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adopted Dec 2017

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

A message from the Executive Director

Dear Friend,

We're a shelter with a humble origin story. One woman, Peggy Barnish, envisioned a community where every adoptable animal would eventually find a home, no matter the cost of care. Since 1990, Homeward Pet has worked tirelessly toward that goal—starting with 370 adoptions our first year to an incredible 1,851 matches made in 2017.



As our adoption numbers have increased, so have the needs of our animals and our essential programs. It now requires 438 dedicated volunteers each week to feed, walk, socialize, medicate, and train incoming animals, all providing the exceptional services Homeward Pet is known for. This past year, we added additional members to our Cat Behavior Team to socialize and train more cats than ever before, including those who need months of training to put their best paw forward for adopters. From animal care volunteers to receptionists welcoming potential adopters, each person contributes to the far-reaching success of Homeward Pet.

As we've grown beyond our humble origins, we've needed to plan for the future success of Homeward Pet. In this annual report, you'll read the story of Patricia O'Hanley, whose legacy gift will continue to help community animals for years to come. You'll also see how efforts to reach community pets in need have resulted in more than 150,000 pounds of donated food going to those in need—our highest total ever.

As animal welfare continues to evolve, Homeward Pet commits to bettering our community for years to come.

Though I am new to the role of Interim Executive Director, I've been involved with Homeward Pet for twenty years: 18 as a cat volunteer/foster and as a Board member for the past year and a half. I'm so proud to shepherd Homeward Pet into a new chapter in our history as we continue to find homes for hundreds of deserving cats and dogs. Thank you for being an integral part of our mission, and we hope you enjoy reading all the accomplishments and highlights 2017 brought to our community. Without you, we would not be where we are today.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marie Wolfanger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marie Wolfanger

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Maria
adopted May 2017



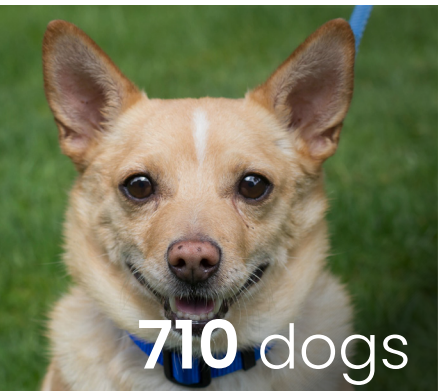
Bentley
adopted Apr 2017

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

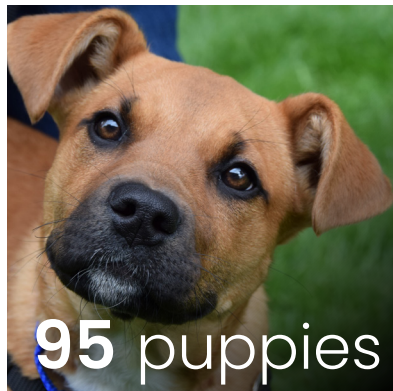
1,851 dogs, cats, puppies and kittens found loving homes in 2017.



Francine
adopted Apr 2017



710 dogs



95 puppies

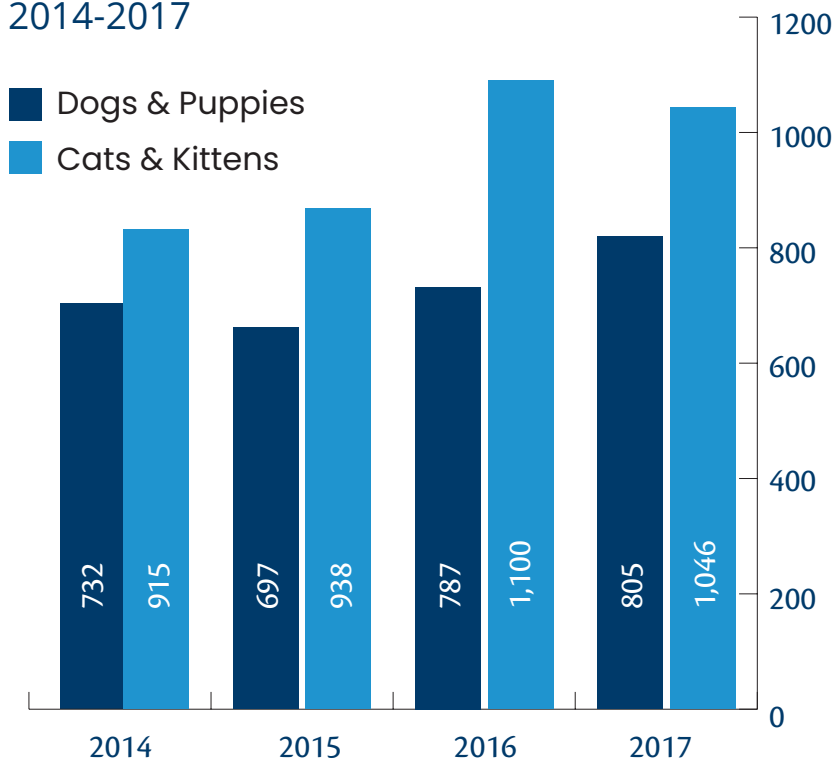


551 cats



495 kittens

Homeward Pet Adoptions
2014-2017



Save Rate

99.2%

Homeward Pet does not euthanize healthy or treatable animals. In 2017, 15 cats and dogs—whose acute injury, illness or behavior rendered them unhealthy and untreatable—were humanely euthanized.



Newton
adopted Apr 2017

85.2%

Animals were transported to Homeward Pet from partner shelters.

14.8%

Animals were surrendered to Homeward Pet by their guardians.

“ Yakima Valley Pet Rescue (YVPR) has had the tremendous pleasure of working with Homeward Pet for many years. They are an amazing, caring and generous group of animal lovers. This partnership has afforded YVPR the opportunity to rescue and transport a significant number of animals each year that we would not have been able to save alone. YVPR is honored to work with such a wonderful organization and look forward to continuing our relationship for many years to come.

Shelley, YVPR Board 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.



Squash
adopted Nov 2017



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.



Trixie
adopted Jan 2017

By the Numbers...

5.6%

Homeward Pet's return rate in 2017

137

Adopters provided extensive post-adoption support

165

Number of Doggy Haven Resort Dog Training attendees

Each year, more cats and dogs arrive at the shelter undersocialized 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.



Grizzley adopted Nov 2017

Grizzley was found undersocialized and displayed fear in the presence of people. Thanks to two months of daily training sessions with our Cat Behavior Team, Grizzley learned to trust and overcame his shyness. Now, he spends his days snuggling with his adoring family.

73

Cats received training from our Cat Behavior Team in 2017.

Wishbone adopted Jan 2018

Wishbone came to Homeward Pet from a partner shelter in eastern Washington. Though he bonded strongly with volunteers and staff, Wishbone was less friendly toward other dogs. To set him up for success, our Dog Behavior Team began the long process of desensitizing Wishbone to wearing a muzzle while outside.

It took six months of hard work by behavior team volunteers, but Wishbone grew comfortable wearing the muzzle... and soon found caring, patient adopters waiting for a dog like him. It was thanks to our behavior team that this sweet boy was able to find the perfect home.

127

Dogs received training from our Dog Behavior Team in 2017.



191

Cats and dogs were provided major medical procedures and ongoing care in 2017

Betty Boop
adopted Aug 2017

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

485

Procedures were provided for animals requiring elevated care in 2017



119

Extensive dentals and mouth repairs performed.



174

Consultations, labwork and tests conducted.



69

Surgeries completed to create bright futures.



123

Treatments, medications and special diets provided.

Max
adopted June 2017



When Max arrived at Homeward Pet, his temperature dangerously high from heatstroke, gifts to Whoopi's Fund for Special Needs Animals allowed our veterinarians to treat and stabilize him, saving his life.



Lexi
adopted Feb 2017

Orphaned kitten Lexi was born with a malformed ankle and shin. Donations to Whoopi's Fund allowed Homeward Pet to consult with an orthopedic surgeon and provide Lexi an amputation to give her a pain-free life.



Mimi
adopted June 2017

Mimi, a 12-year-old Chihuahua mix, arrived at our shelter with undiagnosed Cushing's disease. Treatment and costly testing eventually confirmed our veterinarians' diagnosis and allowed us to provide medication to manage this happy gal's condition.



Tabitha
adopted May 2017

Homeward Pet knows that in order to tackle pet homelessness we must work to prevent it in the first place. Our Community Outreach Programs offer 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.

Outreach Programs

Public Spay & Neuter Clinic

106 community cats and 129 community dogs were spayed or neutered in 2017, reducing pet overpopulation.

Low-cost Microchipping

65 cats and dogs received low-cost microchips, helping families find their beloved pet should they be lost.

Last Litter Program

The Last Litter Program offers free spay surgeries for cats and dogs brought to our facility with adoptable litters.

Sponsored Clinic Days

Sponsored Clinic Days allow Homeward Pet to offer free spay and neuter surgeries to pet families in our community.

Homeward Pet's Pet Food Bank and distribution program helps 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—helping stop pet homelessness before it starts.



Opal
adopted Jan 2018

155,227

Pounds of pet food and supplies redistributed to 21 partners in 2017

1,050

Family pets assisted by the Homeward Pet Food Bank 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





Grizz
adopted Aug 2017

67,173

Hours **636 volunteers** dedicated to the care of Homeward Pet animals in 2017.



Volunteers are a vital part of our workforce. They take on a variety of important roles, including dog walkers and feeders, kennel cleaners, cat socializers, facilities attendants, clinic assistants and receptionists.



Homeward Pet is such a wonderful organization and I feel honored to be a part of it. It is very rewarding to do my little part in the big picture of finding these sweet animals their new forever homes. The staff and volunteers warm my heart with their kindness and dedication. I want to continue volunteering forever. I love this place and I love how good it makes me feel to help out. And, as an added bonus...it's FUN!

Cynde, Homeward Pet Volunteer



Many volunteer positions go beyond everyday essential care, helping the animals in our care live healthier and find the right homes quicker. Volunteers perform specialized services in the shelter as well as caring for cats and dogs in their homes.



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 animals.



Behavior Team Volunteers

Work with animals to develop positive behaviors, inside and outside their kennels, multiple times a week. This helps Homeward Pet reduce returns and set animals up for success in their new homes.



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.

In Memoriam

Patricia J. O'Hanley

1928 - 2017

ANIMALS ALWAYS instinctively knew they'd be safe with Patricia O'Hanley. Lost, shy dogs would approach her, sniffing cautiously. Feral cats roamed her yard, and rescued roosters strutted about. Once, when she returned from grocery shopping to her Carnation farm, she found an injured hawk in her driveway, its wing crooked and bent. Pat went inside to drop off her groceries before setting out to help her avian guest. As she unpacked, she took a glance toward the back door: there was the hawk, waiting expectantly on the mat as if asking to be let inside.

It knew, somehow, that it had found refuge and hope of a better life with Pat's help.

Pat's legacy has been far-reaching in the animal world. She never met a dog she didn't love—and who didn't love her. A lifelong resident of the Pacific Northwest, Pat's parents instilled in her a love of animals at an early age. Perhaps the magnetism that drew animals to Pat was genetic—it's said that her father, walking home across the neighborhood, sometimes found himself the ringleader of a pack of friendly local dogs.

Pat's family found success in the days of Pat's childhood. As an only child, her hardworking parents played a large role in the woman Pat would become. Her father's family hailed from Belfast, and her mother was an English immigrant, proud of her heritage. A professional golfer, her father made his own golf clubs and was skilled in craftsmanship. To keep young Pat safe, he fashioned a custom collar with a child-sized handle for the family's Airedale terrier, Mickey. He placed Pat's hand on the collar's handle and said: "Wherever you go, Mickey goes with you." Thus did a life of animal companionship begin and Pat learned that a dog at her side was the best feeling in the world.

As Pat grew up—graduating high school early and earning her Master of English at 22—she always knew



she wanted her legacy to benefit Washington's animals. Beginning in the 1960s on just a high school teacher's salary, Pat began investing in real estate throughout Washington. Her intentions for the properties were not secret: she wanted to donate the proceeds from the sales to animal welfare organizations.

"She told everyone," says close friend Julie Gaisford. "Even the postman knew." Although property values in the Seattle area skyrocketed, Pat continued her mantra: "I'm not selling. This is for the animals."

Though she loved all animals, Pat held a special place in her heart for dachshunds and hounds of all breeds. Pat's favorite dachshund, BJ, revealed an extraordinary talent for show. After entering a local competition for fun, BJ kept winning—and winning and winning, culminating in a trip to the 2009 Westminster Dog Show. Though he didn't place there, he'd already amassed several regional and national titles and continued to take trips around the country afterwards. (Continuing to demonstrate her natural magnetism for canines, she once had to

leave an obedience ring because too many competing dogs were becoming distracted by her presence, wanting to snuggle with her rather than show off their obedience training.) The show circuit allowed Pat, a passionate and driven personality, to develop a strong network of animal advocates, which she called on to help rescue dogs.

In addition to ferrying BJ to shows, teaching high school, and earning a law degree in the evenings, Pat also ran an informal hound rescue network using her contacts from show business and her natural power of persuasion. Her business card read “Any hound, any time”—and she meant it.

“*With her amazing bequest, Patricia O’Hanley will live on in the stories of every animal saved and every Homeward Pet family made complete. With unending gratitude—thank you, Patricia.*”

Though Pat was a notably private person according to her friends Julie Gaisford and Sherry Grindeland, she was always willing to fight publicly for what she believed in. She was “small in stature, but big in personality,” enabling her to accomplish things others would only dream of doing. She traveled to Louisville, Kentucky, to help register Black voters during the civil rights movement. Unsurprisingly, she later worked for a civil rights law firm in Seattle. She was one of the first teachers to cover Japanese internment in Washington State, bringing a local resident into her classroom whose family had been impacted by the practice. Later, she would have the opportunity to fight injustice in her literal back yard.

The land that Pat called home spans over one hundred acres and sits next to a popular and far-flung hunting site. For years, she battled hunters chasing pheasants and other wild game onto her property. Undeterred by No Trespassing signs and barbed wire, she found herself the target of ire from hunters pursuing their quarry onto her property.

“She told me at least one of the men pointed a shotgun

at her when she confronted him,” Julie says. That’s the kind of person Pat was—unwilling to back down when a challenge presented itself. Her stance against hunting is now written into the law of her land—her property has a no hunting in perpetuity clause attached to it.

Though Pat passed away in late 2017, her lifelong love of animals and insistence on bettering the world even in the face of opposition lives on. Homeward Pet and other animal organizations are some of the beneficiaries of the properties in her will.

According to Julie and Sherry, Patricia had two major dreams for the future of animal welfare: “She hoped all animal shelters would become no-kill, and that animal lovers would consider giving to causes they care about.”

It’s safe to say that Pat’s example is inspirational. The dogs and cats in our care will be forever grateful for her generosity and life’s works. Homeward Pet Board President Michael Ziock puts it like this: “With her amazing bequest, Patricia O’Hanley will live on in the stories of every animal saved and every Homeward Pet family made complete. With unending gratitude—thank you, Patricia.”

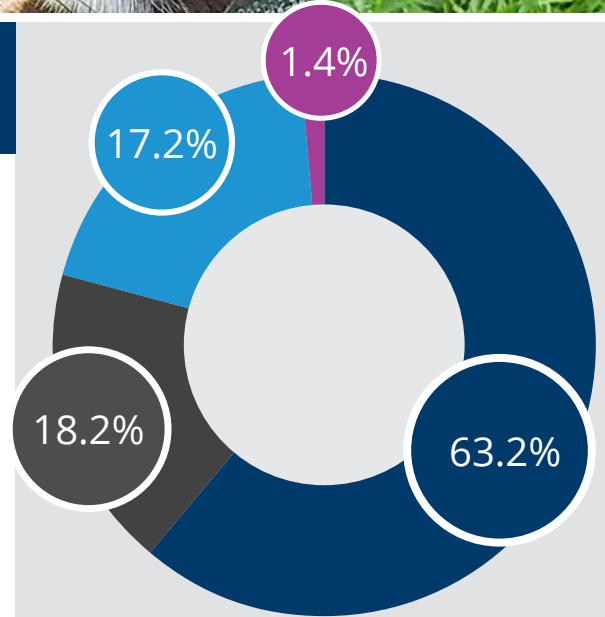




Lucas
adopted Dec 2017

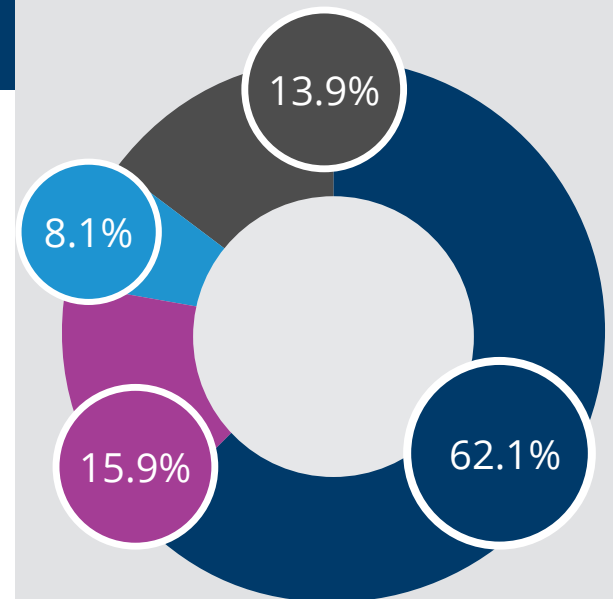
Revenue for 2017

● Contributions	\$1,129,683
● Fundraising	\$324,507
● Adoptions	\$307,612
● Other	\$24,545
Total Revenue	\$1,786,347



Expenses for 2017

● Program Services	\$1,055,999
● Fundraising	\$236,747
● Management	\$137,112
● Infrastructure	\$269,373
Total Expenses	\$1,699,231



Ivy
adopted Aug 2017

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 2017!

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