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## End-of-Year Metrics

January 1 - December 18, 2020

 **\$41,724** - Paid sponsorships for **354** animals in **18** rescue groups

 **\$12,469** - ORAU employee payroll deductions

 **\$8,349** - Fundraiser proceeds

 **\$34,469\*** - Other donations

\*HPAN received a \$20,000 donation in June!



## HPAN's Sponsorship of \$1,474 Helped over 20 Animals Rescued by Almost Home Animal Rescue

Almost Home Animal Rescue, located in Maryville, TN, took in one dog and 20 kittens and cats that were either stray or surrendered by their owners. HPAN assisted Almost Home Animal Rescue with \$1,474, which covered basic vetting and some specialized treatment for these animals. Some of the animals have been adopted, and others remain in foster care awaiting their forever homes. For more information on Almost Home's adoptable dogs and cats, visit their website here: <http://www.almosthometn.org/>



*For additional information on animals supported by HPAN funds, follow our blog:*



<https://helpingpaws37830.wordpress.com/>



# Rescue Spotlight 🐾

## Blount County Animal Welfare Society (BCAWS)

Blount County Animal Welfare Society (BCAWS) is a grassroots all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in August 2019. This rescue is funded entirely by donation, and their goal is to ensure that every cat and dog in Blount County is safe and secure in their environment.



*BCAWS builds and provides houses to protect outside cats and dogs from extreme weather, provides fencing and pens to prevent animal chaining, provides funds for veterinary care including the cost to spay/neuter pets to prevent overpopulation, and rehomes animals with rescue groups when it is in the best interest of the pet and the family. It falls within HPAN's mission to assist animals BCAWS has pulled into rescue.*



BCAWS works hard to establish trust with the residents of Blount County so that residents in need of assistance for their pet(s) (such as outdoor housing or spay/neuter services) can trust BCAWS to assist them with those needs.

*“The Mission of BCAWS is to improve the well-being of outside and neglected dogs and cats in Blount County, Tennessee, educate the public about the plight of many outside animals, promote the establishment and enforcement of animal welfare laws that protect companion animals from cruelty and neglect, and enlist community involvement in animal welfare initiatives.”*

Visit their website at: <https://www.bcaws1.org/>

# Founder Update 🧠

Written by: Amy Starkey

It is no doubt that Year 2020 has been challenging for everyone, including HPAN. When the pandemic came to the U.S. in March and everyone retreated into their homes, for what seemed like an eternity, the needs of animals did not slow down. Rescue organizations did not retreat; they continued to answer the call of homeless animals in need.

Since March, we have sponsored between 11 and 36 rescue animals per month for a total of \$35,566.49, which is an average of \$3,556.65 per month. Without faithful donors and fundraiser supporters, there is no way we could have kept up with this pace. We experienced some uncertainty when several of our payroll donors were impacted by a reduction in force, causing their donations to cease. On top of that, all of HPAN's spring, summer, fall, and winter fundraisers this year were canceled, so we had to get creative and try to raise funds virtually. Thankfully, live sales on Facebook have enabled us to keep up.

We are always in need of both monetary and material donations. Other ways to help are choosing Helping Paws Animal Network when you shop AmazonSmile, instead of Amazon. Same products, same prices; this is just Amazon's way of giving back. Signing up your Kroger Plus Card, choosing HPAN as your charity of choice, is also a great way to support without spending any extra money. Order a t-shirt or a calendar from our [website](#). Shop our ongoing Fetching Fundraiser at [www.fetching-apparel.com](http://www.fetching-apparel.com), using the coupon code: HPAN. Signing up for payroll donation is always an option, and it truly is what keeps us going.

However you choose to help, know that you're making a difference, and that all of us who work so hard on behalf of the animals are grateful beyond words. I hope all of you have a blessed Christmas and a bountiful 2021!

Delilah, Trixie, and Molly thank you, too!



# Keeping Pets Safe over the Holidays

Prevent your pets from accessing human food, and if you have guests, make sure they also keep food away from your pets. The most toxic foods for your pets are those that contain grapes/raisins, onions/garlic, chocolate, or xylitol. Visit this website for other foods you should also avoid feeding your pets: <https://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/people-foods-avoid-feeding-your-pets>

Make sure holiday plants (especially lilies, mistletoe, and holly) are not accessible to your pets. Poinsettias are also mildly toxic to your pets, though not as dangerous as lilies, mistletoe, and holly.

Do not leave your pet unattended in a room with potpourri, a decorated tree, or lit candles. Also be sure to secure your Christmas tree to prevent it from falling over should your cat climb it or your dog bump into it. If you own a cat, avoid using tinsel as decoration on your tree. Additionally, hanging lemon-scented car air fresheners on your tree may keep your cat from climbing it.

Source: <https://www.avma.org/resources/pet-owners/petcare/7-ways-make-holidays-safer-pets>



***“Thank you all very much. It is so appreciated.”***  
*Judy, Almost Home Animal Rescue*

***“Thank you, HPAN! And many thanks from our girl Lucy!”***  
*Kristin, Blount County Animal Welfare Society*

***“Thank you oodles and oodles!”***  
*Patricia, Campbell County Animal Shelter*

***“Thank you!”***  
*Carla, Fighting for the Bullies Pitbull Rescue*

***“Thank you so very much, HPAN!!”***  
*Susan, Maryville/Alcoa Animal Rescue Center*

***“YAY!!!! THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!”***  
*Lisa, Senior Dog Lodge and Animal Rescue*

***“Gratitude is what is on my mind!! For the folks in Ozzy’s village...the HPAN crew for paying his neuter bill. Thank you!!!!”***  
*Wendy, East Tennessee Pitbull Rescue*

***“Thank you SO much!”***  
*Annette, Almost Home Animal Rescue*

***“Excellent! Thank you so much!”***  
*Karin, Tennessee Valley Golden Retriever Rescue*

***“Yay! Thank you so much!”***  
*Angela, East Tennessee Miniature Horse and Donkey Rescue*

