



The Monthly Meow | January 2021



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Animal Antics

Back and Braver Than Ever



2020 has been a hard year. Nobody is more prepared to put the past where it belongs than our dear friend Seraphina.

Last month, we introduced Seraphina, a cat who bravely escaped a Berlin house fire. Great news! After spending some time at the Conway Veterinary Clinic, our beautiful girl has returned to CAHS. Seraphina is transitioning to shelter life and waiting for her miracle to occur in the new year. How is she healing? What does she like about CAHS? When will she find her new forever home?

[Read updates on our blog, The Weekly Wag.](#)

Southern Dogs Experience Snow for First Time



Did you know that the Conway Area Humane Society never shuts down? We need to stay staffed, even on snow days. You may have already forgotten about the one snowstorm we encountered last month - but our southern rescue dogs haven't! It was the ultimate adventure! [Read their snowy tail!](#)



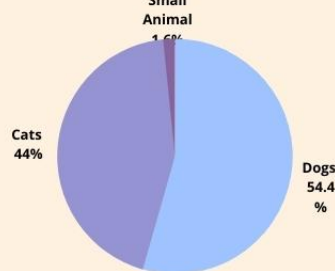
Shelter Stats

End of Year Tally



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*Animals at our door
with no one to turn to for help.*



*CAHS provided 100% of them
love, protection and care.*

What YOU helped us accomplish
during a pandemic:

- 12** Community events
- 38** New volunteers
- 365** Days open for animal care
- 437** Animals transported to CAHS
- 3000** Pounds of pet food donated
this winter for owners in need



Together we saved nearly 600 lives.
(100% of small animals were adopted, too.)

views

shares

likes

3,423

Kitten-Palooza!



197

Buddy, our
most shared
animal of 2020!



695

Cutest couple,
Wanda and
Meatloaf



26,936

puppy delivery
to Profile
Subaru Event



312

shares it took
for lost dog
Morrison to
find his family



3,702

Anubis!
3,702 likes
and shares
combined

27,921 total
views
Anubis gets adopted!

17,345 views from
your shares
Lone Star Rescue Trip

20,497
Total likes in 2020

Executive Director Update

Dear CAHS Community,

Welcome to a new year with new opportunities to help save the lives of animals! Despite all the challenges that 2020 brought us, the shelter was able to match our adoption numbers with those of 2019. This was a remarkable feat, especially with the transportation difficulties this past year brought. A big thank you to Lauren Richard, our Director of Operations, and her staff. Unfortunately, transportation challenges have not disappeared in 2021. We will still need your help big time this year, but I have full confidence that our staff, volunteers, and all of you are up to the tasks at hand. Your support will keep our doors open this year.

I want to thank all of you who participated in our end-of-year holiday mail campaign. It was our most successful mail campaign ever, thanks to all your generosity!

We will not be able to hold our spring fundraiser Paddy O'Paws in person this year, but the show must go on! Please stay tuned for our live-streamed virtual event on March 25th at 7pm. We have to be creative in these times, and are working hard to make it a great event. We hope that casting this event virtually will allow even more community members to attend. It will be a short 30 minute presentation, so don't worry you will not be having to watch a long event online.

Tim Westwig, Executive Director
Conway Area Humane Society



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Operations Director Reflects on Year in Passing

"Compassion fatigue is real." The words of Lauren Richard, CAHS Operations Director, ring true for all of us this year. 2020 was a hard year for our shelter, and we learned some important lessons. The shelter kept its doors open all year for animals, but what did lockdown look like? How did it look compared to other years? Lauren brings a lifetime of experience to [answer these questions here.](#)

Community News

No Growls at Grinch Photo Shoot

If the Grinch stole anything this winter, it was our hearts! [Family Focused Photography](#) partnered with CAHS to hold a professional pet photo shoot with this verdant villain! In the true spirit of the Grinch, the event was an uplifting success that reminded us all how much kindness and joy exists in the world.

Read more about the day's highlights, including participants, raffle prizes, an unexpected bearded dragon drop-in and an adoption made by the Grinch himself! [The Weekly Wag reports this story in detail.](#)



Grinch Adopts Puppy at CAHS!

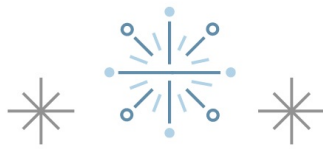


Apparently the spirit of the season can inspire everyone - even the most unlikely of characters. After the Grinch posed with our pooches at last month's holiday pet photo shoot, he decided to bring one of our adoptable puppies home with him for good.

What may seem like a heartwarming turn of events actually had a bit more planning behind it. Ben Jones, the man behind the Grinch costume, visited the CAHS website the night before the event with his fiancé. While on our site, they fell in love with a young pup named Lunchbox. [Read their story here.](#)

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Thanks for helping us put our best paw forward In 2021!

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Take Action

Resolve to Save Lives in 2021

2020 took lives. In 2021, let's save lives instead.

How many lives will you save in 2021? We know hundreds of animals who need your support.

Donations allow us to:

- Keep our doors open for animals
- Take in surrenders
- Provide lifesaving care
- Help pet owners provide for their pets in times of need
- Secure forever homes
- Travel regionally and nationally to rescue homeless, hurting animals
- Offer our Safe Haven Program for local emergency surrenders



The pandemic will not stop us in our tracks - but it has interrupted our fundraising efforts. We need your help. In 2021, join our community of supporters. Your support is crucial.