



Our Vision

“A world where no adoptable shelter pets in Ohio are euthanized; a world where these pets have a good outcome.”

Our Mission

To rescue dogs and cats from high kill shelters, primarily in Ohio, and to transport them to safe environments where they can be matched and evaluated with a new family. We also raise funds for veterinary care, transportation and food for rescued animals. Stop the Suffering provides resources to promote responsible pet ownership.



Our Work

Too many of our rural companion pets die in our rural shelters because there are no places for them. These pets need help quickly including but not limited to:

- Care in shelter including food, de-worming, vaccines, flea and tick prevention
- Veterinary care both routine and urgent
- Temporary placement pending rescue
- Plan for spay/neuter
- Facilitating their release to a rescue group
- Transport to our own rescue or to over 100 pre-approved rescue groups

Our Long Term Goals:

- Spay and neuter for all companion pets
- Decrease the number of homeless companion animals
- Assure rural shelter pets are treated with necessary care, and respect
- Fewer abandoned and feral animals
- Lower euthanasia rate at our rural shelters

- More advocates involved in animal welfare
- Children, the pet owners of tomorrow, learning about animal welfare and advocacy
- A great outcome for any companion animal leaving a rural shelter



2017 Statistics:

Companion Animals Rescued By Our Program

Intake of Dogs: 135 lives

Adopted Dogs: 67 lives

Dogs helped by STS and transferred to sister rescues: 126 lives

Intake of Cats: 4 lives

Adopted Cats: 4 lives

Fully vetted and altered cats transferred to “sister” rescues: 29 lives

Companion Animals Sponsored By Our Program (includes those in “intake”)

Pets sponsored for routine vetting, pull fees and health certificates: 145 lives

Senior pets sponsored: 13 lives

Over 1,250 rural shelter pets at two shelters treated with flea and tick preventive at intake

Over 850 rural shelter pets at one shelter received Bordetella vaccine at intake

Over 475 rural shelter pets at one shelter received combo vaccine at intake

Over 400 rural shelter pets at one shelter received a 5-way vaccine at intake

Euthanasia Due To Medical Reasons

Dogs: 2

Cats: 10

Live Release Rate: 186/188= 98.9%

(Live Release Rate: Live release rate is calculated by the total number of animals that left our organization alive divided by the number of total incoming animals)

Number Of Lives Transported

Stop the Suffering provides a weekly transport from mainly Ohio (and some West Virginia and Kentucky) shelters to over 100 pre-approved rescues in over 5 states.

Companion pets transported: 3,102 dogs, cats, kittens and puppies

2016 Statistics:

Companion Animals Rescued By Our Program

Intake of Dogs: 400 lives

Adopted Dogs: 71 lives

Dogs helped by STS and transferred to sister rescues: 325 lives

Intake of Cats: 55 lives

Adopted Cats: 4 lives

Fully vetted and altered cats transferred to "sister" rescues: 20 lives

Companion Animals Sponsored By Our Program (includes those in "intake")

Pets sponsored for routine vetting, pull fees and health certificates: 125 lives

Seniors and Special needs pets sponsored: 200 lives

Over 1,200 rural shelter pets treated with flea and tick preventive at intake

Over 350 rural shelter pets at one shelter received a 5-way vaccine at intake

Euthanasia Due To Medical Reasons

Dogs: 5

Cats: 1

Live Release Rate: $449/455= 98.6\%$

(Live Release Rate: Live release rate is calculated by the total number of animals that left our organization alive divided by the number of total incoming animals)

Number Of Lives Transported

Stop the Suffering provides a weekly transport from mainly Ohio (and some West Virginia and Kentucky) shelters to over 100 pre-approved rescues in over 5 states.

Companion pets transported: 4,150 dogs, cats, kittens and puppies

2015 Statistics:

Companion Animals Rescued By Our Program

Intake of Dogs: 65 lives

Adopted Dogs: 51 lives

Fully vetted dogs transferred to "sister" rescues: 10 lives

Intake of Cats: 55 lives

Adopted Cats: 4 lives

Fully vetted and altered cats transferred to "sister" rescues: 51 lives

Companion Animals Sponsored By Our Program

Pets sponsored for routine vetting, pull fees and health certificates: 100 lives

Seniors and Special needs pets sponsored: 56 lives

Over 600 rural shelter pets treated with flea and tick preventive at intake

Over 350 rural shelter pets at one shelter received a 5-way vaccine at intake

Euthanasia Due To Medical Reasons

Dogs: 4

Cats: 1

Live Release Rate: 271/276= 98%

(Live Release Rate: Live release rate is calculated by the total number of animals that left our organization alive divided by the number of total incoming animals)

Number Of Live Transported

Stop the Suffering provides a weekly transport from mainly Ohio (and some West Virginia and Kentucky) shelters to over 100 pre-approved rescues in over 5 states.

Companion pets transported: 4,189 dogs, cats, kittens and puppies