



# Paws and Prayers Pet Rescue

## 2023 Annual Report

### WHO WE ARE

#### MISSION/STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS

Paws and Prayers, Inc.'s mission is to help dogs and cats in need through spay/neuter, fostering, sheltering, education, adoption, and community support.

#### 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 re-home 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 twenty years later, Paws and Prayers' ever-growing base of volunteers and foster homes proudly saves hundreds of 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.

## **ADOPTIONS:**

In 2023, we placed 502 animals in new permanent homes in Ohio and several neighboring states.

## **PAWS AND PRAYERS BOARD OFFICERS & MEMBERS**

### 2023 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Marty Habas – President

Melissa Martie - Vice-President

Ruth Talbot and Cathy Ruther – Co-Treasurers

Janice Emmendorfer – Secretary


### TRUSTEES:

April Harlan

Sue Boesch

***Total Income for 2023:       \$264,674.00***

***Total Expenses for 2023:   \$264,244.00***

 **FUND RAISING:** To include but not limited to private contributions, GoFundMe and other on-line fundraisers, on-site event donations, grants, dog bed sales and t-shirt sales.