



# 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

*Matches Made. Lives Saved.*

## A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In the late eighties, Peggy Barnish began rescuing feral cats out of her home. Peggy believed every homeless animal deserved a second chance. She dreamt there could be an animal shelter where every life could be saved. Where euthanasia was the last resort only to be used in cases of extreme illness or injury.

In 1990, Peggy founded Hooterville Pet Safehaus—later renamed Homeward Pet Adoption Center. Twenty six years later, with supporters like you at our side, Homeward Pet has grown into one of the leading nonprofit, no-kill animal shelters in Washington State. More than 26,000 cats and dogs have been matched with loving families and that number will continue to grow.

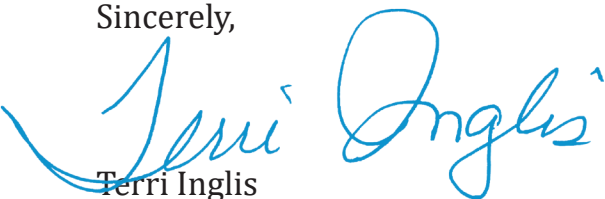
We stand by Peggy's belief that every animal deserves a second chance. We provide special needs animals with extraordinary medical care, help dogs and cats overcome behavioral challenges, find homes for felines living with FIV, and strive to make the best matches possible so no four-legged friend is homeless again.

Our community programs address challenges facing underserved communities. Our Low Cost Spay and Neuter program helps prevent cats and dogs from having unplanned litters, and the Homeward Pet Food Bank keeps families and their companions together.

All of the work we do today, is possible because of you. You too believe homeless animals should be given a second chance, and in 2015 you had a direct impact on the lives of 1,635 cats and dogs who found loving families.

That is why I am excited to share our 2015 Annual Report with you. In the next few pages you can see how your support made a difference to so many cats, dogs and families in our community. Thank you for helping us continue to make matches and save lives.

Sincerely,



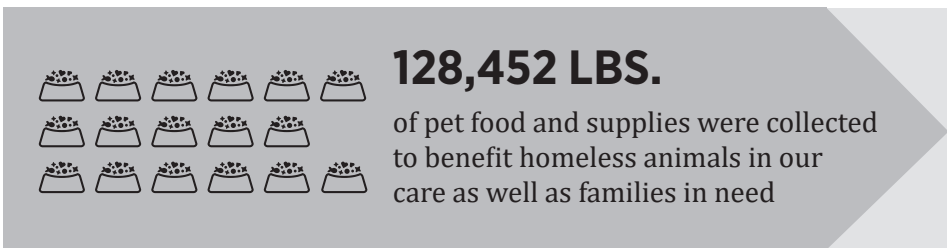
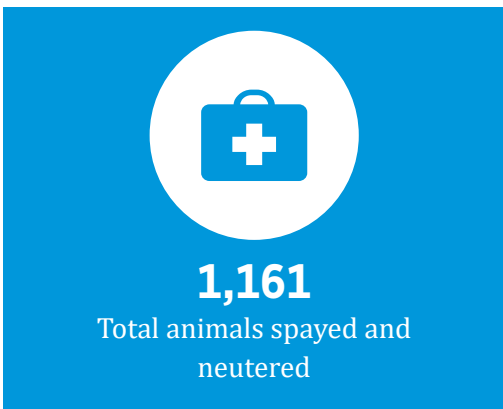
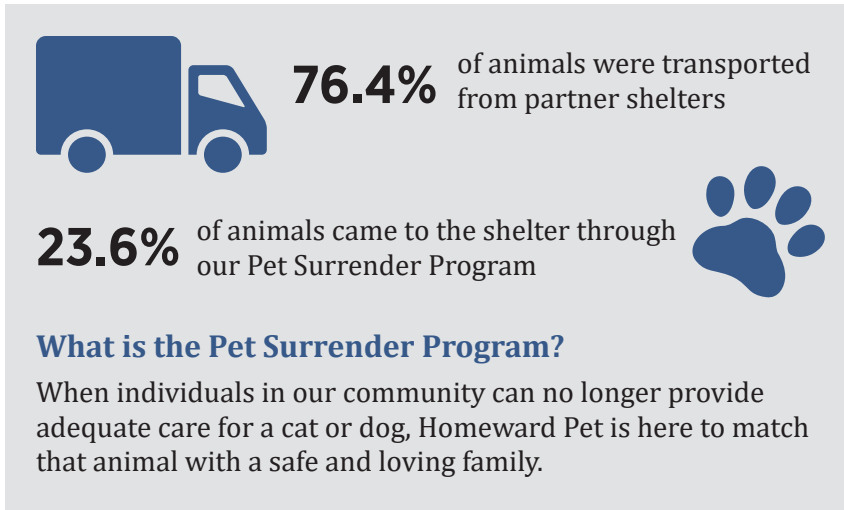
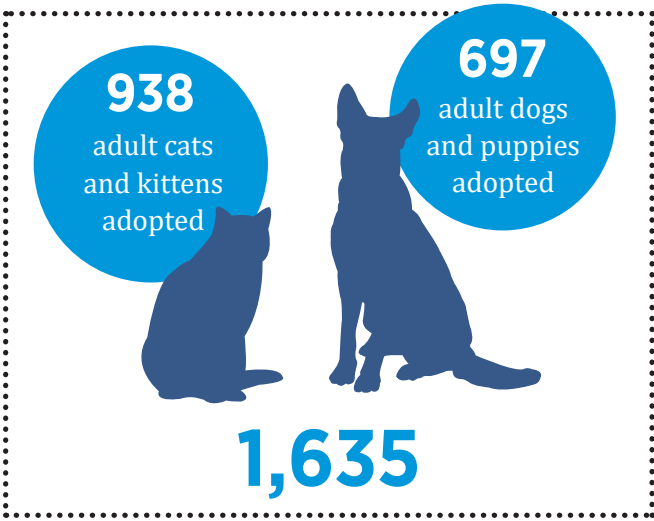
Terri Inglis  
Executive Director





*Fig, Adopted June 6, 2015*

# 2015 AT A GLANCE



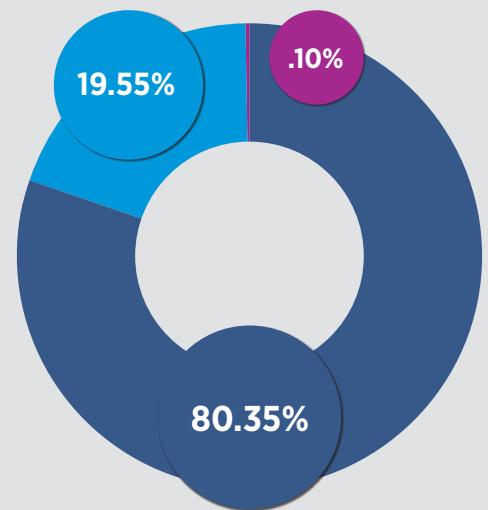
*Sister, Adopted December 30, 2015*



# LOOKING AT THE NUMBERS

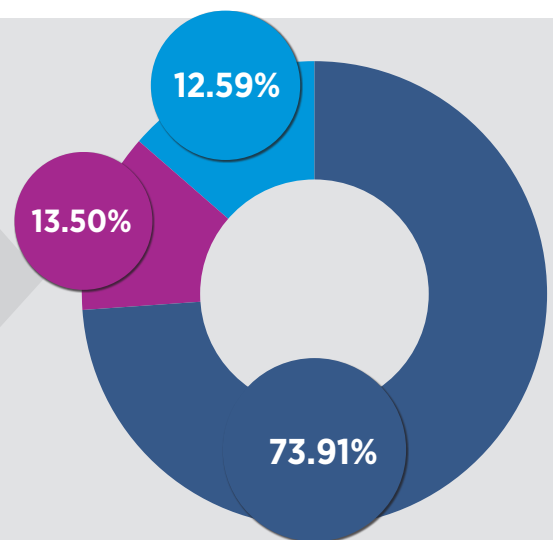
## REVENUE

- Contributions: **\$1,170,651**
- Adoptions: **\$284,781**
- Other: **\$1,522**
  
- Total Revenue = **\$1,456,954**



## EXPENSES

- Program Services: **\$1,054,250**
- Management and General: **\$179,522**
- Fundraising: **\$192,535**
  
- Total Expenses = **\$1,426,307**



Rosebud, Adopted April 28, 2015





## 2015 ADOPTIONS

Every animal deserves a second chance. In 2015, **1,635** cats and dogs found loving families. July was our biggest adoption month of the year with **162** animals finding homes. Thank you for helping us continue to make matches and save lives. Listed below, are essential programs that set our animals up for success.



### **Pay It Forward Program**

Homeward Pet's Pay It Forward Program provides supporters the opportunity to pay an animal's adoption fee. This gives that cat or dog a head start on finding their forever home. Families who adopt a Pay It Forward animal can devote more to the care of their new four-legged friend.

*In 2015, we received **204** pay it forward contributions to support animals in our care.*

### **The Dog Behavior Team & Kennel Enrichment Program**

Homeward Pet's Dog Behavior Team provides resident canines with routine training, helping them overcome behavioral challenges. The Kennel Enrichment Program keeps dogs mentally stimulated, reduces shelter stress and helps animals make their best first impressions.

### **Homeward Pet Foster Program**

Many cats and dogs at Homeward Pet have previously had limited socialization, training, household experience, etc. The Foster Program prepares animals for life in a home. We also learn a lot about a pet when they are in foster care and pass valuable information on to adopters.

### **Adoption Follow Up & Support**

We conduct regular follow ups with adopters to check how their new companion is settling in, and to answer any questions they may have. This helps reduce the likelihood of animals re-entering the shelter system.





## 2015 ADOPTIONS: **HAPPY TAILS AND HAPPY HOMES**

### *Jewel, Adopted July 5th*

"We were expecting to come home with a cat or two, but instead fell in love with Jewel. She was very skittish and shy at first, but has transitioned very well into our family. She loves to snuggle and prefers to be where her family is; preferably in their laps. She is obsessed with playing catch and will be your best friend if you toss her a ball. She is such a love and thinks everyone should love her just as much. She has our boys wrapped around her paws. She is a very good dog and we could not have asked for a better addition to our family."



### *Kebap and Pipa, Adopted October 12th*

"Kebap and Pipa (previously Boo and Cuddles) are doing really well in their new home. Their company is exactly what I was missing. They adjusted to the house within hours and were immediately social with the girls living in the Annie Wright Schools dorms. They've gone to their new vet and been deemed very healthy. As for their habits, they love to cuddle and relax. Kebap is fond of crawling under blankets and into bags so that he can sleep. He's quite talkative and everyone loves his beautiful blue eyes. Pipa loves following me around and smelling my food to make sure it's not meant for her. She also loves to chase strings and feathers, but once she calms down for the night, she loves to cuddle and groom her adopted brother (or me, if my face is closer)."



*Tweet, Adopted January 25, 2015*



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We are committed to helping families and their pets. Thanks to your support, we have several well-established programs that are making a difference in the community each and every day. These programs include Homeward Pet's Food Bank, Low Cost Spay and Neuter Program, Pet Surrender Program and low cost microchip services.



## Homeward Pet Food Bank

In 2015, Homeward Pet distributed **91,279** pounds of pet food to six local food banks—including Hopelink—and 10 area nonprofits to help families in need. Thanks to your support and these partnerships, an average of **700** family pets were fed each week in 2015.

## Low Cost Spay & Neuter Clinic

Homeward Pet's Low Cost Spay & Neuter Clinic offers affordable spay and neuter surgeries for cats and dogs. In 2015, we provided spay and neuter services for **244** animals in our community.

## Pet Surrender Program

When someone can no longer provide adequate care for an animal, Homeward Pet is here to help. We take in cats and dogs who need to be rehomed and strive to find them the best matches possible. We sheltered and adopted **305** pet surrender animals in 2015.

## Low Cost Microchip Services

Microchips are the most effective form of pet ID today. In 2015, Homeward Pet provided **109** public animals with low cost microchips, and provided **FREE** microchips for **167** dogs and cats during our annual microchip promotion in June.



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH: KEEPING FAMILIES UNITED

**In 2015, you helped Rosco and his family stay together.** Melissa had been homeless off and on for the last three years. She made every effort to overcome difficult circumstances and get her life back on track. Through the tremendous work of Hopelink, she was able to find transitional housing in Duvall for her and her son. But one family member was not able to move in.

Rosco is Melissa's 1-year-old Jack Russell mix, a certified therapy dog that provides aid and comfort, and assists Melissa with challenges in mental health.

Rosco's been part of the family since he was a pup, but Melissa hadn't yet been able to afford to get him neutered, which was required by the lease. "I could lose my place to live if I don't get him neutered, and I don't have the money to pay for neutering anywhere," Melissa told our Clinic Manager when she made her first worried call to Homeward Pet.

"He's such a great dog. I could really use the help," she added. But she didn't have to. We already knew that Melissa and Rosco shared an extraordinary bond, and we could hear in her voice her dedication to give Rosco the best home she could. She just needed a little help.

A week later, Melissa brought Rosco into the Dunmire Veterinary Clinic at Homeward Pet, and that afternoon, with Rosco recovering from his procedure, they were off to the home they would now share. Their forever home.

Keeping animals in their homes is at the heart of what we do. And it's why we didn't hesitate when Melissa needed our help to keep her family together. "You guys were really great for doing this for me. Thank you," Melissa told us when she picked up Rosco. But she didn't have to. Rosco's wagging tail said it all.

*Mystic, Adopted August 8, 2015*





# SPECIAL NEEDS ANIMALS

Every animal deserves a second chance regardless of the challenges they may face. That is why we created Whoopi's Fund For Special Needs Animals. Every year, animal lovers like you contribute to this fund allowing us to pay for emergency surgeries and major medical procedures. This includes but is not limited to x-rays, ultrasounds, expensive medications and treatments.

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*Special needs animals were helped in 2015 using Whoopi's Fund for Special Needs Animals. Thank you for supporting this critical program to help us provide high-quality care for our most vulnerable cats and dogs.*





## SPECIAL NEEDS ANIMALS: **BETTY BOOP**

**You helped many special needs animals in 2015. Betty Boop was exceptionally special.** For 12 years, Betty Boop had a home and a family. From the time she first opened her eyes as a puppy she'd known the carefree life on a farm: running through fields, tagging along for chores, and surrounded by people who loved her. When her owners moved to a new home, they felt Betty was no longer happy and stated, "She deserves a good last few years of her life!"

This wonderful senior Scottie also deserved medical care. She deserved a life free from pain. She deserved a family who cared about her once again. With your support, we were able to give Betty Boop a new life.

For most of her life, Betty had been living with chronic ear infections and suffering through surgeries to remove part of both ear canals. This resulted in further infection, scarring and nearly total loss of hearing. Betty Boop arrived at Homeward Pet deaf, overweight and in agony from her dirty, infected ears. It was impossible for Dr. Tina, our Medical Director, to clean her ears due to the pain it caused; Betty twisted and turned away from every touch of her aching ears.

It soon became clear that Betty Boop needed more than medicine, and an exploratory surgery revealed that a TECA (Total Ear Canal Ablation) surgery to completely remove her ear canal was the only chance to give Betty a good quality of life in her golden years.

Betty Boop underwent one last surgery. And once her surgical sites had healed, she was ready to find her forever home. As experienced Scottish Terrier owners previously, Heather and her husband John, saw Betty Boop on the Homeward Pet website and knew she was the perfect dog to add to their family. They had space in their home—and hearts—for this sweet senior. Thanks to your amazing support, Betty Boop is enjoying her final years pain-free and in a loving home.

*Atlas, Adopted February 27, 2015*







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