

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hello Friends,

I want to express my heartfelt appreciation for your support of the animals at the Humane Society of Yuma in the past year. Your generosity serves as a beautiful reminder of the impactful healing that comes from simple gestures like a gentle scratch, a kind word, and the warmth of a loving home. Thank you for generously contributing to the well-being of hurting and abandoned animals in our community.

Your support has had an incredible impact on their lives, and I am thrilled to share with you the 2023 Annual Report, which highlights the numerous animals you've positively influenced. From Alaska to Jack and many other animals we've had the privilege of serving, your contribution has made a significant difference.

I personally want to thank you for the positive change you've brought into their lives. I encourage you to delve into their stories within the 2023 Annual Report; it serves as a powerful daily reminder of the animals lives you've touched.

Through your love and generosity, we've witnessed the mending of broken bodies, the

OUR MISSION

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

filling of hungry stomachs, the formation of forever families, and so much more. Your impact goes beyond the tangible – it's a testament to the transformative power of compassion.

Once again, thank you for making these new lives possible. Your support is genuinely appreciated.

With gratitude,

Smratte Eaguras

Annette Lagunas
Executive Director



Moon, adopted 9/10/2023

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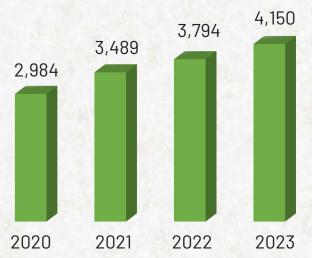


Isabel Cedeno Thrift Store Manager



DATA DRIVEN DECISIONS FOR 2024

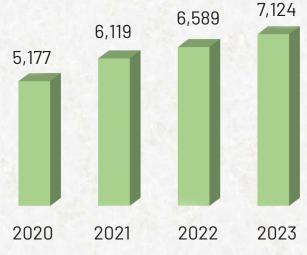
Data facts and statistics collected together for reference or analysis. Over the past four years we have found a huge increase in animals entering the shelter. Additionally, we have identified that that increase is due to stray animals, or animals that are being identified as stray. The good news is that our return to owner numbers are continuing to increase. So how do we continue our trend of increasing return to owners and decreasing our stray intake?



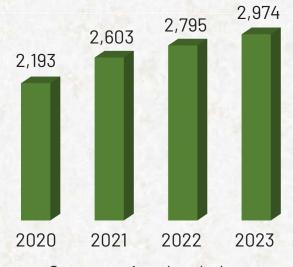
Dogs entering the shelter - 39% increase in 3 years



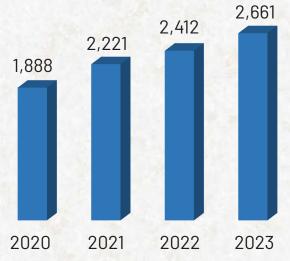
Stray dogs entering the shelter - 53% increase in 3 years



Animals entering the shelter - 38% increase in 3 years



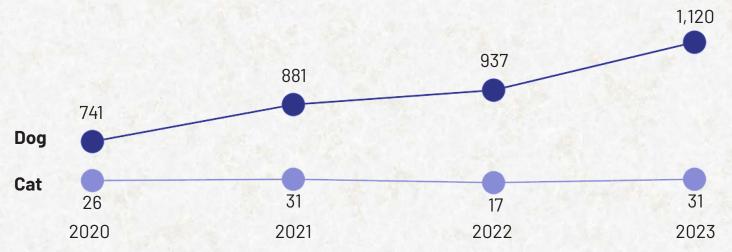
Cats entering the shelter - 36% increase in 3 years



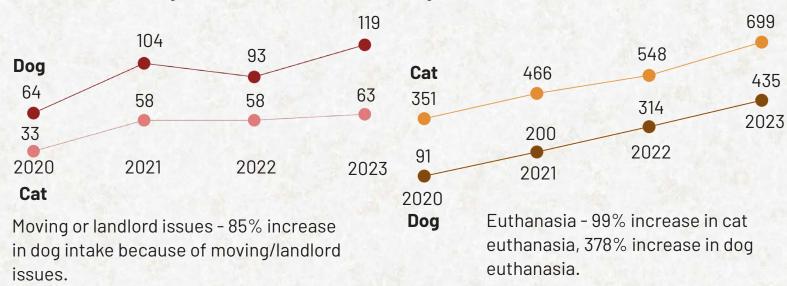
Stray cats entering the shelter - 41% increase in 3 years



Adoptions - 45% increase in cat adoptions; 3% decrease in dog adoptions.



Return to owners - 51% increase in dogs and 20% increase in cats. What's the data saying? Stray animals are entering the shelter faster than we can get them out.



Goals: 1) Continue to work with owners whose pets are impounded because they are stray.

- 2) Work to microchip more and more pets each and every year so that they are returned before they even enter the shelter.
- 3) Ask shelter supporters to continue advocating for lost animals and help pets get matched to their owners through Yumalostpets.com and social media.
- 4) Identify more areas that will allow citizens to have pets scanned for a microchip that they have found.

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CHECK OUT OUR STATISTICS

INTAKE

owner surrender	951
stray	5,873
other intakes	169
quarantine	131

Total 7,124

OUTCOMES

adoptions	2,656
transfer	,524
return to owner	1,151
return to field	89
shelter euthanasia	1,134
699 Cats 435 Dogs	

SPAY/NEUTER

shelter animals 2,609
owned animals 892
community cats 852
Total 4,353

Cats: 2,974 Average Live Release Rate 62%

- 278 owner surrender
- 2,661 stray
- 20 other intakes
- 15 quarantine

Dogs: 4,150 Average Live Release Rate 89%

- 673 owner surrender
- 3,212 stray
- 149 other intakes
- 116 quarantine

Owner Requested Euthanasia

In 2023 the Humane Society of Yuma humanely euthanized 200 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.

159 Dogs 41 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 pet.

TRANSFER

dogs transferred to other shelters	981
cats transferred to other shelters	537
rabbits transferred to other shelters	2
iguanas transferred to other shelters	3
tortoises transferred to other shelters	1

Total 1,524

76% AVERAGE LIVE RELEASE RATE FOR DOGS AND CATS IN 2023

T-N-R AND THE COMMUNITY CAT PROGRAM



In 2023, 89 cats entered the shelter as strays and were altered and returned to the locations they came from. An additional 852 cats were brought into our spay and neuter clinic by volunteers and community members who wanted to stop the reproduction of these cats. All of the cats were altered, their ears were tipped and they were given lifesaving vaccinations before being placed back in the community where they originated.

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 with chances to get TNR appointments. If you have any questions or concerns about the program please contact our Community Cat Coordinator, Rafael Garcia, at 928.782.1621 ext 105 or email him at rgarcia@

hsoyuma.com. Rafael is available for public speaking events, town halls and educational forums to share information about the community cat program.

89

stray cats altered and returned to field

852

brought to clinic by the public, altered and returned to field

251

community cats altered outside of HSOY with grants



Community cats awaiting spay/neuter



Are you looking for something special for your pet? Well look no further than Bella's Boutique, located in the Humane Society of Yuma's shelter lobby. We have leashes, collars, car magnets, clothing, toys, books, litter boxes, bowls and much much more! Come check it out and spoil your pet with something fun!



ALL PROCEEDS HELP THE ANIMALS WE CARE FOR!

LOCATED INSIDE THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF YUMA LOBBY. 4050 S. AVE 4 1/2 E, YUMA, AZ, 85365.

ADOPTIONS

During 2023, the Humane Society of Yuma continued to save lives through adoption. We couldn't do it without the support of PetSmart Charities, the Bissell Foundation and our community partners.

Shelter dog adoptions 1,052

Shelter cat adoptions 947

Petsmart dog adoptions 450

Petsmart cat adoptions 207

total 2,656



WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS



WHAT DO VOLUNTEERS DO?

Walk Dogs
Cuddle Cats
Help at Events
Thrift Store
Foster Care
Spay & Neuter
Clinic
Greeter

PetSmart i
Marketing
Transfer Team
4 Paws Pantry
Glamour Photos
Front Desk Assistant
Answer Phones

390
Active
Volunteers

20,680 Donated

482 Active Fosters 121,622

Donated Hours

Volunteers play a crucial role in supporting the Humane Society of Yuma, contributing their time and compassion to make a significant impact on the well-being of animals in need. Volunteers actively engage in the day-to-day operations by cleaning kennels, interacting with the animals and fostering. Moreover, volunteers lend a helping hand during events organized by the Humane Society, where their dedication and enthusiasm shine as they assist in various tasks.

Volunteering isn't limited to just the shelter, we have Thrift Store volunteers, PetSmart volunteers and foster parents who house animals away from the shelter until they are ready to be adopted. The Humane Society of Yuma accepts volunteers ages 12 to 15 with a parent or guardian. Volunteers 16 years and older can volunteer independently.



4 Paws Pantry

^{*}does not include foster to adopt

ALASKA: FROM STARVING DOG TO PET OF THE WEEK

To look at him now, you wouldn't know that a few short weeks ago, Alaska was starved nearly to death when the husky was found abandoned in a house. With him were the skeletons of two other dogs. The dogs had been left behind in a locked house when their owners moved out.

Alaska weighed only 29.8 pounds when the three year old dog was found in February and brought by City of Yuma Animal Control to the Humane Society of Yuma. "He was very skinny," said Annette Lagunas, HSOY Executive Director. "We've been able to get 30 pounds on him, weighing him every day to check his progress." He's now a much healthier 60 pounds and was adopted in July. He was featured as the Pet of the Week for the week of May 21st.

Alaska is a clear case of animal neglect, Lagunas said. "The people just walked away and left the animals inside." The dog is also an example of the difficulty in prosecuting negligent owners and finding justice for the animals. An effort was made to try for felony charges, but the decision was made to reduce the charges to a misdemeanor.

Story by Joyce Lobeck



Alaska at 29.8 lbs.



Alaska at 60 lbs.

GO ORANGE FOR ANIMALS

The poster animal for the Humane Society of Yuma's "Go Orange for Animals" campaign, held in April, was a German shepherd named Jack who had been shot in the leg. The dog was brought to the shelter on Feb. 26 with a broken leg from the gunshot wound. Gunshots can be fatal, but Jack was cared for by HSOY's professional veterinary team and received surgery for his injury.

While recuperating, he became a favorite of HSOY staff and volunteers. He has since been adopted and has moved on to his forever home. HSOY shared that the problem of animal cruelty is an ongoing one in the community as evidenced by their campaign's mascot, Jack.

Story by Joyce Lobeck







To report animal cruelty, contact your local animal control:

- City of Yuma 928-783-4421
- Yuma County 928-783-4427
- City of Somerton 928-627-2011
- City of San Luis 928-341-2420
- Town of Wellton 928-785-4887
- MCAS Yuma 928-269-6303
- Quechan Tribe 760-572-0243
- Cocopah Tribe 928-627-8857

BEHUMANE

BeHumane is our fundraising and education campaign designed to instill humane ways of thinking in the minds of our youth. The Humane Society of Yuma spends time at local schools raising awareness about animal welfare through age-specific classroom presentations. We take one of our program ambassador dogs with us and teach children about topics such as pet-overpopulation and responsible pet ownership. During our visits, students have the opportunity to participate in local philanthropy by conducting their own fundraising campaigns. We also have garnered support from local schools in the area that ran donation drives and hosted Dog's Day Out adventures for our pups. HSOY is so grateful for all the schools who have been involved in supporting our mission.



Winning Class - Mrs. Parrish - Kinders

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Mary A. Otondo Elementary
Alice Byrne Elementary
Fourth Ave Junior High
James B. Rolle Elementary
Mesquite Elementary
Amerischools North
Amerischools South
Yuma Lutheran School
Cibola High School
Vista High School
Gila Ridge High School



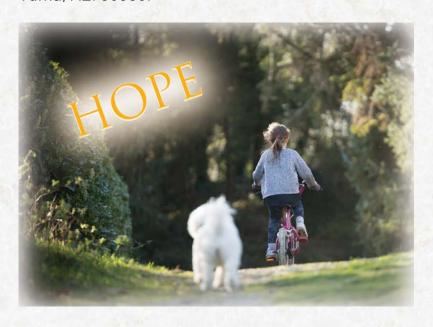
Kids petting Ozzy

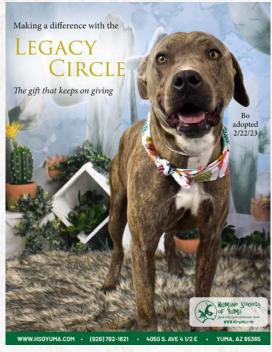
LEGACY CIRCLE

What is your legacy? As one of our supporters, we know that you are committed to improving the lives of innocent homeless animals. What if your legacy continued long after you have graced this earth?

The Legacy Circle includes those who have committed to bequeathing money, property, life insurance policies, etc. to the Humane Society of Yuma. Remembering the Humane Society of Yuma in a will means their giving continues after their lifetime. Without our Legacy Circle members, we would be challenged to maintain the level of services we offer. Thank you for considering a long-term gift! The legal name of our organization is Humane Society of Yuma, INC. We are a local 501°3 Arizona non-profit and our federal tax ID number is 86-6053617. Our legal address is 4050 S. 4 ½ E. Yuma, AZ. 85365.

Ask us today about leaving a gift to HSOY and also how you can ensure your pet is taken care of when you pass.





MONTHLY DONORS

Our monthly donors are dedicated animal lovers and advocates of the Humane Society of Yuma who support us and help save the lives of pets in our community through recurring monthly donations. Monthly giving is an incredible way to help sustain the Humane Society of Yuma and provide us with a consistent and reliable income stream. Last year our monthly donors averaged \$4,103 in donations each month. You can sign up online today at our website to become a new monthly donor!

\$4,103
in monthly
donor
donations

in memoriam

Sandra Briggs Carole Coleman Joan Alene Cox Kimberly Walters Dairl Don Eskam Kristen Eustace Margit Gaines Jacqulyn Highland Leslie Lewis Joan Lott Sanden Martin Cyndy Menvielle Terry Mink Beatrice Moran Josie Perez Janet Waits Pickering Larry Price Warren Rautenberg Joseph Reynolds Pamela Talley Rogers Ronald Rojas Robert Shipp Sue Vaughan Keith Villanueva, Jr. Leta Wolfe William Lewis Yancey, Jr.

FACEBOOK/INSTAGRAM FUNDRAISERS

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

Pamela Alberigi Angelique Alcazar Karen Barcklay William Bonsell Linda Borro Misty Brooks Cami Brown Kevin Bryan Erika Camacho-Ohland Tawnie Carbajal Sue Carlson Bonnie Castro Yesenia Cervantez So Cheel Zach Connor Lupe Contreras

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Janet Moon Kaylah Moreno **Sherry Nugent** Fred Obus Tracy Olivas Colleen Ortiz Harold Parkhurst Don Paterson Maul Poon Peggy Poston Tami Priddell Kaci Rembert Sharon Roach Judy Robinson Michael Scariot Jessie Sheltra

Donna Shepherd Cheryl Sherwood Samantha Silva May Skellington Patti Small Courtney Starkey Dean Stevens Steven Stubblefield Maggie Thrall Candice Turner Yahaira Valdez Lori Vandersloot Andrea Ward Traci Weisenberger Katina Wilson Leandra Wilson

Donations received from Facebook and Instagram Fundraisers

\$8,057

GLAMOR TEAMS

Our glamour teams are comprised of dedicated volunteers that meet at the shelter every week to capture the beauty of the animals in our facility that are in need of forever homes. The glamorous dog team works hard with the dogs to get that perfect pose while the glamorous cat team captures the playfulness of our cats and kittens. The intent is to create images displaying the animals' personalities that we can share with potential adopters and rescue groups through social media and our website. These images are posted to HSOY's Facebook page every week. In 2023, 3,033 glamour shots were taken by these dedicated groups of volunteers.





Cat glamor team

FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

Foster families play a crucial role in our mission by providing temporary homes for animals. The importance of foster families cannot be overstated as they serve as a bridge between rescue and adoption, offering a safe and nurturing environment for our animals. Foster families contribute significantly to the well-being of animals by offering personalized attention, socialization, and rehabilitation. Moreover, they alleviate the burden on shelter resources, allowing the Humane Society of Yuma to rescue and care for more animals. The selfless dedication of foster families not only transforms the lives of the animals they care for but also plays a vital role in building a compassionate and responsible community committed to animal welfare.

If you would like more information on fostering or would like to become a foster you can fill out an application on our website, www.hsoyuma.com, or call our shelter at (928) 782-1621 ext. 104

3,058Fostered Animals

482Foster
Parents

HUMANE SOCIETY OF YUMA THRIFT STORE

The Humane Society of Yuma's Thrift Store is a major contributor to our fundraising efforts. With the support the thrift store receives from the community, the organization is able to use funds from thrift store sales to offset the expenses of spaying and neutering the animals within our shelter.

\$179,751

in revenue to support spay and neuter surgeries



FUNDRAISING EVENTS

CRITTER COUNTRY \$52,386 FORE! PAWS GOLF TOURNEY \$49,332 **FUR BALL XVII** \$135,901

POKER FOR PAWS \$47,263









2023 was another successful year with fundraising. Like last year, we were able to hold 2023's Critter Country at Britain's Farm. We auctioned off 61 silent auction items at this event which was a great start to 2023's fundraising efforts.

Our Fore! Paws Golf Tournament took place the first week of June at Desert Hills Golf Course. A total of 143 golfers took part in the event. Everyone had a blast and enjoyed lunch and raffle prizes in the club house after hitting the links.

Poker for Paws Texas Hold-Em Tournament was held in July this year with 75 players participating in this event. A great time was had by all and much needed funds were raised for the shelter.

Fur Ball 17 "Top Hats and Tails" was held in September at AWC's Schoening Center. This is our signature event and it continues to get better each year! We had 111 items for the silent auction and 16 awesome items for the live auction. We recognized our Legacy Members and sponsors and then we danced the night away with live music! This event was originally started to obtain funds to build our new shelter and sustain the mortgage year after year.

These were our four core events of the year. In addition to these 4 events, we were also able to host several online auctions to boost revenue in our fundraising department. We had our third annual quilt auction, our PetStar calendar auction and we added an art auction and 5K this year.



GRANTS

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

\$60,000 Petco Love

Foundation

\$43,200
Arizona Community
Foundation

\$4,375
The Michelson
Foundation

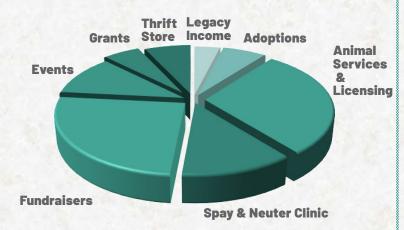
\$4,060

Bissell
Pet Foundation

\$141,635 in total amount of grants

\$30,000 Arizona License Plate Grant

REVENUE



\$2,602,235

in total revenue

Legacy Income \$100,000

Adoptions \$170,288

Animal Services \$754,806

Spay & Neuter \$314,477

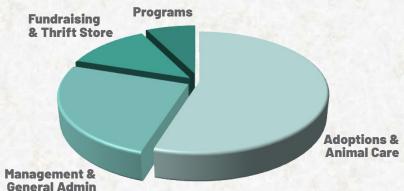
Fundraisers \$656,396

Events \$284,882

Grants \$141,635

Thrift Store \$179,751

EXPENSES



\$3,242,736

in total expenses

Adoptions & \$1,777,477

Management & \$820,349

Fundraising & \$404,305

Programs \$240,605

4-PAWS PANTRY

The 4-PAWS PANTRY is a volunteer program that provides supplemental food to those in our community who may be struggling to feed their pets. By offering this program we can keep pets in their homes and out of the shelter.

26,743 lbsof pet food was distributed to low income households



DATES OF DISTRIBUTION FOR 2024

8 - 10am

January 31 April 24 July 31 October 30 February 28 May 29 August 28 November 20* March 27 June 26 September 25 <u>December 18*</u>

*Changed from last Wednesday of the month

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LOVE ME, LICENSE ME

Love Me, License Me is a yearly campaign put on by HSOY to vaccinate and license the animals in our community. All pets living within Yuma County are required to be vaccinated for rabies and also be licensed. The Humane Society of Yuma licenses pets on behalf of the City of Yuma only. If you live in Yuma County you can find licensing information at yumacountyaz.docupet.com. Besides the legal requirement of having your pets licensed, a licensed pet will find its way home much quicker in the event he gets away from you. Animal Control Officers can look up their license number using the computers in their truck to see where your pet lives. However, they are only able to do this if your pet is wearing his or her collar with their license. Besides licensing and vaccinations we highly encourage you to microchip your pets as well.



3,573licenses were issued by the Humane Society in 2023

SPAY AND NEUTER CLINIC

2023 brought some much needed veterinary help to the HSOY Spay and Neuter Clinic. Early in the year Dr. Danelle Jackson began assisting HSOY with our mobile vaccine clinics and helping with spay & neuter surgeries as her schedule allowed. She officially joined our expanding veterinary team full time in August 2023.

Our Interim Director of Veterinary Medicine Dr. Danielle Munoz, associate and relief veterinarians, Clinic Manager Brandelle Domenack, and our amazing support staff spayed and neutered 4,353 animals. Of these surgeries, 892 were publicly owned animals, 852 were community cats, and 2,609 were shelter dogs and cats. With Dr. Jackson's help, HSOY was also able to restart our public vaccine clinics in July 2023.

The entire team at the Humane Society of Yuma's Spay and Neuter Clinic are looking forward to 2024 and are committed to continuing our mission to reduce the number of homeless pets.



THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF YUMA HAS
A MEDICAL AND CRUELTY FUND
FOR ANIMALS THAT ENTER OUR SHELTER
BATTERED, ABUSED AND IN NEED OF
MEDICAL ATTENTION. IT IS CALLED THE
ROOBEES & DENVER FUND AND
DONATIONS TO THIS FUND CAN BE
MADE AT WWW.HSOYUMA.COM/
DONATE-ROOBEES.HTML

TRANSFER PROGRAM

The Humane Society of Yuma works with 59 transfer partner organizations from across the state and sometimes across the country who accept dogs and cats from our shelter.

The transfer partner organizations include groups such as Friends for Life Animal Rescue and Dogtree Pines Senior Dog Sanctuary. They include a mix of other shelter-type organizations, breed specific groups and those that facilitate adoptions. Rescue runs to Phoenix from Yuma have been completed every Thursday for the past 17 years, including the weeks of Christmas and New Year, with the support of a dedicated group of volunteers.

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MICROCHIPPING

Animal microchips are small, implantable devices designed to enhance the identification and tracking of pets and other animals. These microchips, typically about the size of a grain of rice, contain a unique identification number that can be scanned using a specialized reader. The information linked to the microchip, such as the owner's contact details, is stored in a database, facilitating the swift reunion of lost or missing pets with their caregivers. Animal microchips play a crucial role in pet identification and recovery efforts, providing a permanent and tamper-resistant form of identification that can withstand the challenges of traditional methods like tags or collars. If your pet isn't microchipped, please consider coming to the shelter and having it done to better protect your pet.



3,500 2023 TOTAL ANIMALS MICROCHIPPED

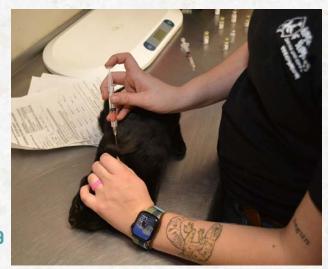
LOW COST VACCINATIONS

4,662
Distemper & Parvo
Vaccines

4,221 FVRCP Vaccines 2,751
Bordetella
Vaccines

4,198
Rabies
Vaccines

15,832 2023 TOTAL VACCINES GIVEN AT HSOY



Vaccinating your pet is a fundamental aspect of responsible pet ownership and plays a crucial role in safeguarding their health and well-being. Vaccines are designed to protect animals from a range of potentially life-threatening diseases, including rabies, distemper, parvovirus, and more. They also help to prevent the spread of these diseases to other animals and humans. The Humane Society of Yuma's spay and neuter clinic offers a variety of low cost vaccinations for your pets. Vaccinations are given by appointment only.

FUN SHELTER FACTS DID YOU KNOW LAST YEAR WE ...?

used an average of 28,800 lbs. of pelleted litter
did an average 5,110 industrial sized loads of laundry
did an average 1,560 household sized loads of laundry
answered an average 54,080 phone calls
utilized an average 21,300 hours of inmate labor





made an average 800 Facebook posts

replaced 40 Kong toys and used 260 jars of peanut butter for our enrichment program

had an average 300 Dog's Day Outs

loaned out 288 cat traps for the community TNR program

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