

2023 gratitude & impact report



a letter from our CEO

Dear Friends and Supporters,

At IndyHumane, change and growth are integral to our mission, and this past year reflects our dedication in the face of these changes. As you read our 2023 Impact Report, we recognize that this year was challenging for animal welfare, both nationally and locally. Yet, we invite you to join us in celebrating the progress we've made at IndyHumane and together through community engagement.

Your unwavering support has allowed us to innovate and expand our services, directly improving the lives of countless animals. Thanks to your generosity, we've provided excellent care and found loving homes for many furry friends. But our work continues, and we rely on your ongoing support to meet future challenges.

I'm incredibly proud of our team and volunteers, whose resilience has been the cornerstone of our success. We have enriched our team and board with incredible individuals who share our vision, bringing new ideas and energy that propel us forward. Our culture of collaboration and caring has been instrumental in fostering a positive environment.

This year, we have maintained a 96% Save Rate while advancing our practices and financial stability. We have reduced a longstanding deficit, paving the way for our first balanced budget in 12 years. This financial health allows us to allocate even more resources to our mission.

Our Pet Resource Center (PRC) continues to support families in Central Indiana, helping them keep their beloved pets at home. We've also welcomed new team members and expanded collaborations, bringing fresh ideas and energy into our work.

As you explore this report, I hope the stories of impact inspire you as much as they inspire us. Together, we can continue to make a lasting difference in our community.



Thank you for being an essential part of the IndyHumane family. Your continued partnership is not just important – it is vital to our success. We are deeply grateful for your role in all that we have achieved.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Donna Casamento

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Chief Executive Officer

mission

IndyHumane's mission is to improve animal welfare in central Indiana. We are committed to ending the cycle of pet overpopulation, providing affordable pet ownership, and ensuring the well-being, health and safety of all animals in our care. We strive to promote the human animal bond and the powerful impact this mutually beneficial relationship has on individuals, families, and the Indianapolis community.

values

compassion

We recognize the strong bond between humans and animals and are compassionate in the decisions we make and actions we take that impact that relationship.

respect

We respect every animal that comes through our door as a valued life and make medically appropriate decisions in the best interest of the animals.

collaboration

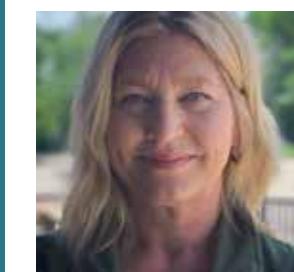
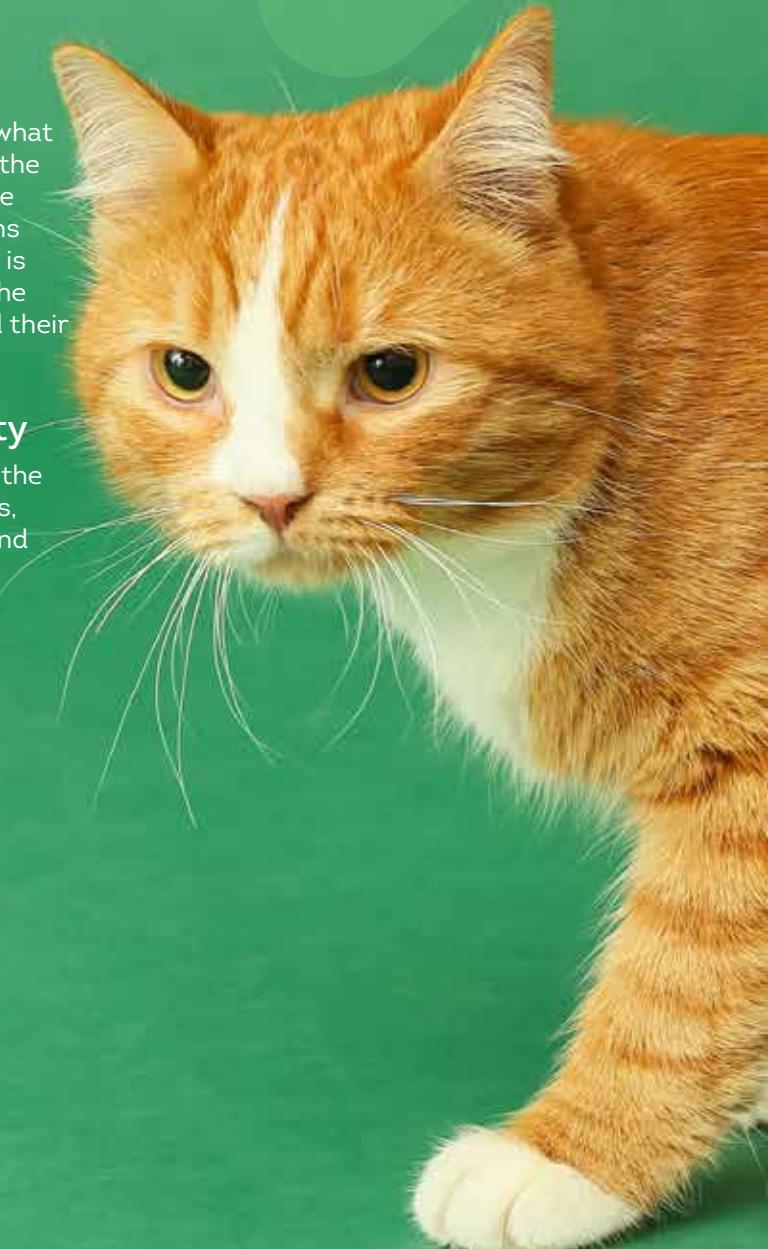
We work with other animal-focused individuals and groups to ensure that animals have a strong voice to advocate for their welfare.

integrity

We can be trusted to do what we say we will do. We tell the truth, even when it may be painful. We make decisions based on what we believe is the right thing to do for the animals, their owners and their prospective owners.

fiscal responsibility

We are good stewards of the resources entrusted to us, including both financial and human resources.



Warmest regards,

BC

Brooke Crosley
Chair of the Board

intakes

Thanks to your support, thousands of pets have found loving homes or were reunited with their families after being lost.

We do more than just find homes for animals. We create and preserve families.

3,404*

intake total

*1 other species



1,494 dogs



1,910 cats

1,289 owner surrenders

992 transfers
(animals taken in from other shelters/partner organizations)

464 from Indianapolis Animal Care Services

27 from Friends of Indianapolis Dogs Outside (FIDO)

247 from Indy Neighborhood Cats

39 from Hoosier Fix

215 from other shelters and groups



mission moment

Jeanine has been volunteering at IndyHumane for over 30 years, giving her time, love, and energy to help our furry friends find their forever homes. She and her husband have adopted a total of 16 dogs, 11 of whom came from IndyHumane. Each of them has been a cherished member of their family and the best dog children they could ask for.

In the picture, you can see Jeanine with her newest family member, Angel, who is already bringing so much joy to their home. We're incredibly grateful for volunteers like Jeanine, whose unwavering commitment and love for animals make such a difference in the lives of so many pets. Thank you, Jeanine, for being a part of the IndyHumane family for all these years!



outcomes

3,040 adoption total



1,268 dogs



1,772 cats

153 returns to owner

141 rescues and other transfers

199 animals in care on December 31, 2023



you saved: *Cashew*

Cashew came to us with a broken leg, but thanks to your donations and our amazing medical staff, he was nursed back to health!

Described as a social butterfly and a nap lover, Cashew found his home fast. Having lost 8 pounds, he is thriving at his new home, constantly craving new adventures!



you saved: *Barbie*

Barbie was hit by a car. A nice man scooped her up and brought her to Indy Humane.

The medical team immediately got to work and performed a procedure called a femoral head osteotomy (FHO) so that Barbie could continue using her leg without amputation. She is now forever happy at her new home where she gets lots of cuddles and yummy treats!



shelter medical services

For some animals, the road home is long and difficult. Some are injured or ill. Some are anxious or fearful. All of them deserve another chance at health and happiness.

The IndyHumane medical team meets pain and fear daily with love and compassion, helping each animal on a case-by-case basis. In addition to the standard vaccinations and spay/neuter surgeries, IndyHumane's Michigan Road location has a complete on-site medical suite and performs hundreds of orthopedic, eye, dental and other surgeries for shelter-owned animals each year.

medical care provided to shelter animals

1,917 spay/neuter surgeries

64 Heartworm treatments
(25 dogs, multiple treatments per dog over a 3-4 month period)

3 declawing repairs for PawProject

212 dental procedures

47 eye surgeries
(including cherry eye repair, entropion, and enucleation)

146 other surgeries
(including amputations, foreign body removal, hernia repair, laceration repairs, mass removal)

204 sedated procedures
(including biopsies, feeding tubes, ultrasounds)

low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

downtown clinic

6,101

spay/neuter
surgeries



1,597 dogs



4,504 cats

public

3,944

other rescue shelters

1,218

owned animals in partnership
resource groups

939

owned pets



low-cost clinics

In collaboration with our partners at FIDO, INC, IACS, Hoosier Fix, IndyCares and more, we helped keep pets in loving homes by providing free or low-cost vaccines and spay/neuter surgeries to families hit by economic woes. We administered 25,447 vaccines*, not including shelter animals, and microchipped 1,675 animals, not including shelter animals.

services provided by our low-cost clinics

low-cost clinic

7929 N. Michigan Rd.
(open to the general public)

16,378

vaccines

438

microchips

downtown clinic

456 N. Holmes Ave.

8,619

vaccines

960

microchips

mobile clinic

450

vaccines

277

microchips

*This data is specifically for the vaccines themselves, not animals vaccinated since some animals receive multiple vaccines per visit or multiple boosters.

rescue relief



801,662
pounds of food distributed



122 human/animal service groups assisted

104 shelters and rescues in Indiana

8 human resources groups in Indianapolis area

7 animal welfare groups in Indianapolis area

3 non-for-profit farms in Indiana



foster care

The Nonie Krauss Foster Care Program helps pets who need extra care before being ready for adoption, or for pets to get a break from the shelter until they find their new home. There are many animals who benefit from spending time in foster homes, including those who need training or socialization, animals in need of medical treatment, puppies and kittens too young for adoption, and moms with puppies or kittens. Enrich your life and help save lives by joining the foster community today by visiting indyhumane.org/foster.

826

total animals fostered



228

dogs and puppies



598

cats and kittens

115

enrichment
(including time away and behavior)

91

medical
(including fospice, panleuk, medical and heartworm treatment)

620

bottle babies, underage animals and nursing moms



top foster families

Elsbury Family - 24

Bret Brewer - 23

Sara Bennett - 22

Rachel Schmidt - 18

Michele Tiek - 18

volunteering

IndyHumane is grateful for each of our wonderful volunteers. Each hour spent at the shelter greatly improves the lives of homeless dogs and cats by providing care, love, enrichment, and exercise.

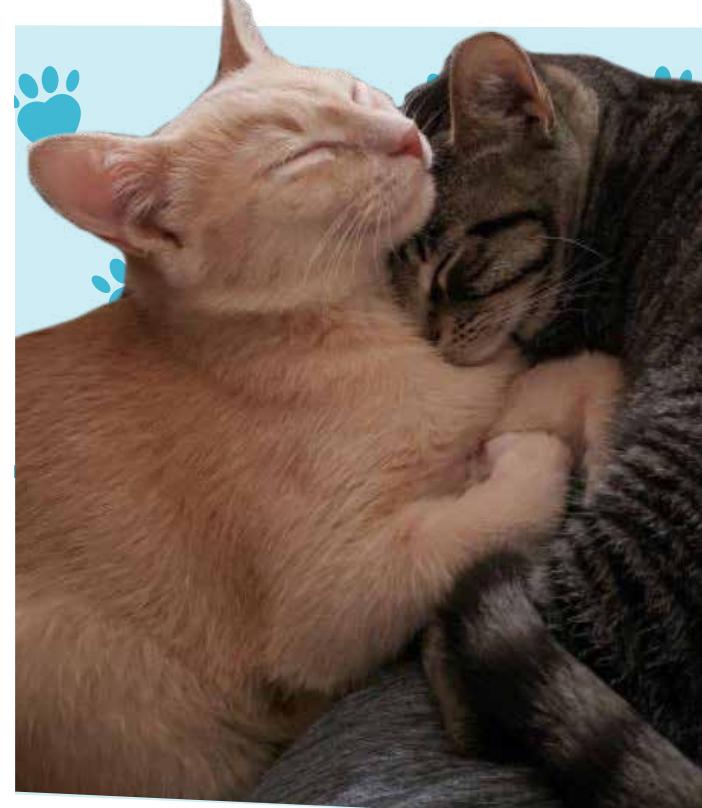
Although we require only 4-8 hours per month, our volunteers routinely go above and beyond. For that dedication, we are forever grateful.

If you would like to be a part of our Volunteer Program, join us by applying at indyhumane.org/volunteer.

24,266
total volunteer hours



Remy
"From the moment Remy entered our home, we knew we were in trouble. Remy and our Golden Retriever, Junie, bonded instantly and soon became the best of friends. Though he faced some health and behavioral challenges initially, Remy made remarkable progress over time. He turned out to be the perfect puzzle piece for our family, and it became clear that we couldn't let him go. Now, Remy is the light of our lives, bringing joy and love to our home every day!"
- Jasmine Gonzalez



Jacq and Strauss
My very first foster ever was a mom cat named Lisa and her four babies in early 2023. Jacq was the only one not afraid of our dog Sophie; in fact, he liked her and would jump onto my arm to go after my coffee cream. It was clear Jacq had decided he was part of the family, so he stayed. A few rounds of bottle babies later, Strauss (originally Salt) arrived with his eyes still closed. Jacq adopted him, giving him baths, and soon after, Strauss walked right up to Sophie and lay down next to her. Sophie, Jacq, and Strauss became best friends, leading to our second forever foster in the same year! Now, Jacq and Strauss help with new bottle babies and foster kittens. Jacq cleans them, and Strauss plays with them, helping to keep them from falling off things."
- Bret Brewer

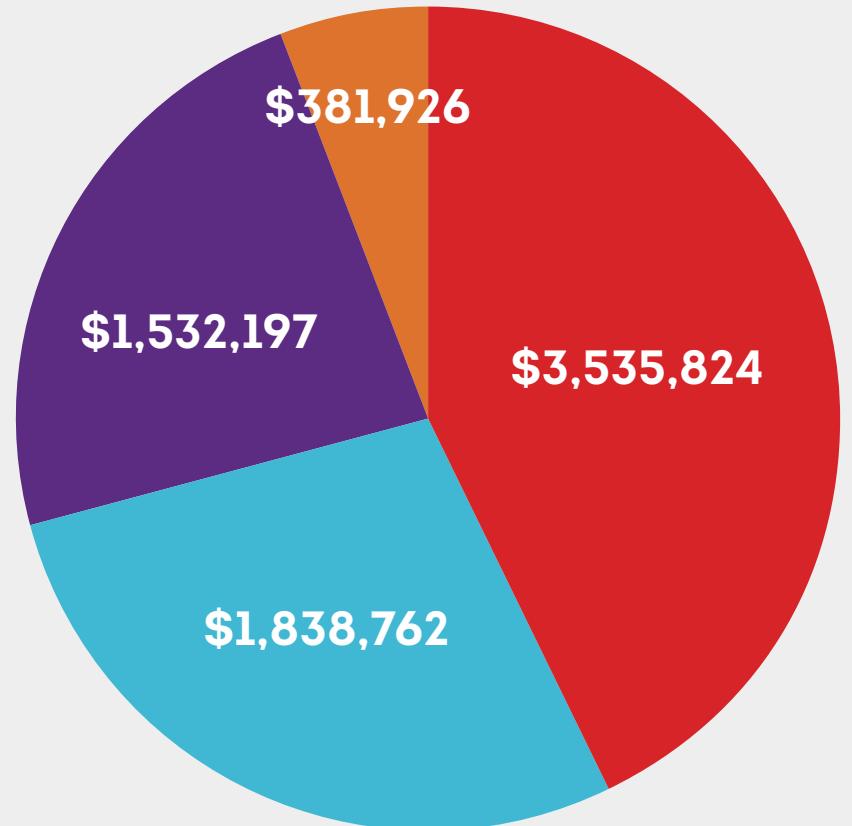
2023 financials: total revenue

development
\$3,535,824

in-kind donations
\$1,838,762

program services
\$1,532,197

investment
\$381,926



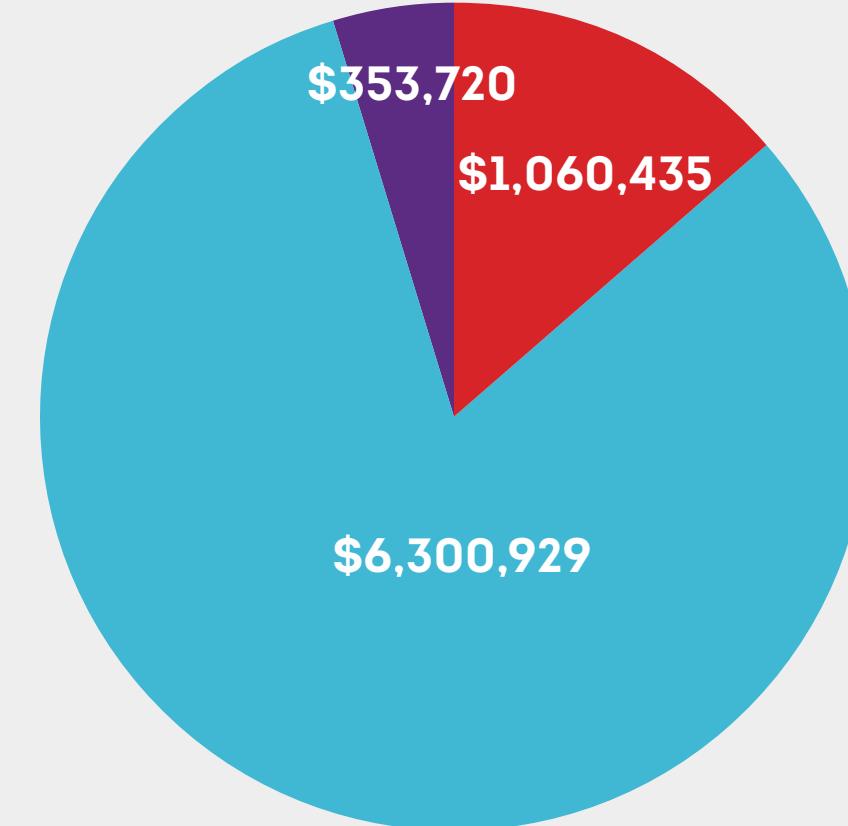
total
\$7,288,709

2023 financials: total expenses

development
\$1,060,435

program services
\$6,300,929

administration
\$353,720



total
\$7,715,084

2023 donor recognition

kennel sponsors

Adopting a kennel, enclosure, or corral at IndyHumane is a simple way to show your support for the animals in our care all year long. Kennel sponsorships help offset the direct expenses for homeless dogs and cats who call IndyHumane their temporary home.

Kennel sponsors have a custom, digitally printed plaque hung on either a dog or cat kennel (sponsor's choice) that will stay up for 12 months and receive periodic updates on the dog or cat residing in their sponsored kennel, so you can see the direct impact of your gift.

If you would like to sponsor a kennel, please visit indyhumane.org/kenspon.

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Barbara & Sunny Bush
Bo Ladowski
Bob & Michele Johns
Bonnie Gallivan & Phillip Bayt
Bonnie Hand
Elizabeth Virts
Brandi & Jeff Craig
Brian Haag Family
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Charles the Dog (In honor of his loving parents)
Chelsea Heidt & Kylie Ray
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Tito's Handmade Vodka
Toby & Chester Baugh
VCA Animal Hospitals
Williams Comfort Air
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Yung Nguyen

2023 foundation support

Arthur Jordan Foundation
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Petco Love (Petco Foundation)
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Ray Rowe 1988 Trust for Animals
The Grey Muzzle Organization
The Hart-Isaacson Charitable Fund
The Patricia Schaefer Foundation Trust
Tony Stewart Foundation
Wings of Rescue

The 1905 Society

Named for the year Humane Society of Indianapolis was founded, The 1905 Society at IndyHumane recognizes impactful, visionary gifts and generous donors. Members of The 1905 Society are among friends of IndyHumane who share in the mission of the organization.

Interested in becoming a member yourself? To learn more, please visit indyhumane.org/about/ways-to-give/1905-tour/.

thank you 2023 members:

Barbara J. Briggs
Barry E. Clark
Bonnie L. Gallivan & Phillip Bayt
Braden & Courtney Smith
Brandi Craig
Brian W. Haag
Carol S. Rehn
Christina Hale & Christopher McElwee
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Theresa Roesch
Todd & Yvonne McCullough



friends for life society

The Friends for Life Society is an exceptional group of dedicated supporters who have committed to ensuring the long-term sustainability of IndyHumane through planned giving. Members of this society play a crucial role in securing the future of our organization by including IndyHumane in their estate plans, wills, or other long-term financial arrangements. Their generosity and foresight allow us to plan for the future with confidence, ensuring that we can continue to provide top-notch care and services to animals in need for years to come.

For more information on the Friends for Life Society, please visit indyhumane.giftplans.org to learn more.

partnerships and collaborations

This year has been marked by fruitful partnerships and collaborations that have enhanced our capabilities and reach. We have established a new relationship with **Butler University**, engaging students in mock interviews and internship programs that benefit both the shelter and the students. Our ongoing collaboration with **Eli Lilly** has resulted in significant grant support for our play yard's turf project, enhancing the quality of life for our shelter animals.

Moreover, our partnership with **Metazoa Brewing Co.** has been a notable highlight. The **“Metazoa Brew Pack: Cheers for Paws”** initiative has not only provided financial support but also increased public engagement through various fundraising events. These collaborations are essential as they bring in resources, expertise, and a wider audience, all contributing to our mission of animal welfare.



Mutt Strut 2023

The Mutt Strut is IndyHumane's largest annual event, bringing together pet-lovers and their canine companions to raise funds for the shelter. In 2023, Mutt Strut took place at Celebration Plaza at White River State Park. Raising over \$150,000 and hosting approximately 800 people, Mutt Strut 2023 was a resounding success. Fundraising from events like this supports over 3,000 animals each year in need of adoption, medical treatment, enrichment, and fostering.

thank you Mutt Strut sponsors

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Bedel Financial Consulting, Inc.	GEICO Philanthropic Foundation	Pet Wellness Clinics
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Putts for Paws 2023

IndyHumane's Putts for Paws golf outing is one of the shelter's newest events. Thirty-four teams of four joined us at Prairie View Golf Course for an exciting day on the links, filled with food, fun, and of course golf. Putts for Paws 2023 raised over \$87,000 to support our shelter operations.



thank you Putts for Paws sponsors

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Tito's Handmade Vodka	The Long Drink	Samantha
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Indianapolis Colts	Illinois Street Food Emporium	Bohlsen Group
Harwell Legal Counsel, LLC	Cunningham Restaurant Group	PAW
Indy Card Exchange	Hiatus Tequila	
Springhetti	RNDC	

kids summer camp

Our Kids Summer Camp program has been a tremendous success, engaging young minds in the world of animal welfare. This camp provides children with hands-on experience in caring for animals, learning about shelter operations, and understanding the importance of humane treatment of pets. The camp includes activities such as animal handling, veterinary care simulations, and educational games, all designed to inspire the next generation of animal advocates. Feedback from parents and campers has been overwhelmingly positive, highlighting the camp's role in fostering empathy and responsibility in children.

To learn more, please visit
indyhumane.org/get-involved/youth-programs/.



PAW (Pet Adoption Wagon)

The Pet Adoption Wagon (PAW) continues to be a cornerstone of our community outreach. This mobile unit allows us to bring adoptable animals to various community events, increasing their visibility and chances for adoption. The PAW has been instrumental in our efforts to reach underserved areas, providing educational resources and promoting responsible pet ownership. This year, the PAW has participated in numerous events, including local fairs, corporate events, and school visits, making a significant impact in terms of adoptions and public awareness.

To learn more, please visit
indyhumane.org/get-involved/paw/.

marketing, outreach and fundraising

social media followers

 10,122

 62,458

 20,128

 1,450

 4,742



24,978
donations from
9,925
donors

2023 board of directors

Our 2023 Board of Directors has been instrumental in guiding IndyHumane through a year of growth and transformation. The board's diverse expertise and unwavering commitment to our mission have been pivotal in navigating the challenges and opportunities we have encountered. Their strategic oversight has enabled us to implement new programs, secure critical funding, and strengthen our organizational structure. We are grateful for their leadership and look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts to advance our mission.

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future outlook

Looking ahead, IndyHumane is poised to achieve several strategic goals and embark on major initiatives. One of our primary objectives is to expand our "Dogs Day Out" program, giving more shelter dogs the opportunity to explore the community and meet potential adopters. We are also planning to enhance our digital presence with a comprehensive online platform that will streamline the adoption process and provide extensive resources for pet owners.



Through the Pet Resource Center (PRC), we are working to increase our capacity for spay/neuter surgeries, medical services, and overall access to care. These strategic goals are aligned with our mission to improve the lives of animals and strengthen our community ties.

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