

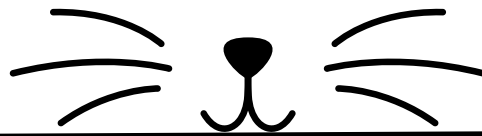
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“CELEBRATING ANOTHER YEAR OF COMPASSION AND SECOND CHANCES”

The official newsletter of the Oneida County Humane Society

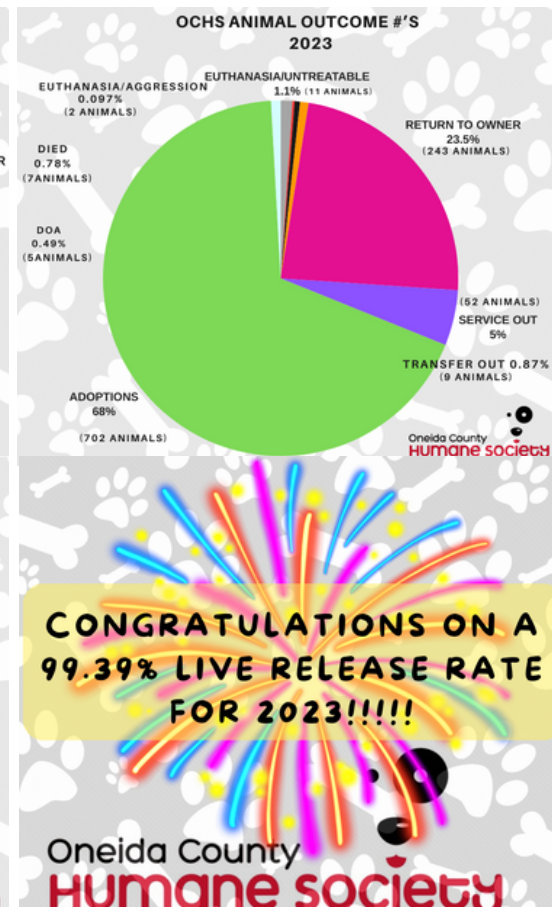
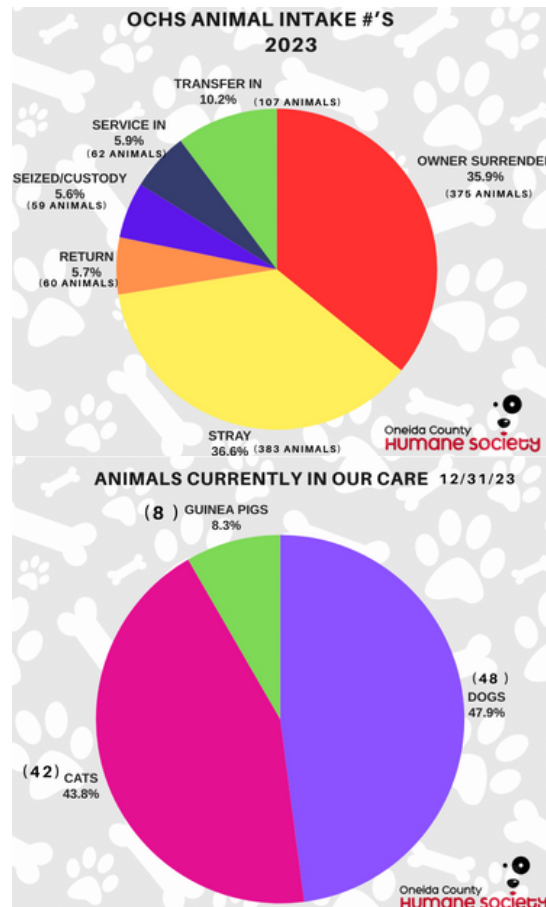
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we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for sharing your time, resources, and passion with us. Your contributions have allowed us to provide shelter, medical care, and love to countless animals in need.



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Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. As the Director of the Oneida County Humane Society, I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to all of you for your unwavering support and dedication to our cause.

Post Covid-19, we faced unexpected medical expenses, encountered difficulties in accessing spay/neuter services, and struggled alongside our community to keep up with the ever-increasing needs of the animals and their humans. However, despite these obstacles, you all rose to the occasion in a way that truly astounded us.

In the face of these challenges, we were able to put together a small team of transport drivers to assist the community with getting their cats to a low-cost spay/neuter clinic. This initiative has made a significant impact in controlling the population of stray cats and reducing the burden on our shelter. We are proud of this accomplishment and hope to expand this program in the upcoming year to include dogs as well.

To our generous donors, your contributions have been instrumental in ensuring that we can continue our mission of providing care and shelter to our furry friends. Your selflessness and compassion have made a significant impact on the lives of countless animals, especially during these trying times. We are forever grateful for your support.

To our dedicated volunteers, your tireless efforts and boundless enthusiasm have been the driving force behind our success. Whether it's walking dogs, cleaning kennels, or assisting with our transport program, your commitment to our cause is truly inspiring. You are the heart and soul of our organization, and we cannot thank you enough for all that you do.

To our incredible fosters, you have opened up your homes and hearts to animals in need, providing them with love, care, and a temporary sanctuary. Your willingness to take in these vulnerable creatures and nurture them until they find their forever homes is nothing short of heroic. We are forever grateful for your kindness and generosity.

A special thank you goes out to our esteemed board of directors, whose guidance and support have been invaluable. Your strategic vision and unwavering commitment to our mission have helped us navigate through the toughest of times. Your dedication to the welfare of animals is truly commendable, and we are honored to have you by our side.

Last but certainly not least, I want to express my deepest appreciation to the hardworking staff of the Oneida County Humane Society. Your passion, professionalism, and unwavering dedication to our cause are what make the magic happen every day. Despite the challenges we faced, you remained steadfast in your commitment to the well-being of our furry friends. Your resilience and unwavering spirit are truly remarkable, and I am humbled to work alongside such an incredible team.

In closing, I want to emphasize how fortunate we are to have your support. Your generosity, kindness, and unwavering commitment to our cause have made a profound difference in the lives of animals in our community. Together, we have created a brighter future for them, and for that I am eternally grateful.

Thank you for being here with us, guiding us, and raising us up. We are truly blessed to have your unwavering support.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Amanda Haydon Director
County Humane Society



OUR FAVORITE STORY OF 2023

Help Tank Heal

Once upon a time, in the heart of Oneida County, there was a little shar pei named Tank. Tank had a tough start in life, facing hardships that left him broken and in need of serious help. But fate had something special in store for him.

Tank found himself at the Oneida County Humane Society, a place filled with compassionate souls who were dedicated to giving animals like him a second chance. The moment Tank arrived, the staff knew they had to do everything they could to piece him back together again.

The local veterinarians, upon hearing Tank's story, immediately offered their expertise and resources. They worked tirelessly, mending his wounds and helped nurse him back to health. The community rallied behind Tank, donating funds and supplies to ensure he received the best care possible.

As the days turned into weeks, Tank's spirit began to shine through. His resilience and determination inspired everyone who crossed his path. Despite the pain he had endured, Tank never lost his ability to learn, love and trust.



Among the many people touched by Tank's journey was one of our staff members at the shelter, Brit. The moment she laid eyes on Tank, she knew somehow he was meant to be a part of her life. She had recently experienced the loss of one of her beloved four-legged friends, and her heart ached for a companion, for not only herself, but for her remaining dog as he was quite sad.. and so it often goes, Tank is home.

Every day Tank is showered with love, care, and all the comforts he had never known before. He would never go without again. Tank, in return, fills Brit's life with joy, tail wags, and snuggles that warm her heart forming an unbreakable bond, a testament to the incredible power of love and second chances.

Let Tanks story become a beacon of hope for animals in need everywhere. His journey taught everyone that no matter how broken or lost we may feel, there is always hope for a brighter tomorrow. And in the end, it is love and compassion that can heal even the deepest wounds.

And so, Tank's story continues to inspire and remind us that with a little help, a lot of love, and the unwavering support of a community, every animal can find their forever home and live a life filled with happiness and endless tail wags.

**Long Term Shelter Dogs
Looking for Forever Homes**

www.ochspets.org

Each dog has a story, a tale to be told,
Of resilience and love, that never grows old.
Some need a yard, where they can freely roam,
others need patience, to help them feel at home.



Ritchi (Sponsored)

Dog
Male/Neutered
Pointer/Mix
4 years 5 months

Then there are the shy ones, who need a gentle touch,
A family who understands, and loves them so much.
They seek a calm environment, where they can feel
secure, With patient souls who'll help them slowly
endure.



Zeus (Sponsored)

Dog
Male/Neutered
Terrier/Mix
2 years 3 months

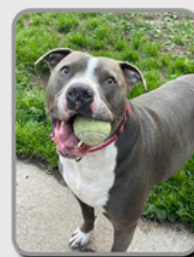
In the depths of our shelter, where hope resides,
Lies a pack of dogs, with longing in their
eyes. They've waited so long, for a place to call
home, Where their unique needs won't be left
alone.



Pearli (sponsored)

Dog
Female/Spayed
Terrier/Mix
9 years 1 month

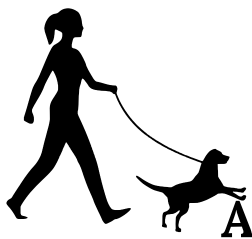
And let's not forget the ones with special needs,
who require extra care, to fulfill their deeds.
They need a loving home, with hearts full of grace,
to provide them with comfort, in their unique
space.



Buddy (Sponsored)

Dog
Male/Neutered
Mixed Breed, Large (over 44 lbs
fully grown)/Mix
4 years 3 months

let's find these dogs the homes they deserve,
where their specific needs, will be beautifully
preserved. For out there, somewhere, lies their
perfect place, where they'll find love and joy, at
their own pace.



How You Can Help

ADOPT

We can help you find a pet that is a good fit for your lifestyle and family. Here at the OCHS, we promote Adopters Welcome, a conversational approach to the adoption process. Once adopted, pets from shelters and rescue groups typically cost less than pets purchased or even acquired for free, when you add in the cost of vaccinations, spay/neuter surgery, microchipping, flea and tick treatment and dewormer included in your adoption fee. You can fill out your adoption application ahead of time, however, our adoption process is an in person meet and greet followed by our application, they are not approved until the meet and greet has happened.

Call us to schedule your meeting

(715) 362-5992

Volunteer

Volunteers are incredibly important to animal shelters, as they provide much-needed support and resources that enable shelters to operate efficiently and effectively.

With limited budgets and staff, shelters often rely on volunteers to bridge the gap and ensure that animals receive the care and attention they deserve.

Without volunteers, many shelters would struggle to meet the needs of the animals in their care and find them loving homes. OCHS is always looking for new volunteers to help with many volunteer opportunities.

- Morning cleaning
- Dog Walking
- Dog Ambassador
- Afternoon Socialization
- Event Volunteer
- Transport Volunteer

Foster

Fostering is a win-win situation, benefiting both the animals and the humans involved. It offers a temporary, loving home for animals in need while providing humans with the opportunity to make a difference and experience the joy of helping animals on their journey to finding permanent homes.



Donate

Monetary Donations

Monetary donations are always appreciated. These donations can be used to provide medical care, food, and shelter for animals in need. You can make a one-time donation or set up a recurring donation on the OCHS website www.ochspets.org

OCHS has small fundraising events held throughout the year as well as our largest annual fundraiser the Furball, where you can donate monetarily and participate in fun activities at the same time. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook for event updates to find out when our next event will be.

In-Kind Donations

In-kind donations are donations of physical items such as food, toys, blankets, and cleaning supplies. These items are always needed as they help keep the animals comfortable and healthy.

Online Wishlists

Amazon, Chewy, Kuranda wishlist

Planned Giving-Humane Society Foundation

Planned giving involves leaving a legacy gift through your estate plan or will for the benefit of the humane society after you pass away. This type of donation allows you to make a significant impact on the future of animals in need. Before making a planned gift, it's important to consult with an attorney or financial advisor to ensure that your wishes are carried out properly. You can also speak with OCHS about our planned giving options and how we can help.



Whether you choose to donate money, physical items, volunteer your time, or make a planned gift, every contribution helps. Visit our website for more information on how you can get involved and make a difference today!

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