



Paws and Prayers Pet Rescue

2019 Annual Report

WHO WE ARE

MISSION/STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS

Paws and Prayers, Inc.'s mission is to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome displaced dogs and cats; to prevent overpopulation through spay/neuter; to restore dignity, trust and quality of life for neglected, abused and homeless dogs and cats; to find the best home for each dog and cat in our care; to educate adopters and our community on pet care, spaying/neutering, training and suitable animal selection for their lifestyle; to provide a network of resources, volunteers and fosters for animals, animal shelters/pounds and the community.

HISTORY OF ORGANIZATION

At Paws and Prayers, a dedicated force of volunteers drives our goal of saving as many animal lives as we possibly can.

Incorporated in 2001, Paws and Prayers blossomed from the notion that all cast-off animals deserve only the best lives as loved, indoor pets. With a higher power's guiding hand and unending prayers, the rescuers that formed Paws and Prayers sought to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome forgotten, neglected, or otherwise left-behind pets. One of the first of its kind, Paws and Prayers rescuers formed a foster-based rescue system in which every saved pet was cared for in the loving homes of the organization's volunteers until the perfect adoptive home was found. In its inaugural year, Paws and Prayers saved the lives of 400 dogs and cats. More than fifteen years later, Paws and Prayers' ever-growing base of volunteers and foster homes proudly saves over 1,000 pets each year!

Today, these dedicated volunteers share a vision and mission that is carried close to our rescuers' hearts:

Most of the donations go towards food and high medical costs. We have dogs who come in the door needing surgery or puppies who contract parvo virus or other maladies. We have pets that have been left at the pound due to medical conditions their former owners did not want to pay for, and animals surrendered due to death or infirmity of caretakers. The concept of Paws and Prayers was that a foster can take the animal that touches their heart, nurse and mentor that animal until he/she can find his/her fur-ever home. It has worked over and over again and will continue to work with your help.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

In 2014, we placed almost 2,000 animals in new permanent homes mainly in Ohio but including 17 other States. Our goal for 2019 was 1,000 pets placed in permanent homes. We are part of the Summit County Animal Coalition which ran a trap and neuter program that enabled 1,000 feral cats to be spayed and neutered. In August of 2015 we had to limit number of paid staff and now have a part time veterinary technician and several part-time animal care attendants so that foster parents can come to the office for assistance. Our services include rescue, rehabilitation, rehoming, training and education for pets and pet adopters. In 2019, we had several extraordinary medical expenses due to rescuing animals with heart conditions, malnutrition, heartworm, orthopedic, etc. Luckily, we were able to raise funds through social media, newsletters, etc. to cover some of these expenses.

PAWS AND PRAYERS BOARD OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

2019 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Marty Habas - President

Micki Thomas – Treasurer

Jamie Ternes – Vice-President

Janice Emmendorfer - Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS:

Melissa Martie

Dee Lees

Laura Ganser

Nance Brewer

Ruth Talbot

TRUSTEES:

Lyn Fay

Susan Davis

 **TOTAL ADOPTIONS:**

Dogs: 481

Cats: 450

 **INCOME/EXPENSES**

Total Income for 2019: \$303,747

Total Expenses for 2019: 290,923

A large part of our expenses are due to extraordinary medical expenses and routine medical expenses such as spay/neuter, vaccines, tests,

 **FUND RAISING:**

To include, but not limited to, Paws Vegas private contributions, Gofundme, Grants, Restaurant Events, Yard Sales, Bake Sales, Giving Tuesday, Dog bed sales and t-shirt sales.