As with many nonprofit organizations worldwide, 2020 was a challenging year, presenting many obstacles for us to overcome due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our staff and volunteers persevered and continued to push forward to save homeless cats and dogs from overcrowded partner shelters throughout Washington State and beyond.

In 2020, The NOAH Center rescued 2,707 dogs and cats from euthanasia and matched them with their forever homes. Of these animals, 1,032 went through our neonatal Foster Care Program, while our in-house Spay and Neuter Clinic performed an astonishing 8,017 spay and neuter surgeries, including 48 mother animals and their 222 babies through our Mom’s Last Litter Program.

Without your support, none of these achievements would have been possible. Continue through the pages of this report to learn more about our work in 2020.

Stacie Ventura  
Executive Director

Charlene Edson  
Board President
Our Mission

The Northwest Organization for Animal Help (The NOAH Center) is dedicated to stopping the euthanasia of healthy, adoptable, and treatable homeless dogs and cats. We are committed to high-quality spay and neuter programs available for low-income residents, family-friendly pet adoptions, humane education, and volunteer programs through our state-of-the-art facilities and Spay and Neuter Clinic.
Impact Overview

- 2,707 animals rescued through our Transfer & Partnership Program
- 8,017 cats and dogs who received a spay and neuter surgery
- 1,032 underage puppies and kittens saved through our Foster Care Program
- 37,461 hours served by our pool of 403 active volunteers
- 1,899 cats and kittens who were matched with their forever homes
- 773 dogs and puppies who found a best friend and a new home
Transfers & Partnerships

One element that sets The NOAH Center apart from other shelters is our Transfer and Partnership Program. We work closely with shelters throughout Washington State and beyond to help offset their burden by transferring adoptable animals out of the system and into our facility. Here, we can match them with families eager to welcome a new furry best friend into their lives.

In 2020, we welcomed an astonishing 2,707 animals into our facility from 38 partner shelters as far west as the coast of Washington State and as far east as Tennessee!
Spay & Neuter Clinic

The NOAH Center works tirelessly to end the euthanasia of healthy, treatable, and adoptable cats and dogs. A large part of this work relates to the spay and neuter of all animals that come through our facility to avoid unwanted litters from the animals we adopt. Still, an even more significant portion of spay and neuter surgeries performed at our facility come to us in the form of community pets.

We focus on providing spay and neuter surgeries to low-income families at a significantly subsidized rate, making it possible for everyone to access these services. We believe all should be able to experience the love and joy of a furry family member, regardless of income level.

The NOAH Center’s Spay & Neuter Clinic operates at a high capacity, providing an incredible 8,017 surgeries in 2020. As one of the only high-quality, high-volume spay and neuter clinics in Washington State, we provide a critical community resource.

Thousands of families have utilized our spay and neuter services, as well as the additional offerings we provide, such as microchipping, flea and tick treatment, vaccines, and more. We are honored to provide these services to our community and look forward to yet another year of offsetting the pet-overpopulation problem through high-volume spay and neuter.

1,520 Dogs/Puppies  6,497 Cats/Kittens  8,017 Total Combined
Foster Care

Even one lost life is devastating, but the fact that thousands of puppies and kittens’ lives end in euthanasia each year is an absolute tragedy. So, for years, The NOAH Center has been seaming together a robust network of Foster Families who, at any time, are ready and eager to welcome litters of puppies or kittens, and sometimes their mothers, into their homes as a safe space to raise their young.

Many of these Fosters care for their charges round-the-clock, providing bottles every two hours, cleaning them, and making sure they are warm, loved, and safe. In 2020, our 127 Foster Families helped The NOAH Center save the lives of 1,032 animals through our Foster Care Program, including 195 mother dogs and puppies and 837 mother cats and their kittens.

195 Puppies  837 Kittens  127 Foster Homes

Dedicated Foster Parent, Pam, bottle feeds a brand new orphaned kitten.
Mom’s Last Litter

Our community, like many in the nation, has members who love cats and dogs and can provide spectacular homes for them but cannot financially provide an expensive spay or neuter surgery. The NOAH Center is honored to fill this gap, offering our Mom’s Last Litter Program in which we partner with families to end the cycle of reproduction. The NOAH Center provides free spay surgery to the mother animal and free spays and neuters for each of the puppies or kittens within her litter.

In 2020, nearly 50 families participated in our Mom’s Last Litter Program. We spayed 48 mother animals and provided surgery, vaccines, and a forever home to 222 puppies and kittens who otherwise would have continued the cycle of reproduction.

42
Mom Cats

191
Kittens

6
Mom Dogs

31
Puppies
Autumn
Autumn is a sweet and outgoing kitty who arrived on a transfer from Southern Washington in the Fall of 2020. She immediately captured the hearts of the staff and volunteers with her friendly and affectionate personality. She loved getting in her scratches and cuddles and curling up in a warm lap for a nap. Autumn was adopted quickly and is living her best life in her new forever home, receiving all of the love and affection she ever dreamt of.

Munchkin
The NOAH Center regularly receives cats and kittens from Eastern Washington, and Munchkin arrived on one of those transfers as a foster-aged kitten. Munchkin went into our Foster Care Program to continue to grow before she reached the age and weight for adoption eligibility. Munchkin returned to The NOAH Center for her spay surgery, vaccinations, microchipping, and her forever home!

Mindy
Mindy arrived on a transfer from Southern Washington and took some time to warm up to new people. Thankfully, her adopter understood her and was willing to give her the time she needed. Her adopter reports that she has become one of the family. She loves their dog, Porter, and cat, Ash. She is shy, but she has settled in. She loves to play with the laser pointer toy and get all the cuddles she can from her favorite person.
Adoptions: Dogs

McLovin'
McLovin’ came to The NOAH Center from a partner shelter over in Eastern Washington. This giant lap dog made everyone who met him fall instantly in love. A young guy, he was full of energy and was in the process of learning manners from staff and volunteers. McLovin’ absolutely loves to play with his toys and is thrilled to be in his forever home playing and cuddling to his heart’s content.

Willow
Willow, formerly known as Taylor, arrived on a transfer from Eastern Washington and was quickly snatched up by Britt, who was searching for a new absolute best friend and service dog. She began her training right away, and at just 6 months, Willow alerted to her first seizure and responded perfectly. Britt continues to update us on Willow’s progress, and the pair could not be more smitten with each other.

Cleo
Cleopatra, formerly known as Cleo, flew all the way from Oklahoma to us to find her forever home, and her family tells us she is doing great! She is full of energy and is loving their property. She made best friends with the other pets in the home, particularly their new kitten! Cleo has been a wonderful addition to their family and has taken to their daughter as her own. They say they could not be any happier or love her more.

Despite the challenges associated with the state-mandated closures and restrictions on capacity, our team persevered through and continued our work, finding homes for 773 dogs and puppies who arrived on transfers from partner shelters. We welcomed and said goodbye to some incredible dogs in 2020 and feel honored to have played such a valuable role in their important lives.

374 Dogs
399 Puppies

374
399
Noelle has always been a hard worker, extremely dependable, and faithful Clinic volunteer. During the Pandemic, she picked up extra shifts, often several days in a row. The staff appreciated her tireless effort, and we indeed could not have performed all the surgeries we did without her.

Nancy is always the first to arrive and last to leave. She helps train new volunteers and continues to be a valuable mentor. Nancy rarely misses a shift, works incredibly hard, and cares so much about our animals. Wednesday mornings wouldn’t be the same without her!

Mel is a dedicated volunteer who is committed to The NOAH Center and the animals we serve. She arrives every week with a smile and positive attitude, ready to walk dogs and clean suites, and even helps promote our work through Facebook Live.
“I love volunteering at The NOAH Center because I get to give back to my community and help animals feel loved and safe for a short time on their journey to a forever home.”

- Tammy W

“My favorite thing about volunteering is visiting with the cats and dogs, especially a shy fur baby. I don’t always have the money to donate, but I can give my time.”

- Jennifer P

To our invaluable volunteers,

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank each of you for the selfless service you provide the animals in our care. Because of you, our mission lives on every single day.

Our volunteers indeed are the life-force of The NOAH Center, without which, it would be impossible to continue operating at the level we do each year. Your passion, dedication, love, and joy radiate through the building and spread to both the staff and the animals.

2020 was a challenging time for so many of you, but you continued to show up and make a difference. Whether you served from home and helped with clerical tasks, worked in our Event Center shredding old documents, or masked up to walk dogs, clean suites, or wash laundry, your service kept us going during those difficult months.

We appreciate each of you more than we can put into words. Thank you for the incredible number of total hours served in 2020. We got through it together!

Sincerely,

[Signatures]

The Staff
Giving

$1,352,427
Individual Contributions

$5,000,000
Endowment Bequest

During the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, we saw a marked decline in donations as many families within our local community struggled to make ends meet. This decline was frightening for the organization, but we persevered. With the generosity of our supporters, we finished the year with a powerful End-of-the-Year Holiday Giving campaign, surpassing fundraising goals and receiving a high-dollar match. Overall, we collected an astonishing $6,352,427 to continue our mission of rescuing adoptable animals and providing spay/neuter services to low-income families.

“Thanks for being my very best friend. I like having you for my human father, even if you’re old.”
- Dipper

“We adopted Walter, now Jack, in May 2018. He is the best dog. Thank you for rescuing him from Texas.”
- Carlene & David S

$28,309
Tributes

$26,019
Memorials

Alumni Association

Our Alumni Association membership program for adopters is consistently a strong source of revenue for The NOAH Center, raising over $136,564 since its inception in 2016 and $18,816 in 2020 alone. Today, our Alumni Association has over 1,509 members, and each member has contributed funds, partnering with The NOAH Center to make a marked difference in the lives of adoptable animals.

363
New Members

$18,816
Amount Raised

Regular Donors

Monthly Donors go above and beyond by committing to give every single month. Regardless of the gift size or type, these recurring funds and in-kind items are critical. When we can anticipate donations, we can budget our programs more effectively. These gifts each month by our 167 regular donors allow for us to save even more lives, knowing that the funds needed to care for them will be there.

167
Regular Donors

$38,664
Amount Raised
Suite Sponsorships
Each suite in our facility is available for sponsorship for $500 per year. Sponsors choose their custom engraving, and it is on display outside of the suite, supporting the animals who come and go through it. $13,450 Amount Raised

Friendship Wall
Our Friendship Wall is constantly growing, demonstrating the ever-expanding support of our generous community. These custom engraved tiles are a heartwarming way to honor or memorialize a loved one, and our supporters love seeing their tile on the wall each time they visit. $1,269 Amount Raised

Employee Giving
Employee Giving Programs, including The NOAH Center’s internal program, where employees can make contributions through payroll deductions, together, raised a combined $50,850 in 2020. $50,850 Amount Raised

Grants
The NOAH Center’s fundraising staff work diligently to apply for as many relevant grants as they can. In 2020, we received $205,000 in grant awarded funding for general operations and more. $205,000 Amount Raised

Coin Canisters
Businesses throughout our local community host a donation canister at their counter. These donation canisters raised an incredible $6,019 of passive revenue for The NOAH Center! $6,019 Amount Raised
In-Kind Gifts

With the financial devastation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, our fundraising team had to think outside the box to save money while collecting the supplies needed to care for our adoptable animals.

Our team of staff and volunteers held a Canned Pet Food Challenge throughout November, collecting well over 7,000 cans of wet food, saving us more than $10,000 in our food budget.

Our team procured in-kind donations for the auction elements of our two main fundraising events, including enchanting trips, breathtaking jewelry, exciting electronics, and cool collectibles, helping us raise thousands for the homeless animals in our care.

Events

Laugh Your Tail Off | 4.17.20
The pandemic brought about some notable changes to the way we operate and impacted our major events significantly. Laugh Your Tail Off was just around the corner when the COVID-19 pandemic triggered state-mandated closures, causing us to scramble to find solutions. We quickly pivoted and held an online auction, raising $78,759 for homeless animals in need.

Music for the Animals | 10.3.20
Music for the Animals, typically hosted at the Chateau Ste. Michelle winery in Woodinville morphed into a fun virtual event held live on YouTube alongside an online auction. Though not quite as effective as our in-person events, this innovative effort raised an exciting $66,154 towards our important mission.
Capital Campaign

Building A Paw-sitive Future

We launched our Capital Campaign to build a brand NEW high-quality, high-volume Spay & Neuter Clinic, aiming to raise an astounding two million dollars.

Fundraising is underway, and in 2020, our supporters gave over $830,000 towards our total goal in response to our outreach efforts.

While we continue to fundraise for this large project, we are also working with the county on permitting and partnering with architects and engineers to draw up plans, intending to break ground as soon as possible.

Completion of this important project is one of our highest priorities and will allow us to serve more low-income families within our community, prevent more accidental litters, and save more lives.

$830,000 Amount Raised

Leaving A Legacy

Orin Edson was passionate about giving back and used his success with Bayliner and other businesses to fund his passion projects. In 2003, Orin founded Northwest Organization for Animal Help (The NOAH Center) to end the euthanasia of healthy, adoptable, and treatable cats and dogs.

In 2019, Orin passed away peacefully, preceding his wife and The NOAH Center’s board President, Charlene Edson, and his two sons Jack and Mark, both involved with the organization behind the scenes.

Later, in 2020, The NOAH Center received an incredibly generous endowment gift through Orin’s estate, which will provide financial security to the organization for many years to come and leaving Orin’s legacy to live on.
Board of Directors
Charlene Edson, Board President
Theresa Naujack, Vice President
Megan Coughlin, Secretary
Suzanne Hatch, Treasurer
Julie Hughes, Board Member
Sheri Edson, Board Member
Mary Manning, Board Member
Tonya Stone, Board Member
Denise Baker, Board Member
Anne Belovich, Director Emeritus

Key Staff
Stacie Ventura, Executive Director
Jennifer Holocker, Director of Development and Marketing
Julie Mowbray, Animal Care and Clinic Director
Lani Kurtz, Operations Director (former)
Randy White, Transfer and Partnership Coordinator
Lisa Lyons, Foster and Volunteer Coordinator
For the sixth year in a row, The NOAH Center has achieved a four-star rating for sound fiscal management from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent evaluator of charities. Receiving such a rating is a clear endorsement of The NOAH Center's responsible stewardship of donor funds.

America's Best Charities Seal of Excellence was awarded to The NOAH Center, demonstrating that it met the highest standards of public accountability, program efficiency, and cost effectiveness.

### Financials

#### Revenues:

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<td><strong>Change In Net Assets</strong></td>
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### Income

#### Income

- 11% Retail & Service Revenue
- 86% Individual Contributions

#### Expenses

- 3% Payroll Protection Program
- 4% Management & General
- 12% Fundraising Expenses
- 84% Program Services

### Net Assets

- **Net Assets, Beginning of Period:** $12,325,416
- **Net Assets, End of Period:** $18,618,726