Our Mission
To protect animals and build connections between pets and people through advocacy and education

Our Vision
Leading and guiding a humane Lake County

A Message From Our Executive Director

Thank you, our trusted donors, for your steadfast support and helpful hands during this exciting year. With your commitment and participation, we cared for over 1,200 animals last year. Our dedicated, passionate family of staff, volunteers and supporters like you have not let anything hold us back from fulfilling our mission as we strive to have meaningful programs which help the abandoned, injured, neglected animals within our community.

You may have noticed our fresh new logo which represents the animals we most frequently serve. This theme will be found on an updated, easier to navigate website that will be launched this summer. We are committed to making our website a resource for the community by incorporating more educational pieces.

Over the year, we saw more animals needing our help. We rose to the occasion, meeting all of their needs. One important reason we were able to serve more animals is through a newly established reserve. Thanks to this critical resource, LHS was able to accommodate an increased number of animals who needed extra time to heal prior to adoption. For example, during the summer months, our daily shelter population was 380 animals. By utilizing reserve funds, as well as special, dedicated support from our donors and grants, LHS was able to purchase necessary items such as supplies, food, and medications. Thanks to this important financial planning, we were also able to perform additional surgical procedures, provide increased animal care staff, and extend professional Veterinary time.

It is vitally important for nonprofit organizations to have long-term investments, which help to support the organization over the test of time. To help us grow and invest in our future, Lake Humane Society has partnered with The Cleveland Foundation. We are very proud to be a part of the oldest Community Foundation in the United States. Cleveland Foundation’s restricted endowment funds are helping to ensure that LHS will be well prepared to serve our community for generations to come.

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Sincerely,

Lee Nesler
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Dora
Marilyn, a volunteer at Lake Humane Society, promised her husband that she wouldn’t adopt any dogs she came across while walking them at the shelter. That was, until she met Dora.

“When I first saw her, I knew I was in trouble!”
Dora was always hidden in the back of her cage, but every time Marilyn walked into the room, she watched her the whole time. Marilyn knew that she had to make Dora part of the family.

“I’ve owned dogs my entire life, but she’s the sweetest dog I’ve ever had.” Marilyn says Dora is great with her young grandkids, and loves to walk, so she’s gotten the family outside more too. “She just makes us so happy!”

Grandpa
While volunteering at LHS, Stacey met Grandpa (formerly known as Tyler), when he was at his worst. Grandpa was recovering from an illness and was heartbroken after his owner passed away. “I asked the staff if there was any way I could help get him out of his cage!”

Grandpa still needed medications, but Stacey was willing to put in the time to foster him until he was better. After returning to LHS for one last round of treatments, Stacey brought Grandpa home for good.

Stacey also adopted another cat in 2017, Conner, whom she met while volunteering.

Stacey says that as she’s gone through some tough times, “They’ve helped me as much as I’ve helped them.”

We Couldn’t Do It Without Our Volunteers & Fosters!

535 Volunteers Contributed
25,055 Volunteer Hours
309 Animals in 47 Foster Homes
Auggie came to us in October 2017 and he was barely hanging on to life. This sweet 5-year-old Boxer mix was one of the worst cases of malnutrition our Humane Agent had ever seen. When Auggie entered our care, he did not even have the strength to stand up on his own, and his organs were shutting down. After 4 months of medical care, physical therapy, and TLC, Auggie made significant progress. He blossomed into such a healthy, happy-go-lucky boy. In early February, Auggie found a loving home. Our supporters, like you, made Auggie’s second chance possible.

A Second Chance for Auggie

The Humane Law Enforcement Department

309 Calls Responded To
16 Animal Impounds
10 Animal Cruelty Convictions
## Financials

### Public Support

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**TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE:** $1,065,273 $1,285,762

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*(FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS & INVESTMENTS TO GENERATE FUTURE INCOME)*
2017 Mutt Strut Recap

On Sunday, August 27th, 2017 over 1,200 humans and hundreds of canines joined Lake Humane Society for our 23rd Annual Mutt Strut at Lake Metroparks Farmpark. With a new venue, tons of games, activities and vendors, everyone in attendance had a dog-gone good time. From the help of our amazing supporters and sponsors, we were able to raise nearly $40,000 for the homeless animals in our care! We were thrilled with not only exceeding our fundraising goal, but also breaking our record for attendance by nearly double. None of this would have been possible without the support of our community and our friends at Ganley Subaru East, our presenting sponsor for Mutt Strut 2017. On behalf of the homeless animals in our care, thank you for making this event such a success!

Thank you to our Top Donors of 2017

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2017 Annual Report

Upcoming 2018 Events

Mutt Strut
August 26, 2018
Lake Metroparks Farmpark
Kirtland, Ohio

Black Cat Ball
October 20, 2018
LaMalfa Centre
Mentor, Ohio

To learn more about upcoming events, visit lakehumane.org

Adoption Center Hours:
Monday & Thursday
12 - 7pm
Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday
12 - 5pm
Wednesday & All Major Holidays
Closed