

BARRY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

“The Barry County Humane Society, a non-profit organization, believing that all living creatures have the right to live free of suffering, is dedicated to the prevention of cruelty and promotion of humane treatment.”

We provide a wide range of services to the people living in our county. One of our major goals is to promote spaying and neutering to prevent pet overpopulation. Residents of Barry County who require financial assistance can contact us for a spay/neuter voucher at any time of the year. In 2020, we doubled the amount of this voucher from \$20 to \$40. The voucher can be used at participating veterinarians to defray the cost of spaying or neutering. Since January 1, 2019, we have provided over \$26,750 worth of vouchers to area residents.

In addition, we have funds to assist those in financial need to cover other medical expenses for their pets. Since January 1, 2019, we paid for over \$15,000 in veterinary services. And we provided \$4,700 in Good Samaritan vouchers for people who have rescued animals that need medical attention. We also donated over \$32,000 to assist animal welfare services such as Wildlife Rehabilitation and the Barry County Animal Shelter.

We have a Pet Food Pantry in our office which provides dog and cat food for pet owners who need temporary provisions for their furry friends. Last year we spent \$2,500 to keep our shelves stocked and to provide Pet Meals on Wheels for homebound senior citizens through our partnership with the COA Meals on Wheels program. We also provide financial assistance to senior citizens who need medical care for their pets.

Our “Caring for Pets” presentation is available to all second-grade classes in the county. Because of the pandemic, we were unable to visit area schools during the last fifteen months, but we eagerly look forward to reactivating the program when the schools reopen their doors to us.

In addition, each year we donate \$1,000 to the Barry Community Foundation to help fund a Scholarship Program for Barry County students who plan to pursue a career in an animal-related field.

We have also set up a partnership with Green Gables Haven to provide funds to house pets for those seeking shelter from abusive relationships. By eliminating the threat of violence against a beloved pet, victims of domestic abuse have more freedom to seek the help they need. Our hope is that this program will provide families in crisis with the courage and peace of mind to leave unsafe circumstances. We have also partnered with the Red Cross to provide funds to house pets who are displaced because of natural disasters or other emergencies.

The following is an overview of the Barry County Humane Society’s income and expenses for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020.

Total Support and Revenue:	\$38,649
Program Expenses:	32,689
Management and General Expenses:	5,314
Fundraising Expenses:	514
End of Year Net Asset Balance:	91,157
End of Year Non-Spendable Balance:	30,075

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