

BENTON COUNTY CANINE SHELTER

WINTER 2019 NEWSLETTER



HAPPY TALES

HAPPY STORIES OF THE AMAZING THINGS HAPPENING AT OUR SHELTER!



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On September 25, 2019 Officer Castilleja was called by dispatch about an injured female husky who was unable to walk. Upon his arrival, he was unable to see if she had been hit by a car but knew her friend had not made it. After taking the husky to Vista Vet, we were informed that she suffered from a genetic deformity in her hip joints. With surgery, she could live a relatively normal life and since they had a new vet in training, we could have the surgery done for material costs. We named our girl Nakita, and after her three-day hold was complete we were able to have the surgery completed and she was adopted by the wonderful man who found her on the side of the road.



On October 18, 2019 Officer Castilleja was called out for two injured canines. One of the canines was Cami (pictured at the top of this page), an 8 to 10-year-old wire haired terrier mix. Officer Castilleja, after observing Cami, believed she may have cancer, so we tried to get an appointment with Vista Vet. Since she didn't appear to be in any pain, Cami was made comfortable until she was able to be seen the following Monday. It was determined that Cami did have a cancerous mass, but she would need to be on antibiotics for a bit prior to testing the mass to see if it was benign. In the meantime, someone fell in love with our little Cami and adopted her! When she had her spay surgery the mass was also removed. The outcome was a dream come true! Cami's cancer was benign and she will continue to live a long, healthy life with her new family.

On November 27, 2019 Officer Brown was called out to Bert James Road in Prosser. There had been a small pit bull running in the area for a couple of months, according to the property owner. He and his wife were able to get the canine to come to them and they secured it. They believed the canine may have been injured at one time, because he could not straighten his head. We named the canine Ernie, and he was transported back to the shelter for care until Vista Vet had an opening to see him. Dr. Meyer was able to tell Ernie had not been injured but did have a sarcoma in his head and it was causing the head tilt. This news was heart breaking but Ernie did still have at least a year of life and we were determined to give him a happy one. Dr. Meyer reached out to our amazing friends at Mikey's Chance and they contacted one of their hospice foster families, who jumped at the chance of giving Ernie (now Eddie) the best life ever. The Kesler family have fostered many of our terminal canines, and we could not save so many without them.

This year was amazing for our team, we rescued 320 canines, completed 84 adoptions, 101 canines were returned to their owners, and 126 canines were transferred out to other facilities.

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

Ms. Sandra English and Mr. Thomas Currie donated \$1100.00 in gift cards to Pet Smart and Dollar Store. This donation will assist in purchasing needed supplies for the dogs that come in prior to being adopted. Donors like you help make our facility run smooth. Because of donations, we can ensure that our dogs are well fed, housed, and on occasion, ensure they receive immediate vet care if they come in injured. We love your support and from all of us here at Benton County Canine Shelter... again, thank you!

We also received an additional Pet Smart gift card for \$400.00, along with a large donation of handmade doggie toys, some laundry soap, bleach, hand towels and wash clothes. Along with 115 brand new blankets from Walmart and Fred Meyers, we received 60 new large stuffed animals for our furry friends for Christmas. Which mind you a few our kids quickly disemboweled, but its sure fun watching all the animals fly around.

We want to give a HUGE thank you to our community for all the monetary donations made to Vista Veterinary Hospital over the last few months, it has enabled our shelter to save countless lives! The canines were saved and found amazing new forever families to spend the rest of their lives with!

PARTNER TRANSFERS NEWS:

- Twenty (20) dogs were transferred to Benton-Franklin Humane Society
- Two (2) dogs were transferred to Mikey's Chance
- Three (3) dogs were transferred to Spokanimal Rescue
- One (1) dog was transferred to A Paw Up Rescue
- One (1) dog was transferred to Doberman Pack Rescue

PAY IT FORWARD

We were able to help our other local shelters this quarter, Benton City Animal Control and Tri-Cities Animal Control and Shelter both received 3,500 pounds of dry dog food. In addition, we were able to provide Benton City Animal Control with blankets and toys to help their shelter animals through the winter.

Three cases of canned cat food, along with tons of cat toys and blankets were donated to Mary's Neonates Kittens.



FOREVER FAMILIES:

- Ten (10) dogs were adopted directly from our shelter
- Thirty-four (34) 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:

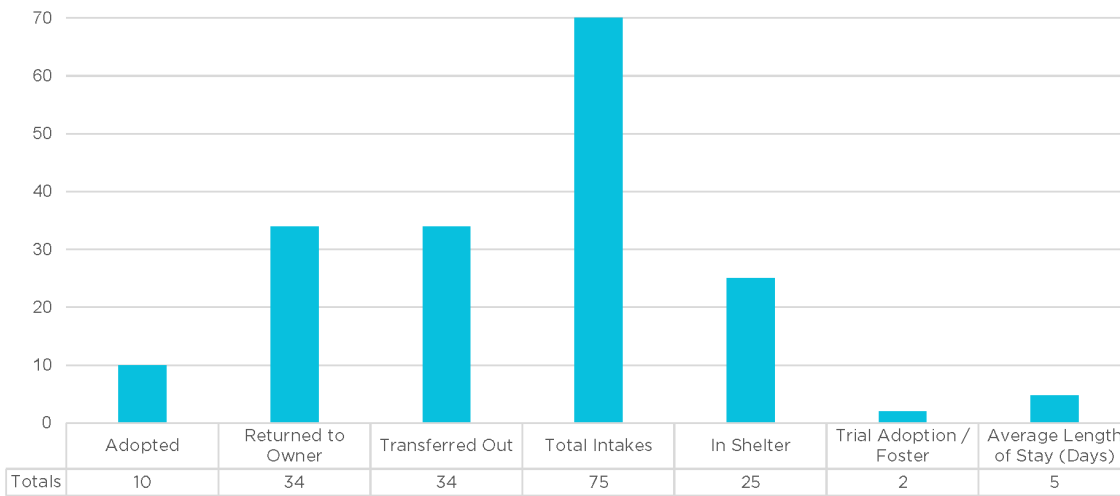
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STATISTICS

QUARTERLY STATISTICS + 5 YEAR REVIEW

WINTER 2019 CANINE SHELTER STATISTICS

October 1 - December 31, 2019



This quarter (October -December) we took in a total of 75 dogs, with 10 adopted directly out of our shelter, 34 returned to owner, and 34 transferred out.

The average length of stay for our dogs this quarter was 5 days, significantly less than our target goal of 15 days or less.

At right is a comparison of 2015-2019 statistics. As you can see, 2019 saw the highest number of total canine intakes as well as the highest number of canines transferred to other facilities. We, again, had high adoption and return to owner rates.

Thank you to all of our partners for the support throughout the years!

2015 - 2019 Canine Shelter Comparison Statistics

