Love is a Pet Away
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On behalf of myself, our Board of Directors, volunteers and staff members, we thank you for your support. You have provided us with an unprecedented opportunity to secure our future and to advance our mission in 2017.

In 2017, we were fortunate enough to receive several significant bequests. This money will be used to ensure that the homeless animals in our care will receive quality care and to help us move toward our goal of building a new facility.

Our success has been built on the strong relationships we have with you – our supporters. Your generosity has enabled us to further our mission of helping the sick, injured and homeless animals that make their way to the shelter each year. We could not do it without your help and generosity.

In 2017, we cared for and adopted out over 567 animals. Over 500 dedicated volunteers contributed 36,450 hours of service to help rescued animals. Our STAR training program improved dog behavior and dramatically shortened shelter stay; and our foster care homes gave the smallest and sickest ones their chances for survival and healthy lives. Our Humane Education program continued to grow and help us further our mission of educating the public on the humane treatment of dogs and cats.

Staff and volunteers teamed up to save more lives, to tell our story in new and better ways, to make new friends and to strengthen our organizational commitment to finding animals their forever homes.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you!

Sincerely,

Carolyn Mossberger
About WSHS

West Suburban Humane Society (WSHS) is a volunteer-based, animal welfare organization that was founded in 1972 as a lost and found referral service. We provide housing for up to 25 dogs and 60 cats at a time. We operate at full capacity at all times with animal care and adoptions being provided by 2 full-time and 9 part-time employees and nearly 500 volunteers. Our facility is open to the public 6 days a week. We continue to reunite lost animals and their owners by maintaining a database with information on over 33,000 pets and their owners, and by providing free pet identification tags to all pet owners.

Mission

WSHS is dedicated to operating a premier animal shelter for the purpose of finding safe, permanent and compatible homes to adopt domestic dogs and cats. We are committed to educating and encouraging the public to humanely care for dogs and cats.

Vision

WSHS will achieve and sustain its reputation for being the premier humane organization in Illinois. To achieve such recognition, WSHS will focus on the following critical components:

Advocacy: WSHS will promote the humane care of dogs and cats by working with government agencies and other agencies to promote the humane care of animals.

Care: WSHS will be the preeminent provider of animal care, working with high quality veterinarians to provide the most appropriate medical treatment for non-terminal conditions of cats and dogs in our care. Further, WSHS will develop innovative practices, such as working with reputable trainers in the area to ensure that every animal in our care receives the best total care before being adopted by the most compatible owner.

Education: WSHS will educate our staff, volunteers and members of the community on proper pet health care and safety. We will provide ample information and constant support to our adoptive families and act as an invaluable resource for educating the public at large.

Fundraising: WSHS will remain financially solvent and transparent so that we can continue to focus on finding new sources of revenue and maintaining our relationship with those who have provided financial contributions.

Values: We believe in the following core values:

• Serving as a resource to educate the community and animal owners about responsible dog and cat care.
• Providing high quality medical treatment for animals in our care.
• Controlling the pet population through spay and neuter.
• To always act ethically and in the best interests of both animals and potential adopters.
• Appreciating our dedicated volunteers and staff.
• Working as a team to develop creative solutions for potential adopters and achieve the best results.
• Having fun and enjoying our work.

Board of Directors

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Ramos is named for the woman who found him and brought him to WSHS. That was her last name and he would have died before he was 3 months old if it wasn’t for her. He weighed less than 2 pounds back then and needed vet care right away. After consulting with a surgeon, he was diagnosed with imperforate anus, meaning he had an underdeveloped anus. If he knew we were talking about such private issues, the poor guy would be mortified.

He was initially constipated, which caused him great distress. The surgeon said they could widen the anus, but they could do nothing about its elasticity and didn’t recommend surgery. Instead, he was put on stool softeners so that he could pass stool more easily. He went to a foster home with another kitten who also has a birth defect and the fun began! The two kittens got along great but Ramos hated the supplements. For his health, they had to be given. The surgeon warned the shelter that when a cat has one congenital defect, he usually has others. Ramos began having urinary issues in his foster home, so we worried the two were connected.

Although the surgeon said there would never be improvement in Ramos’ anal condition, as he grew, this problem went away! We were so thankful to be able to take him off of the medications and supplements!

Sadly, the urinary issues continued, making Ramos unadoptable. Ramos has had all manner of tests and has been given medications that help some cats with this issue. His foster home has removed all possible triggers and has done everything available to attack this issue from a behavioral aspect. To complicate matters, Ramos has stomatitis, a painful condition of the teeth and gums that may be a stressor regarding his urinary issues.

Ramos is now 2 years old. The shelter was literally a day away from having all of Ramos’ teeth pulled, which is the only cure for stomatitis. The hope was that his urinary issues stemmed from the chronic mouth pain, and if his teeth were removed, maybe he would feel better long term, which may help his litter box problems.

A few days before Ramos was to see the dental specialist to remove all of his teeth, he got some test results from his regular vet that were concerning. He had some crystals in his urine and needed to be on a special diet to keep him from developing more. Ramos didn’t take to the new diet right away, so the full mouth extraction was postponed. As it turned out, this was the right decision because that very day, Ramos experienced a blockage in his urethra and he could not pass urine. When this happens to a cat, they will die within three days if they don’t get treatment.

Ramos was in the hospital for over a week and no progress was made, so in order to keep him from blocking again in the future, which could kill him, the decision was made for him to have perineal urethrostomy surgery, which removes the most narrow part of the urethra that is prone to get blocked with crystals and stones, but also removes his penis and puts him at increased risk of urinary tract infections and incontinence.

The absence of Ramos was deeply felt by humans and animals alike in his foster home. He has such a gregarious personality, a hole was left while he spent over a week at the vet. His foster family was greatly relieved to know that WSHS would treat his illness and not simply euthanize him because he became too expensive. This is why our shelter is special, and this is why we need your support.
Success Stories: Sadie

When our rescue partners in Oklahoma contacted us about an older flat coated retriever that needed rescue, we immediately said yes. One look into those beautiful brown eyes and we were hooked. Poor Sadie has been without a home for over 5 years. She was originally found as a stray in Oklahoma. She lived there for a few years and was transferred to another rescue in the Chicago area when space became available. That shelter kept her for about a year and then returned her because she needed training. The rescue in Oklahoma loved Sadie but wanted her to have the best chance of finding a home and that’s where we came in.

When Sadie arrived, we took her to our vet for a checkup. She had skin allergies, a horrible ear infection and a urinary tract infection. She also has arthritis. We started her on a special diet for the allergies and medications to deal with the other issues. After a few weeks, Sadie was feeling better and was on the road to recovery. It was about that time that we noticed Sadie had several lumps on her legs and abdomen. The vet did needle aspirates of all of the lumps and one of them came back as a mast cell tumor. We could have given up on Sadie but that is not what we do. At West Suburban we are committed to making sure every animal get what they need to make them adoptable.

Sadie had the mast cell tumor removed and biopsied. The results came back with the best news possible. The tumor was a low grade, non-aggressive type of mast cell tumor. The margins were clean and adequate. Sadie’s long term prognosis is good.

Sadie will need to be on a special diet, medications and supplements for the rest of her life to take care of her allergies and arthritis. She will also need regular grooming.

At West Suburban Humane Society, we could not do what we do without the help of our generous donors.

Sadie’s story has a happy ending. She recently was adopted and is living the good life in her forever home.
WSHS is dedicated to operating a premier animal shelter that provides the best treatment for dogs and cats in its care. However, like most everything, quality services come at a price. Due to the shelter’s tight budget, many animals would not be able to receive adequate care without significant withdrawal from the organization’s operating budget and/or large increases in adoption fees. Luckily, WSHS is fortunate enough to have many partners that provide essential services for a fraction of their retail cost. This generosity allows WSHS to continue to care for and place animals into their forever homes at a reasonable fee for adopters and manageable budget for the shelter.

WSHS attributes a large portion of our success to the generosity of our partners who provide an array of essential services. We thank them for their dedication towards animal welfare, and continued commitment to WSHS.

All Creatures Great and Small
Arboretum View Animal Hospital
Artistic Grooming
Bark Avenue Daycamp
Boone Animal Hospital
Friendly Vet Animal Hospital

Happy Cat Grooming
Partners and Paws
Suburban K9
VCA Aurora
Veterinary Vision
West Suburban Veterinary Associates

Thank you to WSHS’ Foundation and Corporate Donors

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All totals reflect cumulative giving from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017

Legacy Society

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Charles and Diane Hlavaty
Ruth and Tom Cloonan
Dorothy Smith
Eleanor Swiglo

New Since 2016 Annual Report

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Dorothy Smith
### 2017 WSHS Financial Statement

**Revenue**

- Contributions $564,207
- Adoption Fees $67,594
- Fundraising Events $144,401
- Investment Income $177,289
- **Total Revenue** $953,491

**Program & Supporting Service Expenses**

**Program Services**
- Vet Care and Medical Supplies $183,078
- Animal Care and Education $193,061
- Food and Supplies $94,160
- Spay/Neuter $27,920
- Other Program Related Costs $92,525
- **Total Program Service Expenses** $590,744

**Supporting Services**
- General and administrative $87,996
- Fundraising $121,812
- **Total Expenses** $800,552

- **Change in Net Assets** $152,939
- **Net Assets at 12/31/2016** $3,232,314
- **Net Assets at 12/31/2017** $3,385,253
At the West Suburban Humane Society, we never turn our backs on an animal in need. Since our founding in 1972, the shelter has relied completely on the generosity of its donors to provide animal care and shelter for thousands of cats and dogs. The contributions of caring and generous individuals – volunteers, adopters, community members – have empowered us to take in a cat with a broken leg, a dog with a heart condition, and make sure those animals live their lives as a family’s loving companion.

Where another shelter would euthanize a cat with heartworm, we make sure she gets the medication she needs. Where another shelter would turn away a litter of puppies with Parvo, we take them in and treat them until they are well. Where another shelter would euthanize a dog or cat that stayed for months, just to make room for another animal, we remain committed to getting that animal a home.

Our needs are as varied as our success stories and as big as the job we do. We’re seeking funds to save lives, first and foremost. Veterinary care costs our shelter more than $60,000 each year, and that’s with the generous discounts our partner vets are able to provide. Pet food and animal care, all add up to more than $200,000 annually.

In addition, WSHS is planning for a new shelter. Our building is old and was not designed as a shelter, and though we do the best we can with what we have, our mission is to operate a premier animal shelter, giving our animals, volunteers and adopters the best experience we can. While we operate on a very tight budget, several generous gifts have provided seed money to begin exploring shelter plans and construction designs.

Before we can commit to such a large project, however, we need to ensure all our current needs can be met. Our first responsibility is to our animals, and as we look to the future we must maintain the present. Your gift to the WSHS – whether an annual gift, a monthly donation, a corporate sponsorship or a legacy gift – will save lives right now, and ensures that our mission of caring for homeless dogs and cats continues.

Because of you, we’ve been able to provide quality animal care for more than 46 years. With your help, we will continue to provide it for at least 40 more.

All donations to WSHS are 100% tax deductible. For any questions regarding donations to WSHS, please contact Carolyn Mossberger, Executive Director, at 630-960-9600 or director@wshs-dg.org. WSHS extends our sincerest gratitude to our entire community for their continued commitment and support of the shelter.
Ways to Give

Paw Pals
All Paw Pals gifts are automatically reoccurring unrestricted donations which can be directly applied to the pressing needs of the shelter (medical care, building maintenance, etc.). Paw Pals creates a recognized group of committed WSHS supporters. This giving option allows donors to give monthly installments, withdrawn directly his/her credit card account.

Legacy Society for Planned Gift Donors
The Legacy Society is a recognized group of committed WSHS supporters who have chosen to make planned gifts to WSHS. A gift from an estate helps assure continuity of quality services and the future of WSHS. A planned gift signifies the donor’s lifetime commitment to WSHS. It allows him/her to make contributions to WSHS which are not ‘out-of-pocket’ during the donor’s lifetime and can be tailored to meet the donor’s priorities. Planned giving can help with effective estate tax planning. See page 14 for more details.

Corporate Giving
Corporate gifts are unrestricted and can be directly applied to the pressing needs of the shelter (medical care, building maintenance, etc.). WSHS’s mission is not controversial, and therefore, the majority of people and corporations can agree that WSHS is a worthy cause for their community. By giving to WSHS, a corporation establishes itself as an asset to the community; thus building goodwill, while also benefiting from a tax deduction. Corporate donors are acknowledged through multiple avenues (i.e. WSHS website, Annual Report, newsletters, etc.) which target thousands of residents in the Western Suburbs annually.

Special Event Corporate Sponsorship
A gift supporting a WSHS special event provides businesses with direct and immediate recognition. By giving to a large scale event such as the Anniversary Fundraiser and/or BarkapALooza, companies can gain recognition as an asset to the community, by being philanthropic toward a cause supported by thousands of people. Special Event Sponsorship also enables donors to provide a combination of cash and in-kind giving that fits donors’ circumstances as well as meeting the needs of WSHS.

Fundraising Events
Petals for Pets Plant Sale – May 10th and 11th
Barkapalooza – September 29th
Thank You to the 2017 WSHS Donors

All totals reflect cumulative donations from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Thank you for your continued commitment to WSHS. With every gift, you help to place a pet into a forever home.

$25,000 and Above
Smith, Dorothy
Trust, Gloria A Bornsen

$5,000 – $25,000
Perez, Judy and Donald
Tygesen, Carol
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Grazis, Brenda
Mossberger, Carolyn
Anonymous

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Ambler, Christian & Lorraine
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