

BARRY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT

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 \$20 voucher at any time of the year. This voucher can be used at participating veterinarians to defray the cost of spaying or neutering. Over the last six years, we have provided over \$38,500 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. In 2018, we provided over \$3,823 in veterinary services. And we provided \$1,240 in Good Samaritan vouchers for people who have rescued animals that need medical attention. During 2017/2018, we also provided \$10,000 to fund wildlife rehabilitation efforts in Barry County.

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 \$1,973 to keep our shelves stocked.

For many homebound senior citizens, pets are crucial to their joy and well-being. We provide financial assistance to senior citizens who need medical care for their pets. We also partner with Meals on Wheels to deliver cat and dog food to any seniors who request this service.

Our "Caring for Pets" presentation is available to all second-grade classes in the county. We talk about how to care for family pets, how to read a pet's body language, how to avoid dog bites, and the importance of spaying and neutering pets. It emphasizes how pets, like any family member, should be treated with love and respect. Each second-grader who participates in the program receives a certificate, a "Caring for Pets" booklet, and a special pencil.

In addition, this year we donated \$1,000 to the Barry Community Foundation to help fund a Vet Tech Scholarship Program for Barry County students.

We contributed \$1,500 to the fund drive for the Kalamazoo Humane Society *Animal Care & Resource Center* which one day will be able to provide pet-related services to those living in the southern part of Barry County.

Working under the guidance of the Kalamazoo Humane Society, which has a long history of providing temporary lodging for pets in homes with domestic unrest or violence, 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 violence can get 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.

The following is an overview of the Barry County Humane Society's income and expenses for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018.

Total Support and Revenue:	\$33,326
Program Expenses:	27,166
Management and General Expense	4,245
Fundraising Expenses:	1,419
End of Year Net Asset Balance:	94,126

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