

BENTON COUNTY CANINE SHELTER

SUMMER 2020 NEWSLETTER



HAPPY TALES

HAPPY STORIES OF THE AMAZING THINGS HAPPENING AT OUR SHELTER!



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This quarter brought lots of adventures to our shelter staff. Though the beginning of the quarter was much more calm than the end of last quarter, we were still seeing many abandoned animals out of fear from COVID-19. We were able to help many families find alternatives to abandoning their pets, by helping with food and reaching out to area rescues who could help the families rehome their pets if needed. Nobody wants to give up a pet but when those times arise, it is with compassion and understanding we can help.

One of the many adventures we waited to tell everyone about was Buster. Buster and Brodie were abandoned off Field Road in Benton City. Brodie was a breeze to catch and wanted nothing more than to have love and treats. Buster, on the other hand, was having nothing to do with us and each way we went he ran the other. After a few hours, Officer Brown decided to call off the search and return the next day to attempt to trap Buster humanely. The following morning, we loaded Brodie back up, along with a trap and some food, and headed out for another long morning. While dropping the trap, Buster sat off in the distance monitoring our work but not getting interested enough to come close. Once the trap was ready, we loaded up and left the scene, while one of the folks helping watch for Buster watched the trap for us. It wasn't long before Buster was finally captured. After a huge battle to gain Buster's trust, he has decided that three meals daily, a comfortable bed with his blanket, toys and treats is not as bad as he thought, and he is now available for adoption.

In another adventure, after weeks of running between Route 10 and Highway 225, we were finally able to capture Bunny on May 4. She came in very scared and would have an accident if you tried to get too close. After a slow, easy, and loving couple of weeks, Bunny did a complete turn around and became a total goof ball (see photo at right) and was adopted by an amazing family from Seattle through Tacoma Humane Society.



On May 21, while Officer Brown was on vacation, Officer Castilleja surprised all us again and brought in the cutest, but very pregnant, Aspen. Then, while Officer Castilleja was on vacation, Officer Brown had the pleasure of helping Aspen bring her beyond adorable puppies—8 little girls and 1 little boy—into the world. Aspen and her adorable family were transferred to Mikey's Chance Canine Rescue, so Aspen could really blossom and her little ones will eventually find their forever families.

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS FOR THEIR SUPPORT!

Tacoma Humane Society

Mikey's Chance

Prevent Homeless Pets

Seattle Humane Society

Willamette Humane Society

Vista Veterinary Hospital

Misunderstood Mutts

Idaho Domestic Animal Welfare

Benton County Sheriff's Office

Clearwater Humane Society

Grant County Animal Outreach

Benton-Franklin Humane Society



DONATIONS & FOREVER FAMILIES

DONATIONS

This quarter brought many wonderful donations to our shelter! We received a lot of food, toys, and blankets. We would also love to send a huge thank you to all the community members who came by and left us little surprises at the front door. We wish we could have met each and every one of you to thank you in person, but we definitely understand the need to maintain safe distances!

PAY IT FORWARD

We were able to help our wonderful friends at Benton City Animal Control, as they were in desperate need of food for their struggling community members so we made sure to load their truck as high as we safely could.

This quarter also made us aware of how much our community is hurting due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and we were able to open our food bank up to so many needy families who were just trying to get by and feed their families and pets while keeping a roof over their heads.

PARTNER TRANSFERS NEWS:

- Four (4) to Benton-Franklin Humane Society
- Eleven (11) to Mikey's Chance Canine Rescue
- One (1) to Forgotten Dogs Rescue
- Four (4) to A Paw Up Rescue
- One (1) to Prosser Animal Control
- Ten (10) to Tacoma Human Society

FOREVER FAMILIES:

- Sixteen (16) dogs were adopted directly from our shelter
- Twelve (12) dogs were returned to their owner

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

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

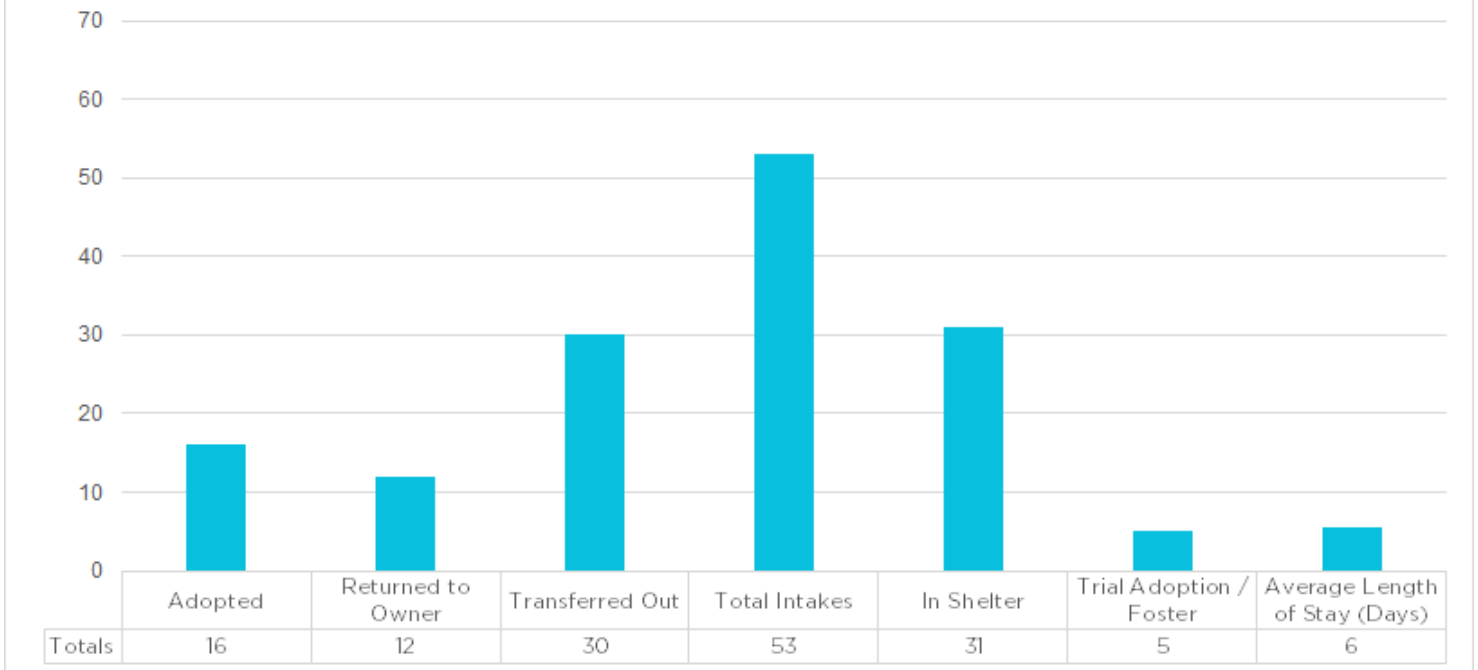
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STATISTICS

QUARTERLY STATISTICS

SUMMER 2020 CANINE SHELTER STATISTICS

April 1 - June 30, 2020



This quarter (April—June) we took in a total of 53 dogs, with 16 adopted directly out of our shelter, 12 returned to owner, and 30 transferred to other shelters. The average length of stay for our dogs this quarter was 6 days, which is significantly less than our target goal of 15 days or less.

We would like to thank our community so very much for all the encouragement and understanding as we all adjust to our new way of operating in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. We also want to thank all the amazing families who have come from all over the Pacific Northwest to adopt from our little shelter. We feel so humbled to have found so many forever families for all of our furry friends.