

2015 ANNUAL REPORT



Mission Statement

To be a voice for the animals; to educate the public about animal responsibility and ensure that animals are treated humanely and given a "chance." To make certain that every available resource is used to find adoptive homes for domestic animals and to return wildlife to their natural environment.

A Critter's Chance is pleased to provide the Annual Report for fiscal year 2015. This report will outline some of our key achievements highlighting the valuable work provided by A Critter's Chance, Inc. The ever-increasing number of animal rescues, rehabilitations and adoptions confirm the need for this unique organization. We encourage you to visit our web site at: acritterschance.org for more information including the special animals now available for adoption! Follow us on Face Book or stay up-to-date with A Critter's Chance achievements and educational information by reading our monthly newsletter.

Accomplishments can be defined in many ways. A Critter's Chance defines its accomplishments by the numbers and categories of domestic animals and wildlife that ACC assists. This assistance can come in the form of providing medical care, food, proper shelter, adoptive homes, or simply returning wildlife to the natural environment required for the species. Spaying and neutering domestic animal rescues is a high priority. The following pictures of some of the wildlife, exotic, domestic and farm animals ACC has rescued (as well as the accompanying numbers of interventions) are provided both for your information and for the amazing beauty and joy each of them add to our existence.

Thank You Donors!

Thank you to everyone who donated to A Critter's Chance during 2015! Your support and generosity makes our work possible.

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KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Wildlife Rescues

ACC does not receive any government funds to rehabilitate native Indiana wildlife. Animal control and humane society organizations do not take in and rehabilitate these animals so the public relies on us. Ninety-nine percent of the native wildlife taken in by ACC were injured and/or orphaned due to habitat destruction and other man-made causes. We continually reach out to communities and private land owners in central Indiana counties to find release sites. In addition, ACC provides education to the public for making their homes and yards more wildlife friendly and helping with nuisance wildlife issues.

2015 Wildlife Rescues

Raccoons	37
Bats	32
Cottontails	17
Opossums	10
Flying Squirrel	3
Fox Squirrels	<u>4</u>
TOTAL	103 Rescues



Exotics and Domestic/Farm Animal Rescues

A Critter's Chance is proud to partner with Indianapolis Animal Control in rescuing both exotic and domestic/farm animal species. ACC offers education programs and provides information through fundraising events and newsletters to help people decide what exotic, domestic and farm animal is right for them. This education is invaluable in our attempts to curb so many animals being relinquished by private owners who cannot provide the proper habitat, diet, or other needs, or rescued from bad situations by ACC, animal control, and humane societies.

2015 Exotics Rescues

Pet Rodents	55
Rabbits	39
Budgies/Cockatiels/Pigeons	8
Bearded/Water dragons	5
Turtles	4
Snakes	3
Chameleons	2
Betta Fish	2
Foxes	2
African clawed frog	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	121 Rescues

2015 Domestic/Farm Animal Rescues

Chickens	36
Ducks/Geese	21
Pigs	4
Goats	2
Cow	1
Sheep	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	65 Rescues

Bunny Buddies!!



Heidi and Gilbert – A Happy Pair!



Felix Fox!

Pekin Ducks



RESCUE STORIES

Michigan Rescue

In February 2015, A Critters Chance was contacted about an animal emergency around Michigan City. A man had been transporting about 200 small animals in a semi without food and water, leaving many to starve and the rest to resort to cannibalism to survive. When the truck overturned, the animals were left to die from the cold. The trailer they were in had plenty of food and a water system set up to care for the animals, but there was no water in the system and they weren't given the food. The smell was terrible. A local bird rescue took in the surviving parakeets, finches and canaries, and we made the drive to take in the remaining 41 hamsters, gerbils and mice. We later learned that these animals were headed to large chain pet stores to be sold. This situation reinforces our belief that exotic pets should not be sold in stores.



Cage conditions prior to rescue



Happy hamsters after rescue!

Canada Goose Rescue

Volunteer Nikki Jeffers assisted in the rescue of a wounded Canada goose that was unable to fly. The goose was determined to have been hit by a car and, unfortunately, could not be saved. While not a happy ending, the goose was spared a slow painful death by starvation and freezing.



Beulah the Pot Belly Pig



Beulah was surrendered by her owner who fed her sow food, the wrong type of food for a pot belly pig. In A Critter's Chance loving care, this sweet girl is being fed the proper diet and has shed a few pounds! Beulah is dreaming of a forever home with someone who will give her back scratches and belly rubs.

Gizmo the Pygmy Goat



Gizmo the Pygmy Goat was surrendered by an owner who could not care for his special needs. His hairless condition was caused by an auto-immune disease, in addition to other health problems. Purdue University Veterinary Teaching Hospital provided valuable services for his care. Gizmo had many happy months on Kelly Thomas' rescue farm, following volunteers around as they worked and often wearing shirts and sweaters to keep warm. While he ultimately succumbed to his many health complications, he was a pleasure to all who knew him.

ADOPTION STORIES

Mulinzi the Goose



Mulinzi ('Protector' in Swahili) came to A Critter's Chance after his owner dumped him in a private lake, leaving him to fend for himself. Mulinzi is a domestic goose. Domestic geese cannot fly and cannot protect themselves from predators in the wild. When lakes freeze over, they have no water and nothing to eat. Luckily someone reported this and he was brought to us to care for and find a good home. This African goose was named for his innate behavior to act as protector of his fellow geese. He has found a forever home with his happy adopter on a farm with a pond and other geese he can protect.

Freeway the Piglet

This little piglet fell out of a livestock truck on 465 on May 22, 2015. He was headed to a farm where he would be fattened up for slaughter, but must have decided that wouldn't be his fate. Miraculously, he wasn't hit by a car and was taken to Indianapolis Animal Care and Control, where we picked him up and rushed him to the vet for emergency treatment. We named him Freeway. He healed up quickly and was adopted by farm owners with whom he will spend the rest of his happy life and will NOT be slaughtered for meat!



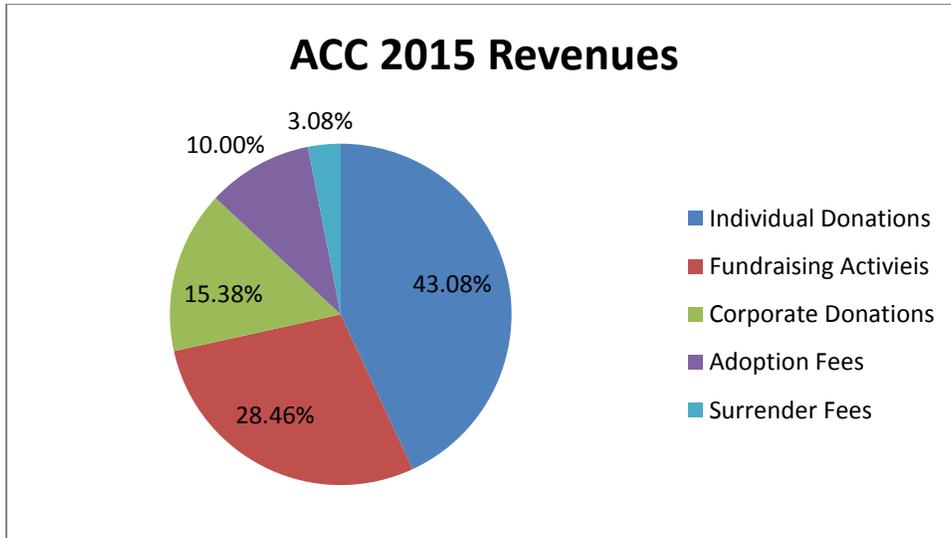
Wounded after falling from a truck



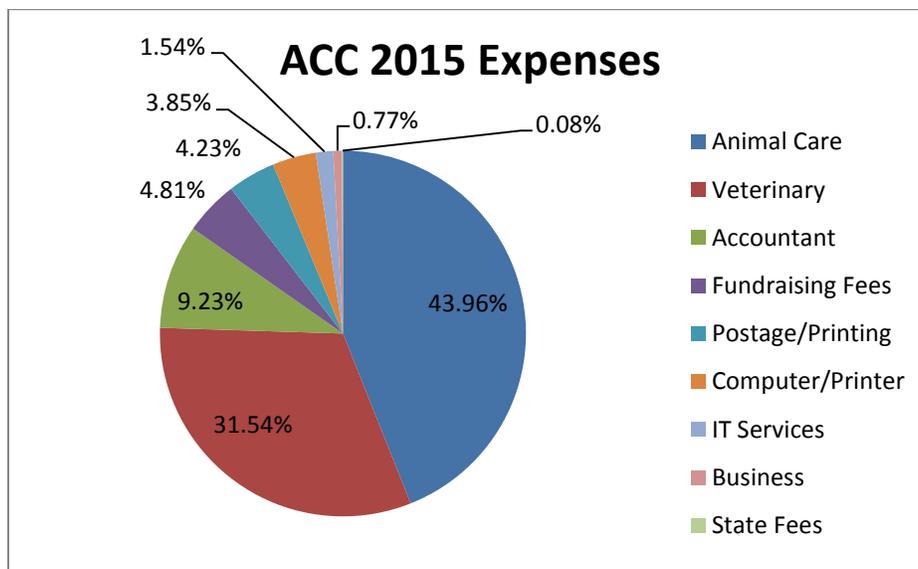
Safe and happy after a full recovery!

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A Critter's Chance funding is dependent on fundraising and donations. Smaller portions of income come from adoptions and surrenders of rescued animals. Donations of food and supplies for smaller animals from Pet Supplies Plus were a welcome contribution!



The majority of ACC expenses are for animal care and veterinary services. Avian and Exotic Animal Hospital of Indianapolis, IN provides exotic and farm animal veterinary services at a 25% discount and wildlife veterinary services free of charge. For larger farm animals, ACC seeks the most reasonable costs for spaying and neutering in the area.



MOVE TO ACT RESCUE RALLY AWARD

Amanda Nosie (2nd from left) and Kelly Thomas (3rd from left) represented A Critter's Chance at the Move to ACT Rescue Rally Awards. A Critter's Chance won FIRST PRIZE for *Most Exotic Animal Rescues*! The Prize money received from this award will further our cause in partnering with Indianapolis Animal Care and Control. These urgently needed funds will help to support the cost of essential partnerships needed to rescue both exotic and domestic animals.



The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.
-- Mohandas K. Gandhi