



Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter

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ANNUAL REPORT



As we continue to build on our 52-year mission, we are proud to share the impactful strides we've made together in the past year.

Dear Supporters,

As we reflect on our journey in 2023, our hearts overflow with gratitude for your unwavering support. At MPAS, our mission to uphold animal welfare is not just a duty but a passion that drives everything we do. As we navigate our history, two defining elements stand out:

1. Legacy of Impact: Over our 52-year journey, we've had the privilege of rescuing nearly 40,000 dogs and cats, offering each one a lifeline to a brighter future. This remarkable milestone speaks volumes about the unwavering dedication of our team and the enduring support of our community.


2. Community Pillar: We have become an integral part of our community, serving as a refuge for homeless pets, a source of joy for volunteers and fosters, a trusted ally for donors, and a nurturing workplace for our staff. Our deep-rooted connections within the community have been instrumental in our success.

In 2023, we continued to forge ahead in the field of animal welfare, responding swiftly to emergencies and providing vital training to our team and community. Noteworthy achievements include the rescue of day-old, orphaned puppies and helping animals like Liam, who arrived missing a limb. We also worked with our rescue partners to save more than 250 animals that were hours away from euthanasia. Our commitment to innovation and excellence in care shines through in every endeavor. We accomplished this while maintaining the highest ratings from independent nonprofit rating agencies (i.e., a Platinum GuideStar rating and a Charity Navigator Four Star rating.)

Looking ahead to 2024 and beyond, we're filled with excitement as we embark on the next phase of our journey with MPAS 2.0. This initiative, coming in the new year, will mark a pivotal moment in our organization's evolution, as we strive to enhance our capacity to serve and make an even greater impact in our community. Stay tuned in, you will hear a lot more during 2024.

Finally, we extend our deepest appreciation to all our supporters, fosters, volunteers, donors, and team members who have played a pivotal role in our accomplishments. Your unwavering commitment fuels our passion and inspires us to reach greater heights. Together, we will write the next chapter of our story with compassion, dedication, and boundless hope.

With heartfelt gratitude,



HENRY J. RISTUCCIA
BOARD PRESIDENT



LORRI COPPOLA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



“Volunteering has helped me to enrich the lives of our canine residents, many of whom had a tough life before they arrived. There’s a certain peace of mind and serenity that comes along with working with animals. The joy we all feel when a family adopts one of our residents: the look on their faces, the smiles of the children, the tears of joy. Priceless.” - Bill B.

ADOPTIONS

1,014

a 30% increase from 2022

ANIMALS FOSTERED

490

a 49% increase from 2022

ANIMAL CARE COSTS

\$1.03M

a 21% increase from 2022

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

15,000

service hours provided

SPECIAL MISSIONS

250+

animals rescued hours
away from euthanasia



COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

3,000

pounds of food and other animal-related
items donated to local community
organizations, rescues, and shelters.



“We love fostering with Mt. Pleasant! They offer tons of support for their fosters, including classes. We’ve fostered puppies, kittens and mama cats with kittens. They provide all the supplies and flexible windows for check-ups. It’s truly rewarding for our family to help prepare these babies for their forever homes. Downside: you may foster fail but in the best way.” - Melissa B.



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We thank you for your continued support in our efforts to save lives.



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