

## INDIANA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY SERVING OUR COMMUNITY STATISTICS AND FACTS

- Humane Society took over the county “dog pound” in 1995. We have given temporary homes to 2,000 cats and dogs per year. Thus far, we have rescued over 30,000 cats and dogs to date.
- Of the 36 municipalities and townships, 27 utilize our services. The remaining few are closer to either Johnstown or Kittanning and so use their shelters.
- Approximately 400 people utilize or serve the animals of the shelter per week, totaling approximately 20,500 per year. That number typically doubles for new facilities.
- There are 114 agencies and businesses in Indiana that have helped with our fundraising and rescue efforts for cats and dogs
- There are 17 Outreach Sites or businesses and agencies who have allowed us to utilize their properties to adopt our cats and dogs and /or educate the public of our mission and proper animal care.
- Our Executive Director and our Kennel Manager have spoken to schools and service organizations about our mission, the services we provide, as well as teach the importance of spaying and neutering pets and their proper care.
- We are the only open door animal shelter in Indiana County. No pet is ever refused care and a temporary home.
- We have a mailing list of 4,600 people and businesses. This list is composed of those people, businesses, and organizations who have donated monies to us and/or who have utilized our services either for adoption or relinquishment of a pet.
- We mail bi-annual newsletters as well as bi-annual fundraising letters.
- We have two main fundraising events. “Cause for Paws is an annual fundraising walk which has most recently raised \$30,000, and we have done this since the year 2000. We also have a formal dinner/dance, “Black Tie and Tails” which has raised \$25,000. At this affair we honor those individuals and businesses who have had the most positive impact on our Humane Society. We also have smaller fundraisers such as a flea market, calendar sale, bake sales, rabies clinics, etc.
- We provide low cost spay/neuter vouchers to low income public who typically cannot afford these procedures.
- We employ two Humane Officers to handle animal abuse and neglect complaints in Indiana County. We are the only organization able to employ a Humane Officer because we are an official Humane Organization and member of the National Humane Society.
- The annual budget to operate the current shelter is \$330,000 a year. An annual stipend of \$40,000 is given to us from the county. We receive \$15 from the state government for the care of each stray dog we help. We also receive approximately \$15,000 a year in state grants. While some of the remainder comes from adoption fees, the majority of monies received for our budget are from our fundraising efforts.
- Our new shelter will cost 1.7 million dollars to build. We are two thirds of the way to our goal. Included in these monies is a state grant for \$500,000 sponsored by our State Senator, Don White. A donation of \$85,000 enabled us to purchase the property.