

2025

Annual Report



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Mission Statement

Our mission is to rescue, nurture, and adopt as many dogs and cats as possible into loving forever 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.
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Established in 2007

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Monthly Meetings

Our meetings are on the third Tuesday of the 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 potential fundraisers, and organize volunteers for upcoming events.

Income

Friends of the Jefferson City Animal Shelter income totaled \$72,939 in 2025.

Donations:

Missouri State Employees Charitable Campaign - \$24,304

Individual Donations - \$26,684

Corporate Donations - \$10,000

Memorials and Bequests - \$5,449





Fundraisers:

Donation Canisters - \$703

Merchandise Sales - \$590 (T-Shirts, ID Tags)



Interest Income - \$5,209

Of our total income, \$35,004 was donated specifically for the trap, neuter, return activities of the Wild Thing – Feral Feline Fix program. This included a very generous gift of \$10,000 from the Baker Family Trust, and \$8,000 from the Heart of Missouri Humane Society. The Board designated \$8,000 of Friends of the JCAS receipts for Wild Thing activities.

Programs Funded

Spay and Neuter Program - \$49,016

We believe spay/neuter is our most critical and effective program. Assisting with the expense of spay and neuter surgeries of owned dogs and cats reduces the number of unwanted pets entering animal shelters or being dumped in rural and less populated areas. In 2025 we issued 45 spay/neuter coupons per month. These become available on our website at 12:01 a.m. on the first of each month. Typically, all are claimed by midmorning that day. People can also fill out a paper spay/neuter coupon application at the Jefferson City Animal Shelter during business hours; noon to 5:30, Monday through Friday.

The coupons cover \$100 of the cost of spay or neuter surgery at participating local veterinary clinics. Participating veterinarians are listed on our website, as is a list of low cost spay/neuter options in mid-Missouri. Applicants redeemed 478 coupons in 2025, compared to 510 in 2024.

Trap Neuter Return – Wild Thing Feral Feline Fix - \$32,630

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. Wild Thing was established in 2010 to reduce the number of feral cats that were being euthanized at the JCAS. The program has been highly successful, substantially reducing the euthanasia rate. Volunteers work with cat caretakers to trap the cats and transport them for spay/neuter surgeries and rabies vaccinations, then return them to the location where they were trapped. This also reduces the number of stray kittens entering the animal shelter.

When trapping feral cats, friendly cats or kittens are sometimes captured. Wild Thing asks volunteers to foster these friendlies so they can be adopted directly into loving homes or through the Jefferson City Animal Shelter. Wild Thing also supports the caretakers of community cat colonies by providing cat food assistance (over 4,300 pounds of food in 2025) to the caretakers, and Styrofoam coolers filled with straw which are suitable as cold weather shelters for outdoor cats lacking a more permanent shelter. In 2025, 366 cats were altered, compared to 407 cats in 2024.

Expenses related to this program include:

- Spay and Neuter Surgeries \$22,051
- Rabies Vaccinations \$414
- Other Medical Expenses \$3,962
- Cat Food Assistance \$4,586
- Foster Supplies \$323
- Cat Shelter Supplies \$1,244
- Trapping Equipment and Supplies \$50





Salvation Army Pet Food Pantry - \$2,222

In partnership with the Heart of Missouri Humane Society, we purchase dog and cat food which is distributed at the Salvation Army Center of Hope Food Pantry, 927 Jefferson St., Jefferson City. We purchase the food from Diamond Pet Foods. The Salvation Army distributes the pet food to people who need help feeding their pets. Helping people who are short of funds with pet food keeps loved pets in homes. This year, Friends of the JCAS purchased 3,500 pounds of pet food.

Jefferson City Animal Shelter Assistance/Assistance to Rescues - \$5,595

We purchase cardboard cat carriers for cats adopted from the JCAS. These carriers are provided to adopters, ensuring cats are transported safely to their new homes. \$2,076

We paid to repair a problem with the Shelter's irrigation system. \$789

We identified a need for a scanner so people who find lost pets when the Shelter is closed can scan the animals for a microchip. We have a few people in the community who own scanners and have generously helped people by scanning animals for them, but we wanted to provide a readily accessible scanner in a permanent location to assist in returning pets to their owners. We purchased a sturdy container to house the scanner. It will be placed outside the intake door at the Shelter and equipped with a universal scanner. Instructions will be posted on the outside of the container. The scanner will be up and running in early 2026. \$438

We established a beautiful flower island at the corner of the animal shelter property and placed large flowerpots near the entrances. Materials and maintenance were provided for these enhancements to the property. \$262

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

We provided \$2,000 to People Helping Paws – Cat Rescue. The assistance was designated for spay/neuter surgeries for cats and kittens in the care of PHP-CR. In addition to rescuing many cats and kittens in this area, they have assisted us by accepting kittens needing fostering when our trapping efforts have yielded more kittens than we were able to foster with our volunteers.

Pet ID Tags - \$268

Several years ago, we purchased an ID tag engraving machine that is kept in the lobby at the JCAS. Periodically, we replenish the supply of ID tag blanks. When a pet is adopted at JCAS, 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. In June, we sold tags for \$2 and encouraged people to come in and get a tag prior to the 4th of July. The effort was very successful in getting ID tags for pets in our community.



Additional Expenses

McClung Park Reservation Fee/Security Deposit for Trivia Night 2026 - \$1,000

Advertising and Promotional Materials - \$939

PO Box Rent - \$192

Office Equipment and Supplies – \$1,146

Web Site and Software Costs - \$375

PayPal Fees - \$130

Postage - \$582

Courtyard Memorial Bricks - \$80

Assets

We ended the year with \$44,523 in our checking accounts and \$150,000 in a certificate of deposit.

Memorials

During 2025, several families chose to honor a loved one they lost by suggesting or making memorials to our organization. Generally, we do not know the circumstances of the passing, nor the connection to pets. We think it is safe to say, however, that animals held a special place in the hearts of these people. We are

grateful for the generosity of the families in their time of loss. Donations were made in memory of the following:



Closing Comments

We are grateful for another successful year 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. You have our sincere thanks.

Friends of the Jefferson City Animal Shelter