



2020 In Review

WOW what a year! The world was thrown a curve ball in March as the pandemic spread and caused great uncertainty and chaos. If you asked me then how the shelter will survive and thrive, I am not sure I would have had an answer. But YOU... Team Members, Volunteers and Supporters stepped up! You fostered, walked dogs, transported cats, scooped litter boxes, picked up poop and so much more. You made sure we could continue to help the animals that still needed our care and compassion.

Animal Intake

	2020	2019
Felines	856	465
Canines	527	488
Total	1,383	953

Adoptions

	2020	2019
Felines	740	483
Canines	526	496
Total	1,266	979

Foster Care

Animals Placed in Foster Care	673
Total Days Animals Spent in Foster Care	31,744

Pralle Shelter

Canines

- We increased our adoptions from 109 in 19 to 163 in 20 during the 4th Qtr. A 49% increase
- We have started Dogs Playing For life and it has been going very well so far.

- We have gotten an AMAZING amount of donations from various groups
- With the help of Randolph we have been able to give dogs that were surrendered another chance at life in some amazing homes!
- One of our Team Members is now Dog CPR certified and is currently going through Training and Behavior class to make sure that all the animals here are getting the best care possible

Felines

- Our Kitty Cottage had three record breaking adoption months
- We saved 856 cats in 2020
- Our Kitty Cottage teamed up with Stray Rescue and saved 100 kittens who would have been euthanized without our help. 50 of these kittens came to Five Acres, and were sent into foster care.
- Our Kitty Cottage added feral fosters and began clicker training, we were able to place feral cats into homes instead of having to find barn homes!
- We had an amazing cat come into our shelter and she was sadly diagnosed with cancer shortly after she came to us. We put a public plea out for foster care, and an amazing family stepped forward and adopted Millie!

Randolph Shelter

- Compiled an amazing team to tackle operating our new Randolph facility
- Developed a working relationship with the city of St. Charles residents as well as the City Animal Control officers
- Implemented behavioral modification plans to help our semi feral cats become house cats
- Found rescues for our exotic residents (mice, rabbits, pig, turtles, fish)
- Reached nearly 100 adoptions over 3 months (this may seem to be a small number compared to Pralle, but considering the Randolph shelter doesn't get many walk in visitors, this has been a huge accomplishment for staff)

Volunteer Program

- **294 volunteers** who gave their time and passion to our animals and events
- **23,035 hours** with a value of \$610,418... what an accomplishment! THANK YOU!
- **179 new volunteers** went through orientation and started helping our animals
- All Orientations have been successfully transitioned to be held virtually through Zoom!
- Since we entered into our partnership with the City of St. Charles on August 1, 76 volunteers have donated 4,607.27 hours to the care of the dogs and cats (and guinea pigs, snakes and pigs!)
- Our High Five Volunteer Incentive Plan is off and running since October 1
 - Level 1 Get Ready? Get Set? GO! (completion of Orientation and initial training)
 - Five Acres Animal Shelter Volunteer t-shirt
 - Level 2 Five Acres Friend (20 hours) Choices:
 - \$5 gift certificate to Five Acres Gift Shop
 - Five Acres Pop Socket
 - Five Acres Car Sticker
 - TOTAL of 80 Volunteers have reached Level 2 since October 1!
 - Level 3 Animal Advocate Award (50 hours) Choices:

- \$15 Gift Certificate to the Five Acres Gift Shop
- Slip Lead for Dog Walkers (new for December Level 3 Volunteers)
- Paws for a Portrait Masterpiece of Volunteer dog or cat (completed by a student!)

TOTAL of 28 Volunteers have reached Level 3 since October 1!

Level 4 Century Award (100 hours) Choices:

- 21oz. Tumbler with Five Acres logo
- Pet Pouch (aka Fanny Pack) with Five Acres logo

TOTAL of 13 Volunteers have reached Level 4 since October 1!

Level 5 Animal Champion Award (250 hours) Choices:

- Slingshot Backpack with Five Acres logo
- Knit Beanie with Five Acres logo

TOTAL of 3 Volunteers have reached Level 5 since October 1!

That means in the 3 months that the High Five Program has been in place, these Volunteers have spent 250+ hours volunteering, just over 80 hours a month!!! Thank you John Ott, Linda Caplinger, and Becky Pogorzelski!

Next up? Level 6 The Long Howl Award (500 hours):

- Cotton Washed Hat with Five Acres Logo
- Other Option TBD!

AniMeals Program

Cats Helped	849
Dogs Helped	1011
Total pounds of food distributed	29,620 lbs.

Development

- Exceeding our goal on Giving Tuesday and raising over \$43,000 for an on-site spay/neuter suite
- A successful first Putts for Paws Golf Tournament that we plan to make an annual event
- Partnering with the City of St. Charles for the first ever St. Charles Paw Parade. Over 100 pets and their owners walked in the parade despite the cold and rainy weather!
- Being a part of the first Re-Tail Event - a garage sale benefiting Five Acres. This was such a fun and hard-working group of people, and it was a huge success thanks to them!
- Expanding into the community by forming new partnerships that are beneficial for Five Acres and local businesses.

What's Ahead

2021 is here and full of so many exciting opportunities for the shelter. Virtual and in-person events. Our permanent spay/neuter suite will be up and running. Dogs Playing For Life will be in full force. We are expanding our partnership with the City of St. Charles. Trails for Tails will be back and combined with our Paw Parade to create a mega event. Our team members and volunteers will be attending training classes to improve the quality of life of our animals while in our care. All of this means we'll be able to save more than 2000 animals this year!