



**HUMANE SOCIETY
OF YUMA**

Save one until there are none.

2020 **ANNUAL REPORT**



a message from our executive director

Dear Friends & Supporters,

Wow! What a year!! Who knew that we would see such a crazy pandemic in 2020?

Though our world was completely turned upside-down, here at HSOY we maneuvered our organization to prevail and still save lives through all the challenges. From managed intake, to scheduling adoption appointments, we continued to see a live release rate for dogs that was over 90% all year long. Though we did not see the numbers we had hoped for with cats, we know that every cat that came into our facility was one that truly needed us.

In this year's annual report you will read about all the great accomplishments of this amazing organization. You will read about Dr. Mark Manzon who is now with us as our new Director of Veterinary Services. Additionally, you will read about all the amazing people who have saved lives once again this year. Our organization is the community's organization and time and time again we are blessed with the generosity of our community. You will read about S'mores who needed some major medical work on his jaw and you all stepped up

to help us get that done and save S'more's life. Additionally, you will read about Pebbles who received emergency surgery here in our shelter get a number of rocks out of her belly that was making her very sick.

I could go on and on about the times this community has stepped up to help the homeless and unwanted animals of Yuma County. But if you are reading this report it is likely you are the ones I am talking about. From the bottom of my heart thank you for continuing to support our organization and the animals we care for on a daily basis. Thank you for always answering the call when we need help, rather it be with your time or your money, we greatly appreciate you.

Here's to an amazing 2021!

Be safe and be well,



Annette Lagunas
Executive Director

our mission

To reduce the number of homeless pets through adoption, rescue, and spay and neuter programs.



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what is no-kill yuma?



Even through the pandemic, HSOY is excited to say that we continued to be classified as NO-Kill with dogs. Best Friends Animal Society measures No-Kill by having a live release rate of 90% or greater.

Throughout 2020 and since November of 2018, HSOY has successfully been in this category. We attribute our success to many things.

1.) HSOY helps people keep their pets in their homes. The shelter was lucky enough to receive a very generous grant from the Petco Foundation, appropriately called Keeping Families Together. This grant allowed us to provide vaccinations and/or spay and neuter services to those who were looking at turning their pet into the shelter because they could not afford to provide these services.

2.) HSOY offered a mechanism that allowed the community to re-home their pets on their own. In the past HSOY always wanted pets turned into the shelter so that we could find the perfect home. We realized who better to find a perfect home than the owner who knows everything about that pet.

3.) HSOY promoted a staff member to be a behavior specialist who works with our less social dogs that enter the shelter. Dogs that enter the shelter often shut down and become fearful of people and other animals. Our behavior specialist, along with our amazing volunteers, has successfully created programs that allowed these once difficult to adopt animals the chance to be adopted.

Through much of 2020, the Humane Society of Yuma felt it was appropriate to suspend all adoptions at our Petsmart location due to COVID-19. Of course we were concerned about the number of animals that would be able to be adopted without this venue. Much to our surprise the community was more than willing to come to the shelter in lieu of the closure of Petsmart location. Our hope is that 2021, we will be able to get back into the store for the majority of the year.

adoptions

shelter dog adoptions..... 1340

shelter cat adoptions..... 685

petsmart dog adoptions..... 208

petsmart cat adoptions..... 108

Total 2,341



Our return to field program has taken on a much different approach than in the years prior. COVID-19 required us to stop many of our community cat surgeries as we were concerned about getting enough medical supplies to sterilize our shelter animals in the midst of the pandemic. In 2020 we were still able to alter 991 community cats. However, these cats came straight into the clinic rather than staying in the shelter waiting for their turn to be sterilized. Only 343 cats came into the shelter and were eventually released to the community. The community has been a huge help in trapping community cats and returning them to their homes. We are confident that with this program in full swing in 2021, we will see even less cats enter the shelter than years prior.

return to field

2019 return to field..... 1,059

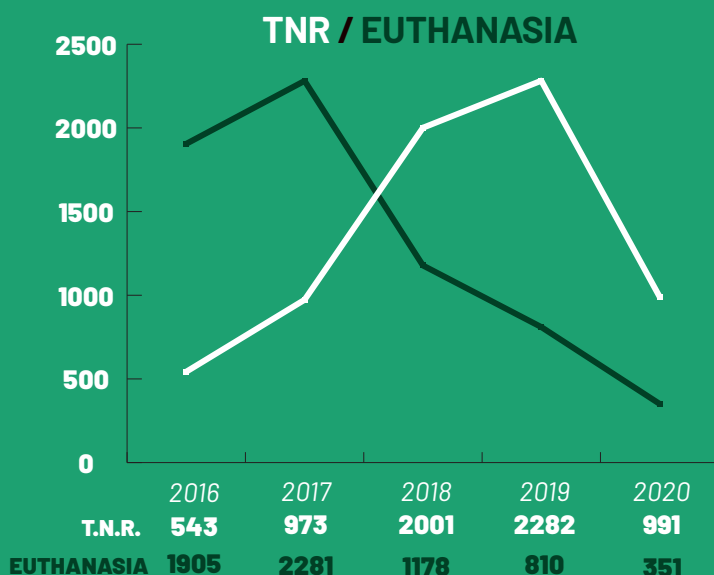
2020 return to field..... 343

cats and the no-kill movement

In 2020 only 24 cats were returned to their owners of the 1,881 cats that entered HSOY as stray. This means that the majority of American's let their cats outside to roam. When they go missing cat owners assume the cat is living elsewhere and they don't come looking at the shelter for those cats. The shelter setting is no place for cats and is often quite stressful for them as it lowers their immune systems and they end up sick. Cats typically get sick before they are even eligible to be adopted.

As the local statistics show, cats live outside and cat owners put them there. In many cases indoor and outdoor cats often have two or more different homes that they live in and get fed at. With that said, HSOY is encouraging people to leave the cats where they live. Getting cats altered through part of our TNR program is an excellent way to decrease the amount of cats that unnecessarily end up in the shelter. Not only will altering these cats and returning them keep kittens from being born in your community, it will also eliminate many of the bad behaviors that unaltered cats have.

If you have a colony of cats in your community, or an outside cat that you would like altered, please sign up at catstats.org/Yuma. You will receive a monthly email for community cat openings within our clinic.



save one until there are none

intake

owner surrender..... 914
stray..... 4,032
other intake..... 145
quarantine..... 86

Total 5,177

Cats: 2,193 Average Live Release Rate 76%

- 271 owner surrender
- 1888 stray
- 25 other intake
- 9 quarantine

Dogs: 2,984 Average Live Release Rate 96%

- 643 owner surrender
- 2144 stray
- 120 other intakes
- 77 quarantine

outcomes

adoptions..... 2,341
transfer..... 1,062
return to owner..... 765
return to field..... 343
shelter euthanasia..... 442
351 Cats 91 Dogs
other outcomes..... 191

Owner Requested Euthanasia

In 2020 the Humane Society of Yuma humanely euthanized 287 animals for the community. The owners of these animals felt that their pet should be euthanized because of age, injury or illness. In each of these cases HSOY staff concurred.

219 Dogs 68 Cats

These numbers are NOT reported in the number of animals entering our shelter. HSOY does reserve the right to deny owner requested euthanasia if HSOY staff does not feel it is in the best interest of the owner.

spay/neuter

shelter animals.....2,424
owned animals..... 1,292
community cats..... 991

Total 4,709

transfer

dog's transferred to other shelters..... 564
cats transferred to other shelters..... 498

Total 1,062

Even though the Humane Society of Yuma took in less animals in 2020 than the year prior, our Transfer partners continued to step up and help even more than they did the year previously.

86% average live release rate for dogs and cats in 2020



vets and pets during a pandemic

In March of 2020, when the pandemic first broke, the shelter was forced to stop all non-essential services that used medical equipment. As you may not be aware, the shelter uses much of the same supplies and drugs as our human counterparts. With surgical gloves, masks and even supplies like anesthesia and suture in limited supply, the shelter felt the most responsible thing to do was limit the ordering of these materials. This of course affected the number of surgeries we could perform. With a 2020 goal of altering over 5,000 animals, making this decision did not come lightly. We also knew that not altering the animals in our care would not be beneficial to the animals or the community.

We decided the best thing to do was stop all low-cost community surgeries as well as community cat surgeries and focus on the animals that were in our care. In April and May we did approximately 300 surgeries, down from over 1,100 animals collectively in April and May of 2019. The months continued to be lower than years prior, as prioritized surgeries were performed in our organization.

In September of 2020 our staff Veterinarian moved on to private practice. The shelter was forced to cancel over 200 low-cost surgeries that we had just begun to reschedule after the pandemic. Our community was devastated as we heard time and time again from them that they needed our services for their pets. Upon re-opening our low-cost spay and neuter schedule in late December, we received over 100 applications in the first 4 hours and over 200 applications in the first 24 hours. Clearly the need is there for low-cost spay and neuter services.

HSOY is proud to be able to provide these services to the community. Great pet ownership starts with early spaying and neutering of our pets. It continues with routine check-ups and vaccinations. We know that no matter what someone's income is, they will get a pet whether they can afford it or not. HSOY is here to help everyone have a pet and be great pet owners.

did you know.....

the Humane Society of Yuma holds a medical and cruelty fund for animals that come to our shelter battered, bruised and in need serious medical attention?

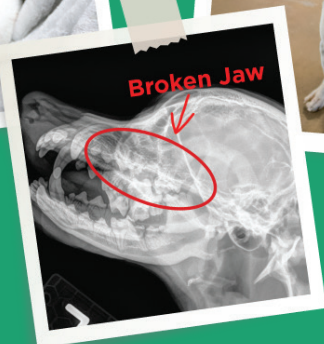
RooBee was a Basset Hound that was found in a trash can with a broken leg and various other injuries. Denver was a Shar Pei mix that had a curable skin condition that was left untreated and very uncomfortable skin issues. The Yuma community came through to help pay for their treatments until we could find them a forever home. A medical fund was created in their names to help other animals in need and from the inception of this amazing fund, so many helpless animals have gone from injured, to recovered, to a home of their very own. Donations to this fund can be made with cash at the Humane Society of Yuma,

HOWDY!

I'm S'mores! When I arrived to the Humane Society of Yuma I was in so much pain and didn't know if I would ever be able to give puppy kisses again. My jaw was broken by another dog that attacked me. The Humane Society of Yuma staff took great care of me and helped get me all patched up. But, I know that my life was saved because of donations to the RooBee's & Denver's Medical Fund by amazing friends like you! I left my surgery bed to my foster home to recover and I left the animal hospital without worrying how my medical bills would be paid - all because the Yuma community cared enough to help pay my surgery and recovery bills. I can never repay you for your compassion and generosity. I just want to thank you for giving me the ability to live my life out of pain and especially allowing me to give my new mom lots of puppy kisses!!

Thank you so much!!

LUV YA! - S'MORES





check or online at our website. Your donations can also assist us in offering rewards when we need the public's help in finding suspects of animal cruelty. This medical fund has been used quite a bit in 2020, S'mores, Pebbles, Tiger, Smokey the Chimney cat and others were recipients of these funds raised by you the Yuma community! The Roobes & Denver Fund helps us reach our goal of zero euthanasia of adoptable pets. From staff and animals we have cared for **thank you for your support.**



HI! I'M PEBBLES!

The animal officers found me walking all alone and took me to Humane Society of Yuma. It wasn't until they examined my swollen tummy that I received an x-ray where they could see how hungry I had become. I was so hungry when I was wandering all alone that I ate rocks to just help with my hunger. I am just a puppy and didn't realize that it was not the best idea at the time. Upon having surgery at the Foothills Animal Hospital, the rocks were removed successfully and I immediately began to heal. Best thing is my medical bills were paid in full thanks to all your donations to the Roobee's & Denver's Medical Fund. I am one of the success stories because all the generous donations from Yuman's like you. My new mom tells me all the time that I rescued her, but really, my friends in the Yuma community rescued me and I am so grateful for you all!

XOXO - PEBBLES

volunteers keep the shelter running

Animal shelter volunteers perform a plethora of services. They help feed animals, clean the kennels and of course, help people find their lifetime companions. Volunteers also help transport animals to rescues and assist in clinic services. The truth is, the importance of animal shelter volunteers is never seen by the average public who come through the shelter doors on a daily basis. Our shelter volunteers are the essence to keeping the shelter running seven days a week. These volunteers take care of hundreds of dogs and cats on a daily basis, regardless of whether it is a Holiday or not, seven days a week.

Volunteering doesn't just stop at the shelter, we have Thrift Store volunteers and foster parents who home animals away from the shelter until they are ready to be adopted. HSOY is lucky to have a dream team of volunteers who truly are the heart and soul that keeps the shelter animals happy and healthy while here. Volunteering is a good way to encourage a lifetime of community service. Humane Society of Yuma accepts volunteers ages 12 to 15 with a parent/guardian. Volunteers 16 years and up can volunteer independently.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for the Humane Society of Yuma, please contact our Volunteer Manager or visit us at www.hsoyuma.com/volunteer



208 **254,382**
Active **Donated**
Volunteers **Hours**

What volunteer opportunities does HSOY offer?

- Dog Walking
- Cat Cuddling
- Events
- Thrift Store
- Foster Care
- Spay & Neuter Clinic
- PetSmart Marketing
- Rescue
- 4 Paws Pantry
- Glamour Photos
- Front Desk Assistant



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foster care

Our Foster Program, is where people can volunteer to care for animals that are not yet ready for adoption. The majority of these animals are very young kittens that the shelter is inundated with every spring but cats and dogs of all ages often find themselves in need of a foster home.

3020
Fostered
Animals

1788
Foster
Parents



glamorous dogs

Our Glamour Team is a dedicated group of volunteers that show up every Monday at the Humane Society of Yuma, holiday or not, to capture the playfulness and beauty of the homeless and dogs who come to our shelter looking for a home. The Glamorous Dog Team works hard every Monday to get that perfect pose. Their photos displays their cute personalities and loving “take me home photos” for all to see. You can see these pictures on HSOY Face Book page each and every Monday afternoon.



glamorous kitties

Karen Ortiz and her group of Glamorous Kittie’s volunteers, snap the most adorable kitty photos you could ever imagine. Each Monday they get together and take new photos of kittens and cats, post them on HSOY’s Facebook so these precious pets can find a home that’s just purrrrfect!



the humane society of yuma thrift store

The Humane Society of Yuma's Thrift Store has become a large part of the organization's fundraising efforts to save lives in our community. With the support the Thrift Store receives from the community, the organization is able to use these funds to offset the expenses of spaying and neutering the animals within our shelter.

\$158,813

**in revenue to support
spay and neuter
surgeries**



AT THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF YUMA THRIFT STORE

We have everything you need for your distinguished doggie! Whether it's that extra-special outfit for a dressy occasion, or an every-day collar showcasing your pet's unique personality, your posh pup will look great for any occasion thanks to Bella's Boutique. And, it's NOT just outfits, we're talking accessories, blankets, leashes, bowls & feeders, plus more new inventory on the way. Posh, glamorous, sassy dog-centric boutique for your favorite pets with supplies, toys, treats and other fun products!

Located inside the Humane Society of Yuma Thrift Store **136 W 32nd St, Yuma, AZ 85364**



**A Posh, Glamorous, Sassy,
Dog-Centric Boutique**

Bella
→

facebook fundraiser

The people named below graciously reached out to their online network of family, friends and colleagues to raise money for the Humane Society of Yuma.

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Theresa Algots | Andrea R Ward | Ricky Madrid |
| Jocelyn Eischen | Mary Wilson | Courtney Rackstraw |
| Margot Sandoval | Penny Higginbottom | Mavreen Fleming-Sharrar |
| Kris Wise | Meghan Dykstra | Xochitl Pim So |
| Christy Lynn McMaster | Diane McKay Trostle | Tami Nagel Priddell |
| Bonnie Castro | Asiole Hamilton | Rita Van Wey |
| Lindy Lindy | Soe Banderas | Shelby Gardizi |
| Nicco Vasquez | Paula NMike Glass-Manherz | Rae Packard |
| Audrey Davey | Jasmine Mariah Russ | Marti Hetherington |
| Michele Stock | Lishell McClaskey | Mariah Bowman |
| Vero Espinoza | Krazi Shelly | Crystal Villanueva |
| Nicole Zavala | Cat Cowan | Zara Ezrre |
| Claudia Puga | Oscar Vazquez | Tina Freeman |
| Natalia Fraga | Richard Robison | Kari Tatar |
| Raymond Lance Waldrop | Mary Sol | Ellie McKelvin |
| Elizabeth Ruiz | Jeanette Collier | Lori Arney |
| Rocia Verlade | Kimberly Tellechea | Hannah Hertzzenberg-Parker |
| Rubi Araceli | Chantal Underwood | MaryJane Wilder |
| Debbie Frydenlund | Annette Lagunas | Sandra Conde |



Donations received through the Page's Donate button

\$2,143

Donations received through HSOY's own Fundraisers

\$2,241

Donations received from Individual Fundraisers

\$12,892

- Kammy Morse
- Pasquinelli
- Sydenay Leopard-Erway
- Miranda Faye
- Sandy Marie
- Laura Miranda
- Thomas Griswold
- Alaina Clingman Sanders
- Jessie Sheltra
- Julie Kosmata
- Natalie Mee
- Mara Daugherty

- Kennett Navarro
- Andrea Mullin-Cornett
- Ramona Lewis
- Shaun Michael Davis
- Kameron Dole
- Lenna Miller
- Michael Goldwyn
- Taylor Armstrong
- Janett Gonzalez Hice
- Karen Barcklay
- Shannon Poissant
- Blake Wofford

- Linda Stagi
- Pierce Knudson
- Hilary Harper-Mulherin
- Debra Bryant-Goin
- Karla Kiki Ibarra
- John Horvath

monthly giving

Our monthly giving program makes the difference in the life of an animal each month of the year with your monthly donation. Our monthly givers are a dedicated group of animal lovers and advocates of the Humane Society of Yuma who support us and help save the lives of pets in our community through reoccurring monthly donations. Monthly giving is an incredibly efficient way to help sustain the Humane Society of Yuma and provide us with a consistent and reliable income stream. Currently, we have 182 monthly donors that averaged \$3,520.00 each month. You can sign up on online today at our website to become a new monthly donor!

\$3,520
in monthly donor donations

legacy circle

Humane Society of Yuma's Legacy Circle members leave a gift for the future sustainability of the organization for years to come by believing in our mission, to reduce the number of homeless pets through adoption, rescue, and spay and neuter programs. When you include the Humane Society of Yuma in your final giving plans, you enjoy the benefits of a gift to charity while making a powerful statement about your love of Yuma's homeless and abandoned animals. Remembering HSOY in your will by creating a charitable remainder trust, retirement account or other estate plans, ensures our ability to continue to help thousands of animals through our low-cost clinic services, high quality programs, and rescue. Our Legacy Program is responsible for \$534,312.57 in 2020. The legal name of our organization is Humane Society of Yuma, INC. We are a local 501^c3 Arizona non-profit and our federal tax ID number is 86-6053617. Our legal address is 4050 S. 4 ½ E. Yuma, AZ. 85365.

\$534,312
received from Legacy members

in memoriam

In memory of those who passed in 2020 and requested The Humane Society of Yuma receive donations in their honor.

- Duane Berry
- Martin Kinsley
- Joseph Fendrick
- Helen Gordon
- Maggie Cummings
- Betty Labrecque

- Josie Perez
- Mary Wilcox
- Dewie Primmer
- Fred Rico
- James "JR" Skaggs
- Jan Sprecher

- Lee Beverlidge
- Kathy Prince
- Cleo Carlson
- Elise Hilsinger
- Stevee Payne
- Gail Larsen

- James Pence
- Vicki Mauer

the pandemic pivot

The pandemic pivot sounds like a fun new line dance or the latest Tik Tok challenge. However, it is neither and trust us when we say we really wish it was! Like all things 2020, our fundraising events were nothing less than a time to pivot, pause and prepare for something new!

Knowing how important our in-person fundraising events are when it comes to the care and comfort of our animals each and every day, HSOY whipped out a fun and interactive online auction. This has never been done before, new and innovated use of technology developed into quite the fundraising tool for our Development Department. HSOY has had several online auctions, fundraisers and new events that, we most likely would not have introduced to the community had COVID not reared its ugly head.

In June, we were happy to host our annual Fore Paws Golf Classic, but had to “swing it” a little different due to government mandates and social distancing. Rather than one golf course, we used two this year. Fur Ball XIV, our BIGGEST black tie optional

event that pays our mortgage for the year, was another one of those events that moved from our traditional dinner and auction celebration, to an online event, by adding a new twist with a LIVE ZOOM auction. Even though we weren’t “together” we were together via Zoom.

One of the four major fundraising events could not be pulled off with the use of the internet, “Poker for Paws Texas Hold-Em”, so we had an online auction for our Pet Star Calendar! So many Yuma pets vied for the cover, back cover and the other twelve months for the bragging rights of being a Pet Star! While we missed seeing everyone in person for most of our events this year, we were happy that we could still fundraise and interact with so many supporters of the Humane Society of Yuma and remain safe during these uncertain times.

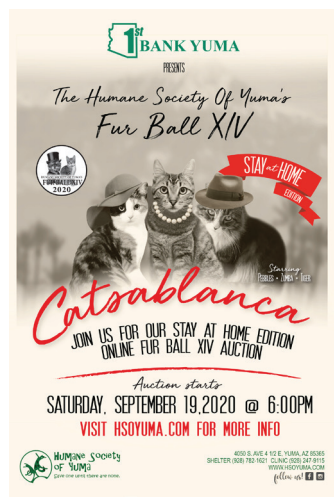
\$130,131
in total
events

**Critter
Country**
\$35,005

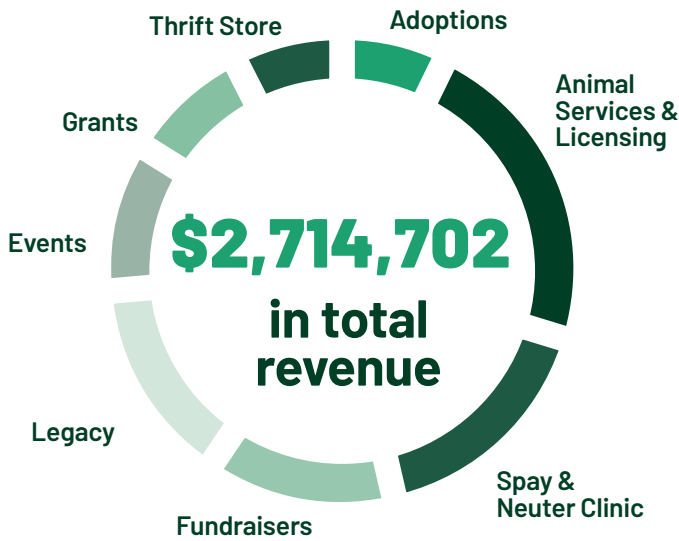
**Fore! Paws
Golf Classic**
\$38,195

**Fur Ball
XIV**
\$56,931

**Poker
for Paws**
**\$see you in 2021
canceled due to COVID**

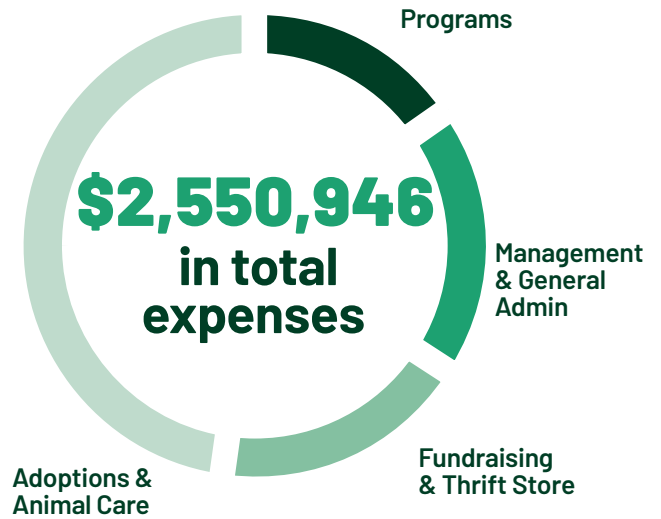


revenue



Adoptions	\$142,648
Animal Services & Licensing	\$780,899
Spay & Neuter Clinic	\$314,526
Fundraisers	\$390,038
Legacy	\$534,312
Events	\$130,131
Grants	\$256,250
Thrift Store	\$165,898

expenses



Adoptions & Animal Care	\$1,513,957
Management & General Admin	\$552,610
Fundraising & Thrift Store	\$388,762
Programs	\$95,617

Thanks to the generosity of those in our legacy circle, HSOY raised \$535,312 through life insurance policies, wills and bequests which helped us close out 2020.

grants

Each year the Humane Society of Yuma is awarded grants to aid in our mission of saving as many homeless and unwanted pets as possible.

\$95,335 PetSmart Charities	\$55,400 Arizona Community Foundation	\$45,000 Petco	\$256,250 in total amount of grants award
\$20,000 Arizona License Plate Grant	\$5,750 Bissel Pet Foundation	\$10,000 Mutual Rescue	
\$5,000 Faure Foundation	\$2,815 Clinic HQ	\$1,200 Austin Pets Alive	
		\$500 Allstate Giving Campaign	
		\$250 Bank of America	

4-paws pantry

The 4-PAWS PANTRY is a vital program to our community, HSOY, and our No-Kill initiative. 4-PAWS is run completely by the volunteers at HSOY. The program provides supplemental food to those in our community who may be struggling to feed their pets.

38,932 lbs.
**Of pet food were distributed
to low income households**



love me, license me

Love Me, License Me is a yearly campaign spearheaded by HSOY to get as many animals as possible in our community vaccinated and licensed. All pets living within Yuma County are required to be vaccinated for Rabies and licensed. The Humane Society of Yuma licenses pets on behalf of Yuma County and the City of Yuma. Depending on what area of the County you live in will determine what the cost of your pet's license. Beyond the legal requirement of having your pets licensed, in many cases, a licensed pet will find its way home much quicker in the event he gets away from you. Animal Control Officers can actually look up their license number in the computers within their truck to see where your pet lives. But they are only able to do that if your pets are wearing his or her collars with their license. If you have a pet that is really good at getting out of their collars, please consider microchipping.

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LOVE ME, LICENSE ME

2021 MOBILE VACCINATION & LICENSING CLINICS		
Jan 23	Dateland Elementary	10:30 - 11:30am
Jan 23	Wellton-Butterfield Park	1pm - 3pm
Feb 6	Somerton Pet Palooza*	9am - 1pm
Feb 20	San Luis Mascota Mania*	9am - 1pm
March 20	Humane Society of Yuma	9am - 1pm

*For the safety of your cat, these mobile vaccine clinics will not vaccinate cats or kittens. Please visit our website for information on our walk-in vaccine clinic's dates and times, were cats are welcome.

ATHENA
Adopted
11-06-2020

TEDDY
Adopted
10-08-2020

**Is your pet current on their rabies vaccine?
If so, contactless license renewal can be done online
at hsoyuma.com/license-online.html**

4,005
licenses were
issued by the
Humane Society
in 2020

5,020
microchips were
implanted by the
Humane Society
in 2020

low cost vaccinations

Shots are very important for your pet. Whether you have a dog or a cat, it is every pet parent's obligation to provide our pets with proper vaccinations or shots – beginning with a series of puppy and kitten shots and then regular boosters throughout their adulthood. Starting January 23, 2021, HSOY mobile vaccination clinics will resume for the New Year. If you can't make it to the shelter to get your pet their annual vaccination, HSOY will come to you. Remember that your pet's vaccinations are very important and the most effective way of preventing infectious and sometimes deadly diseases. The HSOY staff feels that low-cost vaccination clinics are one of the most important ways to keep your pet healthy.

5,020
Microchips

2,243
Rabies Vaccines

1,738
Distemper
& Parvo
Vaccines

520
Feline
Vaccines

350
Bordetella
Vaccines

9,871
2020 TOTAL
VACCINES GIVEN AT HSOY



microchip drive-thru clinic



Drive-Thru Microchip Clinics are held once a month and no appointment is needed. This is how HSOY can microchip as many dogs as possible and ensure the public and staff remain socially distanced.

332
2020 TOTAL DRIVE THRU
CLINIC MICROCHIP

meet our sustaining members



**Dave
Elfers**



**John and
Cristyn Weil**



**Les and Audra
Evans**



**Troy and Claire
Eckard**



**Page and Lonie
Misenhimer**

Our sustaining shelter members are the lifeblood of our organization. Humane Society of Yuma thanks each of you for your amazing support that you have provided to our organization in 2020. Your commitment takes us outside the walls of our shelter to ensure that our community is a safe and humane place for animals. Without your generosity we would not be able to do the work that we do by providing lifesaving, life-changing care to those without a voice in our community and those who are in desperate need.



**Dirk
Frauenfelder**



**Terry and
Debbie
Frydenlund**



**Victoria
Click**



**Jim and Vicki
Kerley**



**Joseph
Green**

transfer program

The Humane Society of Yuma's Transfer Program has been an important asset to helping HSOY's No Kill Yuma goal. Our Transfer Coordinator, Cathy Pfeiffer, works with staff and volunteers to find shelters who can provide the homeless and abandoned animals of Yuma County another avenue to adoption. Each Thursday we have a dedicated group of volunteers that show up at the shelter to load the van full of the animals set for transfer. Cathy works with a countless number of transfer partners that operate within Arizona, and there are even a few animals that have been sent outside of Arizona. In 2020, the Humane Society of Yuma transferred a total of 564 dogs and 498 cats!

dog's transfered to other shelters..... 564

cats transfered to other shelters..... 498

Total 1,062



foster care

The Humane Society of Yuma works hard to place lost, abandoned, abused and unwanted animals in foster or foster to adopt homes. This helps relieve overcrowding and reduces an animal's stress by providing a temporary and supportive sanctuary while he or she awaits permanent adoption. This year fostering proved to be especially important to our shelter when the pandemic caused a state-wide shutdown. The Humane Society of Yuma never closed its doors and continued to intake animals at the shelter. Foster homes were desperately needed to avoid overcrowding. HSOY was in need of foster care for the shelter pets due to the pandemic emergency.

When we no longer had a veterinarian, foster homes continued to be an ever bigger need. Limited ability to alter animals for adoption, slowed down our ability to turn adoptions around like we normally would. A call for fosters was made and in normal Yuma fashion, our community did not let us or the animals down. During 2020 with the pandemic surging, a total of 3,020 animals were sent into foster homes in 2020 compared to a total of 1,744 animals in 2019. Pet fostering is a great way to give an extra chance to an animal in need and enhance your own life with the companionship of a loving pet.

Think you may be interested or would you like more details on becoming a foster? Check out our website and complete an application. One of our friendly team members will get back to you. Or, call our shelter at (928) 782-1621 ext. 104



cats in foster care..... 1,555

dogs in foster care..... 1,448

**other animals
in foster care..... 17**

Total 3,020

meet gipsy the rescue kitty who proves love is blind!

She may look a little different to you, but that is because she was born without eyes. This is actually called Anophthalmia which is the medical term used to describe the absence of the globe and ocular tissue from the orbit. She was brought into the shelter by a concerned citizen who found her and could not properly care for her.

She was given a health assessment and other than missing a pair of eyeballs, she was healthy. Gipsy went into foster care with a HSOY advocate and supporter, Kyla Smith and family. Kyla agreed to foster Gipsy until an adequate home was found. After a while, the family and Gipsy created a special bond that was truly meant to be. Kyla said, "I was not looking to adopt an eyeless kitten, but we fell in love with her." Kyla found that this little eyeless kitten was so sweet and loved attention.

It took the little kitten awhile to adjust to their other cat, since she was so afraid of other animals that she would freeze up and start hissing. After time, Gipsy and the other cat became friends. Kyla said, "We could not imagine making Gipsy start all over in a new environment." She had already been there for quite some time, and being blind and all, Gipsy had already learned the lay out of their home. "We have a pretty open house, easy to navigate, and an enclosed courtyard, so she can go inside and out and be safe. She brings us so much joy and impresses us daily with what she accomplishes." Kyla stated.

The Smith family decided Gipsy was family and they adopted her officially and just like that, we have another success story for an animal who was given a rough start in life but, like most fairytales, found her Happily Ever After. "None of this would have been possible without HSOY, which is why I am so proud to be a supporter of the organization.", mentioned Kyla.

*HSOY staff are truly grateful to the Smith family and to our amazing community who truly support our mission: **To reduce the number of homeless pets through adoption, rescue, and spay and neuter programs.***



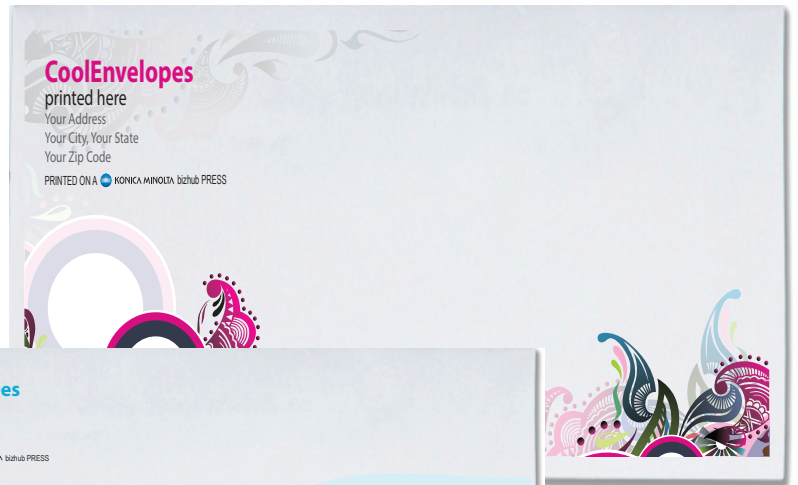
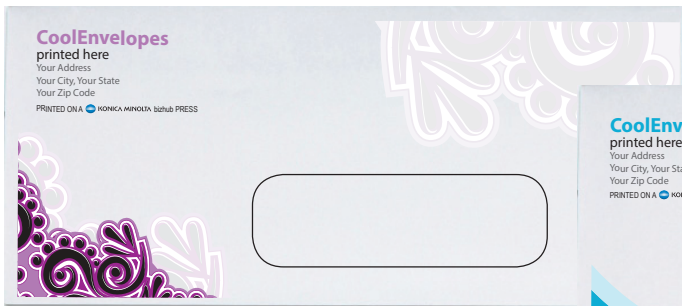
happily ever after...

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