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Letter from the Director

Hello!

Dear Friends of Kokomo Humane Society,

As I reflect on the third quarter of 2026, I am reminded of just how much can happen when a community comes together for the animals who need us most. This year has brought change, challenges, growth, and some incredible moments of progress for Kokomo Humane Society. Through it all, our commitment has remained the same: improving the lives of animals, preventing cruelty and overpopulation through education, and uniting pets with families.

One of our proudest accomplishments this Quarter has been reaching a save rate over 90% over the past 12 months. This is a milestone Kokomo Humane Society has not achieved since 2020, and it represents so much more than a number. It reflects the dedication of our team, the commitment of our foster families and volunteers, the generosity of our donors, and the compassion of a community that continues to stand beside us. Reaching this milestone has not been easy. We have worked through significant organizational changes, difficult days, and moments that challenged us to think differently about how we care for animals and serve our community. We have continued to look for better ways to support pets and their families, expand foster opportunities, improve outcomes, and make lifesaving decisions that put the well-being of animals first.

We know our work extends far beyond the walls of our shelter. Every adoption, every reunion, every foster placement, every medical intervention, and every family we help keep together is an opportunity to make a lasting difference. We are continually working to build a model that not only saves more lives but also addresses the challenges that bring animals to our doors in the first place. As you read through this quarter's impact report, I hope you see the difference your support makes. Behind every statistic is an animal whose story matters, a family whose life has changed, or a team member who has gone the extra mile to give an animal another chance.

Our save rate is something we are incredibly proud of, but it is not a finish line. It is a responsibility to keep learning, improving, and finding ways to do even better for the animals who depend on us. Sustaining this progress will take continued community support, thoughtful innovation, and a shared belief that every life matters.

As we look toward the end of the year, I hope you will consider making a gift to Kokomo Humane Society. Your support helps us sustain our lifesaving progress, provide critical care for animals, and create new opportunities to help pets and the families who love them. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference, and every donor becomes part of the work that makes milestones like our save rate possible.

Thank you for believing in Kokomo Humane Society, for investing in our mission, and for being part of the work that makes these outcomes possible. We could not do this without you, and we are excited about what we can continue to accomplish together.

With gratitude,

Kadra Hillis

Executive Director
Kokomo Humane Society

MAKE A GIFT DONATION TODAY!



LATEST NEWS FROM THE SHELTER

Clear the Shelters: 266 Animals Adopted!

Throughout August, Kokomo Humane Society participated in Clear the Shelters, a month-long adoption event featuring special discounts that changed each week. The goal was to help more shelter animals find loving homes.



Thanks to the support of our community, 266 animals found their families during the event! This included 78 dogs and 188 cats.

We are grateful to everyone who adopted and helped spread the word. Every adoption gives an animal a second chance at a happy life!

NEW PARTNERSHIP HELPS REUNITE LOST PETS WITH THEIR FAMILIES



This quarter, Kokomo Humane Society partnered with PawBoost to help lost pets find their way home faster.

Through this partnership, stray pets arriving at KHS are automatically listed in PawBoost's Lost & Found database. This helps connect lost pets with families searching for them and gives more animals a chance to return home.

Community members can also use PawBoost to report lost or found pets, helping bring more pets back to the families who love them.







HELP US SAVE LIVES THROUGH FOSTERING

Kokomo Humane Society is looking for caring people to join our foster program! We need temporary homes for puppies, pregnant cats, mother cats with kittens, and kittens who need a safe place to grow.

Fostering gives animals the extra care, attention, and love they need before finding their forever families. It also helps make room at the shelter for more animals in need.

You provide the space and love, and we provide the supplies and support!
Interested in making a difference? Join our foster program and help give animals a second chance at a happy life. **Learn more and apply at kokomohumane.org/foster.**

FUNDRAISERS

SAVE THE DATE: AUTUMN CAT-CH DINNER FUNDRAISER

BUY TICKETS

Kokomo Humane Society is preparing for its 7th Annual Autumn CAT-ch Dinner Fundraiser on Thursday, November 12, 2026, at the Kelley Student Center's IUK Alumni Hall.

This special evening will be from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM and it will bring our community together to support lost and homeless animals in Kokomo and Howard County. The event will feature dinner by Rozzi's Catering, with vegan and vegetarian options available, and a live dessert auction hosted by Paul Wyman.

Our goal is to raise $100,000 to help provide shelter, medical care, and lifesaving services for animals in need. Guests can enjoy a delicious meal, bid on amazing desserts, and support a cause that makes a difference in our community.

Tickets are $60 through November 11th and $70 at the door. Sponsorship opportunities are also available for businesses and community members who want to support the event.

For tickets, sponsorship information, and event details, scan QR code above or visit kokomohumane.org and look under Events > Autumn CAT-ch.









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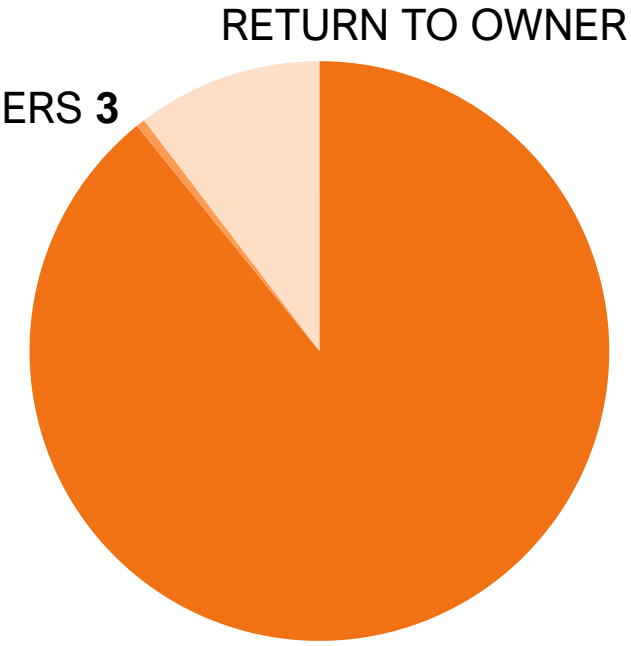
Shelter Snapshot

746
Total Animal Intake

674
Total Animal Released

92%
Live Release Rate

Where Our Animals Went





Canine Release Rates
93%



Feline Release Rates
92%

Shelter Animals Health

Spay & Neuter Surgeries
465

Other Surgeries
6

Dental Procedures
3

Community Wellness Program

1 HCP Vaccines
249

DAPPV Vaccines
61

Rabies Vaccines
170

Microchips Registered
51

POWER BY OUR PEOPLE



Total Volunteer Hours

1317 Hours

Total Animals Sent to Foster 354

Thank You!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

For 13 years, **Charity Myers** has been making a difference at Kokomo Humane Society alongside her son, Parker. Their volunteer journey began by caring for cats at Petco, where Charity committed to weekly shifts and was always willing to step in when other volunteers needed help.

Over the years, Charity has continued to support our mission in many ways, from helping at adoption events to fostering animals and making donations. Her dedication, kindness, and willingness to help have made her a valued part of our KHS family.

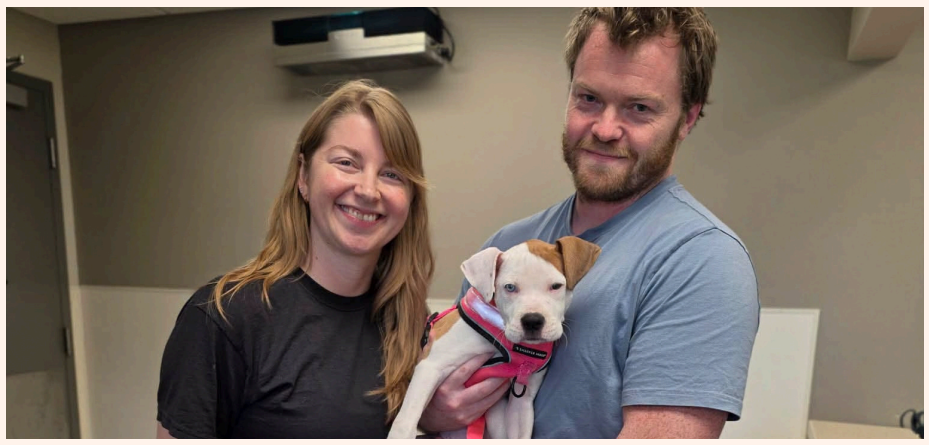
We are so grateful to Charity for 13 years of commitment and compassion for the animals in our care. Thank you, Charity, for all you do!

Want to make a difference like Charity? Join our volunteer team! For more information, email **volunteer@kokomohumane.org**.



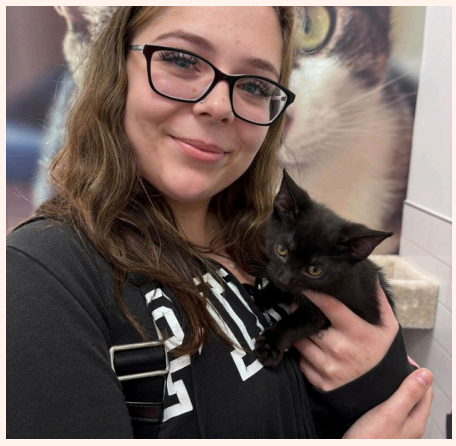




















HAPPY TAILS GALLERY



ADOPTION IMPACT LEADER WEEKEND: 44 ANIMALS ADOPTED!

From September 24 - 27, Kokomo Humane Society held Adoption Impact Leader Weekend, a special event organized by volunteers through our Paws Forward program to honor Cathy Thompson and her nearly 10 years of dedication to KHS.

The Adoption Impact Leader is one of the sponsorship levels in our Paws Forward program. To celebrate Cathy's lasting impact, volunteers joined forces to sponsor an entire weekend of fee-waived adoptions, helping more animals find loving homes.

Thanks to the generosity of our volunteers and the support of our community, 44 animals found their forever homes during the event! We are grateful to everyone who helped make this weekend possible and especially thankful to Cathy for the time, compassion, and love she continues to give to the animals at KHS.

Cathy Thompson

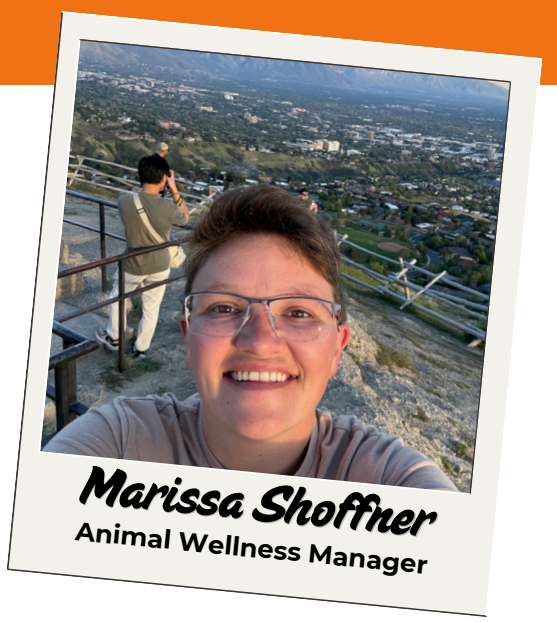
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EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



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



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Save the Date: Tails & Treats!

Join John Cole State Farm for a fun Halloween afternoon featuring a pet adoption event, Trunk or Treat, mini car show, and more!

Date: October 27 | 11 AM-2 PM
Location: John Cole State Farm, 4106 Cartwright Dr.

Costumes are encouraged! Bring the family and enjoy a day of Halloween fun while meeting our adoptable pets.



WALK-INS WELCOME!



Hours of Operation

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

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