

PAWS Matters

The PAWS bottom line : 140 cats were taken in during 2011 and the number of cats adopted out during 2011 was 136. These numbers reflect a major effort by a truly dynamic organization that has resulted in an amazing 97% adoption rate this year !

Since 1970 an ongoing study has documented that PAWS philosophy of spaying and neutering, put into action, is the most effective as well as the most humane procedure for reducing the number of stray and unwanted animals who are euthanized annually. The best national data available showed 20,000,000 animals were euthanized in 1970. After forty years of research and continued effort that number in 2011 was just under 4,000,000. There's still a long way to go but we're getting closer.

The problem with euthanizing stray or unwanted pets remains the human factor. It is likely that a pet lost in this way will be replaced by another pet which will be maintained in the same fashion. The resulting strays and unwanted litters will continue to generate animal control expense to a municipality and so to its taxpayers because in most cases the animal must be transported and a wage and vehicle expense paid. The cats that were sterilized through PAWS will never create unwanted litters. The one cat adopted remains one cat. PAWS is proud to be part of a solution - not the stop gap measure that kill shelters continue to be.

From Centers for Disease Control: "Pets can decrease your: blood pressure, cholesterol levels, triglyceride levels, feelings of loneliness. Pets can increase your: opportunities for exercise and outdoor activities, opportunities for socialization" Compare PAWS' 97% adoption rate for 2011 to kill-shelters' national average of 23%. If the 136 cats that were adopted from PAWS in 2011 had gone to a kill shelter, statistics indicate that 98 would not now be in homes providing the benefits to their new families that pets have been proven to provide.

We thank all our generous, caring supporters - adopters, volunteers, donors, our veterinarian service, municipalities and participating merchants - who have powered our work to move our communities ahead in the realm of animal welfare. We also want to recognize and thank the Prevent Euthanasia Through Sterilization (PETS) organization and their network for their help with the work we all do.

We look forward to continuing to serve the community in 2012 !



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