



2023

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REPORT



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Letter from the Director

2023 was a whirlwind! It seems like it came and went in an instant. It was a tough year for a lot of us in animal welfare. Shelters and rescues across the country are struggling. Intakes are high, adoptions are low, and foster homes have been hard to come by. We are far luckier than organizations in other parts of the country and even in other parts of the state, but the transfer and surrender requests far outweighed the number of adoption applications we received. Because of this, we had to say no a lot, simply because we didn't have the room when another organization or a member of the public needed us. As you can imagine, saying no is hard. But, we persevere knowing that there will also be yeses and while it may not be as many as we would like, there were still a lot - 562 to be exact! 562 precious lives who were provided a soft place to land when they needed it most.

Shelters and rescues aren't the only ones struggling, pet owners are too. And, as we have been for the past 15 years, we were here to help them. Our pet food pantry and low-cost vaccine clinics eased the burden for over 500 Laramie County residents. We want pets to stay with the people who love them and these programs help make that possible.

I hope you know that it is only because of you that we are able to touch the lives of so many, furry and human.

I would be remiss if I didn't give due credit to our staff, foster homes, and volunteers. Our small staff of five amazes me every single day. They handle each set-back with grace and never forget to celebrate a triumph. Our foster homes are as selfless as they come. Bringing an animal into your home and loving it like one of your own, only to let it go, takes grit. Our volunteers answer our calls all day, everyday and are here to help at a moment's notice. I am honored to know every single one of these huge-hearted humans.

Before I close, I want to share Frankie the senior dachshund's story with you. It was one that had a profound effect on me. After Frankie's owner passed away, a friend brought poor Frankie in. Frankie had never left his owner's side or his house in his entire life. He was terrified! He was shaking, sad, and very snappy. Frankie had also never seen a vet. He was overweight, had reported seizures, and his teeth were a mess. We got him the medical care he needed to help him feel his best. He came out of his shell some in his foster home and was a little more handleable, but still had a lingering sadness. After just a couple weeks, Frankie got an application from a single, older gentleman. We knew it would be perfect for our boy. And, oh man, was it ever! Frankie's adopter sat on the floor while he waited for us to bring him in. As soon as Frankie saw him, this dog, who just a couple weeks earlier seemed to have lost all hope, walked right up to his new dad, crawled into his lap, and demanded pets. All of us shed a few tears that day. It was love at first sight for both of them! A couple weeks later, Frankie's dad stopped by just to tell us, with tears in his eyes, that Frankie brought him back from a dark place after some personal loss he had recently suffered and he was so grateful for BDAR and for his new best friend. I think if he could talk, Frankie would say his new dad did the same for him.



Frankie and his new dad on adoption day

Frankie's story reminds us, even on the hardest days, that the impact this organization has on our community may be greater than we'll ever know. We love this work, these animals, and the people we serve. It's not always easy but it is always worth it. And, we are so glad to have you along for the ride!

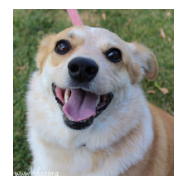
With the deepest gratitude,

Emilee J. Intlekofer

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Intakes
276 Dogs | 286 Cats

Adoptions
235 Dogs | 261 Cats

Transfer Out
17 Dog | 15 Cats

Live Release Rate
97%

Low Cost Vaccines
355 cats and dogs

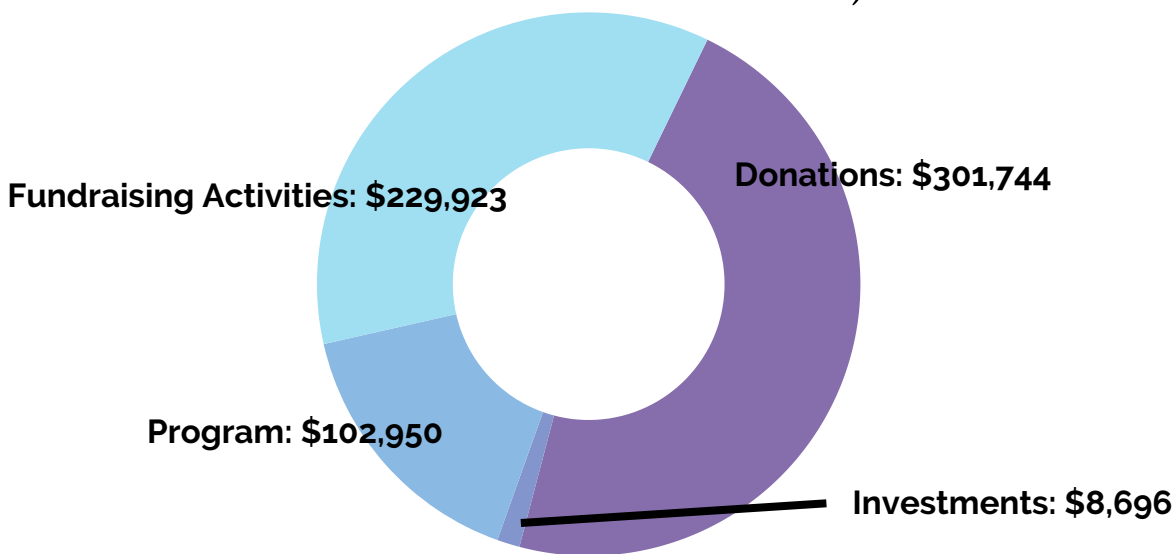
PACK Graduates
57 Dogs

Volunteers
124 Active
Approx. 11,996 hours
Equivalent to 6 Full Time Employees

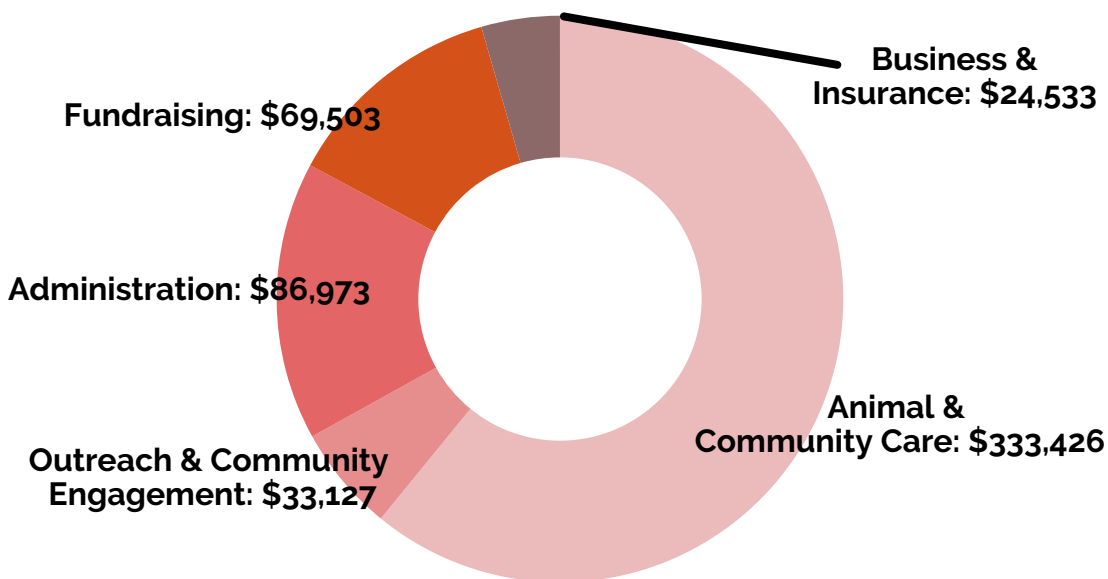
Transport Miles
20,008

Empty Dish Pet Pantry
258 households
17,250 pounds of food and supplies

2023 Revenue \$643,313



2023 Expenses \$547,562



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