

# HOPE ANIMAL RESCUE 2019 Annual Report



#### Points of Interest:

- Hope accepts owner surrenders throughout lowa.
   Several are owners that are entering hospice, owners that passed away and families that are no longer able to care for their animals.
- Hope continues to work with out-of-state rescue partners to move animals from high-kill shelters.
   Animals were transferred in 2019 from Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, Illinois and other lowa rescues.
- Hope cannot accept stray animals from central lowa where cities such as Des Moines, Urbandale, Clive, and West Des Moines have facilities for stray holds.

# **Adoption Recap for 2019**

Status	Cats	Dogs	Other	Total
Adopted	129	543	21	693
Euthanized (Medical)/Passed Away	3	12	0	15
Transferred	0	3	0	3
Other (returned, reclaimed, lost)	1	0	0	1
Totals	133	558	21	<i>7</i> 12



## New Partnership with Iowa State University

The fall of 2019 brought a new partnership with lowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Hope was offered free spay and neuter appointments along with vaccines and other routine blood work. All animals were at ISU for two days prior to surgery for veterinary students to practice running pre-op labs and work with the different personalities of the pets. Many of our adoptable dags, puppies, cats, and kittens received services through ISU and we will be sending several others for services in the coming months. We are proud to help our aspiring veterinarians hone their skills and grateful for their services and love they provided.



We provide HOPE when they have given up hope, we speak when they cannot speak, and we love without boundaries.



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## The Walmart Nine's Amazing Survival

In October, nine (9) puppies were abandoned in Southeast lowa near Liberty. Eyes were closed, they were freezing, and there was no sign of mom. They were found tied in a Walmart bag and placed on the side of the road. Two women noticed the puppies and immediately knew they were in trouble. The puppies were brought to Hope where they would be saved and loved.

Several fosters took turns caring for all nine of the puppies before they were split into several homes. The care included round the clock feeding with formula in syringes until they were old enough to drink from a bowl.

Below is a picture of two of the fosters celebrating the survival of these puppies. They cared for them, watched their eyes open, taught them to eat, and started potty training before they were all adopted and in loving homes for Christmas! Two were foster fails which two of the fosters each adopted one.

All nine puppies survived being abandoned along a highway only 2-3 days old and were adopted and in loving homes by Christmas.





## **Reducing Feral Cats In Polk City**

In December, Iowa STARS for Animals asked Hope along with Panora Pets, for assistance with the Polk City Feral crisis. With fundraising efforts, Hope was able to assist with getting 32 feral cats neutered/spayed, vaccinated, and ears clipped. In December and January 2020, all 32 had found jobs. Panora Pets took approximately 8 of the cats.



## Texas Fab 5 Arrive in Iowa

On August 6, five dogs from Texas made their arrival to Hope that were part of a horrific hoarding case in Texas. Law enforcement removed 89 dogs and 5 cats from 6-8" of feces and they were severely neglected and anti-social. Only foster-based rescues were considered for many of these dogs. Hope knew it would be a challenge when asked, but within the first 3 months, 4 of the 5 dogs found forever homes. The fifth dog "Clint" still remains in long-term foster care and is making slow progress, but Hope is not giving up "hope", and one day Clint will have his forever. Until then, his foster is providing the all the love.

## From Rags to Riches.....

Willow came to Hope scared of her own shadow in January 2019. She was bought off of Craigs List as the family that bought her knew she needed to get our of her current situation. They had no clue what to do with a Belgium Malinois German Shepherd mix and her terrified state being previously locked in a kennel 24/7. Hope took her in and got her in with a full-time trainer who recognized her potential.



Local law enforcements agencies were not interested because of her quirks from her beginning four months of life. Hope didn't give up and kept looking. Hope received a request from a Sheriff's department in Virginia in February. The officer's K9 was retiring in 10 months and he



was going to need a new partner. After a week of talking back and forth, they were willing to take the risk on this puppy. As many law enforcement agencies...they had no budget, so Hope not only donated Willow to the department, but also paid for transportation to Virginia. It was love at first sight. Willow was renamed Kahleesi and passed her initial testing within a week of arriving in Virginia. Training began. In December 2019, Kahleesi became Officer K9 Kahleesi. She still has some training to complete, but she is working and has made several arrests since going on the job working in drug enforcement unit. Hope cannot be more proud of this girl and never gave up hope!!

### 2019 Financials:

Revenue:	
Adoption/Surrender Fees	67.70%
Donations	18.10%
Grants (ie. PetSmart/Petco)	9.00%
Fundraising	5.20%
TOTAL	100.00%

Expenses:	
Veterinarian Costs	61.20%
Animal Medical Supplies (microchips, dewormer, flea/tick, heartworm preventa- tives, etc.)	15.80%
Animal Supplies (leashes, food, collars, kennels, chews, etc.)	14.40%
Administrative (postage, printer cartridges, paper, web hosting, insurance, license fees, storage, insurance, po box fee, etc.)	8.60%
TOTAL	100.00%

K9 Kahleesi was once a terrified puppy that was afraid of everything that moved. Hope did not give up on her! She is now doing what her breed does best...helping her partner make drug arrests using her nose!

## **2019 Fundraising Events**

- Santa Paws with Paws and Pint and Side Garage
- Paint Your Pet at Felix and Oscars with Art Uncorked
- Na-Meow-Ste Kitty Yoga & Puppy Yoga events with Yoga and Co
- Barktober Fest with Fox Brewing, lowa Pet Alliance and Doggies by Dannie



- Mutts, Masks, Meriment (The Flooring Guys, WineShop At Home, Rodan+Fields Melanie Schreurs, QSciences with Kristin Bell)
- Great Iowa Pet Expo
- Kendra Scott Shopping
- Puppy Yoga (Smash Park)
- lowa Wine Thingy with Bogle
- Texas Roadhouse
- HuHot Mongolian Grill

#### HOPE ANIMAL RESCUE

## **Community Support**

**Arbor Springs** 

Ankeny HuHut

Bark Avenue

Blaze Pizza

BluePearl

Canine Clean

CycleBar

Enterprise Car Rental

**Idylic Paws** 

Iowa Pet Foods and Seascapes

Iowa State University College of Vet Medicine

Mister Carwash

Paws & Pint

Pet Medical Center of Urbandale

Pet Supplies Plus

Petco

PetSmart

Storybook Adventures Princess Parties

The Flooring Guys

The Side Garage



Hope Animal Rescue is 100% volunteer! We would like to thank our amazing volunteers and fosters. We could not succeed saving all the lives without you!



### And babies...

In 2019, Hope brought 41 lives (16 kittens and 25 puppies) born in the homes of our amazing fosters. Mammas were either found as strays or in high kill shelters with no chance of survival. A few others made the trip to lowa with the recent newborns such as Lucy here in the picture who was flown to lowa with the help of Pilots N Paws.

## **Puppy Grams Valentines Day**

Hope initiated puppy grams for a fundraiser on Valentine's Day. Three teams of 4-6 puppies headed out to groups or individuals who purchased the puppy grams for their loved one. A few "unscheduled" stops were also made in the community to the Urbandale and Clive Police & Fire Department to say "thank you" for all they do for the community and they enjoyed the puppy snuggles.





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