



of York County

## **Our Mission**

To find loving and permanent homes for stray and displaced pets, control animal population growth rates, investigate and prosecute animal cruelty offenders and educate the public about animal wellness and safety.



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## Our Journey to Saving More York County Pets

In 2019, our team set out to transform the York County SPCA into a leading animal resource center. We worked with a singular goal in mind - to give every pet that comes through our door its best chance at a live outcome.

AFTER
THREE YEARS
OUR TEAM HAS
ACHIEVED A
95.1%
SAVE RATE.



## **KEY LIFE SAVING TERMINOLOGY**

**SAVE RATE:** The percentage of animals who enter the shelter and leave alive.

**NO KILL:** A philosophical benchmark that demonstrates the organization is saving every animal who can be saved. To achieve no-kill status, the organization's save rate should be 90% or greater.

**NECESSARY EUTHANASIA:** A humane euthanasia carried out when all other options have been exhausted. Typically, only in circumstances of severe behavioral or medical issues.

**UNNECESSARY EUTHANASIA:** A euthanasia that could have been avoided if the resources were available. Often carried out for lack of space, decreased access to medical care, minor behavioral issues, etc.

Pets enrich our lives and bring people and communities together.

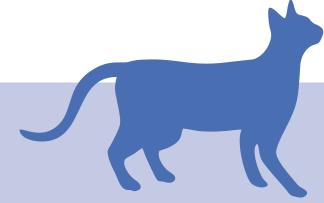


# DATA TELLS THE STORY OF LIVES SAVED

## Closing Lifesaving Gaps

Data highlights opportunities to improve live outcomes. Once we identified lifesaving gaps, we implemented progressive policies and programs to close them.

In 2022, we rolled out and revitalized lifesaving programs including the feline foster program, Shelter Neuter Return (SNR), and a working cat program. Hard work and the community's support enabled us to focus our time and efforts on these programs.



1,564

WORKING CAT PROGRAM ADOPTIONS

24

**NEW PROGRAM** 

CATS
PLACED IN
FOSTER HOMES

458

135% INCREASE

TOTAL SPAY/ NEUTERS\*

11.244

**7% INCREASE** 

COMMUNITY CATS SPAYED OR NEUTERED

6,298

CATS
RETURNED TO
OUTDOOR HOMES

**NEW PROGRAM** 

LIFESAVING SURGERIES FOR PETS IN LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

186

44% INCREASE





The fastest way to save hundreds of lives? Spay just one! An aggressive spay/neuter program is the only practical, affordable, and proven humane way to decrease overpopulation. Spaying and neutering through Trap-Neuter-Return saves countless lives, and creates a safer and healthier life for community cats and their human neighbors.



In 2022, our Spay/Neuter Clinic performed a record-breaking **10,021** spay/neuter surgeries!



**6,298** community cats were spayed and neutered. Of those **3,473** were female.



This milestone of more than 10,000 surgeries per year puts the York County SPCA Spay/ Neuter Clinic in the top 0.2% most productive clinics across the nation.

Why are these programs so important? Starting SNR, expanding our feline foster program, growing the working cat program, and investing in other initiatives are how we prevented unnecessary euthanasia and increased our save rate.



Fostering saved the life of a neglected and traumatized cat. Read more on our website.





### What is Shelter Neuter Return (SNR)?

SNR refers to sick or injured community cats that enter the shelter to receive medical care. They are nursed back to health by our shelter veterinary team. If deemed healthy, they are returned to their **outdoor** home because community cats are typically not candidates for adoption.

## What does 'working cat' mean?

If a community cat cannot return to its **outdoor** home because the **environment** is unsafe, or the cat cannot live **indoors** because of their free spirit, then it becomes a candidate for our working cat program. This program finds safe homes with human caretakers at farms, vineyards, breweries, and other businesses. These cats provide valuable pest control services.

Here are some purr'fect cats who received a second chance thanks to our community of feline foster families:









## We Are Making History in York County

In 2022, for the first time in the York County SPCA's 97-year history, we achieved a save rate greater than 90% - 95.1% to be exact. We are officially designated as a no-kill shelter and animal resource center!

How did we reach this milestone when shelters across the country struggle with high euthanasia rates? What sets us apart from other organizations is the support of our community. Thanks to the ongoing dedication of our community, we now give every pet that enters our shelter, no matter its breed, health, temperament, or circumstance, the best chance possible at living a rambunctious life.



TOTAL SAVE RATE
PROGRESS SINCE OUR
TRANSFORMATIONAL
WORK BEGAN

**2019**......64.4%

**2020**.....80%

**2021.....**84.6%

2022.....**95.1**%

## SUGAR'S SWEET ENDING

Sugar faced many challenges during her 20 months in our care. Through all the ups and downs, our team never stopped fighting for her forever home. Read more on our website.





TIMELINE OF LIFESAVING MILESTONES

2019

OCT

Launched 'Best Practices Transformation' strategic initiative DEC

Reached a 64.4% save rate JAN

Launched 'Adopters Welcome' policy MAY

Onboarded new, more impactful software ОСТ

Implemented
'Managed
Shelter
Admission'
policy

NOV

2020

Launched digital kennel card project DE

Clinic performs record-setting 7000 spay/ neuter surgeries DEC

Ended the year at a 80% save rate

## We Value Transparency

## NOTABLE LIFESAVING OUTCOMES



25,521

Pounds of food distributed through Pet Food Pantry

1,257

**Animal Welfare Checks** 

200

Animal Cruelty Investigations

9,538

Rabies Vaccines
Administered

268

Pets Reunited with Owners

2,354

**Animal Intake** 

## TIMELINE OF LIFESAVING MILESTONES

surgeries

#### 2021 2022 **APR** DEC FEB Expanded Clinic sets Ended the Launched Revamped Shelter Created Expanded shelter-wide launched 'Small feline foster record year at a partnership 'Working 84.6% with Best Sheltermedical rounds 9000 spay/ Cat' program Animal programs neuter save rate Friends Animal Neuterand animal Foster'

Return

pathway

planning

program

Society

## We Can't Sustain Our Save Rate Without You

2022 was a historic year for our community, but we cannot maintain this momentum without continued investment in our lifesaving efforts. Creating policies and programs to achieve a 90%+ save rate was the first milestone. Now, we look forward to sustaining that progress with your support.

There is more work to do be done. Every year, more and more homeless, injured, and displaced pets are entering our shelter. The demand for our services continues to grow and we must increase our funding to keep these programs thriving. Your support is needed to ensure more animals are saved now and for years to come.

YOU CAN
HELP US
SUSTAIN OUR
PROGRESS.

DONATE,
VOLUNTEER,
AND SPREAD
THE WORD
ABOUT OUR
LIFESAVING
MISSION

## BROUGHER COMPANION ANIMAL SHELTER

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## **VOLUNTEER:**



### **DONATE:**



## 2022

### **SEPT**

Reached goal of 300 cats diverted from shelter to loving foster homes

### DEC

Lobby renovation project begins

### DEC

Clinic surpasses 10,000 spay/neuter surgeries in a single year

### DEC

ACHIEVED A 95.1% SAVE RATE



## 2023

### JAN

Launched a three-year strategic plan to sustain our progress...

