

KC PET PROJECT

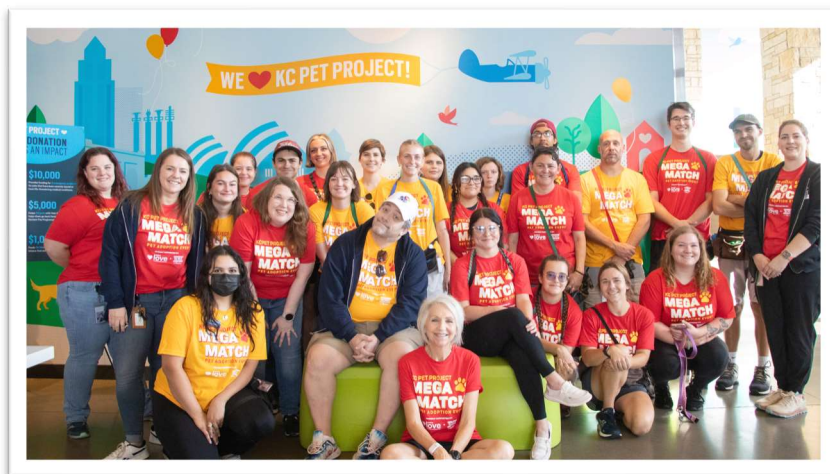
Impact Report for October 2024 Activities

Sheltering Statistics:

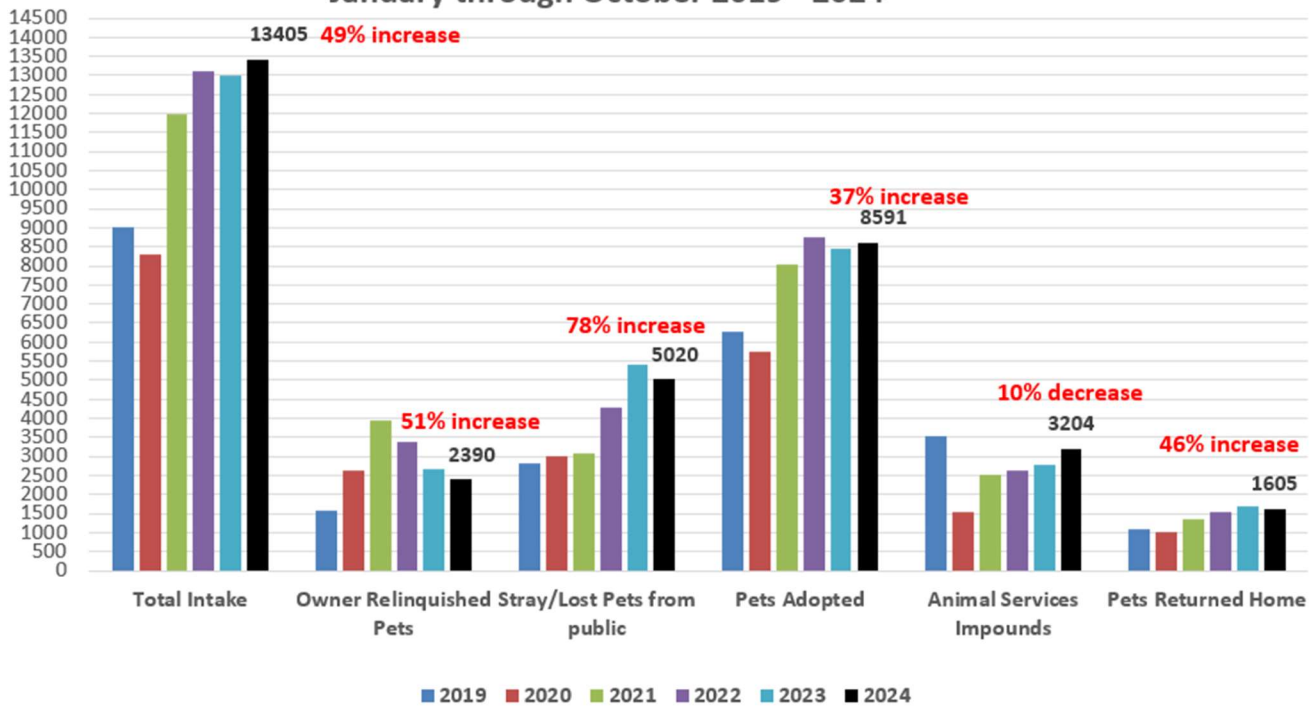
Dog & Cat Totals for Jan - Oct	2024	2023	Difference
Total Intake	13,405	12,982	423 more
Adoptions	8,591	8,442	149 more
Returned to Owners	1,605	1,681	76 fewer
Live Release Rate	93.4%	93.3%	0.1% higher
Owner Surrendered Pets	2,390	2,657	267 fewer
Stray animals brought in by public	5,020	5,403	383 fewer
Cats/kittens transferred IN	1,089	994	95 more
Spay/Neuter Surgeries Performed	8,205	7,424	781 more
Average Length of Stay for Dogs	19.3 days	20.1 days	0.8 days fewer
Average Length of Stay for Cats	15.9 days	19.2 days	3.3 days fewer

October 2024 - Animals In & Animals Out

- ❖ We received or provided care for **1,442** new dogs and cats that arrived in October (699 dogs, 725 cats), along with 6 chickens/roosters, 1 goat, 2 guinea pigs, 4 rabbits, and 1 snake.
- ❖ **1,004** pets were adopted in October (450 dogs, 544 cats, and 10 other pets). Dog adoptions were 7% higher than last October and are still up **4.7%** over last year at this time. Cat adoptions were down slightly last month.
- ❖ We achieved a **94.3%** Save Rate in October (96.7% dogs, 91.9% cats). Our Save Rate so far in 2024 is **93.3%**.
- ❖ Our veterinary team performed **947** spay/neuter and specialty surgeries in October – including TNR services for 101 community cats (a 9% increase over last October).
- ❖ We provided **45** free spay/neuter surgeries for pitbull-type dogs that were reclaimed from our shelter by their families.
- ❖ **345** dogs/puppies and **208** cats/kittens were sent to foster homes last month.
- ❖ The Return-To-Home team had an incredible **33%** increase in the number of lost/impounded dogs reunited with their families in October.
- ❖ The number of pets impounded by our Animal Services team is **16%** higher than last year at this time.



KCMO Shelter Data Trends for Dogs & Cats January through October 2019 - 2024

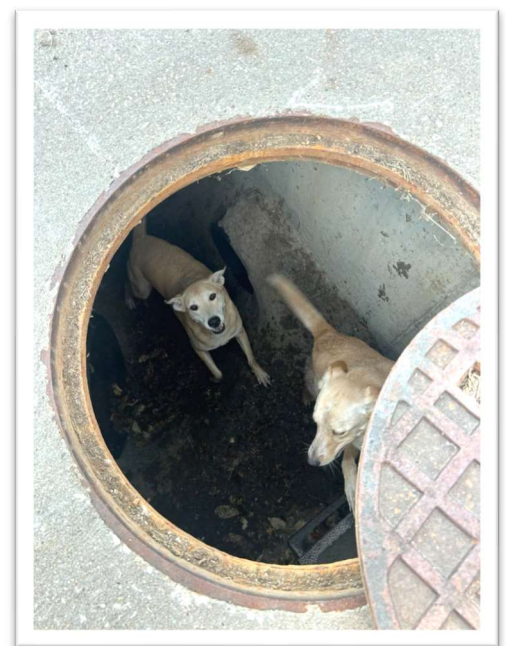


- **Intake** for animals is still running **49% higher** than what we saw in 2019.
- **Adoptions** are also still at the highest levels in our 12-year history – still **up 37%** from 6 years ago for this timeframe.
- **Stray/lost pets** brought in by the public are still at the highest level ever recorded in Kansas City – **up 78%** from 2019 totals.
- **Pets Surrendered by their Owners** are **51% higher** than 2019 totals for this period.

Animal Services Division Update for October 2024

Officers worked **2,080** total case activities last month, travelling a total of **20,947** miles throughout the city, impounding **349** animals, and returning an additional **43** lost pets back to their homes without having to impound them.

- ❖ Our Animal Cruelty Investigations Team investigated and closed **216** animal cruelty cases, including 36 reports of animal abandonment, 160 reports of neglect, and 20 reports of cruelty.
- ❖ Our Dispatch team efficiently handled nearly **3,047** calls, including 5 calls to the Cruelty Tips Hotline.
- ❖ The number of dogs impounded by Animal Services was up more than **18%** in October and is up **15%** over last year at this time. The number of cats impounded year-to-date is up more than **20%** due to several over-the-limit neglect cases.
- ❖ Forty-three (43) loose/lost pets were reunited with their families in the field by Officers, rather than having to be impounded, including 1 stray pig.



Enforcement & Criminal Deterrent Efforts by our Animal Services Division

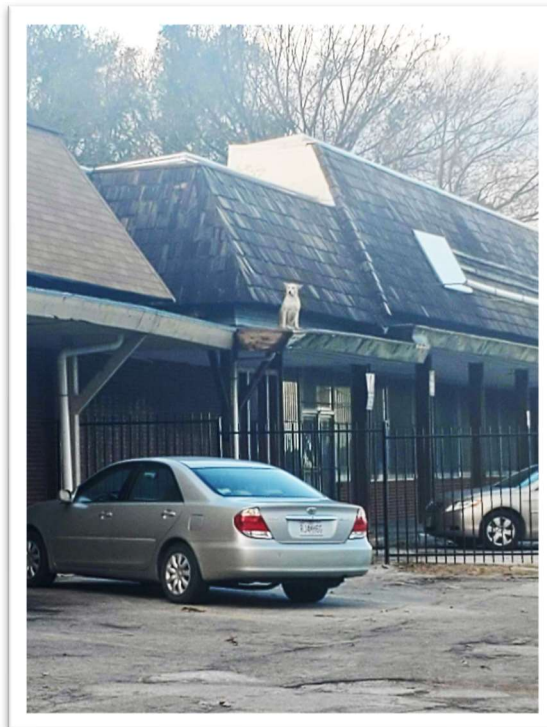
In October, officers issued **eighty (80) criminal citations** for violations of the Kansas City Municipal Code. *A total of 740 criminal citations through Municipal Court have been issued so far in 2024.*

The top five criminal court citations issued by Animal Services in October:

1. Failure to display or obtain a city license,
2. Dog running at large,
3. Failure to provide adequate animal care,
4. Failure to spay/neuter a pit-bull-type dog,
5. Dogs creating a public nuisance

Stories from the Field – Rooftop Rescue X 3

On October 31, Animal Services Officers Bryant and Walker teamed up with the Kansas City Fire Department to rescue three dogs that appeared to be trapped on the roof of a business (right). With the assistance of KCFD, the officers safely captured the dogs and removed them using leashes, tarps, a catchpole, and the fire department's ladder truck. The dogs were taken to KC Pet Project and were checked out by our veterinary team. This is not the first time Animal Services Officers and KCFD have worked together to rescue a dog from this very same rooftop – but we certainly hope it will be the last!



Marketing/PR/Communications/Community Events

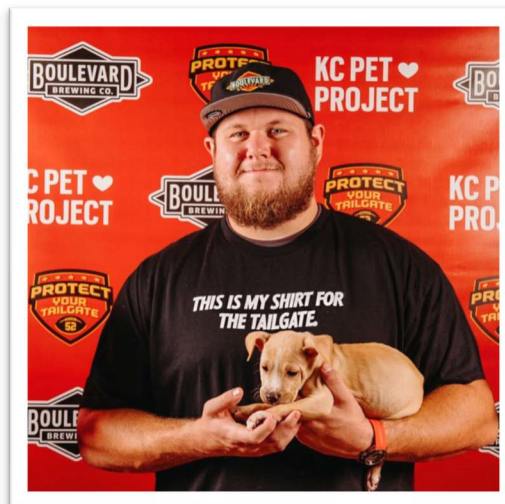
- ❖ We shared Halloween pet safety tips from our Animal Services team to keep pets safe during the holiday.
- ❖ We held our **Subaru Loves Pets** adoption event from October 25-27 and 105 pets were adopted as part of the promotion.
- ❖ We shared lost pet tips to get more pets home, including how to use Pawboost and how to network lost pets within the community.
- ❖ **KC Mega Match**, powered by Petco Love and Bobs from Skechers, brought together 7 local shelters this year for a community-wide adoption event October 11th-13th. KC Pet Project found homes for a record **282** pets during the 3-day special -- with 619 total pets being adopted across all seven organizations.
- ❖ We shared a reel of a kitten with neurological issues that was helped by our veterinary clinic that had a reach of more than 380,000 people!
- ❖ We launched our partnership with Charlie Hustle featuring a new t-shirt designed exclusively for KCPP.
- ❖ Tori Fugate and Tabitha Urban were selected as featured speakers at the Best Friends National Conference in Palm Springs in February 2025.
- ❖ We share a story of our Animal Services Officers helping young children found left alone and hungry in a home while on a call for a neglected dog.
- ❖ In September we had 26 news stories and 84 broadcast mentions for a total reach of **197,579,320 million** people.



- ❖ On October 28th, President/CEO Teresa Johnson and Chief Development Officer Patty Bowen were guests at the **15 and the Mahomies Foundation Gala**, where they were presented a check for \$10,000 from Kansas City Chief's Quarterback Patrick Mahomes and his wife Brittany Mahomes!
- ❖ On October 29th, members of KCPP's Development Team attended Kansas City Chief's Center **Creed Humphrey's Protect Your Tailgate** at Boulevard Brewery (below far right). All proceeds from the silent auction went to support KC Pet Project.

Website Statistics	Social Statistics
Users – 65,000	145,000+ followers on Instagram
New Users- 59,000	202,000+ followers on Facebook
Sessions – 131,000	1.2 million TikTok followers
Page Views – 622,000	

- ❖ We sent some pumpkins over to the Kansas City Zoo and they gave them to the kangaroos to enjoy some Halloween fun (below)!



Volunteer Program Updates

In October, **757** volunteers gave **4,701.82** hours of service, the equivalent of 27.13 full-time employees.

- ✓ 347 volunteers gave hours at KCCAC
- ✓ 169 volunteers gave hours as part of a business or group
- ✓ 55 volunteers gave hours at our Zona Rosa Adoption Center
- ✓ 91 volunteers gave hours at our Petco Cat Habitat locations
- ✓ Remaining hours were given by fosters, court-ordered community service workers, and remote volunteer work

Total value of volunteer hours in October: **\$127,581.61**

Businesses and groups that volunteered brought 169 people to the Campus and gave 385 hours of service: *Liberty Academy (x3), Olathe North High School Animal Health Academy, Doane University, California Trail Middle School, Shawnee Mission East High School Senior Volunteers, Commerce Bank, Fairbanks Schales Inc., Sources of Strength at*

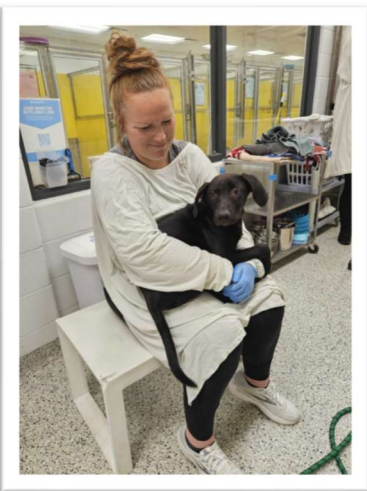
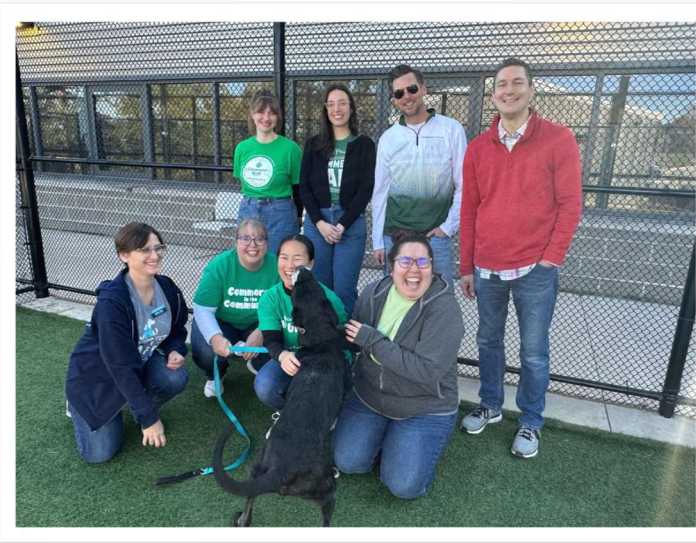
Westridge Middle School, the KC Crew, Wellsky Foundation, Lilly Pharmaceuticals, Chi Omega Fraternity (Sorority at UMKC), Sentry Management, Transcend Wealth Management, Rockhurst University, and MillerKnoll Design Firm

On October 4th, Olathe North High School's Animal Health Academy (right) joined us to make canine enrichment treats. Dr. Jennifer Stone from our vet clinic came to talk to the group about careers in shelter vet medicine.



On October 16th, Commerce Bank employees (left) volunteered to help all around the Campus – cleaning, organizing the garages and barn, doing laundry, etc. They enjoyed meeting Harley at the end of their visit!

On October 30th, Transcend Wealth Management employees joined us to clean kennels and enjoy some puppy time (below left).



Total active volunteers: 1,707

- ✓ We received 294 new volunteer signups in October and six (6) new volunteer orientations were conducted for 113 attendees
- ✓ 193 volunteers participated in 334 hours of training sessions, including in-person mentoring sessions for 155 volunteers.
- ✓ October had *the highest number of new volunteer orientations and new volunteers so far in 2024!*
- ✓ Twenty-three (23) court-ordered community service volunteers gave 148.5 hours in October, a value of \$4,240.58.

In October we welcomed **Cindy Sahl** as our new Volunteer Engagement Coordinator! Cindy previously was the Volunteer Coordinator at the Northland Therapeutic Riding Center in Holt, MO. Cindy has recruited and trained volunteers, managed scheduling, tracked volunteer hours, and more. Our talented volunteer department is now fully staffed (right)!

Our volunteer photo team photographed 173 dogs in October! And there is an all new volunteer video team, led by Morgan Webb, focused on making videos for bios. Already 50% of the dogs in shelter have videos – with 352 videos for dogs having been created just since late Summer.



Surgeries & Medical Procedures Performed in October 2024

Surgeries		Medicine		Parvo Ward	
Community Cats Neutered	49	Wellness exams	83	Parvo pups treated	23
Community Cats spayed	52	Emergency exams	74	Parvo pups graduated	19
Reclaimed pets neutered	25	Foster pet exams	68	Save rate for parvo	83%
Reclaimed pets spayed	20	Rechecks performed	286		
Shelter Animals Neutered	378	Medical concerns addressed	470	Clinic Administration	
Shelter Animals Spayed	381	Post-adoption exams	8	Communications with fosters	110
Speciality Surgeries	42	Other Exams	423	adopters	102
				Medications filled	574
Total Surgeries	947	Total Exams	1412		

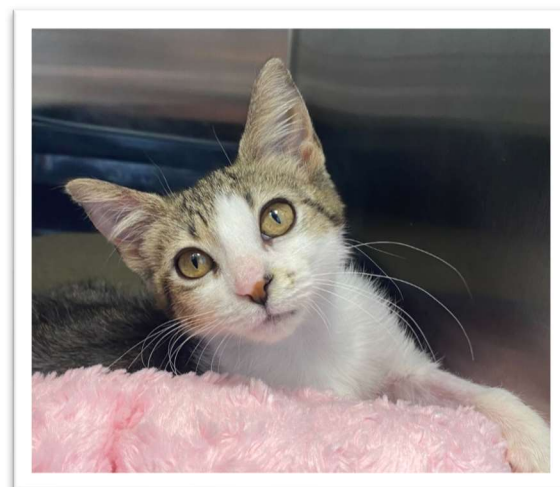
Our doctors have performed **8,205** spay/neuter surgeries and **457** specialty surgeries so far in 2024. *This is an 11% increase in the number of spay/neuter surgeries performed last year at this time.*

Lifesaving Stories from the KCPP Veterinary Clinic

Fresca, (right) a stray kitten who arrived at our shelter in July, recently found her forever home after a challenging two-month stay in our hospital. Initially underweight and sneezing, her condition quickly worsened. Severe congestion left her unable to eat, so our team provided IV hydration and round-the-clock care.

As Fresca's journey continued, she faced numerous hurdles: elevated sodium levels affecting her mobility, an intestinal blockage requiring surgery to remove six inches of her intestines, and even partial tail amputation due to tissue damage. Despite these setbacks, our team treated every issue, from her neurological symptoms to a late bout of ringworm.

Fresca's resilience and our staff's dedication paid off. Today, she's thriving in her new home with a member of our feline care team. Her story highlights our commitment to lifesaving, and we're thrilled Fresca's life is now filled with love and care.



Free Spay Neuter Clinic Held on October 27th

On Sunday, October 27th, we offered free spay/neuter surgery appointments to families with cats/kittens in KCMO. This clinic was part of our **Spay Neuter Collaborative of KC** – where KCPP and several other organizations in the metro and surrounding area provided free spay/neuter appointments for families with pets. At KCPP, we did **17** feline surgeries, with 247 total dog and cat surgeries being completed that weekend.



Pet Support Center – Pet Support Desk, Pet Helpline, and Return-to-Home

Customer Engagement Performance

Google Ratings:

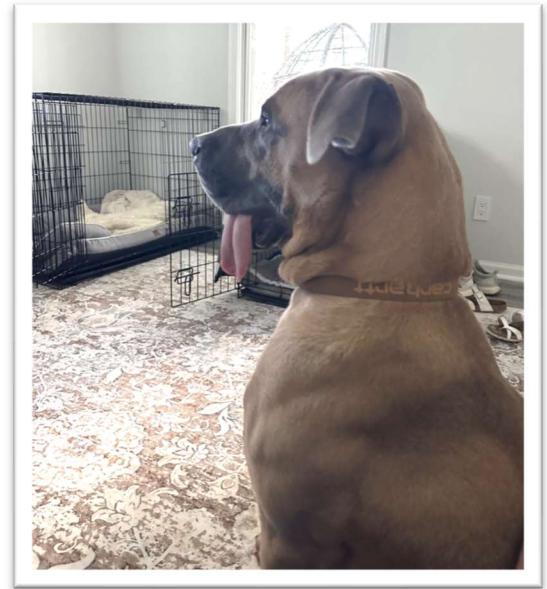
- ✓ KC Pet Project at KCCAC: **4.2/5.00** (1,617 Google reviews)
- ✓ KC Pet Project - Zona Rosa Adoption Center: **4.4/5.00** (724 Google reviews)
- ✓ KC Pet Project - Petco Adoption Center: **4.4/5.00** (229 Google reviews)

Colin Sutter, Customer Engagement Coordinator, reported **671** emails were received in October inquiring about fostering a pet or pets in foster homes. An additional **1,081** emails were received through our Contact email address, mostly regarding pets available for adoption or the adoption process.

We received **79** adoption updates last month, including these notes from adopters:

*“He is an absolute precious dog and has added so much love into our home. I never imagined getting another dog so soon after moving into our home, but I wouldn’t have it any other way. He is so silly, loves to wrestle, and is a sucker for treats. We decided to keep his name since it goes so well with his sister’s name (**Toffee**). Thank you KCPP for all the love you pour into these animals so they are ready to go home!”*

“Today I adopted a kitten “Luna”, very happy for your support and for being so kind. The place is clean, and it has a lot of art to appreciate.”



Pet Support Center – Customer Satisfaction & Services Provided

- ✓ **2024 Rating: 4.693/5.0 stars**
- ✓ Historical rating: 4.686/5.0 stars: 15 surveys submitted in October; 1,379 submitted since September 2020

“Very helpful in an extremely stressful situation we were facing. Appreciate everything and for addressing all our needs.”

“The intake staff were so kind, compassionate and engaged. It made the process easier and gives you a feeling of hope as well as knowing a difference is being made.”

Pet Support Call Center/Pet Helpline Performance

October 2024	Answered	Unanswered	Total Calls	Abandoned Rate %
IN > Helpline - Main Queue	3,418	675	4,093	16%
IN > Helpline - Spanish	59	30	89	34%
IN > Helpline - Lost and Found	831	167	998	17%
Helpline INBOUND Performance	4,308	872	5,180	17%
OUT < Helpline – Main	912	152	1,064	N/A
OUT < Helpline – Lost and Found	354	83	437	N/A
Helpline OUTBOUND Performance	1,266	235	1,501	N/A
Total Performance for October 2024	5,574	1,107	6,681	17%

Our Pet Support Center team answered **4,308** live phone calls, made **1,501** outbound calls, and resolved 140 voicemails.

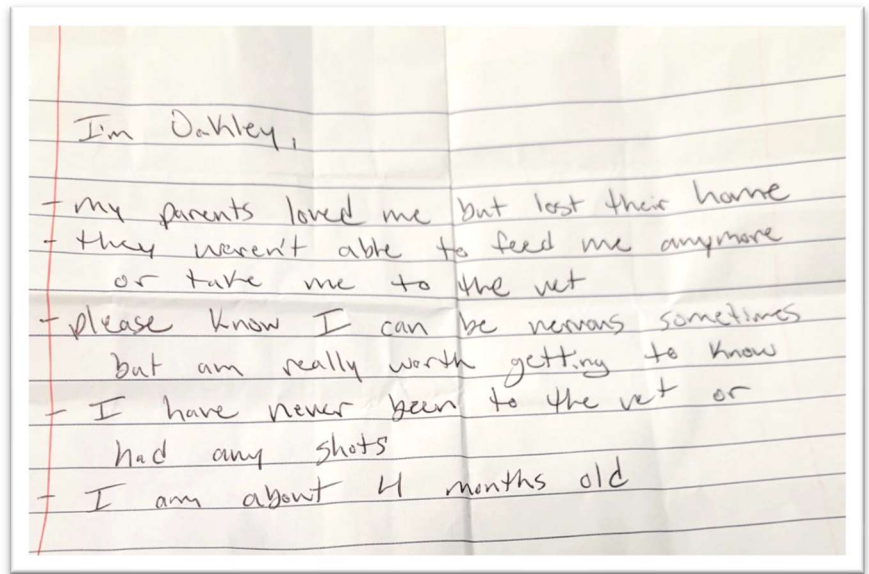
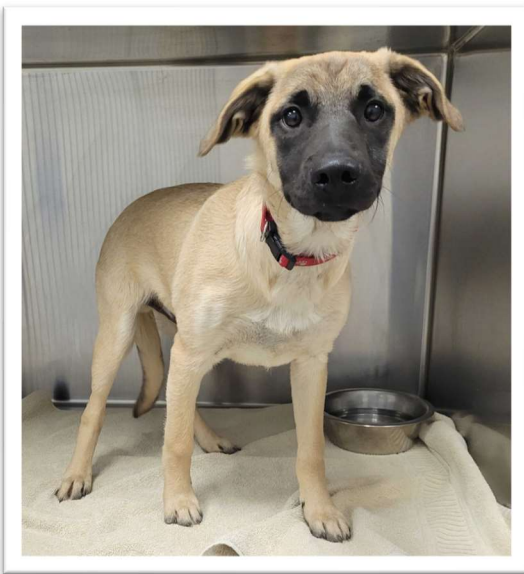
In October, the Pet Support Center staff assisted **1,459** KCMO residents with in-person services (an average of 47 families a day) who came in for pet relinquishment services, stray animal impounds, microchipping, lost and found/return to home, pet licensing, bringing in sick or injured pets, pets being reclaimed, and for pet resources such as basic pet care supplies as well as supportive programs through Keep 'Em Together, KC.

- ❖ *Our average wait time for services in the Pet Support Center was 5 minutes.*
- ❖ We took in **539** stray/lost animals from the public in October.
- ❖ The Pet Support Center kept families together for **187** animals whose owners originally contacted KCPP to surrender their pet(s), **95** animals were diverted through return-to-field, trap-neuter-return, and safety net programs, **97** were diverted through in-person conversations by our PSC staff, and 21 additional animals were returned to grateful owners through subsidized programs after being surrendered to the shelter.

A total of 400 animals stayed with their families last month instead of coming into or staying at the shelter thanks to supportive services provided by KCPP staff – an 82% increase from October 2023!

The top 4 reasons pets are being surrendered in 2024:

1. Lack of financial resources or inability to access resources for their pets, including costs for veterinary care and unplanned litters (783pets),
2. Health of owner/family, health of pet, and euthanasia requests (529 pets),
3. Personal reasons including changes in lifestyle, or the pet was incompatible with the living arrangements of other people or other animals (458 pets),
4. Housing Issues - including cost of housing, loss of home, moving/relocating, eviction, and housing restrictions (374 pets) – *including this puppy below abandoned at our shelter in October with this note attached to his collar.*



Return-to-Home Team

- ❖ Admissions staff reunited 13 lost pets with their owners PRIOR to impounding them thanks to identification.
- ❖ The team conducted 376 ownership investigations in an effort to send lost pets back home last month.
- ❖ 176 (27%) of the 644 lost animals (151 neonate kittens excluded) brought to the shelter in October were returned to their owners.

- ❖ Thirty-one percent (**31%**) of lost dogs were reunited with their families, while only 5% of lost cats arriving were reclaimed/returned to their owners. Another 21 dogs considered “at risk” returned home after a quarantine or scheduled surrender.
- ❖ In October, twelve (12) dogs were enrolled in the **Friendly Finder Program** which allows finders to foster dogs they have found as strays. This encourages finders to be more involved in the reunification process and helps prevent overcrowding in the shelter.
- ❖ Our Pet Support and Return-To-Home staff attended training from the Animal Welfare Investigations Project in October, focusing on performing Internet investigations and how to document findings to ensure admissibility in court.
- ❖ Staff also attended a presentation from our Community Cat Program Coordinator to learn the best ways to collect information on cat colonies in KCMO for potential community cat services.



Returned-to-Home: Ham’s Reunion

In October, a friendly stray cat was brought in by a Good Samaritan who thought this kitty didn’t seem like a community cat. Laura Kramer, one of our Return-To-Home Specialists, saw the cat and remembered a lost pet report a family had filed in JULY for their missing cat, **Ham**. She reached out to them and the family rushed to the shelter to find it WAS their beloved kitty! The grateful family sent us this heartwarming reunion photo (left) and their gratitude for helping them find their sweet kitty.

Rehoming Support Services

In October, our team received 136 requests for our private rehoming services. Eligible pet owners posted **51** owned pets for adoption through our ReHome website. *Our team has received 4,684 requests for ReHome services since November 2021.*

We received 424 requests in October from residents seeking initially to surrender their pets to the shelter.

Keep ‘Em Together, KC Program Updates

Tara McNamara, Keep ‘Em Together Program Coordinator, *reported 292* families benefitted from our five (5) KETKC Subsidiary Programs in October. Over the last six weeks, Tara participated in the Maddie’s University course, *Pet Support Services: Culture, Collaboration, and Case Management*. Ideas generated from this course will help us continue to shape our program to better serve our community’s needs and will help foster new partnerships.

1. Pet Care Assistance Program (PCAP)

Pet owner financial assistance totaling **\$3,621.88** was provided by KCPP in October.

- ✓ 23 Pet Care Assistance Applications were received
- ✓ Healthy Pets KC medical assistance granted: \$818.34
- ✓ Shelter reunification assistance granted: \$3,547.29

2. Pet Resource Assistance Program

Pet foods were shared with four (4) community pantry partners in the metro, including *Chestnut Avenue Resource Center, KCPD Social Services of Shoal Creek, and two local community cat caregivers.*

142 local families with 323 pets benefited from pet food resources provided by KCPP in October.

In October, a new pet food pantry partnership was forged. Tara McNamara, Keep 'Em Together Program Case Manager, was connected to a Social Services Specialist with KCPD. Tara was able to provide the Shoal Creek Division of KCPD with pet foods and supplies for the social workers to pass out in the community and to have on-hand when owners and their pets must stay at the police station for an extended period.

- ✓ 1,627.5 lbs. of dog food and 136 lbs. of dog treats
- ✓ 1,124 lbs. of cat food and 1 lb. of cat treats
- ✓ 170 lbs. of kitty litter
- ✓ 19 collars and 12 leashes
- ✓ 9 individual doses of flea/heartworm medicine
- ✓ 3 kennels/crates and 2 doghouses, plus 142 miscellaneous pet care items

3. Home Away from Home (HAFH) Program

No new families were enrolled in our Home Away from Home emergency boarding program in October.

4. 3-Day Reclaim Fee Forgiveness Program

- ✓ 62% of the animals reclaimed from the shelter in October were reclaimed by owners who were eligible for the Reclaim Fee Forgiveness program.
- ✓ *Since June 2021, we have subsidized \$347,960.00 in reclaim fees for 3,337 families with 3,913 pets.*

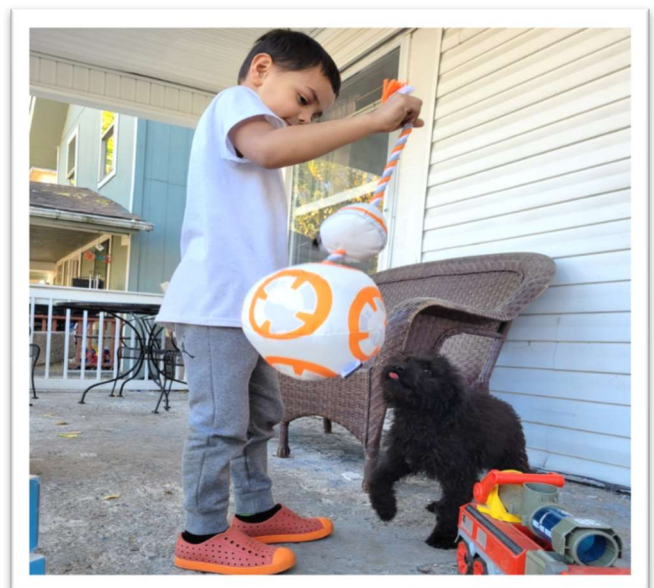
In October, \$10,391.00 was subsidized by KCPP in Reclaim Fee Forgiveness for 100 families with 109 pets.

5. Pets For Life (PFL) Program:

Mariana Vasquez, Pets for Life Coordinator, reported activity occurring in the program for the 64127 zip code.

- ✓ New clients met through active PFL outreach: 11
- ✓ Number of new pets met: 24
- ✓ Total number of spay/neuter appointments scheduled: 4
- ✓ Total number of spay/neuter surgeries completed: 3
- ✓ Total number of touchpoints/conversations with PFL clients: 44
- ✓ Supplies given (leashes, food, shelters, etc.): 126 items
- ✓ Medications or services given (dewormer, nail trim, microchip, vaccines, etc.): 5
- ✓ Conversion rate of pets whose families request spay/neuter services: 100%

In October, we received a large donation of Disney-themed toys and ceramic dog bowls from Chewy and the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). We distributed toys and bowls to residents in our community – and Oscar and his beloved 4-month old puppy, **Blacky**, (right) cannot get enough of their playtime together!

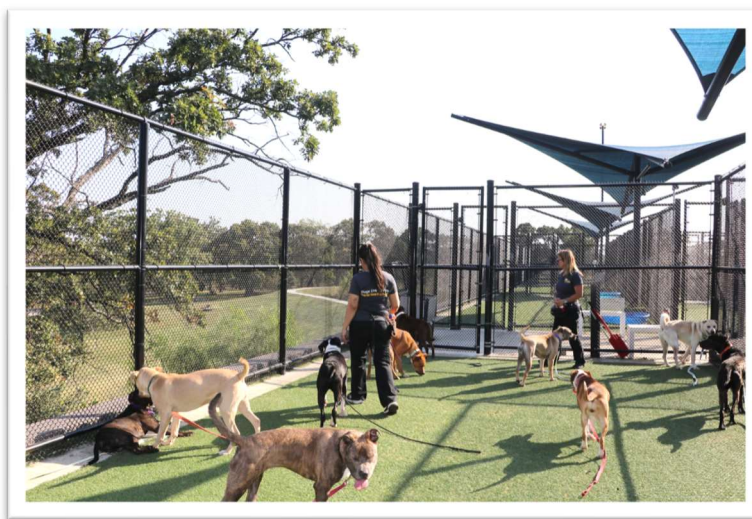


Canine Behavior & Enrichment Department

- ❖ Dogs assigned to Behavior Team for assessment: 43
- ❖ Pre-adoption behavior consultations conducted: 130
- ❖ Number of dogs introduced to adopters: 10
- ❖ 30 post-adoption support follow up emails sent
- ❖ 10 behavior support phone consultations performed
- ❖ 134 behavior support emails/correspondence sent
- ❖ Assisted 11 people with behavior help or lessons given for recently adopted or foster dogs

In October, KCPP was selected to host our first **Mentorship for Dogs Playing For Life**. Director of Canine Programs, Tabitha Urban, Behavior Team Manager Marissa Cox, and Playgroup Coordinator Matthew Holt hosted/participated in the program, with the mentorship bringing together eleven (11) shelter professionals and rescue personnel from organizations across the country to foster collaboration and build their skills in the field of canine playgroups.

An average of 173 dogs every day participated in canine playgroups!

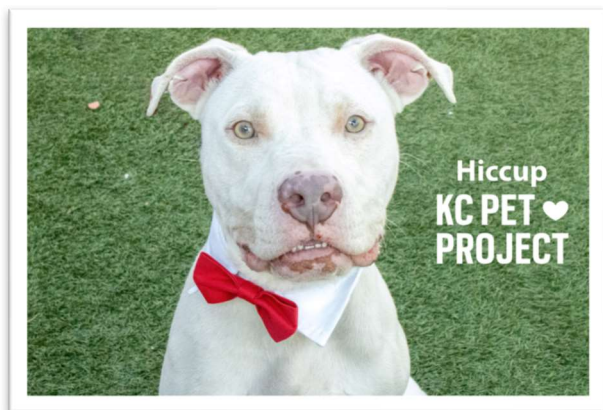


Canine Operations & Adoptions

We had **952 separate individuals/families** at our KC Campus for Animal Care in October who were interested in meeting dogs available for adoption.

- ✓ Nearly **44%** of all visitors who met with a Canine Matchmaker adopted a dog that day.
- ✓ The average wait time for a Canine Matchmaker last month was **13** minutes.
- ✓ The average time it took for an interested party to meet and decide on a dog to adopt was **30** minutes.
- ✓ The average wait time for an Adoption Counselor before finalizing the adoption was **24** minutes.
- ✓ The average total time spent at KCCAC to meet and take a dog home was **90** minutes.
- ✓ Canine staff cared for an average of **274** dogs daily at our Campus location.
- ✓ **450** dogs and puppies were adopted last month – that's **7% higher** than last October.

Dog adoptions are still up nearly 5% year-to-date!



In October, the Canine Care & Adoptions departments trained in dog walking, dog to dog introductions, and showing dogs to potential adopters. The Canine Care team continued monthly team meetings to increase communication and education across the department. We reviewed new protocols for matching dogs with a history of resource guarding behaviors to remove barriers to adoption for these dogs while ensuring safety and appropriate matchmaking to potential adopters. Foster-to-adopt continues to gain in popularity, with **52** dogs now participating in the program.

KCCAC Adoptions Customer Service Survey rating: **4.86/5.0** stars (2 surveys submitted in October)

*"You are all amazing, but **Marissa Cox** deserves a special shout out. Matchmaker extraordinaire!! Thank you so much!"*

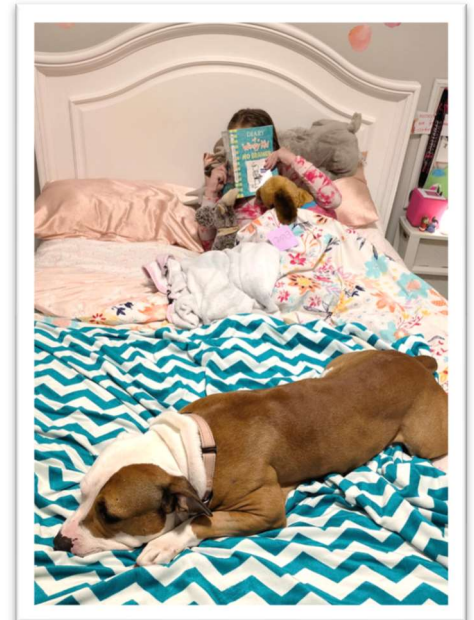
Canine Foster Care Program

Tabitha Urban, Director of Canine Operations, reported that **142 dogs** were in foster homes at the end of October.

- ✓ During the month, **345** dogs/puppies were sent to foster homes!
- ✓ We welcomed **78** new dog foster families.
- ✓ We had **75** dogs/puppies adopted directly from foster homes.

October was an exciting month for the Foster Department as we welcomed our new Foster Program Coordinator, Macy McNaughton, to the team! Macy brings a wealth of foster and rescue experience to the team and she is so excited help the foster program grow!

We also had some good foster adoptions this month, one of which was **Merlin!** Merlin (right) came to us as a stray at the end of July and was transferred to several different fosters. At the end of October, Merlin's last foster family decided that he'd found the right home and decided to make him a permanent addition to their home!



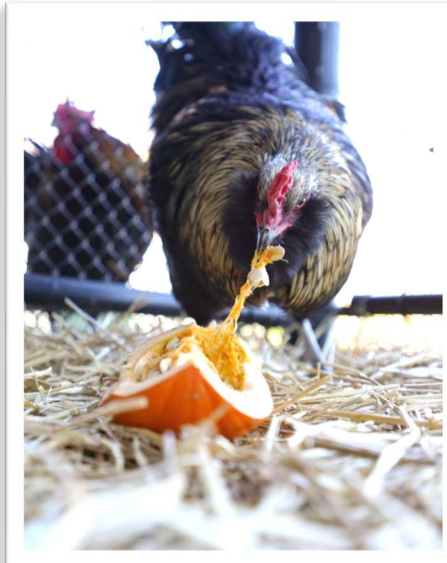
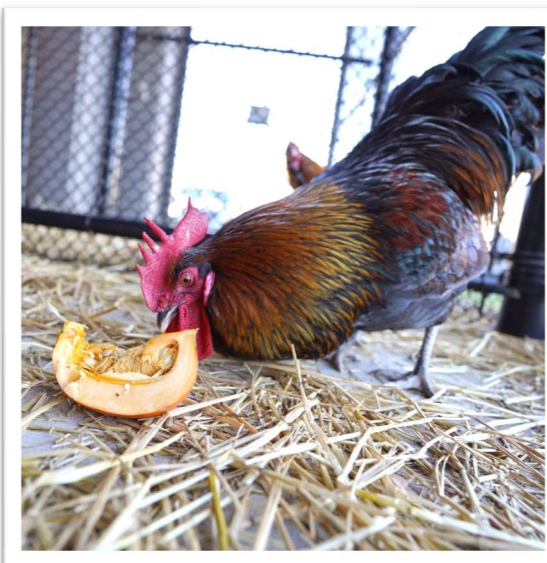
Volunteers took 182 dogs on a Dog's Day Out in October!

Silva came to us in the beginning of August where he initially spent some time in our clinic before being available for adoption. Silva was in shelter for more than two months waiting for someone to adopt him

and during that time, his quality of life gradually worsened. He hasn't been in foster for very long, but his foster mom is thrilled to have him living with her!

Canine Transfer & Placement | Transport | Small Animals & Farm Animals

In October, 51 dogs were transferred out to these shelters/rescue organizations: *Cairn Rescue USA, Chain of Hope, Code Red Animal Project Inc., Great Plains SPCA, Missouri Pit Bull Rescue, Pawsitive Tails, Paws-N-Claws Iowa, Warriors' Best Friend Foundation, Wayside Waifs, and Whispering Willows Senior Dog Sanctuary*



Small Animals & Farm Animals

We processed **10** small animal adoptions last month – 2 chickens, 2 guinea pigs, 5 rabbits, and 1 snake.

** Our roosters in the barn (left) enjoyed some pumpkins at the end of October!

Transports

Our offsite adoption program continues to create lifesaving space at our main campus location by utilizing staff and volunteers to transport animals offsite to those locations.

Forty-nine (**49**) puppies/small dogs and forty-eight (**48**) large breed dogs were moved to off-site locations this month to our Zona Rosa Adoption Center. Six (**6**) small animals were moved to our Petco Adoption Center.

Petco Cat Habitats | Whiskers Cat Café | Feline Lifesaving Transfer Program

Gage Mofield, our Petco Program Coordinator, oversaw the transfer in of **97** cats/kittens from *Austin Pets Alive!*, *Gladstone Animal Shelter*, and *the Humane Society of Scott County*.

- ✓ The average length of stay for adult cats in a Petco Cat Habitat in October was still less than 5 days, and the length of stay for kittens was just **2.2 days** at the Habitats!
- ✓ We processed **194** cat/kitten adoptions from our Petco Cat Habitat stores, as well as **3** adoptions from Whiskers Cat Café.
- ✓ The Lamar Petco store had the highest number of adoptions in October with 31 adoptions, followed by the Olathe store with 30 adoptions.
- ✓ Petco Cat Habitat volunteers gave **582** hours of service to the program, a value of **\$16,603.13** to KCPP.

Cats/kittens adopted from Petco stores make up the largest percentage of feline adoptions at our organization. During the KC Mega Match Adoption Event in October, **63** cat adoptions took place during the 3-day event! This number of adoptions wouldn't be possible without our dedicated volunteers such as Jana Bedsworth at Blue Springs, Matt/Lilly/Dylan German at Olathe, and all the transport drivers that helped to save the lives of all the kittens that came from out of state to get adopted that weekend!

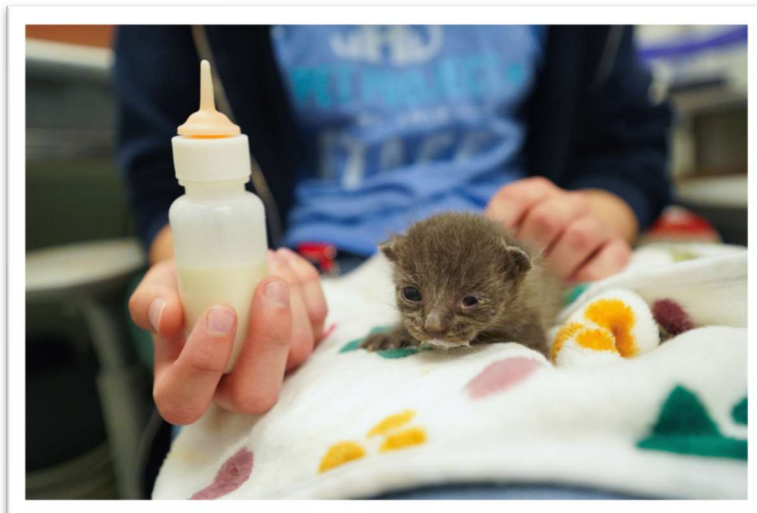


Feline Foster Care Program

Feline Foster Program Coordinator, Leslie Bauer, reported sending **208** kittens to foster homes last month.

At the end of October, 211 cats/kittens were in 60 active foster homes (62% of the cats at KCPP). We had 42 adoptions direct from foster homes last month.

We're still seeing an increase in the number of kittens 4-6 weeks old coming into the shelter; we had a 33% increase in 4-6 week old kittens with good body condition and an 88% increase in 4-6 week old kittens with poor body condition over last October. Having so many small kittens so late in the year can be difficult for our foster homes, who have already taken in almost 1,900 cats and kittens this year, *but the vast majority of kittens coming in are still going to a foster home within 24 hours of arrival!*



Feline Operations

Jennifer Dreisewerd, Director of Feline Operations, reported the number of owner surrendered cats increased by 24% over last October. For the year, the number of cats arriving and receiving care from KCPP is **up 6%** over last year at this time.

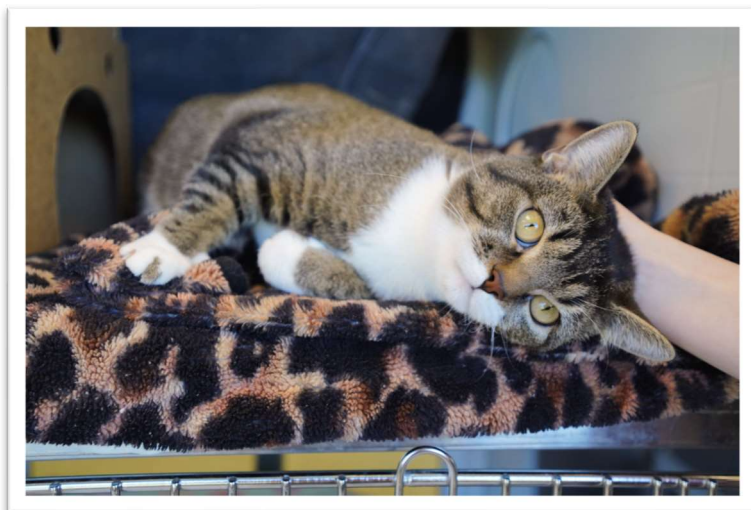
We've increased the number of community cats receiving spay/neuter services by **76%** over last year at this time!

- ✓ Owner surrendered cats are still 18% lower than they were this time last year.

- ✓ Stray cats being brought in by the public are nearly 10% lower so far this year.
- ✓ We had **544** cats/kittens adopted in October.
- ✓ **33** families arrived at our KCCAC location in October that were interested in adopting cats.
- ✓ The average wait time to see cats was 10.32 minutes.
- ✓ **47%** of all visitors who met with a Feline Matchmaker adopted a cat that day!
- ✓ Visitors spent on average 39 minutes meeting cats before deciding to adopt.

Tack and Bridle (below right) were brought in as strays in mid-August. The finder reported she found six cats in a box on the side of I-435 and when they arrived, they were suffering from high levels of stress. It took over a month for these two to begin trusting their favorite staff person! They were adopted together in mid-October!

Rust On Your Door (below left) was with us for nearly 90 days before he was adopted. Part of an over-the-limit case through Animal Services, Rusty proved to be a perfectly functioning cat once he loosened up. He found a perfect adopter who appreciated he was slightly independent, slightly introverted, and slightly opinionated.



Community Cat/TNR Program

Thirty-seven (37) cats received Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR) services from KCPP in October!

During the month, we delivered to our community:

- ✓ 270 cases of wet cat food
- ✓ 158 lbs. of dry cat food
- ✓ 15 winter cat shelters

We began building and distributing winter cat shelters for our caregivers in need. We hope to continue to grow this part of our program with the goal of having enough winter shelters available for the public feeding outdoor cats as well.

Our team was scheduled to attend a local Trunk-or-Treat event in a mobile home community we are working with to assist with TNR services, but unfortunately it got rained out. We still showed up in hopes the rain would clear, and when it didn't, we left the community members lots of goodies like ceramic water bowls, cat and dog treats, tennis balls, and, of course, Halloween candy! We're excited to continue to build community connections and attend local events to engage with more community cat caretakers.



The team also joined our new Animal Services Division officers in October for some feline handling/trapping training to set them up for success when working with cats in the field. It was great to team up and share best practices to ensure all cats that come to KCPP are handled in a consistent and feline-friendly manner.

Stories From the Field -- KCFD Fire Station 33 Partnership

In October, we assisted KCFD Station 33 with a colony of cats that reside behind their fire station. A retired firefighter has been caring for the cats for many years now and was so grateful for the help. We trapped 8 cats and while undergoing the TNR process our clinic staff found one cat that had a microchip. We immediately called the number attached and to our surprise and delight it was a KCPP volunteer! He confirmed the cat was his and that he lives close to the fire station and was at the shelter that evening to get his cat back home. The rest of the 7 cats underwent spay/neuter and vaccination services in our vet clinic and were released back at their fire station home the next morning.



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