

2023

Annual Report



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www.FriendsofJCAS.org

Mission Statement

Our mission is to rescue, nurture, and adopt as many dogs and cats as possible into forever, loving homes. We strive to promote the health and well-being of companion animals; to educate pet owners on the importance of spaying, neutering, and regular veterinary care; to encourage pet ownership as a lifetime commitment; and to share the joy that our pets offer.

Friends of the Jefferson City Animal Shelter, Inc.
FEIN 20-8387310

Established in 2007

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Monthly Meetings

Our meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Jefferson City Animal Shelter (JCAS), 2308 Hyde Park Road. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. We use the time to talk about shelter happenings, discuss upcoming fundraisers, and organize volunteers for upcoming events.

Fundraisers

We benefit enormously from individual and corporate donations, bequests, and the Missouri State Employees Charitable Campaign, but we know we also need to help ourselves. We held several successful fundraisers this year to further our mission.



On September 30th, we were in Old Munichburg running registration for the Oktoberfest Dachshund Derby. The Old Munichburg Association donated \$150 of the registration fees to us, and we sold a lot of t-shirts! This year we introduced our **Friends in Low Places** dachshund shirt.

Keep your garden full of color while helping the Animals!

Friends of the JC Animal Shelter
Fall Mum Sale
\$15 ea. ~ 9" pot
JC Animal Shelter ~ 2308 Hyde Park Rd
Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023
10:00 am ~ 12:00 pm



On September 9th, we held our third annual Mum Sale. We reserved 300 nine-inch potted mums from Longfellow's Garden Center and sold them in front of the JC Animal Shelter that morning. We partnered with **Yadi's Pittie Pals** on this event. Yadi's is a local rescue that focuses on the difficult to place bully breeds. We and Yadi's each made \$1,266 from the mum sale. Our thanks to Longfellow's for producing the beautiful, high-quality mums!

Locally Grown by Longfellow's Garden Center!

November 11th marked the return of Trivia Night. Kevin Hilley of KAT Country radio generously volunteered his time to serve as our celebrity emcee. What a great job he did! And the community came through as well for this fun event. Competition was fierce, and the outcome amazing. This was our most successful fundraiser of the year, with a profit of \$4,050.

 **Friends** of the JEFFERSON CITY ANIMAL SHELTER
Presents:

 **TRIVIA NIGHT** 

event *doors open* *trivia starts*

SAT **11** | **6:30 PM** | **7:00 PM**
NOV

NEW LOCATION: McClung Park 930 McClung Park Drive Jefferson City, MO 65101

 **\$200 PER TABLE** 

(UP TO 8 PLAYERS TO A TABLE)
Pay for Table in ADVANCE



BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS AND DRINKS
Water & T-Shirts Available for Purchase

PURCHASE NOW at www.FriendsofJCAS.org
Or CONTACT pawfriends@hotmail.com for more information

Finally, we continue to raise funds with our donation canisters located at businesses throughout Jefferson City. Through the generosity of many, we collected \$596.

Income

Friends of the Jefferson City Animal Shelter income totaled \$69,716 in 2023.

Donations:

Missouri State Employees Charitable Campaign - \$18,658

Individual Donations - \$21,007

Corporate Donations - \$13,690

Memorials and Bequests - \$5,343

Fundraisers:

Oktoberfest Dachshund Derby - \$150

Fall Mum Sale - \$2,532 (With half going to Yadi's Pittie Pals)

Trivia Night - \$4,050

Donation Canisters - \$596

Program Income - Puppy Training Classes - \$250

Merchandise Sales - \$1,677 (T-Shirts, ID Tags)

Interest Income - \$1,763

Of our total income, \$26,982 was donated specifically for trap, neuter, return activities through our Wild Thing – Feral Feline Fix program.

Programs Funded

Spay and Neuter Program - \$28,191

We believe spay/neuter is our most critical and effective program. Assisting with the expense of spay and neuter surgeries successfully reduces the number of unwanted pets entering animal shelters. In 2023, we increased the number of spay/neuter coupons we issue each month from 25 to 40. The coupons are for

\$100 off the cost of a spay or neuter surgery at participating local veterinary clinics. Applicants redeemed 284 coupons in 2023, compared to 212 in 2022.

Trap, Neuter, Return – Wild Thing Feral Feline Fix - \$34,070

Wild Thing became an official program of the Friends of the Jefferson City Animal Shelter in 2022. Trap Neuter Return (TNR) is the only humane solution to control feral and community cat populations. This program was established in 2010 to reduce the number of feral cats that were being euthanized at the JCAS. The program has been very successful, reducing the euthanasia rate by over 80 percent. Volunteers work with cat caretakers to trap the cats and transport them for spay/neuter surgeries and rabies vaccinations, before returning them to the location where they were trapped. This also reduces the number of stray kittens entering the animal shelter. In 2023, 450 cats were altered, compared to 558 cats in 2022.

Expenses related to this program include:

Spay & Neuter Surgeries \$24,938

Rabies Vaccinations \$1,675

Other Medical \$1,918

Cat Food Assistance \$4,006

Foster Supplies \$843

Winter Cat Shelter Supplies \$668

Checks \$22



Love a Stray - Neuter & Spay

Puppy Training Classes - \$5,400

We renewed our contract with All Paws Behavioral & Veterinary Clinic. Dr. Mar Doering is an expert dog behaviorist. We retain her services to host puppy training classes at her clinic in Holts Summit. Classes are held twice a month. The pet owner and their puppy get approximately 3 hours of professional training for a donation of \$10. A well-trained puppy is less likely to be surrendered to a shelter. Dr. Doering is also available for training our volunteers who handle animals, and animal shelter staff, although we did not conduct such training this year. This fee is for hours of service, as opposed to an annual fee.

Salvation Army Food Pantry - \$2,102

In partnership with the Heart of Missouri Humane Society, we purchase 60 twenty-pound bags of dog and cat food each month for the Salvation Army Food Pantry, which is distributed to people who need help feeding their pets. Helping people who are short of funds with pet food keeps loved pets in homes.

Jefferson City Animal Shelter Assistance - \$3,506

We purchase cardboard cat carriers for every cat at the JCAS. These carriers are given to adopters, ensuring cats are transported safely to their new homes. \$2,584

We established a beautiful flower island at the corner of the animal shelter property, and planted several flower pots near the entrances. Materials and maintenance were provided for these enhancements to the property. \$892

We purchase an annual subscription of Kind News magazine, which is available in the JCAS lobby for children to take home. \$30

Pet ID Tags - \$1,272

Several years ago, we purchased an ID tag engraving machine that is kept in the lobby at the JCAS. When a pet is adopted, the new owner receives a coupon for a free ID tag they can engrave themselves once they have named their pet. Having proper identification on the pet helps ensure a quick return home if the pet becomes lost. The tags are also available to the public for \$5 each.

Additional Expenses

PO Box Rent \$176

Office Supplies – printer ink, paper, envelopes \$262

Secretary of State License Fee \$11

Web Site Costs \$125

Bank & PayPal Fees \$274

Postage \$520

Courtyard Bricks \$60

Meetings/Meals \$46 (Appreciation lunch for JC Animal Shelter staff)

Accounting Fees \$250

Zettle Credit Card Terminal \$284

T-Shirt Bags \$75

Assets

We ended the year with \$59,042 in our checking accounts and \$176,763 in a certificate of deposit.

Closing Comments

We are grateful for another successful year of helping animals in our community. They are precious gifts that add enormously to the joy of life. The support we receive in our efforts makes our work possible, and we offer you our sincerest thanks.

Friends of the Jefferson City Animal Shelter