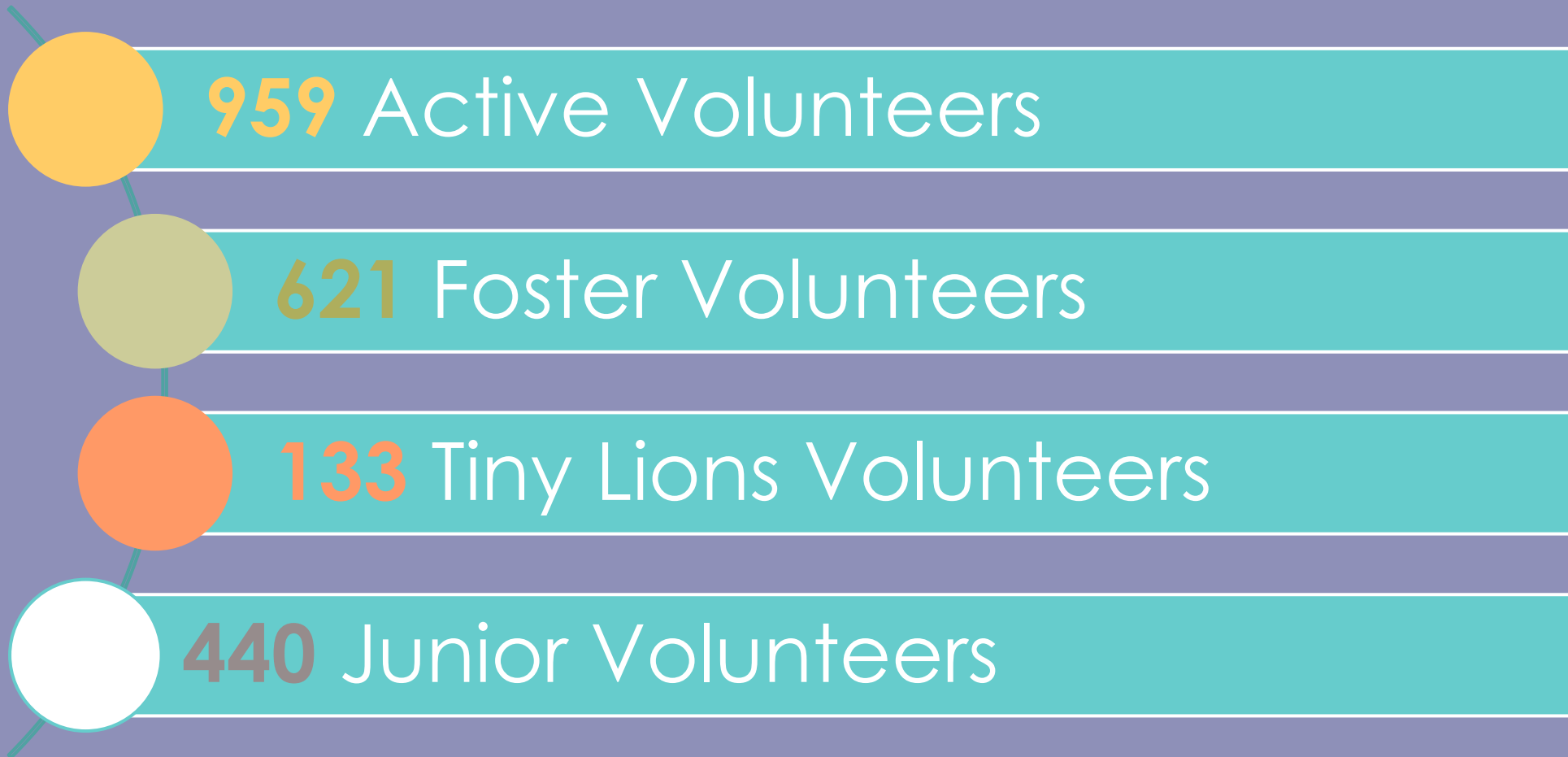


# End of Year Wrap Up 2024



# 2024 Volunteer Department Stats

# 2024 Volunteer Overview





# 2024 Volunteer Hours

- Current vs. Prior Year
  - 2024- 160,968
  - 2023- 139,810
  - 15.1% increase from prior year
  - \*\*Includes shelter, fostering, and Tiny Lions hours
- What Does this Mean?
  - Equal to 77 full-time employees!





# Junior Volunteers

- Donated a total of **4,229** hours of volunteering!
- Work with cats, dogs, & small mammals
  - Help with enrichments
  - Shelter support/cleaning
  - Click to Calm \*new in 2024
- Support our Camp Programs as well as large shelter Fundraising events such as Walk & Wag and Muttster Mash.





# 2024 Save Rate

# 94.9%





We won,  
We won,  
**WE WON**, Thanks  
to YOU!

**Ann Arbor Family Favorites 2024:**

Best Place to Volunteer

2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Best Kid's Camp (new category in 2024)

**Best of Washtenaw Readers Choice Awards 2024:**

Best Animal Non-Profit

Best Veterinarian

Best Trivia Night @ Tiny Lions Cafe





We received our  
14th consecutive  
4-star Charity  
Navigator putting  
HSHV in top 1% of  
charities ranked  
nationwide

+ we're a "great nonprofit,"  
thanks to you, too!





# Intake and Love Train

# HSHV Intake: 2024 by the Numbers

Total **Dog** Intakes- 1,948  
Total Cat Intakes- 4,003  
Total “Other” Intakes- 270  
Transfers-

**Dogs**- 435

Cats- 267

Return to Owners:

**Dogs**- 357 (38.3%)

Cats- 175 (21.2%)





# We couldn't do it without YOU!!

**Love Train  
1,171 volunteer  
hours!**

**Crate Cleaners  
611 volunteer hours!**



# THANK YOU!!!

# What's Ahead

## Volunteer Appreciation Week

April 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. A fun week planned with activities, prizes, and goodies.

## Walk & Wag

Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at Rolling Hills Park

Join a fundraising team  
Help day of the event





# ADOPTIONS AND RETAIL

Presented by: Lucas Richmond,  
Adoptions Desk Supervisor



Guest appearances by: Duchess,  
Dottie Mae, and Marley





# TEAM LEADERSHIP

Carmen and Perry



Retail Manager and  
Adoptions Desk Manager

Lexi and Lucas



Adoptions Desk Supervisors



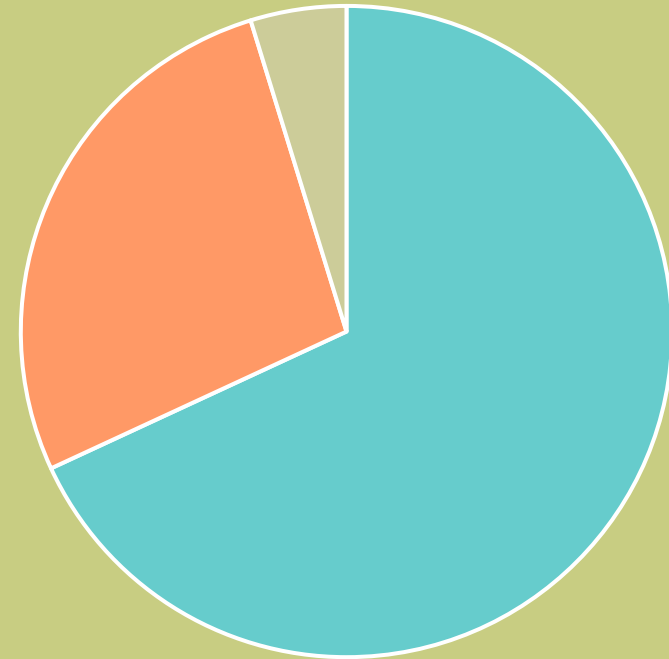
# 2024 Adoptions



## Total adoptions: 5200

- ❑ Cats in 2024: 3537
  - ❑ Barn cat: 145
- ❑ Dogs in 2024: 1410
- ❑ Small mammals: 134
- ❑ Birds in 2024: 87
- ❑ Unique adoptions
  - ❑ Reptile: 16
  - ❑ Fish: 10

## Adoptions



■ Cat ■ Dog ■ All others

# Thank You for Volunteering!

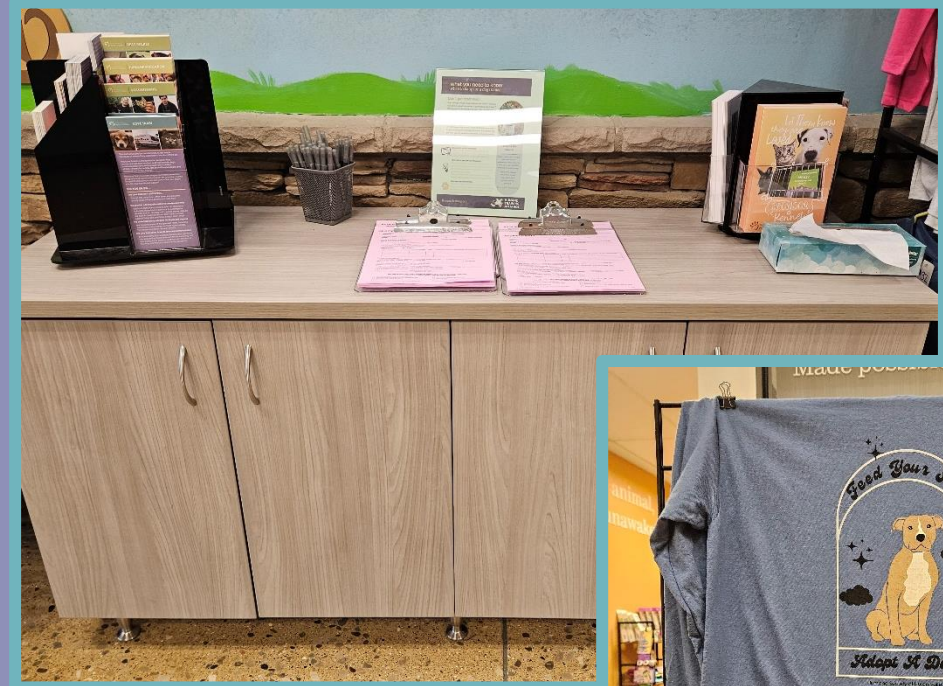
- ❑ Greeter: 389 hours
- ❑ Paws to Shop Retail: 277 hours
- ❑ Donation Bin Sorter: 591 hours





# Past, Present, and Future

- ❑ New adoption applications
- ❑ Success with new retail items
  - ❑ Apparel! Toys! Stickers!
- ❑ Hold fees



# ADOPTION UPDATES!



Baby



Churro



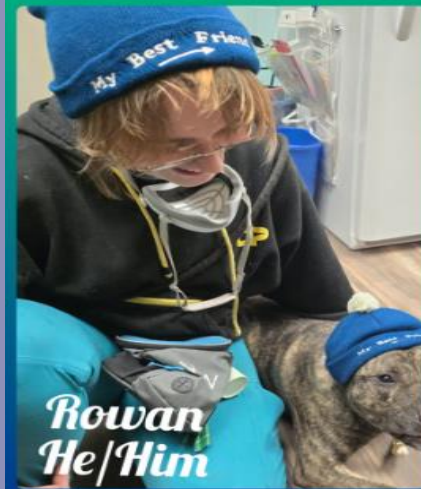
Buddy



**Behavior Team**



# Meet The Behavior Team





## Behavior Volunteers:

**JV Cat Comforting and Care: 1,332:18**

**Cat Comforting and care: 5,025:58**

**JV Dog Interactions and Enrichment: 1,266:40**

**Dog walking and Enrichment: 11,810:36**

**Headstart Walking and Training: 602.05**

**Total Hours of Dedication from our amazing volunteers: 20,037:37**

You make a difference by giving our animals:

- Physical Enrichment
- Mental Enrichment
- Love and Support
- Companionship and Comfort
- The Ability to Trust Again



## The Animal Care Team:

**1 Animal Care Manager**  
**3 Animal Care Supervisors**  
**16 Animal Care Technicians**  
**1 Animal Care Support Technician**  
**+ So many amazing Volunteers!**





## **Animal Care Volunteers:**

**Junior Volunteer Shelter Cleaning: 335.45**

**Volunteer Shelter Cleaning and Laundry: 3,058:35**

**Crate Room Cleaning: 111:24**

**Total Hours donated by our awesome volunteers: 3,505:44**

## You make a difference by:

- Keeping the environment clean and safe
- Reducing the spread of illness
- Keeping our animals happy and healthy while they wait for their furever homes





# Coming this Year for Animal Care and Behavior:

## More playgroups, training, and enrichment!!!



# Thank you from the Animal Care and Behavior Staff!



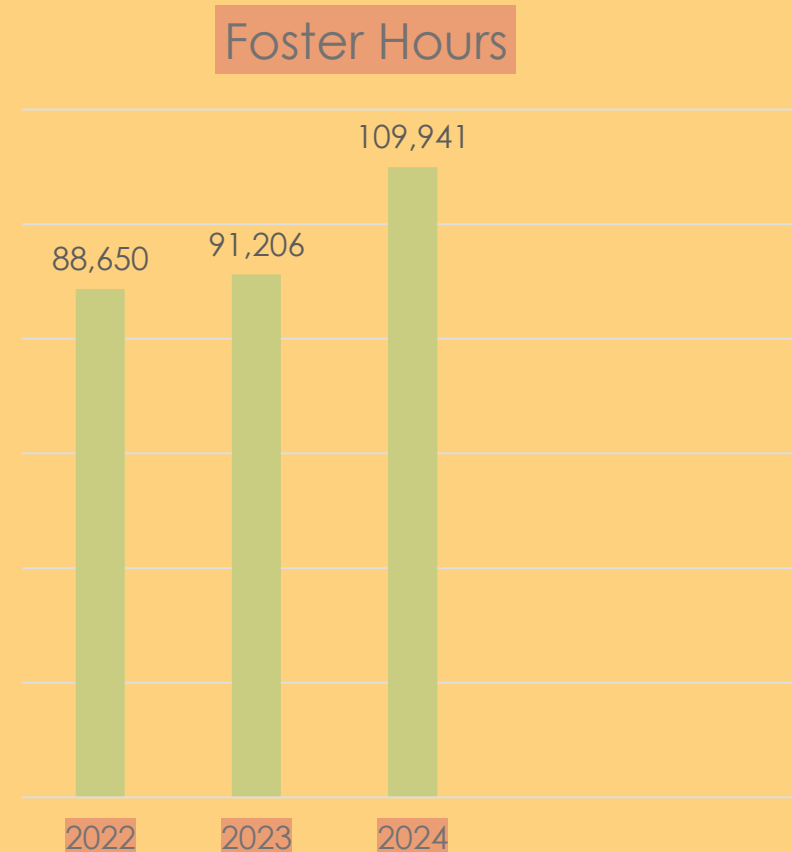




# FOSTER VOLUNTEERING

# Foster Volunteer Hours!

- Foster Volunteers have put thousands of hours into fostering this year.
- Equivalent to about 37 full time employees at any given time.
- The hours spent fostering increased this year by **18,735!!**



# Who Went to Foster

We sent **412** dogs to foster in 2024, **96** more than last year!



Porcupine – Adopted from foster April 2024



Tiki – Adopted from foster October 2024



Kane – Adopted from foster October 2024



# Who Went to Foster

We sent **195** cats to foster in 2024, about same as last year.



Charlie – Adopted from foster 8/24



Banksy – Adopted from foster 7/24



Puffling – Adopted from foster 12/24



# Who Went to Foster

We sent **1,562** kittens to foster in 2024, **337** more than last year.



# Foster Volunteering

## Meet The Foster Team



Kaylee – Foster Manager



Rachel – Foster Tech



Claire – Foster Tech

\*\*We also work directly with the Shelter Medicine Team and the Behavior Team.



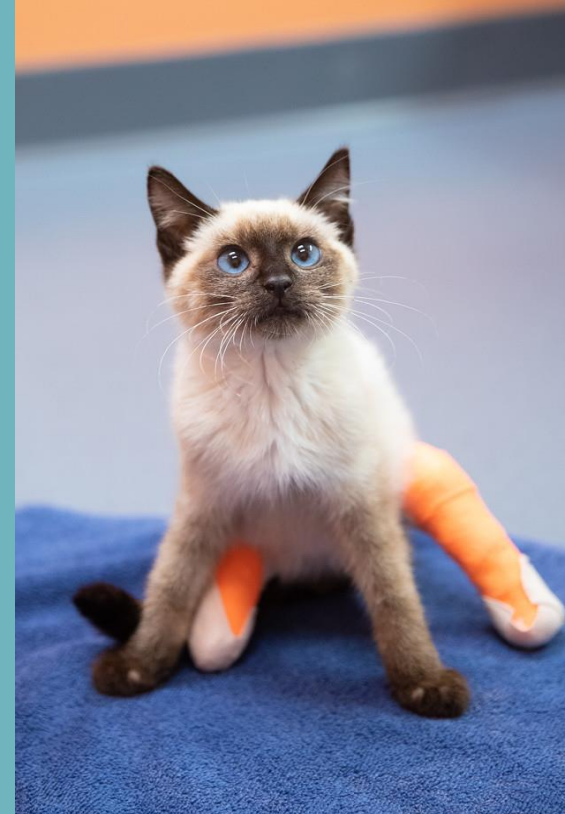
# How to Foster

1. Sign Up Online!
2. The process is now virtual to help minimize the time it takes to be approved to foster.
3. The new application is designed to help us place you with a good match right away.
4. Once approved you will receive ALL foster request emails and can respond to the ones that sound like a good fit.
5. There is always someone in need of foster so if you have a special situation, you can always let us know and we will find someone you can take.



# Who Needs Foster?

- **Animals with medical needs**
  - Waiting for surgery/surgery recovery
  - Too young/ nursing mothers
  - Injuries
  - Disease/illness
- **Animals with behavioral needs**
  - Socialization
  - Training
  - Shelter break
  - Separation anxiety
- **Case Animals**
  - Animals who are part of an ongoing court case
- **Safe Harbor Animals**
  - Animals who are here because their owner is going through a crisis



# Available Foster Animals

Along with sending foster request emails we post them on our website!

## AVAILABLE FOSTER ANIMALS

The animals below are currently in need of fostering.

Please click each image for more detail on the animal and how to start fostering them.

If you would like to become a foster, please fill out the [Foster Application](#).

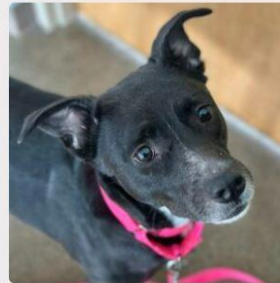
Thank you for your interest in fostering for HSHV! We appreciate your support.



### Corduroy Wants a Foster

Age: 8 Months Sex: Male Breed: Pit Mix Weight: 41 Pounds Corduroy is a very friendly young boy who would love to get out ...

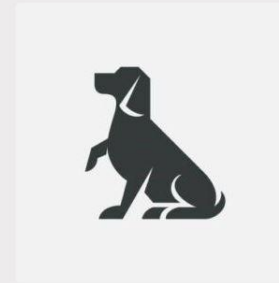
[Read More](#)



### Fuchsia Needs a Foster

Age: 6 Sex: Female Breed: Pit Mix Weight: 45 Pounds Fuchsia has spent a little time in foster homes, and it was reported that ...

[Read More](#)



### Case Dog is Seeking Foster

Age: 3 Sex: Male Breed: Pit Mix Weight: 46 Pounds This dog is currently pending a court case so can not be ...

[Read More](#)

[hshv.org/available-foster-animals/](https://hshv.org/available-foster-animals/)



# THANK YOU FOR FOSTERING!

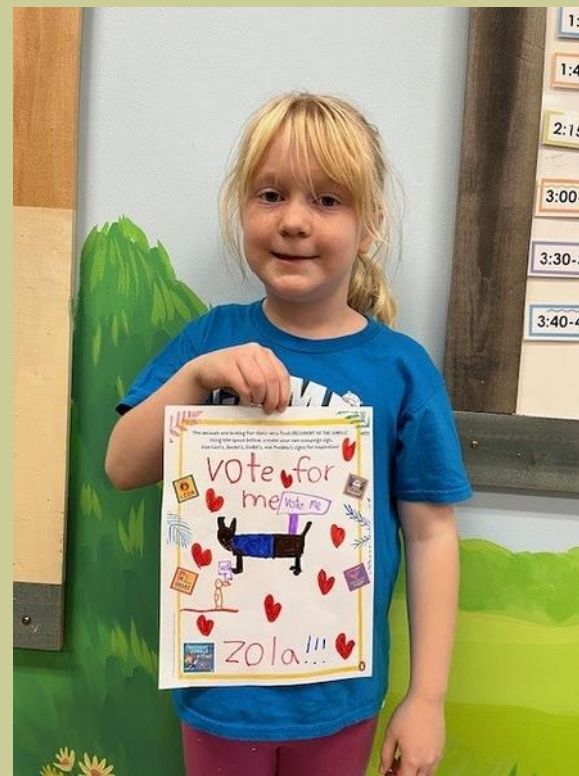


**Thank You  
So Much!**

We hope you have enjoyed fostering with HSHV! Please leave us a review with the QR code provided to help us continue to improve the foster experience!



# Humane Education





# With volunteer help the Humane Ed team was able to reach...

## ...Over 7,000 people!

- 427 campers
- 556 scouts
- 982 party participants

And many more!





# Humane Ed Volunteers



Humane Ed  
volunteers put in  
708 hours in 2024.  
That's amazing!



# Muttster Mash Helpers





# Volunteers continued to help with:



Camp Paws

Pets and PJs

Rescue  
Reading

Birthday  
Parties

Little Paws  
Story Time

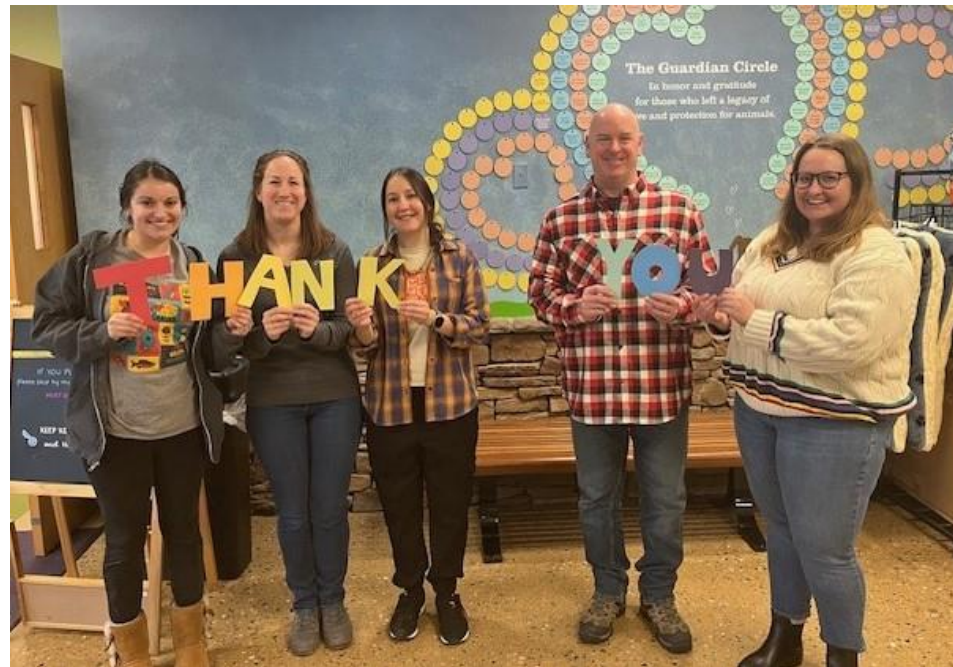
Certified  
Offsite Dog  
Volunteers





The Humane Education team says:

Thank You!!!



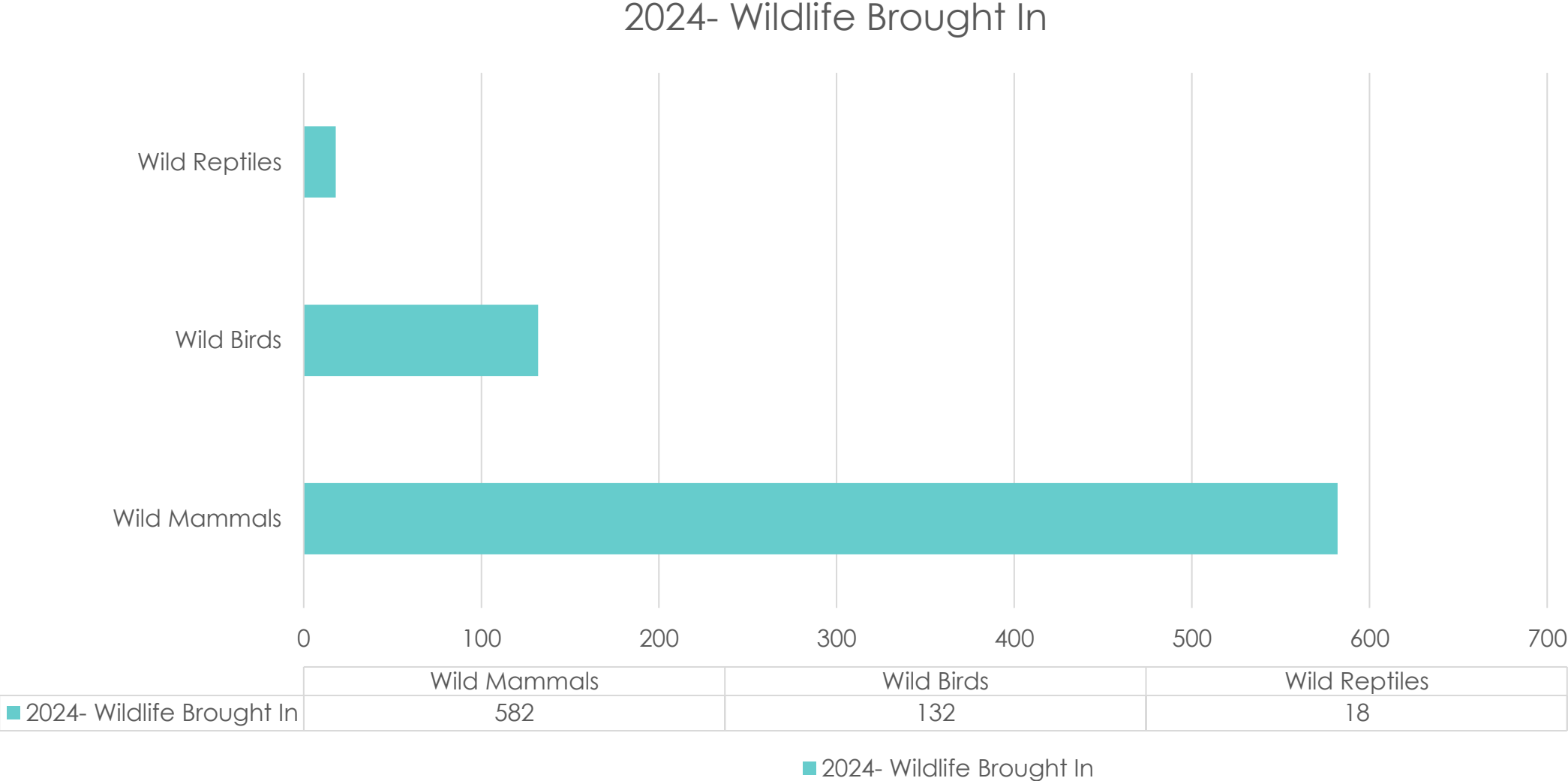
# And the kids thank you, too!



# CRUELTY & RESCUE



# 2024 Wildlife Brought In- 732 Total



# 2024-Domestic Animals- 317 Total

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- Cats
- Dogs
- Birds
- Guinea Pigs
- Rabbits
- 3 Reptiles
- 1 Fish

# 2024 in Pictures







**Tiny Lions**

# Meet the Staff



**Hayley**  
Manager



**Fatima**  
Café  
Coordinator



**Brittany**  
Animal Care  
Tech



**Nieka**  
Animal Care  
Tech



537 Cats &  
Kittens Adopted  
from TLC!



# Thank You Volunteers!

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**5,508** Hours in 2024 ; 13.7%  
increase (4,403 in 2023)!





More visitors than ever!

300 more than last year!

18,660 Entrance Fees  
~around 1,500 per month!



# 41 Café Rentals (that's not including Kitty Parties!)

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# Coming in 2025



- More adoption appointments, especially during kitten season!
- New Online Reservation system and MORE tickets available to reserve online
- Coloring w/ Cats Station set up daily for Café Visitors, including ready to color print outs and a card making station (to send home with the kitties!)

Thank you for all your help at the Café!



All your help keeping the Café clean and with the customers and kitties goes so far! Thank you!!



**FRIENDS  
F•R LIFE**

Humane Society of  
Huron Valley

**THANK YOU  
VOLUNTEERS!!**





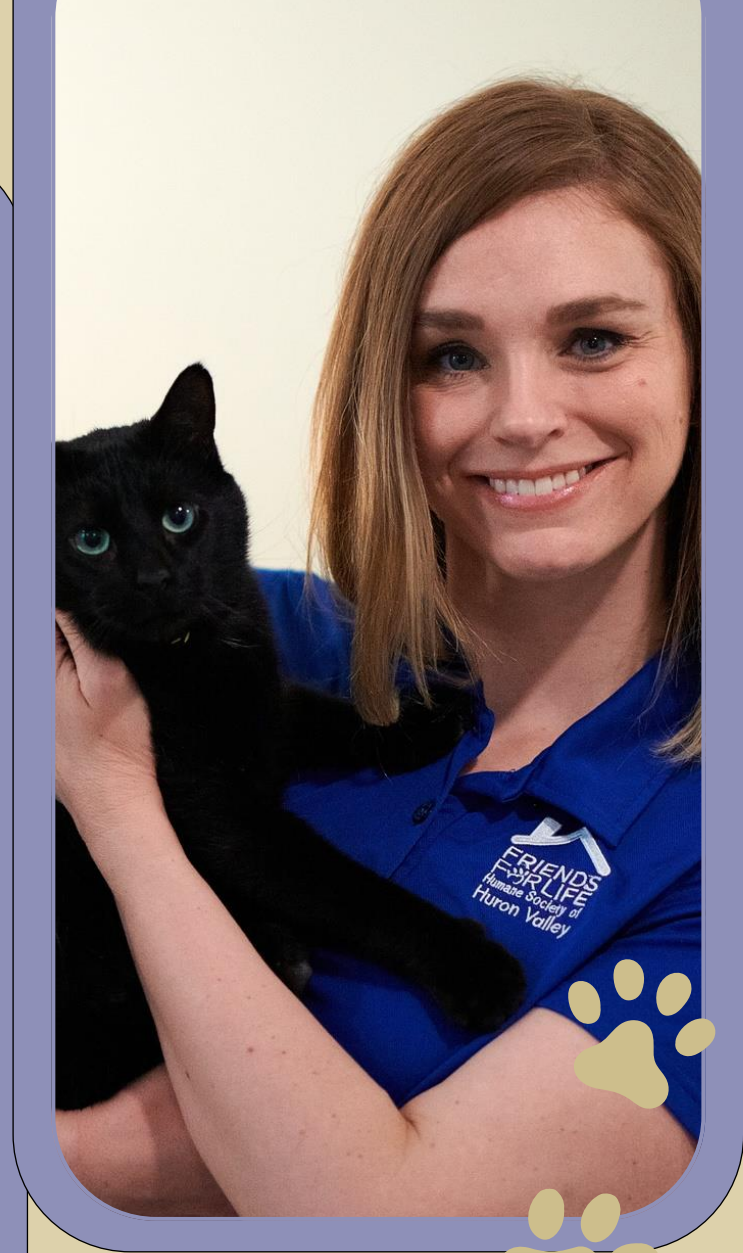
# MEET THE TEAM!

## **Karen Patterson**

Vice President of Volunteers and  
Humane Education

## **Alicia Curley**

Friends for Life  
Program Coordinator



# WHAT IS FRIENDS FOR LIFE?

HSHV's newest program that provides resources to help protect the bond between people and their animal companions.





# WHAT IF WE COULD...



**Reduce Intake**

**Improve Animal Quality of Life**

**Promote Responsible Pet Ownership**

**Keep People and Pets Together**







# FRIENDS FOR LIFE RESOURCES



**Veterinary Assistance**



**Essential Supplies and Support**



**Short-Term Emergency Housing**








**Behavior Help**



**Animal Visits and Adoption**

# 2024 WAS QUITE THE YEAR!

-  Provided \$90k+ in free/discounted vet care to clients in need
-  Hosted two free in-community vaccine clinics, serving over 300 animals
-  Financially assisted 190+ people and their 280+ animals with outpatient vet care
-  Distributed 1,110+ pounds of dry dog and cat food, 630+ pounds of kitty litter, and hundreds of other supplies to pet owners in need
-  Connected with 420+ seniors/older adults through programs, which included 22 friendly animal visits

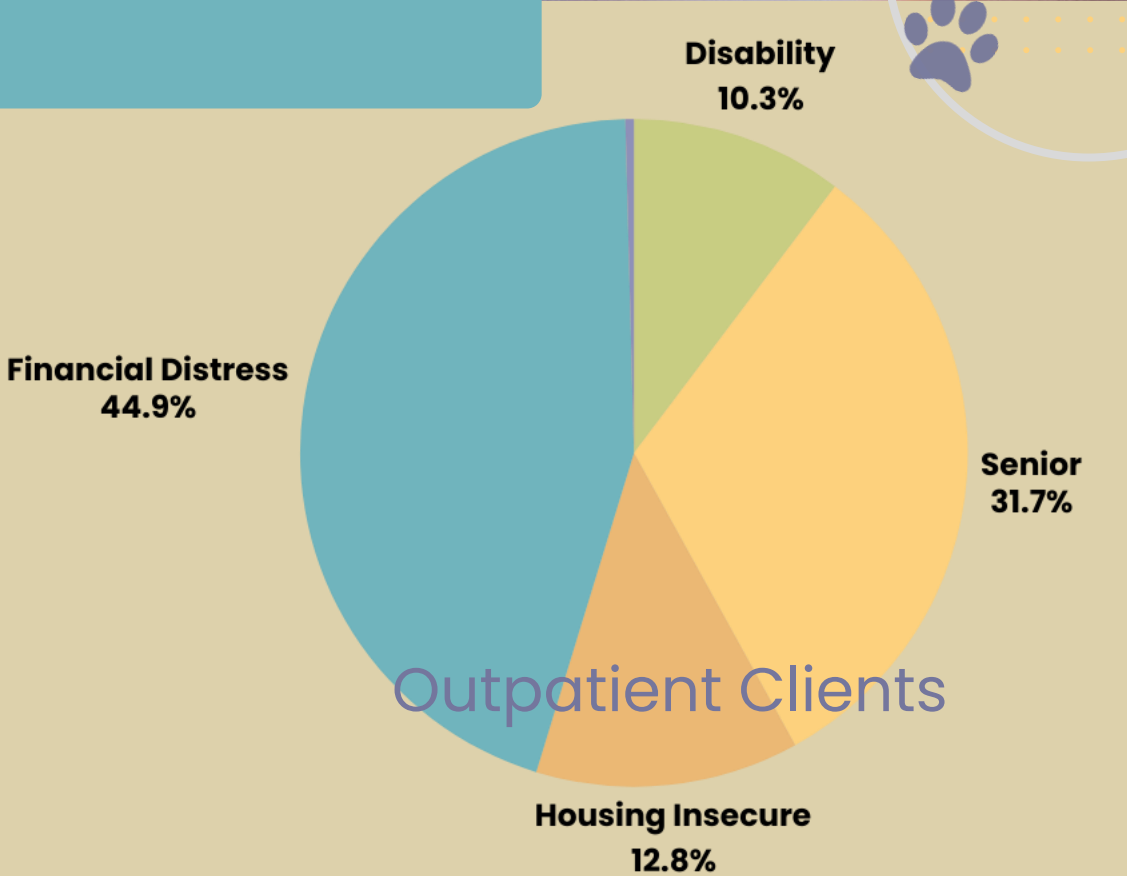






# CLIENT IMPACT

“Dear Friends for Life. I am writing to you to express my extreme gratitude for your kind generosity that allowed my dog Otis to have dental surgery last week. Unfortunately, he has diabetes and I don’t know if that has impacted his teeth, but he had 19 extractions! I want to thank you so much, and to let you know that there’s no way we could’ve done this without your help. You guys are amazing and have allowed our Otis to live his life out much more comfortable. Thank you, thank you thank you!”



# NEW IN 2024

 **Community Programming** - Bingo, Coffee & Cats, Rescue Tails

 **In-Home Support Services** - Fully Launched Dog Walking Support, Introduced Sub-Q Fluids for Cats

 Volunteer Fueled Home Supply Delivery

 Transportation Assistance for Vet Appointments

 Nail Trims at Manchester Vaccine Clinic

 Senior Housing Pet Food Pantries, First Pet Food Pantry Pop-Up in November







# IN 2024

## 57 Volunteers

## 491 Hours

Vaccine Clinic Support

Community  
Programs

Special Events


Admin Help

Pet Pantry Support

Enthusiasm and  
Encouragement



# COMING IN 2025

 **Save the Date!** Free Vaccine Clinics May 10th & Sep 13th

 Trialing an Off-Site Grooming Service

 Spring/Summer Volunteer Orientation

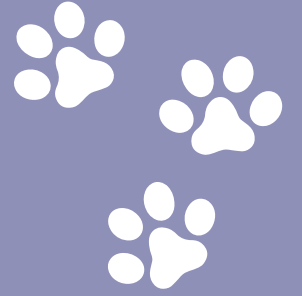
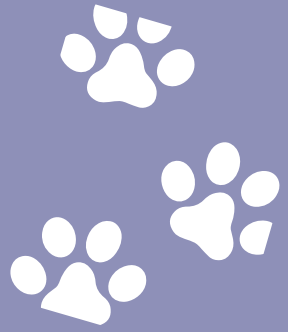




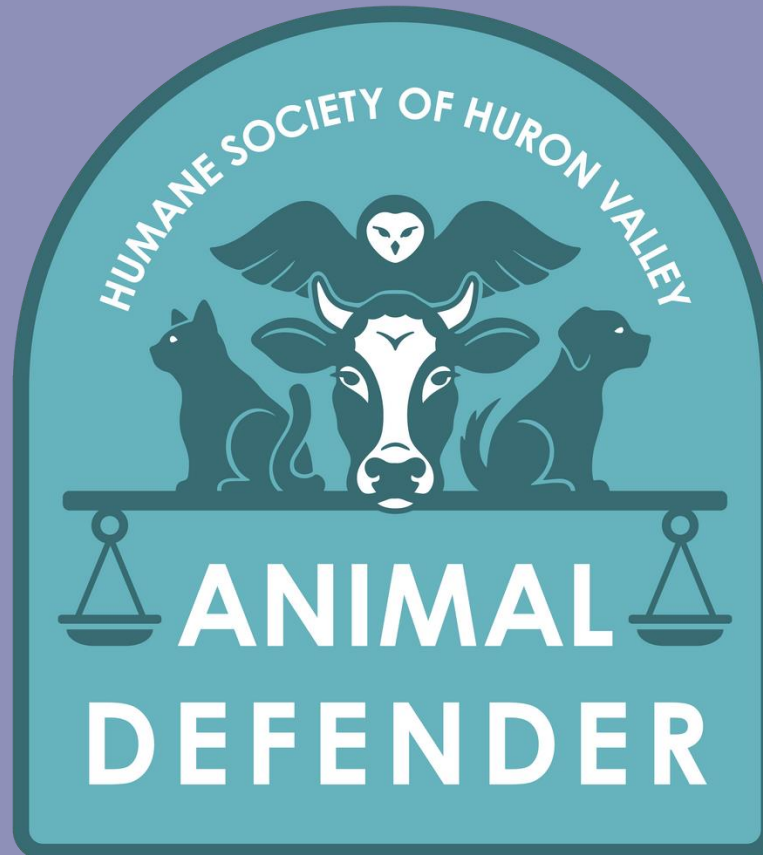
THANK YOU!







# Animal Defenders

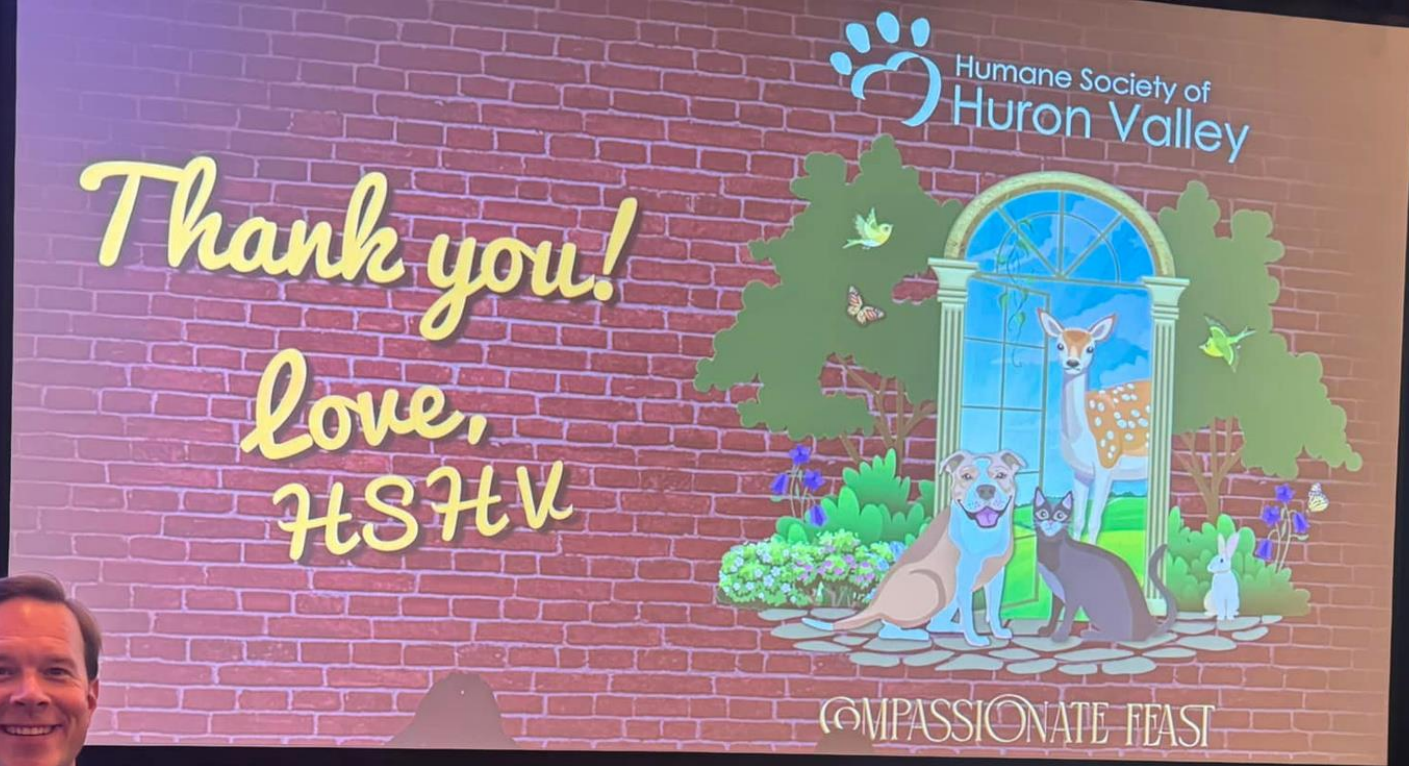




Wrapping Up

2024





*Congratulations!*

HSHV's  
Legislator of  
the Year  
Award  
2024

Representative  
Koleszar





*Congrats!*

Michigan Pet  
Alliance's  
Legislator of  
the Year  
Award  
2024

Senator  
Polehanki





Worked with lawmakers, lobbyists, advocates and provided testimony on several bills

- Cat Declaw
- Forfeiture law improvements
- Veterinary telehealth expansions
- Pet License Plate
- Queenie's Law
- Ban on pet stores
- Protections for outdoor dogs



- Sent 19 emails, action alerts and petitions
- Activated 1, 862 constituents





## Be an Animal Defender.

First Name\*

Last Name\*

Phone Number

☐ I consent to receive SMS on this number.

Email Address\*

State

Yes, I pledge to protect animals, speaking up for those who do not have a voice, and supporting compassionate policies in my community and beyond.

Sign up

[hshv.org/advocacy](https://hshv.org/advocacy)



# Hosted quarterly Animal Defenders Gatherings





# ADVOCACY

**Together, we can make a difference.**

**Join us for an Animal Defender Community Gathering!**

 [See dates](#)

*Join  
-US-*

**Friday, March 14th, 5-7pm: Blom Mead + Cider**

**Friday, August 1st, 5pm - 7pm: Stella's Tavern**

**Friday, November 7th 5pm - 7pm: Location TBD!**

[Hshv.org/advocacy](https://hshv.org/advocacy)



2025

GOOD  
THINGS  
AHEAD





# Looking Ahead

More Animal Defenders Community Gatherings

In-Person Advocacy Opportunities

A new advocacy program to include young people

Continued focus on important bills

Continue to build relationships with decision makers and provide education



# Thank You!

