

BENTON COUNTY CANINE SHELTER

FALL 2019 NEWSLETTER



FACEBOOK REVIEW

"Wow!!! Such a nice facility. Truly caring staff. Beyond impressed." - Jennifer Kaestner | Sept 19, 2019

HAPPY TALES

HAPPY STORIES OF THE AMAZING THINGS HAPPENING AT OUR SHELTER!



HAPPY TALES

On July 1st, we had a wonderful Doberman Pinscher that was so severely malnourished that it caused him to go blind. We rushed him to the vet, and he stayed with them for a few days to help with his dehydration. Once he was stable, on July 6th, he was transferred to Mikey's Chance, where he gained some much-needed weight and was adopted to a wonderful family in Seattle.

On July 5th, we were contacted by Benton County Sheriff's Deputy Tomren. He had been called to a location in Prosser regarding two very scared black lab mix canines who appeared to have been abandoned some time ago. The owner of the residence was not exactly sure what to do with the new friends who showed up on their property.

We were able to secure Samson and Kia and bring them back to the shelter. On August 14th, we noticed Kia was getting a bit "chunky" and it became apparent that Samson and Kia were expecting their first kids. On August 31st, we had the pleasure of welcoming 8 beautiful babies into this world. Kia and her little ones were transferred to Seattle Humane Society and placed in a foster home. Kia and her little ones should be ready for adoption right around Halloween.

On to the next adventure, with Marmaduke! Marmaduke was hanging out at Kohls for two weeks without assistance, surviving off hand outs of food from the public. On August 26th, our office was contact by dispatch concerning a Mastiff that had fallen into the canal and saved by a family on Bonnie Ave. Once we arrived at the location, it was clear the canine was severely injured and needed to be transported to the vet. Marmaduke was x-rayed and found to have a double broken pelvis, but it seemed that all those cheese burgers and french fries appeared to have helped him stay at his very healthy weight of 160 pounds. The vet suggested that, due to his weight, Marmaduke would have an easier recovery if he was in a foster home. We reached out to Mikey's Chance and they found a great foster family to help Marmaduke. His foster mom has let us know that Marmaduke (now Bear) is doing great and healing up quickly.

This quarter we would really like to thank David Sparks, retired County Administrator, who has supported our little department through good times and bad. Thank you again David and we hope you enjoy your well-deserved retirement.

We also would like to thank Loretta Smith Kelty, Interim County Administrator, who is always willing to help us clean our kennels on the weekends when we are shorted-staffed. Loretta is our biggest cheerleader and without her we would have never become as great as we have. Thank you!

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS FOR THEIR SUPPORT!

Tacoma Humane Society
Seattle Humane Society
Misunderstood Mutts
Clearwater Humane Society

Mikey's Chance
Willamette Humane Society
Idaho Domestic Animal Welfare
Grant County Animal Outreach

Prevent Homeless Pets
Vista Veterinary Hospital
Benton County Sheriff's Office
Benton-Franklin Humane Society



DONATIONS & FOREVER FAMILIES

DONATIONS

We received a very special donation from Sandy Watson in memory of her friend (family would like to keep her name private). Sandy explained her friend adored animals and loved our shelter very much. When her friend passed away, Sandy knew how to honor her memory by sending our shelter a fifty-dollar gift card for the Dollar Store. Her donation was wonderful for all our furry friend waiting for forever homes enjoyed playing with all their new toys.

Troop 223 family and friends, in a display of love and support for Benton County Canine Shelter, rallied together to build an alternative drop cage for officers after hours. This effort will save the lives of countless canines who would otherwise be put down in the field. The group also donated blankets and made 175 chew toys from knotted socks.

Huge thank you to all the ladies of Just Dance who performed in a show that benefited all of the local shelters. We were blessed enough to be chosen this year to receive a donation and got to meet one of the wonderful dancers and her furry family members!

PARTNER TRANSFERS NEWS:

- Twelve (12) dogs were transferred to Benton-Franklin Humane Society
- Three (3) dogs were transferred to Mikey's Chance
- Twenty-four (24) dogs were transferred to Seattle Humane Society
- Two (2) dogs were transferred to Washington Malamute Rescue

We would like to introduce our newest coalition partners! Washington Malamute Rescue & Spokanimal (both located in Spokane).

PAY IT FORWARD

This quarter we decided to switch it up a bit, we were made aware of several pet owners in our area struggling to feed their furry friends. So, we decided we needed to reach out and let the community know we are here to help.

Over the quarter we were to help by providing people in need with 750 pounds in food, along with blankets and treats. We hope to continue to be a shelter where our community members who are struggling can come to get the help they need.

Next quarter we will begin teaming up with Meals on Wheels to help their outreach program and feed their clients' pets also.

FOREVER FAMILIES:

- Twenty-eight (28) of our dogs were adopted directly from our shelter
- Twenty-six (26) dogs were returned to their owner

In addition to the dogs adopted or returned through our office, countless posts on our Facebook page were shared to help reuniting families with their pets.

For more info about Benton County Canine Shelter or to pick up a newsletter, contact us at:

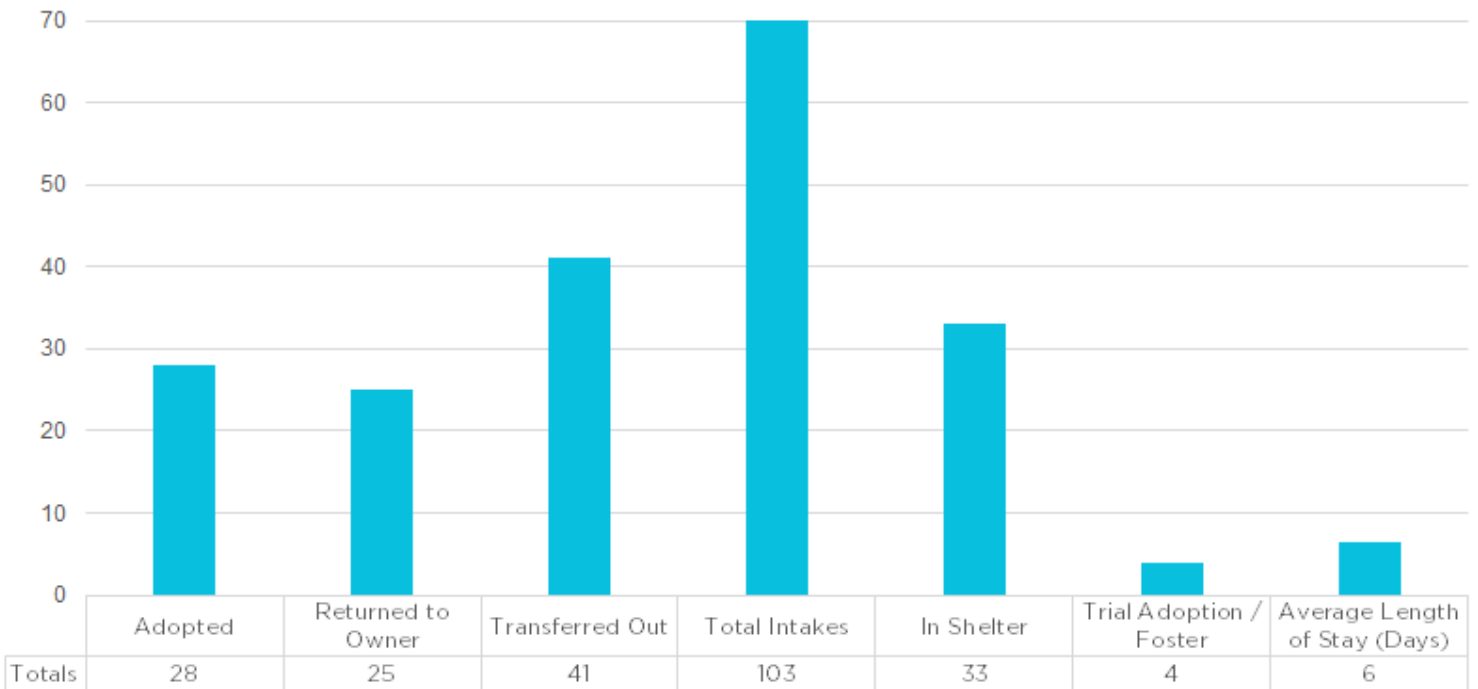
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QUARTERLY STATS

AN OVERVIEW OF THE QUARTER'S STATISTICS

FALL 2019 CANINE SHELTER STATISTICS

July 1 - September 30, 2019



This quarter (July—September) we took in a total of 103 dogs, with 28 adopted directly out of our shelter, 25 returned to owner, and 41 transferred out. The average length of stay for our dogs this quarter was 6 days, significantly less than our target goal of 15 days or less.

