



## Small Fry, Big Heart

When Small Fry was found inside a small crate at a local park, his fur was so severely matted that it had grown around the bars. His nails were so overgrown that he could not walk without pain, and his face was barely visible under all his matted fur. **Fortunately, once he came to JHS, your donations made it possible for our medical team to jump into action and help the sweet dog still wagging his tail despite his poor condition.**

After cutting him out of the crate, our skilled veterinary team quickly began treating Small Fry. After trimming his long, curled nails and shaving down his mats, our veterinarian discovered that his eyes had significant scarring, leading to blindness, and he suffered

from severe dry eye. To relieve the constant pain and pressure, both of his eyes were removed. Small Fry recovered well from the surgery and adjusted quickly to not having vision. He's now enjoying love and comfort from his new mom Mary!

This lifesaving story was only possible thanks to your continued support.

If you have a special interest in supporting animals like Small Fry, be sure to save the date for Toast to the Animals – our premier fundraising event for the JHS Medical Fund, coming in September to TIAA Bank Field – or donate by visiting [jaxhumane.org/toast](http://jaxhumane.org/toast).

# From the Desk of Our CEO

Dear Friends,

What can we say about the year 2022? It was a year of challenges and growth for the Jacksonville Humane Society, and thanks to your unwavering support of our mission, we are proud to share the following lifesaving highlights:

- 🦷 Compassionate care was provided to nearly 9,000 dogs and cats.
- 🦷 Pet help resources kept more than 5,000 families together.
- 🦷 Our humane education team reached almost 2,000 children.

One big change in 2022 was the launch of our mobile veterinary visits into neighborhoods throughout Jacksonville with a need for free and low-cost veterinary services. Our mobile unit was able to serve 155 pet parents and 264 dogs and cats in its inaugural year. Additionally, we traveled to Polk County as a part of our Florida Leaders in Lifesaving initiative to increase lifesaving in Florida. We spay/neutered 1,348 cats in their shelter and assisted transferring others to JHS thanks to a grant from Best Friends Animal Society and Rachael Ray.

Our partners at Animal Care and Protective Services faced a number of struggles this year and had to close their intake services for nearly

half the year. This resulted in more animals coming to JHS, but thanks to our amazing community and your support – we did a record number of adoptions. Despite these challenges, our community-wide save rate for 2022 was 90% with a save rate at JHS of 93%.

Other significant accomplishments thanks to our community, include:

- 🦷 Help from six local veterinary clinics and hundreds of community members through our kitten krusader program, which greatly reduced the intake of underaged kittens.
- 🦷 3,476 pets found foster families.
- 🦷 More than 23,000 hours of service were contributed to JHS by our dedicated volunteers.
- 🦷 Nearly 7,000 dogs and cats welcomed into loving new families and homes.

This year was also a year of growth for our new community outreach programs. We graduated eight high school interns from our veterinary assistant program and six cadets from our Paws and Stripes workforce development academy for veterans. We are thrilled that two of these graduates are now employed at JHS, and others are working throughout the community. Additionally, our humane education program touched the lives of more than 500 children



via outreach, delivering books, puppy hugs, and kitten cuddles with our many partners including MaliVai Washington Youth Foundation, Sulzbacher Village, Sanctuary on 8<sup>th</sup> Street, and the Salvation Army Towers of Hope.

With a generous grant from Petco Love, we are continuing our Florida Leaders in Lifesaving initiative to end the needless death of shelter pets across the state. We hosted our second annual leadership summit in 2022 and provided free hands-on training to 148 shelter staff from 74 different animal welfare organizations throughout Florida. We are looking forward to a statewide adoption event in summer 2023!

**All these amazing programs and initiatives would not be possible without YOU. Thanks to your generosity, dedication, talent, and loving gifts, we can provide compassionate care to the animals who need it most.**

We are so grateful for your commitment to pets and the people who love them. We are thrilled to start 2023 with you.

Sincerely,



Denise Deisler

P.S. – If you would like to see first-hand the difference your donations make to animals in need, please come by for a personal tour! Call 904-493-4566 or email [info@jaxhumane.org](mailto:info@jaxhumane.org) to schedule.

# 2022 At-a-Glance



**INTAKES 8,470**  
total animals receiving compassion and care

**Dogs: 3,065** (dogs 2,782, puppies 283)

**Cats: 5,405** (cats 1,751, kittens 3,654)

**FOSTERS**

**3,476**

total pets

**356 dogs and puppies**

**3,120 cats and kittens**



**ADOPTIONS**

**6,861** new families created

**2560 dogs and 4301 cats adopted**



**SPAY AND NEUTER SURGERIES**

**5,696**



**VOLUNTEERS**

**23,750** hours

**Total Volunteers: 375**



**EDUCATION**

**1,912**

children served

**576 children served via Pawsitive Outreach with area partners**



**LIVE OUTCOMES**

**7,881** second chances for homeless pets

**PAWS & STRIPES**

total veteran volunteers

**6 cadets**

**552 hours of workforce development provided to cadets**

**49**



**KITTEN KRUSADERS**

**261** human helpers

**726** kittens served

**6** vets including JHS



**VETERINARY MOBILE CLINIC**

**155 families served**  
**264 pets served**

**PET HELP CENTER**

**115,000 lbs of food distributed**

**5,309 families served**



**TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS: \$5,899,328.67**



- 62%** Individuals \$3,636,544.73
- 23%** Grants and Foundations \$1,346,919.32
- 15%** Events and Corporations \$888,247.62



**TOTAL INCOME: \$7,186,227.48**

# Giving the Extra Help, Thanks to YOU!

Did you know we track how long each animal is in our care prior to adoption? It's called "length of stay," and our average is around thirteen days, lower than the national average in shelters. Still, some pets take a little longer to find their family. **That's why we created our "Long Stay Task Force" to give these pets the extra support they may need to get them into a loving home.** This group meets once a month to go over long-stay dogs and cats in the shelter and discuss what strategies we can use to lend them a helping paw to ensure that every pet gets the chance they deserve.

Bridget, a senior dog having trouble catching the attention of adopters, was identified by our team as a dog who would love participating in our humane education programs with children. **She was soon adopted after meeting her family during a Brownie Scout badge event that was taking place at JHS!** Blondie was a cat that hid on the very top shelf of her group room at the shelter, avoiding potential adopters and other felines. The task force decided to try her in a private condo. After moving, Blondie came out of her shell, and we discovered that she was a purr machine who loved head rubs! She was adopted just a few days later. Then there's Boduke, a big bouncy pup who was having difficulty in his kennel but loved showing off his goofy personality outside. The team created a fun TikTok video about Boduke that featured videos of him playing outside with his friends at JHS. After seeing the TikTok video of Boduke, a family made the trip to JHS to bring Boduke home.

**Without your support, programs like this would not be possible at JHS. Thank you for supporting our work behind the scenes.**

Adoption is one of the many ways you can support our mission. Visit [jaxhumane.org/adopt](http://jaxhumane.org/adopt) to view the variety of pets that are available for adoption.



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## HOURS\* ADOPTION CENTER

Monday through Friday  
12PM-7PM  
Saturday & Sunday 10AM-5PM  
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*by appointment only*

Pet Help Center  
904.493.4584

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