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Caring Hands Humane Society has been a refuge for animals that have nowhere else to go, committed to taking in animals from Newton, North Newton, Hesston, Burrton, Halstead, and all other areas within Harvey County. As the only open-admission shelter in Harvey County, we take in pets no matter their age, breed, medical issues, or behavioral problems.

As the lasting effects of the pandemic continued, it is clear that our programs and services are vital to so many in the community and at times, their last hope. In 2022, we cared for 1,851 animals – that's roughly 200 more animals than previous yearly averages. Our efforts in moving forward with our mission advanced by growing the team and building upon our community services. Because we envision a community where every pet has a permanent and loving home, we began planning for our goal of helping families get the assistance they need to keep their pets. We provided more than 46 bags of food through our free pet food pantry and provided spay/neuter services to 123 cats in feral cat colonies to assist their caregivers in mitigating overpopulation. Our SNYP vouchers provided \$52,010.00 of financial relief to families needing help covering the cost of spay/neuter surgeries of pets in homes. As space allowed, we have continued our partnerships with likeminded lifesaving organizations by saving 63 out of jurisdiction animals in need of a second chance and transferred out 90 animals in need of rescue placement.

To continue building community resources, we began planning for our Lend A Paw program, which will provide relief in relation to pet ownership to those in need and help pets remain in homes. With the community's help, we have raised \$4,894.45 for this program to put towards financial needs.

Along with working to aid more families with animals, we also sought to continue improving the health of animals in shelter care by upgrading their living spaces. The 2nd Annual Wine Fur Paws gala raised \$15,163.86 to help offset the cost of larger, more efficient cat cages that will provide more space and proper disease control, keeping cats happier and healthier during their stay with us. As we have continued to face the nationwide shortage of veterinary professionals, we had to adapt and overcome by working hard to save as many lives as possible. I'm proud to say that even with limited staff, the shelter's veterinary team performed over 1092 spay/neuter surgeries.

Thinking of all the positive outcomes we achieved this year, many of which wouldn't have been possible without the dedication of our staff, volunteers, and many community supporters, I am confident of the direction we are headed with improving the lives of families and their pets in our community.

Cynthia Sutcliffe
Executive Director
Caring Hands Humane Society



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2022 Live Release Average 95.2%. Canine Live Release Rate 95.3% Feline Live Release Rate 95.1%

Intake by Jurisdiction:

Newton: 1114
Harvey Co: 206
North Newton: 13
Halstead: 62
Hesston: 46
Burrton: 34
Marion Co: 68
Other: 308