

# BENTON COUNTY CANINE SHELTER

FALL 2020 NEWSLETTER



# HAPPY TALES

*HAPPY STORIES OF THE AMAZING THINGS HAPPENING AT OUR SHELTER!*



## *HAPPY TALES*

This quarter brought some exciting adventures along with some even more exciting updates!

The beginning of the quarter was a usual month for us here at the shelter. We had our dogs that were lost and found their way back home due to our awesome Facebook community and the posts that they share around the county for us. One HUGE thing that happened in the month of July though, is that our wonderful boy Perry got transferred to the Great Pyrenees Rescue Society where he got a new home! When we first acquired Perry, he was in awful shape. He was very underweight and had a harness that was digging into his skin due to it never being taken off or loosened since he was young. While at the shelter, Perry grew to trust us and others. He loved playing with his doggie friends every chance he got, and we are so happy he finally has an awesome life with awesome people!

Now this next update is on Buster, a terrier mix that was so scared, the only way we were able to secure him was with a dog trap. If you don't remember Buster, he was abandoned off Field Road in Benton City, close to Central Washington Asphalt. It took us several days and attempts to finally secure Buster. Once Officer Brown and Officer Castilleja were able to secure him, it took him months to start to trust anyone. Buster and Officer Castilleja grew to have a special bond that really helped Buster come out of his shell. On September 2, 2020 we had a young gentleman come to see Buster. He knew that buster would need lots of time and love but was not swayed by Buster's timid Attitude. The two ended up falling in love and now their story is just beginning! Buster's name was changed to Franklin and we are so excited to see what life has in store for him! A photo of the pair is at the top of this page.

On July 23rd, Officer Brown and Officer Castilleja were called out to an injured dog that looked to be hit by a car. When they got to Prosser, the dog looked to have an injured leg, a cleft pallet, and appeared to be blind. Even with all these things going on, he was still willing to put his trust in us to take care of him. Officer Brown was able to load him in our vehicle and comfort him while we made our way back to Vista Veterinary Clinic for him to be looked at. After being looked at and evaluated, Mikey's Chance offered to care for the young dog, now named Eclipse. Later, they found that Eclipse was born blind, with a purely cosmetic cleft palate. He has no issues eating, drinking, or getting around. Eclipse is going to make some family a great companion. He loves people and especially kids. Eclipse's favorite things are snuggling up right beside his person and accepting some much-wanted belly rubs!

One of our bigger adventures this quarter was helping one of our community members get her dog situation under control. The homeowner started out with just a few dogs and grew to a number that couldn't be handled on her own. Officer Brown and Officer Castilleja were called out to a home that had 20 small dogs and 6 cats. The property owner was overwhelmed and needed help. After hours and hours of work we finally were able to transfer all 20 dogs and 6 cats to the Benton-Franklin Humane Society, where they were all able to find new homes! We want to give a HUGE thank you to them for helping find all the animals new homes.



# DONATIONS & FOREVER FAMILIES

## *DONATIONS*

This quarter brought some much-needed donations. We received lots of blankets, small dog beds, and some canned food. As always, we would like to send a huge “thank you” to all of the community members who came by and left us little surprises. We can’t wait to be able to meet every one of our donators to thank you in person, but we understand the need to maintain safe distances at this time!

## *PARTNER TRANSFERS NEWS:*

- Forty (40) to Benton-Franklin Humane Society
- Three (3) to Mikey’s Chance Canine Rescue
- One (1) to Great Pyrenees Rescue Society
- One (1) to A Paw Up Rescue
- One (1) to West Richland Animal Control
- Nine (9) to Tacoma Human Society
- One (1) to Must Love Corsos Rescue

## *FOREVER FAMILIES:*

- Fifteen (15) dogs were adopted directly from our shelter
- Thirteen (13) dogs were returned to their owner

In addition to the dogs adopted or returned through our office, posts on our Facebook helped reunite pets.

## *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

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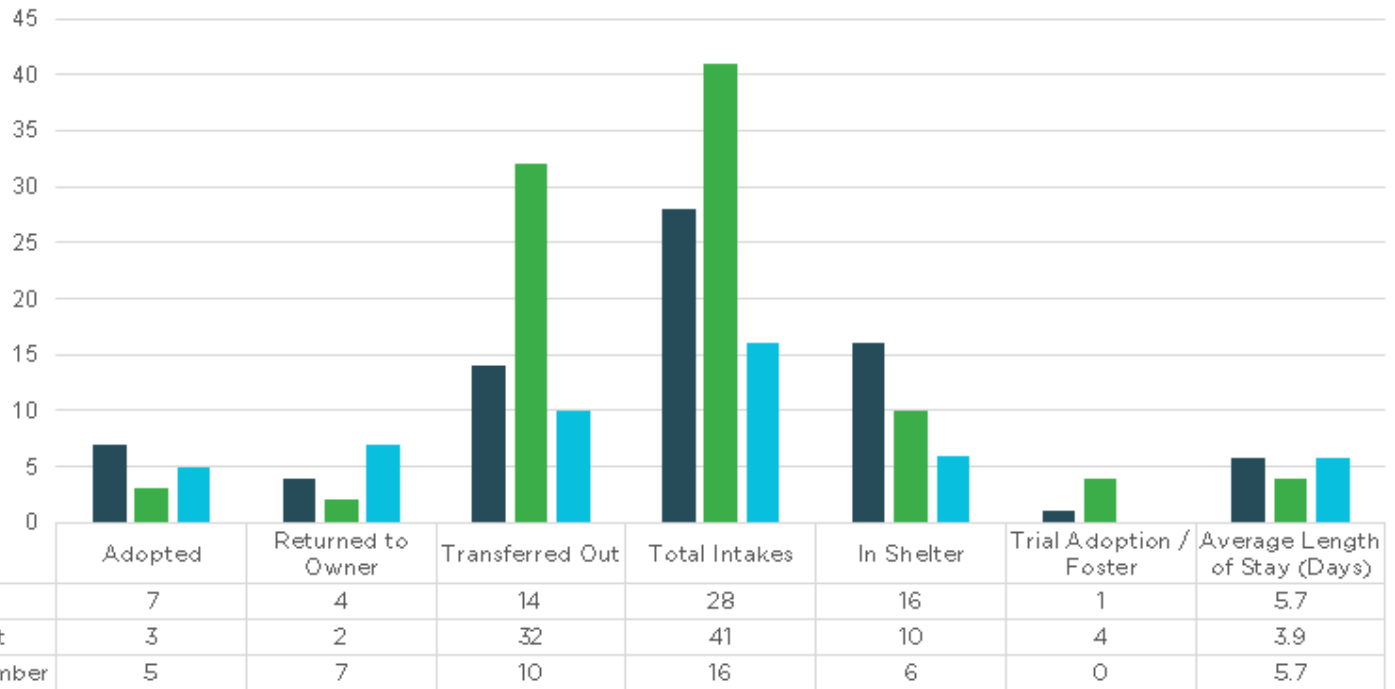
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# STATISTICS

## QUARTERLY STATISTICS

### FALL 2020 CANINE SHELTER STATISTICS

July 1 - September 30, 2020



This quarter (July – September) we took in a total of 85 dogs, with 15 adopted directly out of our shelter, 13 returned to owner, and 56 transferred to other shelters. The average length of stay for our dogs this quarter was 5 days, which is significantly less than our target goal of 15 days or less.

We want to thank all our community members very much for all the help, support and understanding regarding the new ways of operating. We also want to thank all the amazing rescues that have been able to help us and all our dogs. Everyone who came from all over the Pacific Northwest, from Seattle to Spokane just to adopt from our little shelter. We feel so honored to have found so many forever families for all of our furry friends and we couldn't do the things we do without all of you!