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Mt. Pleasant
Animal Shelter

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**Impact
Report
2025**

Four of Honey's 11 puppies. Born in foster, these puppies would never have survived without our help.

Amber, a neonatal kitten that received loving care through our foster program.



Dear Friends, Supporters, and Community Partners,

As we reflect on 2025, we are filled with gratitude—for the people, partnerships, and shared commitment that made this year one of meaningful impact and measurable progress for animals in need.

At Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter, our mission has always extended beyond our own walls. This year, that mission came to life through lifesaving collaborations with local and regional partners who face immense challenges every day. Together, we stepped in where help was needed most—providing relief to overcrowded shelters, offering second chances to at-risk animals, and ensuring that more lives were met with compassion instead of uncertainty.

Our work alongside partners such as AHS Newark, Bergen County Animal Shelter, Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, Paterson Animal Shelter, Homeward Bound, Homeless Tails, and East Orange Animal Alliance highlights the power of cooperation in animal welfare. These organizations—each serving their communities under increasing pressure—trusted us to help carry the load when resources were stretched thin.

In 2025, that trust translated into action. By opening our doors, expanding our foster network, and investing in medical and behavioral support, we were able to help move animals out of crisis situations and into pathways toward adoption. Every transfer, every placement, and every successful outcome represented not just a number, but a life changed—and often saved—because organizations chose to work together rather than work alone.

This impact would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our donors, volunteers, staff, foster families, and board leadership. Your belief in our work allows Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter to be a steady, reliable partner in a system that desperately needs collaboration, flexibility, and heart.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to standing shoulder to shoulder with our partners, responding to urgent needs, and continuing to say “yes” when animals have nowhere else to turn.

Thank you for being part of this lifesaving work and for helping us change what’s possible—together.

With gratitude,


Lorri Coppola-Caffrey
Executive Director


Mark Hanulak
Board President



Egg Roll, blind and living on busy Route 10 was able to find safety, and a loving home.

We Changed Their Story Together!



Biscuit was out of time and unwanted. We gave him safety and found him a loving home.

1028 Animals went to homes through adoption and reunification.

15 Long-term animals found loving homes.

259 Animals surrendered from members of our community.

536 Animals received loving care in foster.

181 Neonatal kittens and puppies received care through our medical and foster programs.

541 Medical procedures including spays, neuters, enucleations, hernia repairs, amputations and more.

452 At-risk animals pulled from overcrowded shelters or under-resourced organizations.

57,000 Volunteer hours completed. (including foster caregiving hours)

“For more than five decades, Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter has given animals a second chance at life. Because of your generosity, we provide lifesaving care and loving placements—changing what’s possible for vulnerable animals every day.”

– Mark Hanulak, President

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Your support saved Cayden and Mayden, who were hours away from euthanasia.



*"Every animal we took in changed us in quiet but lasting ways. Their stories continue to guide us with gratitude, humility, and purpose."
-Lorri Coppola, Executive Director*

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