

Wood County Humane Society

Bowling Green, Ohio



2002 ANNUAL REPORT

THANKS TO OUR FRIENDS FOR A REMARKABLE YEAR

I am very pleased to provide this very brief review of some of the many accomplishments of the Wood County Humane Society during the past year.

First, I would like to express my great appreciation to the Board of Directors who have given countless volunteer hours in service to help animals. Their selfless efforts have enabled WCHS to take in 354 animals during the past year, and to find homes for 357 animals.

With an average of 105 animals at the Minniebelle Conley Shelter at any given moment, our incredibly hardworking staff, under the direction of dedicated Shelter Manager Rene Valtin, has done an outstanding job of providing individual care and attention to each of their charges, sometimes taking tiny kittens home to feed them every four hours, and even donating hours when the personnel budget went over.

With the essential support of the Wood County Commissioners, our Humane Agents, led by the courageous Laura Pokorny, brought 129 animals to shelter, including cows, chickens and horses as well as dogs and cats, and educated hundreds of people about the humane treatment of animals.

Support from the community has also been very strong this year. Memberships and donations have been so very generous. ALLTEL donated free cell phone use, and this year, WCHS became an active member of Northwest Ohio Community Shares, to help with workplace fundraising. The Bowling Green Community Foundation, which manages two funds for WCHS, The Wood County Humane Society Fund and the Ethel Amy Wison Fund (for cat spay/neuters), granted us \$500 to develop outreach about the link between animal and child abuse. The American Humane Association helped us team up with Walmart to increase adoptions. Our spay/neuter program received \$9,000 from PETSMART Charities to continue the great strides we have made.

There is still a great deal that needs to be done however, so this year we will be expanding our board, working hard to increase community awareness of humane issues and provide good care for as many animals as we possibly can, and finally, continuing to seek ways in which to solidify our funding base so that WCHS can continue to help Wood County animals in the future.

Many thanks to our donors and friends for making all of this possible.

Jacqui Nathan, President



FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Fundraising efforts in 2002 were successful due to the incredible dedication and effort that went into these events, and to the amazing support from the Wood County community.

Our major projects this year included:

- ◆ the TWO great Garage Sales run by Sandy Lepper, Sue Butler, Maria Garcia and their hardworking volunteer crew.
- ◆ the Holiday Mail Fundraiser, which proved that even in tight times, our community is unbelievably generous,
- ◆ the Mutt Strut, bigger and better than ever with coordination by Esther Duda.



- ◆ the fabulous Wine & Cheese Benefit & Auction organized spectacularly by Val Fine.
- ◆ Santa Photos in 2 locations, with the lively BG event organized by Christie Spontelli, and the kind contributions of Blue Ribbon Photo in Perrysburg.
- ◆ the Jewelry Raffle sponsored by Howard Jewelers.
- ◆ a McDonald's WCHS Night Benefit.

WCHS was also the beneficiary of events sponsored by Grounds for Thought and Gold Star Kennels, and professional fundraising from Amerifund and a candy machine project. With the help of Shirley Hoemann our donation boxes are once again a steady source of funds.

In addition to those mentioned above, the other industrious and much appreciated members of the committee included Jan Harr, Kathy Hershberger, Carissa Jock and Dan Garcia. Many thanks to all.

Jacqui Nathan



VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

The volunteer committee held tours approximately once a month throughout the year to introduce new volunteers to the Wood County Humane Society. Especially successful were the those held in September just after the school year began. Many thanks to Connie Donald for all her efforts to train volunteer dog walkers.

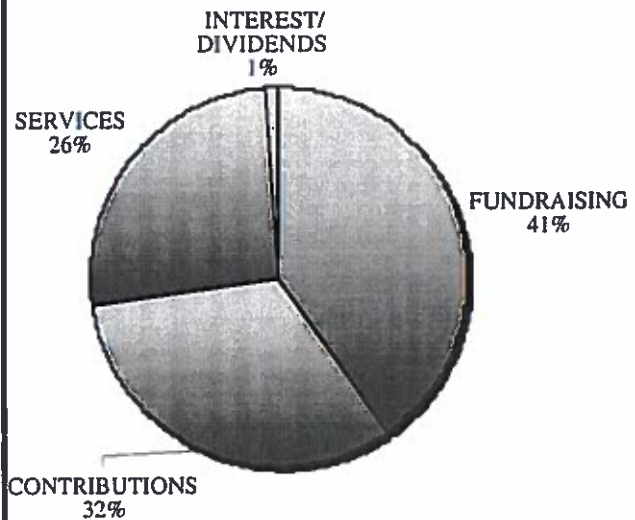
The volunteer committee successfully found volunteers to work at many community and fundraising events this year. Included were: Haskins Community Day, Wood County Day, Wood County Day, Harrison Rally Days, Weston Community Day and Roche de Boeuf Festival in Waterville, the Mutt Strutt, Wine and Cheese Benefit, Karnik Inn Event and the Mid-Michigan Cat Show.

We attended and recruited many volunteers from the BGSU volunteer fair in the fall. The volunteer committee organized a total of approximately 50 wonderful volunteers during 2002, Many thanks to every one of them, and especially Connie Donald for all her work to train the volunteer dog walkers.

Joyce Blinn and Jan Harr

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2002 INCOME



FUNDRAISING	78,240
CONTRIBUTIONS	62,873
SERVICES	50,200
INTEREST/DIVIDENDS	2,252
TOTAL	193,565

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

There were 405 memberships purchased in 2002:

LIFETIME	4	SINGLE	83
PET PATRON	3	SENIOR	91
PET PAL	25	AMERIFUND	115
FAMILY	85		

Activities in 2002 included an Amerifund membership campaign in July, mailing to adopters within 3 months, trial mailings to Wood Co. residents with licensed dogs, and a proposed change in membership structure (see bylaws).

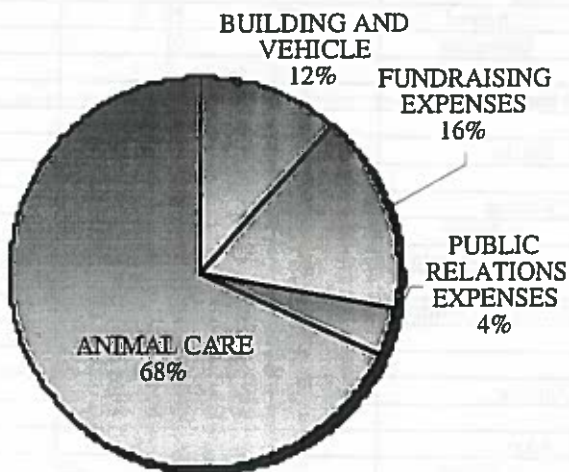
Plans for 2003 include an Amerifund mini-campaign scheduled for February. We will continue to refine follow-up procedure for membership renewals and educate members on new membership policy pending bylaws approval.

Special thanks to Sandy Lepper for the very important work of maintaining the membership records.

Esther Duda



2002 EXPENSE



BUILDING AND VEHICLE	21,850
FUNDRAISING	30,265
PUBLIC RELATIONS	7,585
ANIMAL CARE	126,783
TOTAL	186,483

SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM

The Spay/Neuter Program continued to assist Wood County residents with the costs of spaying or neutering over 300 dogs and cats with ongoing funding from the Ethel Amy Wilson Fund and a brand new \$9,000 grant from PETSMART Charities. A special campaign to reach cat colony caretakers will start this spring. Many thanks to PETSMART and to Nancy Gilbert for her work on this project.

2002 FINANCIAL STATEMENT



ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts

Sky Bank - Operating Account	\$	22,141.32
Sky Bank - Spay/Neuter Fund	\$	3,445.73
CD - Job & Family Services	\$	1,200.00
CD	\$	6,502.48
CD - Collateral for Van Loan	\$	12,644.48
Huntington Savings	\$	3,394.19
SUBTOTAL	\$	49,328.20

FOUNDATION ACCOUNTS

Amy Ethel Wilson Fund - Spay/Neuter (Cats)	\$	18,976.40
WCHS Fund - Operating	\$	7,978.89
SUBTOTAL	\$	26,955.29

STOCKS

Kerr-McGee Corp (KMG)	\$	337.28
Newmont Mining Corp (NEM)	\$	3,226.05
Owens-Corning (OWENQ)	\$	2.20
PPG Industries (PPG)	\$	4,261.30
Sunoco (SUN)	\$	718.06
SUBTOTAL	\$	8,544.89

REAL ESTATE

Shelter and Lot	\$	200,000.00
Equipment	\$	6,475.00
SUBTOTAL	\$	206,475.00

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 291,303.38

LIABILITIES

Citizens Savings - Mortgage Loan	\$	115,232.95
Sky Bank - Van Loan	\$	6,142.94

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$ 121,375.89

ASSETS - LIABILITIES \$ 169,927.49

2002 BOARD MEMBERS

JACQUI NATHAN	PRESIDENT/FUNDRAISING
ANESA MILLER	VICE-PRESIDENT /NEWSLETTER/P.R.
KAY CHAPMAN	EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT /SHELTER DIRECTOR
LISA R. KERN	TREASURER /BUDGET AND FINANCE ESTHER
DUDA	SECRETARY/MEMBERSHIP
NANCY GILBERT	SPAY/NEUTER
DAN GARCIA	FUNDRAISING MEMBER
JAN HARR	VOLUNTEERS
JANET O'BRIEN	PERSONNEL
JOYCE BLINN	VOLUNTEERS
JIM VALTIN	FACILITY AND GROUNDS

2002 STAFF MEMBERS



RENEE VALTIN, SHELTER MANAGER
LAURA POKORNY, HUMANE AGENT

BAILEY GARVIN
KERRY LONG
HEATHER ROEMER
TONYA TACK
CARI SMERK
TINA TACK
TINA MINTZ
DOT MINTZ
ANDREW SHEPHERD
DAVE SCHWAN
JOANNA BUNTING
JULIE MARTIN
MANDY DICKENSON
AMANDA BAERWALDT



COMMUNITY SHARES
Northwest Ohio

Building a community that works for everyone.

Community Shares is a partnering of social, economic and environmental justice and cultural enrichment agencies that collaborate to increase support to its members by providing visibility and funding through workplace fundraising.

WCHS MINNIEBELLE CONLEY SHELTER

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[HTTP://WWW.WCNET.ORG/ORGANIZATIONS/W/WCHS](http://www.wcnet.org/organizations/w/wchs)

HOURS:

WED. - MON. NOON - 4 P.M., THURS. NOON - 7 P.M.

2002 SHELTER REPORT

Throughout 2002, at various times 93 animals went through foster homes. These stays may have been as short as a few days or as long as several months!

Our busiest time of the year is kitten season. Shelter populations reached between 120-131 animals (May through October) despite our best efforts to keep numbers down.

Thankfully, we did not have as many major injuries or surgeries as we did last year. However we did have many sick animals come through that just needed a lot of TLC, and general meds such as antibiotics and fluids.

I am happy to report a decrease in the number of animals that died or were euthanized compared to 2001. I feel this can be attributed to having staff members who have been with us for a greater amount of time and are therefore better prepared to recognize signs and symptoms of illness and disease.

Rene Valtin
Shelter Manager

	Cats & Kittens	Dogs & Puppies	Other	Totals
Incoming				
1) Stray				
a) Injured	27	2		29
b) Healthy	153	0	2	155
2) Surrender	27	14		41
3) Cruelty	58	68	3	129
4) Returns				0
a) Shelter				0
c) Adoptathon				0
TOTAL INCOMING	265	84	5	354
Outgoing				
1) Adopted				0
a) Shelter	237	107	10	354
c) Adoptathon	3			3
2) Foster Homes				93
3) Euthanized				12
4) Died				9
TOTAL OUTGOING	240	107	10	378
Av. Shelter Pop				105