

Impact Report ²⁰²⁵

DEDICATED TO THE WELFARE AND WELL-BEING OF ANIMALS SINCE 1870



Providing second chances to animals in need has been the driving force of the Humane Society of Missouri since 1870.

In 2025, the Humane Society of Missouri continued to provide a safe and caring haven to a significant number of animals in need—large and small—that were abused, neglected or abandoned. The year brought new and ongoing challenges, but your generosity ensures we are always here to help animals in jeopardy, no matter the adversity.



2025 Highlights

Our commitment to the well-being and compassionate care of animals is unwavering. In 2025, that commitment faced unprecedented challenges from rising costs to increased demand for our services.



Tornado Response

The devastating EF3 tornado that ripped through the St. Louis region on May 16, 2025, displaced hundreds of people and pets from their homes and communities.

Because our Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACT) is designated by the State Emergency Management Agency as the lead animal welfare organization to respond to emergencies and disasters in Missouri, our team was deployed to affected areas in the region to offer aid to those in need immediately after the storm. Over the course of the 12 weeks following the storm, we distributed 80,450 pounds of Purina pet food, provided temporary housing for 108 animals and rescued 56 stray animals in the affected area.

In FY2025...

6,922

cats, dogs, critters and ranch animals placed in forever homes



Largest Animal Rescue in More than a Decade

In July, our Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACT) executed the largest rescue HSMO has performed in at least a decade. The animals were living in a hoarder's home in Christian County, Missouri. Through careful negotiation, the property owner agreed to surrender most of the animals, but a warrant was issued via the Christian County Sheriff's Office to enable HSMO to rescue all the animals on the property. Over two days, our ACT team was able to bring every animal who had been forced to live in the horrific conditions in the home to HSMO's Macklind headquarters in St. Louis, where they all required emergency veterinary treatment as they begin their long road to recovery. In total, we rescued 224 animals, including more than 200 small-breed dogs, along with cats, kittens, birds and a rabbit.

The size of the rescue put a strain on the already crowded shelter, but over time and with a great deal of care, the animals were allowed to heal and find their forever homes.



24,072

children and adults reached through our humane and character education programs



352,221

miles traveled to conduct 9,782 responses to reports of abuse and neglect involving 18,331 animals



Increase in Need for Shelter Space Pushes Expansion at Best Buddy Center

The year-over-year increase in the number of animals we rescue and rehome has created the need for us to expand our shelter space. In 2025, we began a construction project at our Best Buddy Center in Maryland Heights that will add space for up to 40 additional animals, including space for 20 large breed dogs. We are also expanding our laundry and other facilities to accommodate our increase in capacity. The construction project began in late summer 2025 and will cost more than \$5.1 million, and has a completion date of late Spring, 2026.

8,901

spay/neuter surgeries performed, including 3,390 Operation SNIP low-cost spay/neuter procedures



28,077

client visits and surgeries conducted through our AMCMA veterinary clinics

Second Chances

With your support, we provide second chances to thousands of animals every year. Here are just a few of the 2025 milestones and miracles.

Christian County Rescue

In the final days of July, our Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACT) performed its biggest rescue in more than a decade. Nothing could've prepared the team for the scene they encountered upon entering the house in Christian County. The space was completely

overrun with animals. Dogs were on countertops, hiding in furniture, and crammed into wire cages. Cats peered down from the tops of kitchen cabinets. Ammonium levels were dangerously high, and animal waste filled every room.

The team worked quickly, and although the goal had been to remove all the animals in one day, it soon became clear they needed to return due to the number of animals in the home.

The following day, ACT made the long drive back to retrieve the remaining animals. Once all the animals were loaded into rescue trailers, the total count reached 224.

This extraordinary number of animals placed a strain on HSMO's shelters. Responders, veterinary teams, and staff across both campuses worked to provide



immediate care, triage urgent medical needs, and give each rescued animal a safe place to begin recovering. Each animal required a unique care plan, with some healthy enough to be adopted within a few weeks while others took months to recover. Finally, on November 20, the last dog from our Christian County rescue went to her forever home.



Stormfly and Lugnut

When an EF3 tornado swept through the St. Louis region in May, thousands of people and their pets were displaced from their homes. Two of those pets were Stormfly and Lugnut, who came to us when their people could no longer care for them following the tornado. This bonded pair quickly captured the hearts of our team. They curled up together day after day, hanging onto each other in their confusing new environment. We knew looking for an adopter to take both dogs was a big ask, but we were hopeful. After several weeks a volunteer realized she had fallen head over heels for these two and needed to bring them home. Now they're getting the second chance they deserve.



Paula

HSMO's Animal Cruelty Task Force rescued a mama pup, her litter, and several other dogs from a dire situation in Polk County in November 2024. We named the dog Paula. It took her some time to adjust to life at the shelter, but she was a good mom and cared tirelessly for her pups. Unfortunately, finding her forever home took longer than expected. For months, Paula sat in the shelter. With her sweet demeanor, it was hard to believe she kept getting overlooked. Then, Paula got a break from the shelter in a foster home. Paula loved walks and began to decompress. Finally, after 188 days, Paula's forever family came to meet and adopt her. She was so excited she couldn't hold still for her first-ever family photo!

Abu and Aladdin

In late 2024, the Humane Society of Missouri's Animal Cruelty Task Force rescued 14 horses from a dilapidated barn in Hazelwood. After months of failed negotiations with the property owner, the ACT team recovered stallions, mares and geldings in varying states of neglect with the help of Hazelwood

law enforcement. Many had overgrown and broken hooves, most were of advanced age, and all had gone without veterinary (or general) care for years. They were living in their own waste and had no access to fresh water.

Two of those horses, Abu and Aladdin, quickly became Longmeadow staff favorites and settled nicely into life at the ranch, knowing they were finally safe and cared for.

Longmeadow volunteer Cynthia had been taking lessons and waiting for the right horse to come along. It wasn't long before she met Abu and realized he was the perfect match! She decided to adopt both Abu and his buddy Aladdin and give them their happily ever after. With your generous support, we were able to grant these horses' wishes and give them the love and care they deserve!



Butters

In September a stray kitten with a badly injured leg was found and brought to our shelter by a good Samaritan. She weighed less than three pounds and needed immediate medical care. Her left hind leg was so damaged it would need to be amputated for her to lead a normal, pain-free life, and we immediately performed the operation. The tiny kitten made it through surgery and was soon on the road to recovery. We named her Butters, and a few weeks later she was available for adoption. She caught the eye of a couple who came in, and when they met the sweet little "tripod" kitty who'd been through so much, they knew they wanted to give her the second chance she deserved.





Putting Our Mission into Action

HSMO accepts all animals that come to our doors.

For many years we have achieved our goal to place 100% of adoptable animals in loving homes.



Animal Rescue, Rehabilitation and Adoption

Individuals and families who visit HSMO shelters find dogs, cats and critters that are ready to add love and joy to their lives. Open seven days a week, adoption counselors and other shelter staff help them find the perfect match.

HSMO is an open-admission shelter with a goal of placing **100%** of adoptable in loving homes.



Kennel Enrichment and Dog Walking

A group of resolute volunteers provides vital daily exercise, socialization and enrichment to shelter dogs and cats in preparation for adoption.



Shelter Veterinary Medicine Program

HSMO ensures that animals that are abused and/or neglected are rescued and quickly placed into the care of our professional veterinary, behavior and shelter staff. Two full-time, experienced shelter veterinarians examine and treat every animal that comes to our shelters.

Having seen the worst-of-the-worst cases of animal abuse and neglect, they are able to quickly diagnose medical trauma, parasitic conditions and malnutrition, and create a treatment plan unique to each animal's specific needs. Then, veterinary technicians and animal care staff conduct the treatment plans for the hundreds of animals recuperating in our shelters.



Shelter Behavior and Foster Services

Understandably, dogs, cats and other animals rescued from horrible situations may exhibit behaviors that could prevent them from successfully moving to a new home. HSMO's shelter behavior and foster program teams evaluate and work with individual dogs and cats to help improve undesirable behaviors like fearfulness, resource guarding and more. Foster program staff collaborate with volunteer foster parents to introduce home life to pets that have never experienced living with a family. Foster parents are also called upon to help raise and socialize puppies and kittens until they are old enough to place in their forever homes.

Animal Cruelty Task Force

The Humane Society of Missouri's Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACT) is on call 24/7/365 to rescue animals in distress and transport sick and/or injured stray animals to the shelters. Our statewide Animal Cruelty Investigators provide a safety net for animals in areas where little or no local animal care and control exists. We operate in all 114 Missouri counties and in any given year travel more than 300,000 miles responding to reports of abuse and neglect. We are one of the largest animal rescue and disaster response teams in the United States. For nearly five decades, we have cultivated relationships with law enforcement, social services and animal welfare agencies through the state, as well as nationally, so we can be there when animals need us. We are committed to leaving no animal in a life-threatening situation.





Humane Education

In 2025, we were thrilled to offer our full curriculum of classes and events once again to children and adults. HSMO has always been committed to educating the community, especially children, about care and respect for all living creatures. With the support of education-minded donors, dedicated volunteer docents and an experienced staff, HSMO's education program reaches thousands of people every year through programs in schools, after-school clubs, summer camps and humane-based curricula for teachers.



Animal Medical Center of Mid-America

Since 1923, the Humane Society of Missouri has been on the forefront of veterinary care. Today, the Animal Medical Center of Mid-America is one of the largest veterinary practices in the Midwest. Our St. Louis City and Maryland Heights locations are nationally accredited, offering Fear Free® wellness services, diagnostics, surgery, dental, rehabilitation, spay/neuter and integrated pain management services to the public. All proceeds from AMCMA support the animals in HSMO's shelters.



Longmeadow Rescue Ranch

Horses and farm animals often need the rescue, rehabilitation and adoption services of the Humane Society of Missouri, and they can find this at our Longmeadow Rescue Ranch. Situated on 165 acres outside Union, Missouri, each year the staff at Longmeadow care for abused, abandoned and neglected animals and offer classes and education programs about caring for horses and farm animals. Thanks to caring friends like you, Longmeadow continues to be a haven for horses, goats, chickens, pigs, ducks and other farm animals. It is one of the largest and most comprehensive horse and farm animal care and rehabilitation centers in the country.



Operation SNIP Keeps Us Safe

SNIP KEEPS US ALL SAFE

Donate today to the Humane Society of Missouri's Spay Neuter Incentive Program (SNIP).
 Help provide low-cost spaying and neutering to control the pet population and keep our community safe.
 Go to hsmo.org/givesnip or call (314) 951-1542 to donate.

Since its inception, Operation SNIP has provided tens of thousands of low-cost spay/neuter surgeries to animals in the St. Louis region. This effort has prevented an estimated 10 million stray animals from overwhelming our shelters while ensuring longer, healthier lives for the animals who have been spayed/neutered. In 2025, the cost of supplies for operation SNIP surgeries increased six-fold, and the support we need to continue this program into the future is critical to the ongoing health and well-being of animals throughout our region.

Transforming Lives...

One Tail at a Time

In fiscal year 2025, the Humane Society of Missouri saw...

100%
of adoptable animals
found forever homes



1,032
animals cared for by
foster parents



0%
euthanasia rate for
reasons of time or space



28,077
client visits and surgeries
conducted through our
AMCMA veterinary clinics

Animal Medical Center
OF MID-AMERICA

8,901
spay/neuter
procedures performed



6,132
extenuating medical or
surgical procedures on
animals prior to adoption



6,922
cats, dogs, critters
and ranch animals
placed in
forever homes



5,207
miles traveled making
18
trips to transport
556
animals to HSMO from
partner shelters for
rehabilitation and adoption

328

in-shelter and outreach
humane education programs
and events provided



4,642
spay/neuter surgeries
performed pre-adoption
on shelter dogs and cats



24,072
children and adults
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education programs

Animal Cruelty Task Force on call
24/7/365
in all
114
counties of Missouri

100

pre-adoption heartworm-
positive shelter dogs treated



634
animals returned
to their owners

290

volunteers provided
21,748
days of
foster care

5,055

volunteer hours
logged by
104
humane educators



477
animal care,
enrichment and
dog walking
volunteers logged
23,569
volunteer hours

4,714
hours of animal care and
Ranch support logged by
96
Longmeadow Rescue
Ranch volunteers



352,221
miles traveled to conduct
9,782
responses to reports of
abuse and neglect involving
18,331
animals

137

dogs and puppies from National
Mill Dog Rescue provided care

9,971

enrichment sessions provided
by shelter behaviorists to
844
animals

3,754

puppies and kittens sheltered



129

animals from Longmeadow
Rescue Ranch adopted
37
of those were equines



We make a difference because of you!

You care that...

...pets should be treated well.

...animals in jeopardy should be rescued.

...people can adopt pets ready to add unconditional love and happiness to their lives.

...children learn respect for all living creatures.

You donate...

so HSMO can make it all happen, for the animals, their people and our community.

Thank you for caring!

