



2016

ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friend,

I am overwhelmed by the generosity of supporters like you and the role you played in making 2016 a life-changing year for the cats and dogs of Homeward Pet. Your support of our essential programs was paramount in allowing us to expand on our mission and provide every animal a second chance through rescue, shelter and adoption.

I officially started my tenure as Executive Director in March of 2017 so I thank previous Executive Director, Terri Inglis, for her decade-long dedication to our cats and dogs. Thanks to Terri's passion and the support of her amazing team, we saw significant growth in nearly all of our programs.

Adoption rates rose by 15 percent, which resulted in a record-breaking 1,887 cats and dogs finding homes. Clinic hours were increased and our behavior programs significantly expanded—allowing us to provide our animals with the best possible medical aid, training and care, from the time of arrival until the time of adoption.

We also served more community pets and families in need than ever before. By the end of 2016, our Pet Food Bank distributed 111,573 pounds of pet food and supplies to 14 local food bank partners, helping feed and care for more than 1,000 family pets each week.

Though I am new to my role at Homeward Pet, my association with this organization began in the mid-nineties when my oldest daughter volunteered at the original Hooterville Pet Safehaus location. Knowing how far the shelter has come in our 27-year history, I can tell you how genuinely enthusiastic and excited I am about the future of this organization. In the next few pages, I am proud to share all of the 2016 accomplishments and highlights that generous supporters like you made possible. Thank you for being part of this exciting chapter for Homeward Pet.

Gratefully yours,



Gary Rubin, Executive Director



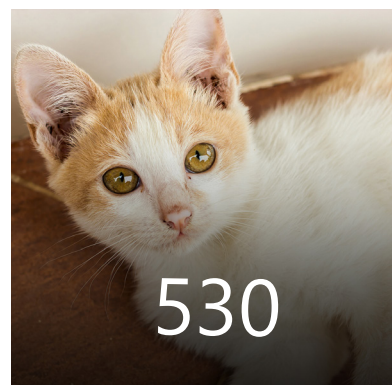
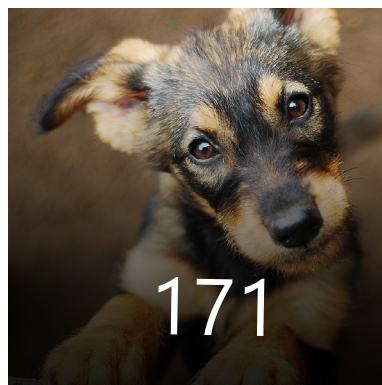
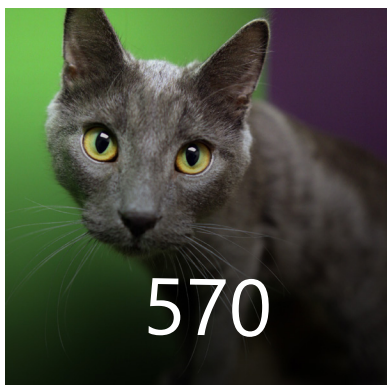
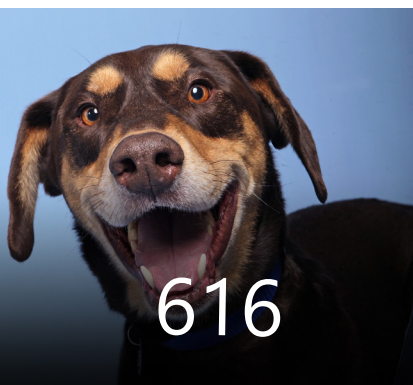
A close-up photograph of a tortoiseshell cat's face. The cat has striking green eyes and a mix of black, orange, and white fur. Its whiskers are long and white, extending across the bottom of the frame. The background is dark and out of focus.

Homeward Pet's mission is to give
homeless animals a second chance
through rescue, shelter and adoption.

Lives Saved.

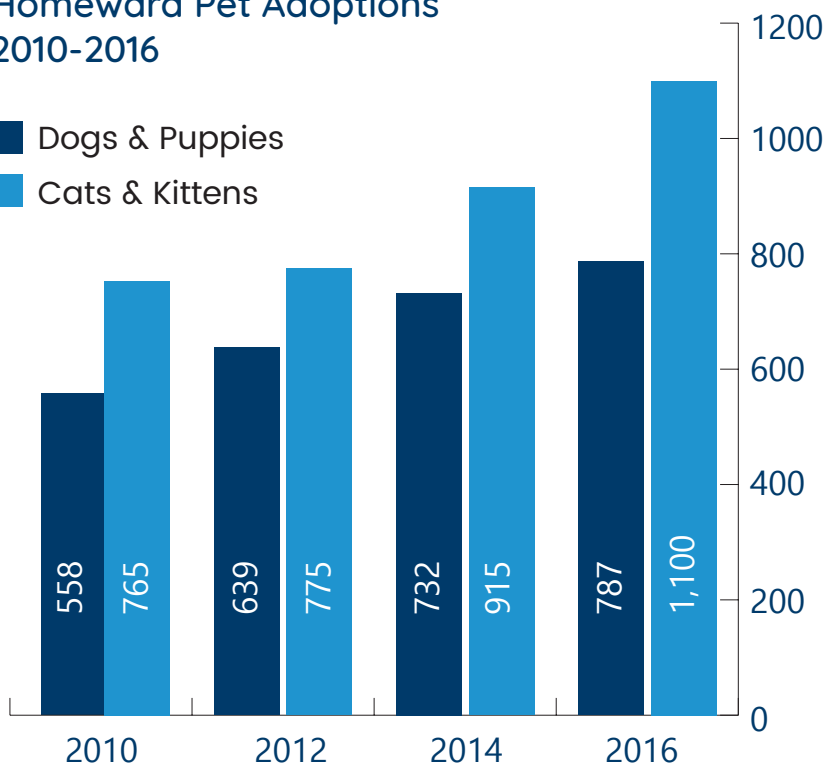


2016 was a record-breaking adoption year with more than 1,887 dogs, cats, puppies and kittens finding loving homes.



Homeward Pet Adoptions 2010-2016

■ Dogs & Puppies
■ Cats & Kittens



Live Release Rate:

99.1%

Homeward Pet does not euthanize healthy, adoptable cats and dogs. In 2016, 17 cats and dogs—whose acute injury, illness or behavior rendered them unadoptable—were humanely euthanized.

Lives Saved.



81.3%

Animals were transported to Homeward Pet from partner shelters.

18.7%

Animals were surrendered to Homeward Pet by their guardians.

“The homeless pet issue in this area is overwhelming. Homeward enables us to help twice as many animals as we would be able to help without them. The staff and volunteers at Homeward are amazing. Always a pleasure to work with them. There’s just not enough words to express our gratitude for their partnership with Yakima Valley Pet Rescue.”

- Shelley, YVPR President

What is Guardian Surrender? When an individual is no longer able to care for their cat or dog, Homeward Pet will shelter and re-home that animal through the Pet Surrender Program.

Lives Saved.



Adoption Support Services:



Homeward Pet's Adopter Support Program helps with the transition of an adopted animal to their new home. Adopters receive follow-up phone calls and emails at 7, 30 and 90 days after adoption to ensure things are going smoothly and to provide information and resources on essentials like training, animal care, veterinary services and more, including professional consultations.



All adopters receive a free visit with the veterinarian of their choice, and 30 days of free pet insurance. Dog adopters are provided complimentary training classes at Doggy Haven Resort.



3.9% Reflects Homeward Pet's return rate in 2016, well below the national average.

“Our experience with your organization in pairing us with Tucker, and your follow up is what other organizations should aspire to. Thank you! We never hesitate telling people to come your way when they're looking to adopt.”

- Parul



Training Essentials

Each year, more cats and dogs arrive at the shelter under-socialized or lacking essential training. Many animals find the shelter environment overwhelming and stressful. Our behavior programs help cats and dogs overcome these challenges leading to successful adoptions and lower return rates.



106

Dogs received training from our Dog Behavior Team and found homes in 2016, twice as many as the previous year.



Brody's Big Break

Brody was an eighty pound Pit Bull mix who arrived at Homeward Pet with no training. He was big and rambunctious, knocking people over to get to treat bags, ripping safety vests and playing tug-o-war with leashes.

The chance of Brody having a successful adoption was slim. But, with consistent training from the Dog Behavior Team, Brody developed manners and learned other ways to channel his excitement. He became a completely different dog. Homeward Pet's husband and wife dog behavior team duo, Mike and Katherine, fell in love with Brody along the way and adopted him into the family.

"Now the big scary Pit Bull Katherine wouldn't walk sleeps in our bed," Mike shares.

Homeward Pet Launches Cat Behavior Team

"The work we do gets cats on their way to finding homes. The Cat Behavior Team volunteers read to them, talk to them, pet them when appropriate, clicker train them and utilize play therapy, to get them comfortable, socialized and coming to the front of their kennels to meet people. The behavior team has absolutely helped our felines."

- Carolyn, Behavior Team Volunteer



Communities Served.



Homeward Pet knows that in order to tackle pet homelessness we must work to prevent it in the first place. Our Community Outreach Programs, like the Homeward Pet Food Bank, offers pet food and supplies to help keep beloved pets in their homes. Our Low-Cost Spay and Neuter Program helps reduce pet overpopulation by eliminating the chance or risk of unplanned litters.

Community Outreach Programs

Public Spay & Neuter Clinic

Low-Cost Microchipping

Last Litter Program

Sponsored Clinic Days

Learn more about community programs at homewardpet.org



Communities Served.

Homeward Pet Food Bank: Helping to bridge the gap in resources often faced by struggling families.

Every week, Homeward Pet redistributes essential pet food and supplies to partner rescues and area food banks.

111,573

Pounds of pet food and supplies were redistributed to 14 partners in 2016 helping to feed and care for more than 1,000 family pets each week.

“Thank you for your incredibly generous donation of pet food and supplies. You are giving tremendous assistance to our Food Bank recipients by helping to feed and assist their pets. In these difficult times, such a gesture helps to lessen the burden felt.”

- Carol Rowe Memorial Food Bank

Special Care

“Whoopi’s Fund is vital to providing the elevated level of animal care we have achieved and aspire to achieve for future animals.”

- Karin, Dunmire Veterinary Clinic Manager

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Cats and dogs were provided world-class medical procedures and ongoing care in 2016, three times the number of special needs animals helped in 2015.

Whoopi’s Fund for Special Needs Animals covers the cost of major surgeries, important diagnostic tools like x-rays and ultrasounds, expensive medications, treatments and emergency vet care for Homeward Pet cats and dogs.



180

Extensive dentals and mouth repairs performed.



148

Consultations, labwork and tests conducted.



112

Surgeries completed to create bright futures.



135

Treatments, medications and special diets provided.

Special Care



When Tallulah was abandoned on our doorstep on a cold winter morning, malnourished and dehydrated, gifts to Whoopi's Fund for Special Needs Animals granted her the medical care she needed to have a bright future.



Jack is a diabetic 8-year-old senior Schnauzer. When he was sick and suffering, donations to Whoopi's Fund for Special Needs Animals allowed us to identify his condition and provide him the treatment he needed.



Upon his arrival at the shelter, Buddy Boy's mouth was in extremely poor condition. A buildup of tartar and decay caused an infection beneath his gums. It took three surgeries, and generous gifts to Whoopi's Fund to repair his mouth and grant him a pain-free life.

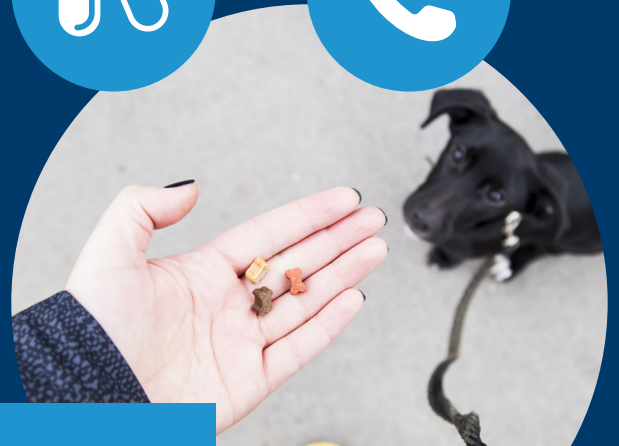
Giving Hope

56,543 =

The number of hours 508 volunteers dedicated to the care of Homeward Pet animals in 2016.



Volunteers are a vital part of our workforce. They take on a variety of important roles including: dog walkers, our kennel cleaners, our facilities volunteers, our clinic volunteers and our receptionists.



I Volunteer Because...

“I volunteer with Homeward Pet because of the quality of care the animals receive. I volunteer with Homeward Pet because of how effectively it operates. I volunteer with Homeward Pet because it continually tries to improve. Finally, I volunteer with Homeward Pet because I feel valued as a volunteer and appreciated as a donor. For all of those reasons, I am proud to be a member of the Homeward Pet team.”

- Katie, Homeward Pet Volunteer

Giving Hope

Many volunteer positions go beyond the everyday essential care of the animals.



Kennel Enrichment Volunteers:

Provide cats and dogs with music, scents, playdates, puzzles and toys, extra playtime and more, to keep bodies active and minds stimulated. This helps animals become more social, be less stressed, and allows their personalities to shine.



Photography Volunteers:

Come in every week to capture the funny, quirky and sweet characteristics of our incoming animals through pictures. These professional-quality photos are posted to our website and social media to bring more attention to our adoptable animals.



Behavior Team Volunteers:

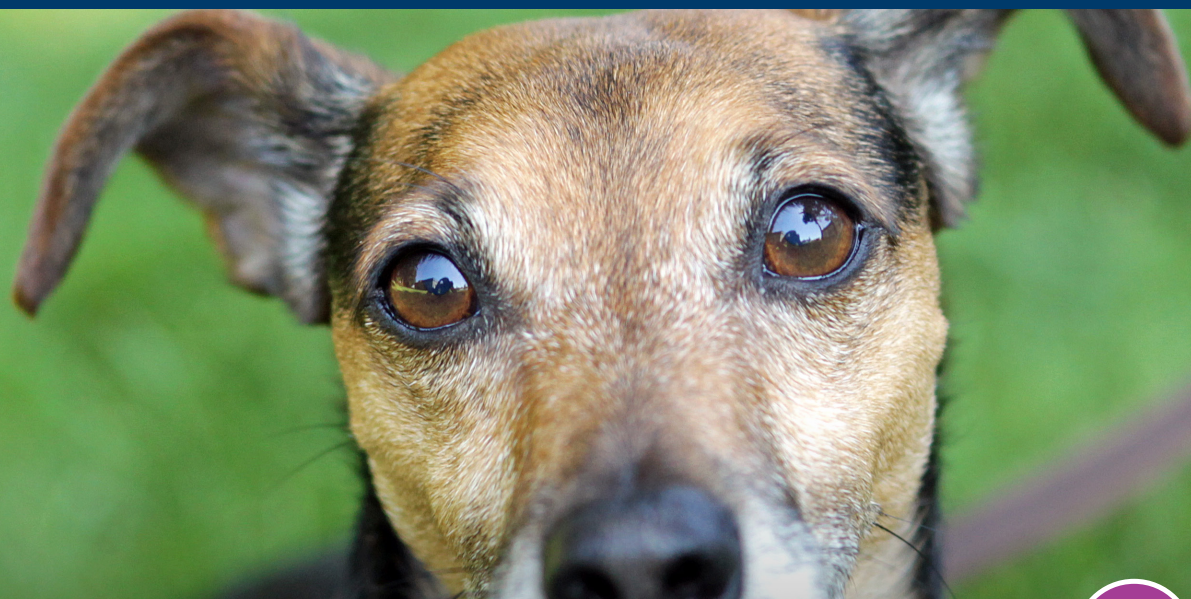
A team of Homeward Pet's level 2 and 3 dog and cat trainers work with animals to develop positive behaviors, inside and outside their kennels, multiple times a week.



Foster & Hospice Volunteers:

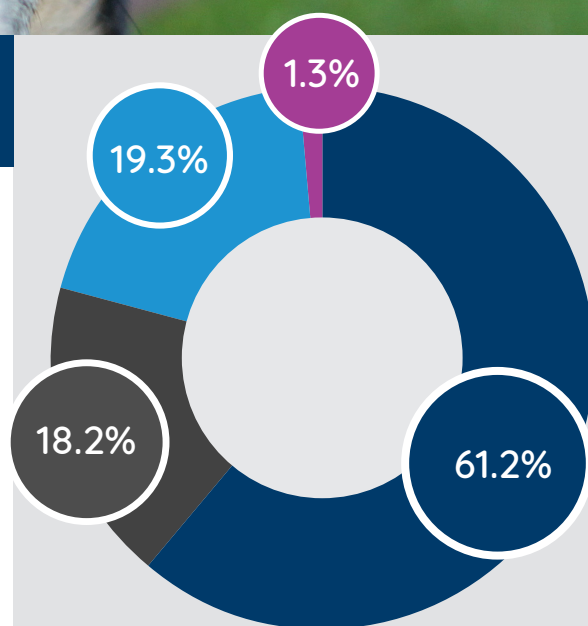
Give kennel breaks, care for puppies and kittens too young to be at the shelter and provide a space for animals to recover from surgery. We even have hospice volunteers who grant animals dignity and comfort during their final days.

Your Impact



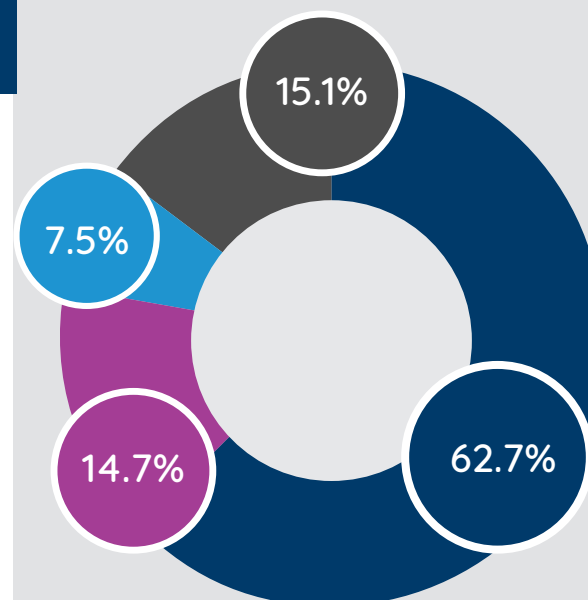
Revenue for 2016

● Contributions	\$987,427
● Fundraising	\$293,178
● Adoptions	\$314,020
● Other	\$20,368
Total: 1,614,993	



Expenses for 2016

● Program Services	\$1,009,423
● Fundraising	\$242,329
● Management	\$119,992
● Infrastructure	\$236,269
Total: 1,608,013	



Your Impact



Every dollar you give goes to the care of the animals and to the longevity, success and growth of Homeward Pet in expanding upon our mission. Thank you for your inspiring support in 2016.

[Donate Today](#)

Please consider making a donation today to continue providing extraordinary care and creating bright futures for nearly 2,000 homeless animals every year.

Homeward Pet Adoption Center
Matches Made. Lives Saved.

