

REPORT

TO THE COMMUNITY

APRIL TO JUNE 2026

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IMPROVING THE LIVES OF ANIMALS
PREVENTING CRUELTY AND OVERPOPULATION
UNITING PETS WITH FAMILIES



Letter from the Director

Hello!

As we move through another busy season at Kokomo Humane Society, I want to take a moment to thank you for standing beside us. Every life we save, every family we reunite, and every animal that finds a loving home is possible because of the compassion and generosity of supporters like you.

This year has brought both challenges and incredible opportunities. Our team continues to care for hundreds of animals while providing vital services, reuniting lost pets with their families, and expanding programs that help keep pets where they belong—at home.

We're constantly looking for innovative ways to better serve both animals and our community. By strengthening our foster program, increasing field reunifications, improving medical and behavioral care, and investing in preventive services, we're creating better outcomes for pets while reducing unnecessary shelter admissions. These efforts not only improve the lives of animals but also make the best use of every donated dollar.

Despite these successes, the need continues to grow. Every day we welcome animals who require emergency medical care, specialized treatment, behavioral support, or simply a safe place to rest until their family can be found or a new one can be created. As costs for veterinary care, food, medications, and daily operations continue to rise, your support is more important than ever. Your gift today provides more than food and shelter. It gives frightened animals hope, provides lifesaving medical treatment, helps us respond to animals in need throughout our community, and allows families facing temporary hardship to keep the pets they love.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to building a stronger, more compassionate community for both people and pets. We are focused on expanding access to care, strengthening our lifesaving programs, improving shelter operations, and ensuring that every animal who comes through our doors receives the highest standard of care.

If you are able, I invite you to make a tax-deductible gift to Kokomo Humane Society today. No matter the amount, your generosity directly impacts the lives of the animals who depend on us every single day. Every donation stays right here in our community, helping provide shelter, medical care, adoption programs, and resources that keep pets safe and families together.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and the thousands of animals whose lives you help change, thank you for believing in our mission. Together, we are creating brighter futures—one life at a time.

Kadra Hillis
Executive Director
Kokomo Humane Society



**MAKE A GIFT
DONATION TODAY!**



LATEST NEWS FROM THE SHELTER

Paws Forward Making a Difference

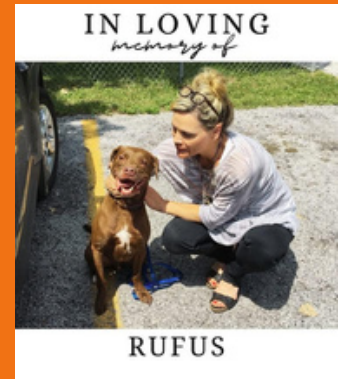
Our Paws Forward Sponsorship Program has already made a meaningful impact for shelter pets waiting for loving homes. Through the generosity of our community, we have welcomed sponsors for individual animals, Kennel for a Month partnerships, and even Signature Event Partners dedicated to helping pets find fresh starts.



This program not only helps cover adoption fees and increase visibility for adoptable pets, but also creates exciting opportunities for businesses and individuals to connect with the community in a positive and rewarding way. Thanks to these sponsorships, many animals have already been able to find loving homes faster and begin their next chapter.

Every sponsorship truly helps move pets Paws Forward, from shelter stays to forever families.

GET INVOLVED & MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Community members and businesses can make a direct impact by sponsoring an individual pet, a kennel, or an adoption event through our Paws Forward Program. Every sponsorship helps reduce adoption barriers, increase pet visibility, and give more animals the chance to find loving homes while allowing sponsors to be part of something meaningful in our community.

LEARN MORE ➤



24-HOUR ADOPT-A-THON BRINGS NEW BEGINNINGS

On June 19 through June 20, Kokomo Humane Society held our first 24-Hour Adopt-a-Thon, giving adopters special opportunities to find their new best friends.

Thanks to the amazing support from our community, 17 dogs and 20 cats found their forever families during this special event!

We are so grateful to everyone who came out to adopt, shared our posts, and helped make this event a success. Every adoption means one more shelter pet gets the loving home they deserve.

FUNDRAISERS

KITTEN SHOWER 2026 CELEBRATES COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Kokomo Humane Society's Kitten Shower 2026 was a wonderful celebration of community, compassion, and our commitment to caring for kittens throughout kitten season.

A huge thank you to our amazing sponsors, attendees, auction item donors, volunteers, and **Tastefully Indiana** for helping make this event such a success. We are so grateful for everyone who came together to support our tiniest residents!

Kitten season continues to grow longer each year, and the need for supplies continues to grow with it. From kitten food and litter to other essential items, every donation helps us provide the care these little ones need to grow, thrive, and find loving homes.

Want to help our kittens? **Scan the QR code to shop our kitten wishlist and send much-needed supplies directly to the shelter.** Every item makes a difference, and together, we can give these kittens the best possible start.



DOG DAYS OF SUMMER 2026: A NEW SUMMER TRADITION

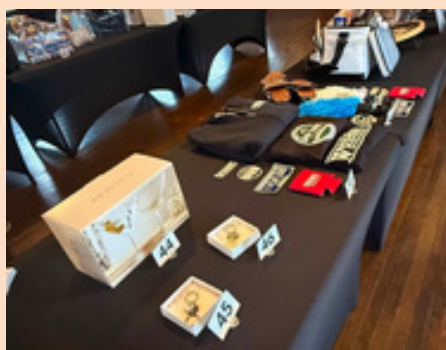
Dog Days of Summer 2026 was one to remember! With adoptable dogs, a silent auction, and an incredible crowd, the evening was everything we hoped it would be, and more.

Held at **Sun King Kokomo**, the event brought our community together to celebrate the animals we care for and the people who make our mission possible. From attending and adopting to bidding in the silent auction, volunteering, sponsoring, donating, and simply showing up to support us, every person played a part in making the evening a success.

We are incredibly grateful to our sponsors, silent auction donors, volunteers, and community supporters. A special thank you to Sun King for welcoming us to such a wonderful venue, and to **The Thick Boyz BBQ, Oscar's Pizza, and Sute** - Kokomo for keeping everyone well fed throughout the evening. We also loved having **Happy Pupper Bakery, Petco, Krystal Ruble State Farm, and Texas Roadhouse** join us!

Most importantly, this event reminded us just how amazing our community is. Your support allows us to continue providing shelter, care, and second chances to animals in need.

Dog Days of Summer is officially here to stay! We had an amazing time celebrating with all of you. Thank you for making Dog Days of Summer 2026 such a memorable night!



Shelter Snapshot



652

Total Animal Intake



473

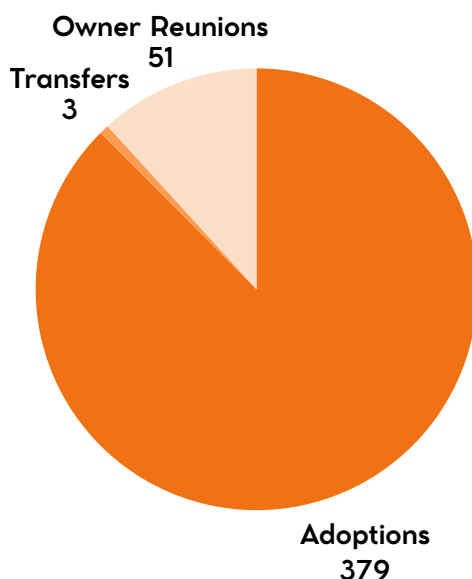
Total Animal Released



95%

Live Release Rate

Where Our Animals Went



Canine Release Rates

96%



Feline Release Rates

95%

Shelter Animals Health



*Spay & Neuter
Surgeries*

275



*Other
Surgeries*

1



*Dental
Procedures*

3

Community Wellness Program



*1 HCP
Vaccines*

57



*DAPPV
Vaccines*

135



*Rabies
Vaccines*

209



*Microchips
Registered*

58

POWER BY OUR PEOPLE



Total Volunteer Hours
1092 Hours



*Total Animals
Sent to Foster* **284**



100

*Families have
Fostered for Us!*

Thank You!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

For nearly 10 years, **Cathy Thompson** has been sharing her love of dogs with the Kokomo Humane Society! With more than 1,000 volunteer hours, Cathy has helped transport animals to spay/neuter surgeries, supported adoption events, and especially enjoyed helping senior dogs and long-term residents find their forever homes.

We are incredibly grateful for Cathy and the time, compassion, and dedication she gives to our shelter animals. Thank you, Cathy, for being such an important part of our team!

Want to make a difference, too? Join our volunteer team! Visit <https://kokomohumane.org/volunteer/>



Cathy Thompson





HAPPY TAILS GALLERY

Looking for a fun way to make a difference this upcoming fall?

Become part of our Dog Day Out Program and give a shelter pup a break from the kennel! Enjoy crisp fall walks, playtime, fresh air, and plenty of love while helping a dog feel happy and cared for.

Getting started is easy, visit us during open hours with your ID, complete a short application, and head out for an adventure together! One day away can make a big difference and might even lead to a forever connection.



**DOG DAY OUT
APPLICATION**



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EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



Nominated by their peers for going above and beyond their normal duties, Makylee and Rafaela, demonstrated outstanding performance, leadership & teamwork as well as making a positive impact on workplace culture.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Join us for the 7th Annual Autumn CAT-ch on Thursday, November 12th, from 5:30 PM to 9 PM at the Kelley Student Center (IUK's Alumni Hall).

Enjoy a fun evening of food, laughter, and giving while helping provide care for the lost and homeless animals of Kokomo and Howard County. Tickets coming soon, mark your calendar!

FALL
FUNDRAISER

NOV 12

5:30 PM - 9 PM



WALK-INS WELCOME!

Hours of Operation

Sunday & Monday : Closed
Tuesday - Friday : 12 pm-6 pm
Saturday: 10 am-4 pm




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