MISSION

TO INSPIRE RESPECT AND COMPASSION FOR ALL ANIMALS, ADVOCATE FOR THEIR INTERESTS AND WELFARE, AND INSTILL IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT ALL LIVING BEINGS HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE TREATED HUMANELY.

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for making possible the lifesaving results we are reporting in our 2022 Annual Report. Without our passionate and loving community we would not be able to do the work that we do to provide the best outcomes. As we all know, our world has changed over the last 3 years but the need has not. Let me highlight some of our accomplishments this year.

We’ve had an exciting first year with our Pet Pantry which opened last February. The pantry opening expanded our Pets Meals-On-Wheels (PMOW) program to assist residents in caring for and keeping their pets in their time of need. PMOW joined forces with local community food banks, homeless shelters, and with those serving homeless encampments, homebound seniors, and disabled members of our cities. In 2022, PMOW distributed more than 18,000 pounds of food which is an 80% increase over 2021.

Our Foster Kitten Program not only took in kittens this year but took in 10 moms along with their litter of kittens and 25 bottle babies. We also had our first blind kitten this year that needed special attention.

It’s not all good news. The Avian Bird Flu hit hard this year and we had to temporarily close the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in August to safeguard the animals we had in-house. But look for it to open again soon as we are currently modifying the center to provide the capabilities needed to address the issues. And even though we were closed to intake a good part of the year, we were able to rehabilitate almost 500 animals that were released back to their native habitat after recovery.

We are very thankful for our dedicated volunteers who make this work happen. They are an incredible group of people who have showed unwavering support for our mission and I just can’t say enough to recognize their efforts. Together, with our community donors, we make it happen and we thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts for your steadfast support.

- Diane Shaw, Officer and Director, Ohlone Humane Society
WE RESCUE, REHABILITATE, AND RELEASE INJURED OR SICK WILDLIFE BACK TO THEIR NATIVE HABITAT. WE HAVE A VOLUNTEER STAFF OF 30 WHO WORK ENDLESS HOURS TAKING CARE OF THE ANIMALS IN OUR CARE. WE WORK WITH LOCAL BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS TO MAINTAIN OUR FACILITY. WE EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON HOW TO LIVE IN HARMONY WITH URBAN WILDLIFE.

In past years, the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center has had over 800 sick or injured animals brought to us or transferred to us for care. This year we faced the dangers of Avian Flu in our area and we were forced to close the center for the last quarter of the year. We plan on fundraising to add a separate building for community intakes to ensure safety of our resident animals. Despite the closure, we were able to still provide phone and email support to our community members with injured or sick wildlife, as well as hold an outdoor open house this year. We had assistance with the installation of wood chips and plants along our access road and the installation of a new screen covers over veggie bins in wildlife garden.

WRC VOLUNTEER SERVICE

HOURS

2022

493

LOCAL WILD ANIMALS GIVEN CARE

2022

300

ATTENDEES AT WRC OPEN HOUSE

2022

1,400

WRC VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS
The Kitten Fostering and Adoption program is a shelter intake diversion program. OHS is proud to have devoted volunteers who open their lives to foster and coordinate medical care for our community kittens. Our fosters specialize in the care of abandoned or injured kittens who are 8 weeks old or younger. All fosters must be trained and complete courses in orphan kitten care. In 2022, intake was limited by unavailability of veterinary care, so our foster families sometimes were asked to travel to get the kittens spayed and neutered or even have medical care. We also partnered with other local rescues to give the kittens and some who came with their mama cats from unsafe conditions. We had many more requests to rehome kittens and as a courtesy to our prior adopters, we successfully were able to find new homes for several kittens that went through our OHS adoption process in the past. We had many requests for rehoming from pet owners losing their homes and their ability to care for their pets.
PET MEALS ON WHEELS & PET PANTRY

The donation of a locker by Haller’s, Walmart, and Fremont Bank as our home base, along with our wonderful volunteers allowed us to expand our community contact significantly in 2022. Here’s what we accomplished last year!

- Presented a Pet Pantry Grand Opening in Central Fremont.
- Formed partnerships for food distribution with Tri-City Volunteers Food Bank, Abode, Fremont Family Resource Center, City of Fremont, Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center, Viola Blythe Community Services Center, Centro de Servicios, Our Lady of the Rosary, St. Vincent de Paul - Food Pantry, Bay Area Community Health
- Provided pet food and pet toys for Team Union City Food Drive at St. Ann’s with Logan High School & F.U.N. Sunset Rotary Volunteers
- Sent a mom and brother volunteer team from OHS to a TCV Food Mobile Event
- Supplied pet food for National Night Out Celebration with Abode and MidPen Housing at a Tri-City Volunteers Food Bank and multiple of their Mobile Pantry Community Locations (Los Robles Apartments in Union City, Main Street Village in Fremont, City Center Apartments in downtown Fremont, and Laguna Commons Apartments also in Fremont).
- Organized student and corporate service Pet Pantry Pack Out Events with Volunteers from Amazon Newark Reverse Ops, Vector Laboratories, Mission San Jose High School Leo Club Volunteers (two dates).
- Special event basket donation and assembly for Delivering Joy & Wellness with Volunteers from Lam Research

RECEIVES AND DISTRIBUTES PET FOOD AND SUPPLIES TO HOMELESS, HOMEBOUND SENIORS, AND LOW INCOME FAMILIES THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS.

2022

18,500
POUNDS OF PET FOOD DISTRIBUTED

2022

6,426
PET OWNERS SERVED

2022

2,325
VOLUNTEER HOURS OF SERVICE
The Pet Therapy Program was revamped in September, 2022, working with our current teams to make it more therapy team friendly and more welcoming to new teams. Our teams participated in the Mutt Strutt, Chalk in the Park, Howl-o-Ween, and the OHS Wildlife Rehabilitation Center open house. Teams restarted and continued visits at the Carlton Senior Living Fremont, Washington Hospital, Lytton Gardens, and Centerville Library’s Read-to-a-Dog program. We will be resuming our visits at Fremont Main Library Read to a Dog program in January 2023. We are looking forward to recruiting more teams to help spread tail-wagging joy to as many people as possible in the Tri-City area!

PET THERAPY

PET THERAPY ENABLES PEOPLE TO INTERACT WITH AND RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM COMPANION ANIMALS WHICH HAS PROVEN HEALTH BENEFITS. STUDIES SHOW THESE ANIMAL-ASSISTED INTERACTIONS CAN HAVE POSITIVE EFFECTS ON BOTH EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING OF PEOPLE OF ALL AGES.

587 PEOPLE SERVED WITH PET THERAPY VISITS

184 VOLUNTEER HOURS OF SERVICE

90 FACILITY VISITS
Spay-Neuter Assistance & Trap.Neuter.Return

Spay-Neuter curbs the number of unwanted puppies, kittens and small animals that would otherwise end up in shelters or on the streets. Low cost spay-neuter is especially important to help our unhoused pet families reduce the increase in animals unable to receive pet food and medical care.

Ohlone provides assistance to our low income neighbors in Fremont, Union City and Newark who are otherwise unable to fix their family pets. Our spay and neuter vouchers help cover the cost of surgery and reduce the numbers of homeless animals. For example Bella, the pit bull, a beloved dog who is now spayed and acting as a gentle ambassador for her breed!

In addition to low income assistance for pet owners, OHS offers an active TNR community cat spay and neuter program. Community cats thrive outdoors, and because of their fear of humans, they are not suitable for adoption into homes. Unless spayed or neutered, community cats will breed prolifically, starting from a very young age. We support Trap.Neuter.Return (TNR) which is the proven and humane method of cat population control. OHS has a team of volunteers who dedicate their time to help with trapping, sterilizing and returning community cats to their original locations. Requests for support from this team are so great that there is a waiting list! For those who can trap on their own or with advice from our team, OHS also offers copay vouchers to support this ongoing project.

2022

132 Low income companion pet owners served with spay-neuter vouchers

281 Community cats trapped, spayed or neutered and returned by the OHS trapping team

1,043 Total community and companion animals spayed or neutered with OHS vouchers
For many years, OHS has offered a free classroom subscription for K-6 teachers and students to *Kind News*, an animal welfare magazine published first by the Humane Society of the United States and now by Red Rover organization. In 2022, we were able to expand the Humane Education program by starting to develop our own publications on pet care, wildlife stories and highlights, and community tales. Next year we plan to add readings in animal welfare and lessons in school gardening to our educational offerings.
None of our many programs would be possible without volunteers! OHS has only one full time paid employee to manage the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center and 1-2 part time paid helpers during the wildlife birthing season. The rest of our programs are totally volunteer-run.

OHS provides a variety of programs and services that improve the lives of animals and our community. In 2022, we renewed our Pet Therapy, Trap.Neuter.Return and Humane Education programs, received grants to restart our Special Assistance program for low income residents to receive veterinary care, restarted attending fundraising events like the Niles Dog Show, Niles Antique Fair, Joe's Corner Howl-o-ween, and Chalk in the Park and arranged numerous projects with corporations, high school students and teenage scouts.

Our volunteers represent the diverse population of Fremont, Newark and Union City to serve the homeless, both animal and human, instruct in animal care, and support pet families struggling to stay together by providing pet supplies and financial assistance for necessary veterinary procedures.
FINANCIALS 2022

REVENUES
Donations & Membership ............................................... $214,267
Grants ............................................................................. $171,476
Matching Employer Donations ........................................... $16,846
Other (In-Kind, Sales) .......................................................... $84,837
Interest/Gains/Losses Investments .................................. ($24,326)
TOTAL ............................................................................. $463,100

OPERATING EXPENSES
Animal Protection Programs ............................................. $282,652
Administration ................................................................ $14,771
  • Insurance, licenses, storage, communications, accounting, other fees
Fundraising ................................................................. $11,081
  • Donation processing, software fees, events
TOTAL ............................................................................. $308,504

ANIMAL PROTECTION EXPENSES
Wildlife Rehabilitation Center ........................................... $93,233
Foster Kitten & Adoption .................................................. $38,448
Spay/Neuter ................................................................... $18,611
Trap.Neuter.Return .......................................................... $35,000
Pet Meals on Wheels ....................................................... $5,208
Special Assistance .......................................................... $4,588
Humane Education .......................................................... $2,760
Other (Pet Therapy, In-Kind) ............................................. $84,804
TOTAL ............................................................................. $282,652