just an opportunity for adoptions but also a day of education and engagement about the importance of animal welfare.

Building on the success of 2023, we are excited to expand *Who Let the Dogs Out*? in 2024. The event will now include a kitten adoption day, and we'll also be offering a low-cost vaccine and microchipping clinic further to serve the needs of our community's pets. This growth reflects our ongoing commitment to providing for the well-being of all animals in our care and helping more pets find loving homes.



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# 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 agains 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 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).



Low-cost dog training is available at the Lycoming County SPCA with Treat Me Nicely LLC's Donna Elkin. This helps support owners of dogs that are displaying behaviors that need to be corrected to ensure they can safely stay in their homes with the people who love them.



#### Supporting Law Enforcement

The shelter collaborates with local law enforcement officers in situations involving animals including condemnation of occupied properties, arrests of individuals who own pets, or removal of pets of deceased individuals. Additionally, local police departments are granted use of the shelter's crematory for appropriate contraband destruction at no charge.

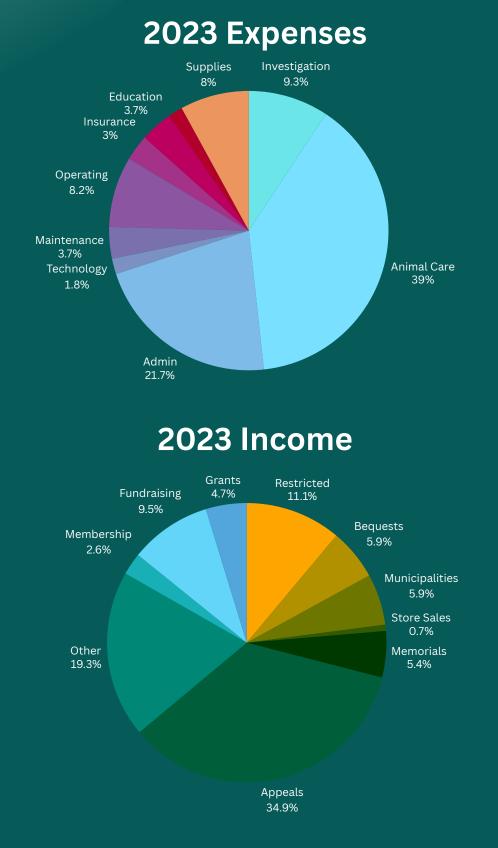
# **Municipal Service & Support**

	Animal Intake	Donation Received		Animal Intake	Donation Received
City of Williamsport	1160	\$28,000	Hughesville Borough	37	\$300
Lycoming Township	169	<b>\$</b> 0	Eldred Township	36	\$0
South Williamsport	154	\$0	Cogan House Township	34	\$250
Hepburn Township	123	\$0	Upper Fairfield Township	33	\$0
Old Lycoming Township	115	\$0	Montgomery Borough	29	\$750
Woodward Township	107	<b>\$</b> 0	Limestone Township	27	\$0
Loyalsock Township	97	\$2000	Porter Township	21	\$0
Jersey Shore Borough	92	\$500	Duboistown Borough	19	\$0
Montoursville Borough	82	\$0	Anthony Township	18	\$0
Muncy Township	68	\$0	Clinton Township	17	\$0
Fairfield Township	62	\$1750	Gamble Township	17	\$300
Muncy Creek Township	56	\$0	Lewis Township	15	\$1000
Wolf Township	56	\$3500	Plunketts Creek Township	14	\$0
Nippenose Township	49	\$0	Susquehanna Township	14	\$0
Armstrong Township	45	\$0	McIntyre Township	13	\$0
Muncy Borough	45	\$0	Mifflin Township	12	\$500
Franklin Township	42	\$0	Jackson Township	11	\$0
Piatt Township	42	<b>\$</b> 0	Penn Township	11	\$0

\*Townships and boroughs not listed contributed 10 or less intakes each

# Financials

FAQ: How much does it cost for the shelter to operate? As of October 2023, total operating expenses averaged \$108,702 per month.



\*For additional information, please see 990 filings posted on our website at: https://lycomingspca.org/about-us/financial-accountability 13





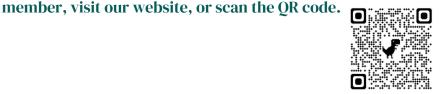
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#### Paving the Future for Lycoming County SPCA

Our organization has been serving for the rights and wellbeing of domestic animals, a duty we fulfill with utmost commitment and dedication. Each day is filled with new challenges and opportunities to make a huge difference in these innocent lives.

#### Making A Lasting Impact

Each year, our organization receives notices from attorneys that generous animal enthusiasts have left a bequest to the SPCA in their will. It touches our hearts to see such selfless love for animals transcending beyond life boundaries. Often, the gift comes as a pleasant surprise, limiting our opportunity to express our sincere gratitude towards the donor.

However, a significant rising trend in the philanthropic sector is 'Planned Giving'. It's a powerful way to communicate your support for our mission during your lifetime and beyond. By including Lycoming County SPCA in your estate plans, you ensure that our mission continues for years to come, making a lasting impact on the animals in need.

#### The Gift of Communication

Please consider discussing Lycoming County SPCA's mission with your attorney when preparing your will. This will allow us to not only work towards our cause with further rigor but also express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to you during your lifetime.

#### <u>A Legacy of Hope</u>

Interested in learning more about our planned giving program? Check out our planned giving page by scanning our QR code.



# Our 2024 goals

#### 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 Improved Medical Care Access to Shelter Animals

In 2023 we saw the benefit that having in-house diagnostic machines gave when working with local veterinarians to care for the shelter animals. Looking to 2024, additional pieces of equipment that would directly improve quality of care and lower financial burden of outsourcing diagnostics would be an ultrasound machine and dental surgery machine, allowing us to aid even more animals.

## **B** More Community-Focused Animal Health Clinics

Pet overpopulation in shelters is at an all time high and there is no way to keep up. For this reason, the focus is increasingly on keeping pets in safe and healthy homes by providing aid, rather than a loved animal being brought into the shelter. For this reason, the Lycoming County SPCA is looking into hosting vaccine and microchip clinics to aid pet owners who may struggle to afford the most basic care. All pets should be healthy, happy, and homed.

# 4

#### Broadened Educational Communication

Animal welfare spans a vast body of topics that include safety, health, behavior, grooming, ethics, legal matters, and more. Opportunities to help inform others on topics relating to safe animal interaction and appropriate pet ownership creates a more aware and safer community, for both humans and pets alike.

# **Thank You**

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

The shelter is only able to exist through the continued backing 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, dog, guinea pig, rabbit, fish, chicken, cockatiel, conure, dove, duck, ferret, frog, goat, hamster, lizard, mouse, parakeet, parrot, pigeon, rat, snake, turkey, turtle, and human we were able to aid in 2023, thank you so much!

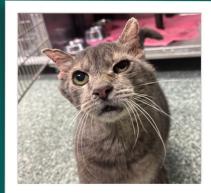


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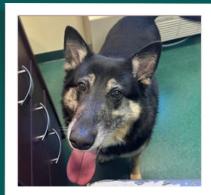
#### **Still Awaiting** Adoption...



**Buddy** 



Clayton



Artemis



**Dusty**