



# JUNEAU

# ANIMAL RESCUE

## 2021 Annual Report



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# Not Just An Animal Shelter

Juneau Animal Rescue (JAR) is a private, non-profit shelter, located in Juneau, Alaska. JAR has served Juneau's animal population since 1963. We provide many animal related services that both help our pet loving community and help generate income to further our mission. We are continually grateful for the generous support of the community. To our fellow animal lovers, thank you.



# Our Mission

-  *To serve our community by promoting animal welfare and strengthening the animal-human bond.*
-  *To improve the lives of pets through education and protection.*
-  *To shelter stray, abandoned, and surrendered pets and find them loving homes.*



# A Message From Our Executive Director



2021 was challenging for Juneau Animal Rescue. Covid-19 continued, forcing us to think outside the box and create new methods of outreach in order to continue our important work. An unexpected influx of animals pushed the shelter to new limits, while our Animal Control team also saw an increase in the need for their services in the community. Repairs to our aging facility and the cancelling of major fundraising events for a second year in a row unquestionably taxed our resources, but with the generous support from our community and grants, Juneau Animal Rescue was able to successfully navigate these difficulties while still maintaining our high standards of care and our mission.

While we began 2021 still in the middle of a pandemic, we were able to utilize a walk-up-window to continue our important work early in the year by resuming our public vaccine and microchip clinics. Our lobby finally reopened in May with additional safety measures to ensure both staff and public safety. We acquired a new Clinical Director and a new Professional Groomer in 2021 as well. While we suspended volunteer opportunities for an undetermined amount of time, Juneau Animal Rescue is proud to have maintained payroll for all of our staff during the entire pandemic, and to have resumed full staffing levels while still maintaining safe social distancing and safety measures.

This year saw us inundated with owner surrendered and unclaimed stray animals, many with severe behavioral issues after spending so much time indoors and unsocialized with their owners during the pandemic. While we usually only see a few litters of kittens a year come into the shelter, we had over twelve litters of kittens throughout the year. Impounded stray animals not claimed increased by 32%, and owner surrendered animals increased by 59%; resulting in a 39% increase in the number of animals placed in adoption. Our number of dogs adopted increased 69% and our number of cats adopted increased 63%.

Our Animal Control and Protection team also had a busy year. Following the advice of the National Animal Care and Control Association to minimize Covid exposure for both animals and people, officers tried to return as many animals to owners as quickly as possible. We had a 27% increase in returning animals to owners in the field, and a 38% increase in returning animals to owners at the shelter. However, with more people working from home with their animals, we saw a 17% increase in calls requiring action, a 12% increase in bites to humans, and an 8% increase in bites to animals. Similar to law enforcement, officers also saw a 35% increase in dealing with aggressive individuals. With an emphasis on returning animals to owners, there was a 4% increase in verbal warnings coupled with a 31% decrease in written warnings and a 24% decrease in citations that were issued. The focus of the Animal Control and Protection team was shifted from citation to education.



# A Message From Our Executive Director

With a facility originally built in 1984, our aging, 37 year old building has had an eventful year. An updated VOIP phone system was installed and a fire alarm panel update was completed. Pea gravel was also added to existing front yards and the dog exercise yards in order to facilitate proper drainage around the building.

A structural engineer inspection was completed and we were able to perform a capacity study/needs assessment and facility consultation with the help of a grant (awarded in 2020) from the ASPCA Northern Tier Shelter Initiative (NTSI). The final report from this assessment is assisting our Board of Directors in evaluating current and future plans for both the facility and the community as a whole. Aging systems required a large plumbing repair to our drains, a new sink and counter for our kennel kitchen, replacing deteriorating windows on the East side of the building, and adding a much needed heat recovery loop to our HVAC system. A second grant from NTSI, awarded in late 2021, will go to purchase upgraded cat kennel systems in order to meet recommended standards. Part of the funding will also be used to upgrade several dog kennels to recommended standards for dogs that are more difficult to handle, in order to decrease stress when handling and ensure both dog and safety.

While navigating our service obstacles proved challenging, balancing our usual fundraisers proved more complicated. Our two largest annual fundraisers; Whales for Tails and our Silent Auction both had to be cancelled for the second year in a row. This put an enormous strain on our fundraising capabilities for 2021. This was thankfully minimized by receiving a significant donation from a local supporter's estate. We are so thankful for the community's outpouring of support over the past year; from offering to foster animals to donating to help keep our mission going strong.

We are so excited about what this next year holds for Juneau Animal Rescue and our community. We have recently hired a veterinarian to work directly for us, and we hope that as we get back to a new normal we will be able to expand our services to animals in need and our community as a whole. We look forward to a new year and a new tomorrow.

*Samantha Blankenship*

Samantha Blankenship  
Executive Director  
Juneau Animal Rescue



# Meet the Board of Directors



Maren Branter  
President



Aurora Hauke  
Vice President



Mari Meiners  
Treasurer



Angela Noon  
Secretary



Hazel Reynolds



Janet McCallister



Jeanette St. George



Bridget Dowd



Sarah Mutter

The JAR Board of Directors is made up of 9-13 members. Board of Director applications are available on the JAR website. Please consider applying today!

# Our Services



Boarding



Doggy Day Care



Animal Control and Protection



Rabies & Microchip



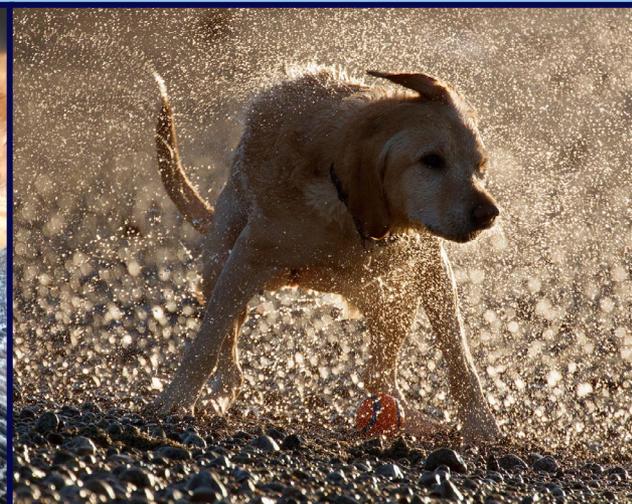
Grooming



Spaying & Neutering



Seniors for Seniors



Call (907) 789-0260 for more information  
about our services.

# Licensing



All dogs over 6 months of age and residing in Juneau for more than 30 days must be licensed in the City and Borough of Juneau. Dogs must be licensed annually. Cats and other animals do not require licensing, but can be registered by calling 907-789-6997 or stopping by.

License Fees are \$20 for altered (spayed or neutered) dogs and \$45 for unaltered dogs.

\*After March 31st, 2022 there is a \$15.00 late fee for each license.

You can now register online!



# Animal Control

The City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) and JAR have had a contractual relationship for providing animal control and sheltering services since July 9th, 1986. JAR provides domestic animal control and protection services, as set forth in CBJ Code of Ordinances Title 08 Animal Control and Protection and provides for the housing, care, feeding and disposition of animals and for domestic animal control services for all animals that come within the legal animal control authority of the City of Juneau. The funding for animal control operations is provided by the City through JPD which serves as the contract administrator.



**Karen Wood**  
**Director of Animal Control**  
**Animal Control & Protection Officer**



**Andy Nelson**  
**Animal Control & Protection Officer**



**Diana Moon**  
**Animal Control & Protection Officer**



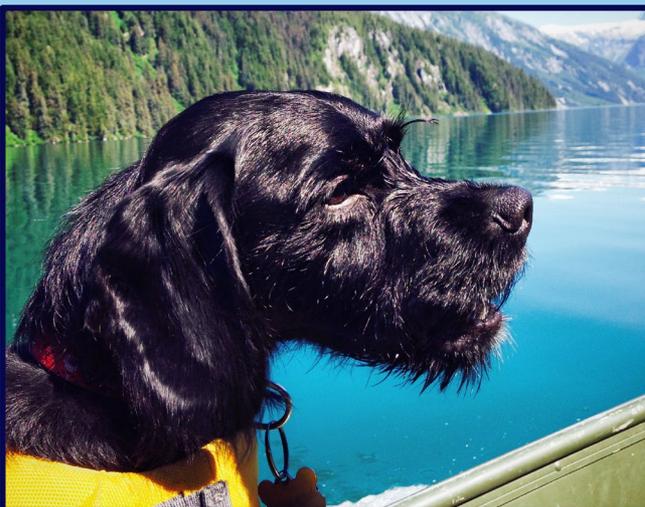
**Jordan Bales**  
**Animal Control & Protection Officer**

JAR's Animal Control Officers provide protection, investigation, and enforcement for animal related ordinances.

# JAR Membership

This coming year JAR will introduce new membership levels. All Membership donations will go to the Greatest Need Fund. Memberships are valid for one year from the donation date.

Membership	Donation Amount
Bronze Paw	\$50 – \$249
Silver Paw	\$250 – \$499
Gold Paw	\$500 – \$999
Platinum Paw	\$1000 – \$4999
Diamond Paw	\$5000+



# Fundraising



2021 marked an unprecedented year in fundraising and charitable income for Juneau Animal Rescue, largely due to a generous legacy gift from a Juneau resident who lived quietly and left a big impression on the community through her estate. The Board and Executive Director have focused considerable effort on developing a comprehensive and consistent fundraising plan, resulting in our fundraising and charitable income increasing annually, ultimately tripling from 2014 to 2020. In 2021, COVID presented challenges and opportunities in fundraising. While several fundraising events were put on hold, the community stepped up with an increase in charitable giving.

# Ways to Donate

## Monthly

*Make a monthly donation*

## Legacy

*Make an estate gift to Juneau Animal Rescue and make a long-lasting contribution to the welfare of many animals cared for at our shelter.*

## Wish List

*Check out our most frequently needed items.*

## Shop to Donate

*Choose Juneau Animal Rescue as your charity of choice when you shop.*

## Donation in Memory Of

*If you have a friend or relative who has recently suffered the loss of a beloved pet, or you yourself have, a donation made in the pet's name is a wonderful and meaningful memorial. In order to make a donation in memory of a pet or a person, please call us directly at 907-789-0260.*

## Donation in Honor Of

*A donation made In Honor of someone is a wonderful way to celebrate their birthday, or any special day! In order to make a donation in honor of a person, please call us directly at 907-789-0260.*

**You can donate via the JAR website or you can call us at 907-789-0260 and make a contribution over the phone. We also love to see and meet our contributors in person!**



# Special Funds



## Greatest Need Fund

Donations to this fund go to support whatever is in the greatest need at the time. That may be food, veterinary care, or even new beds. Greatest need refers to what is most needed by the animals we care for, right now.



## Spay & Neuter Fund

Donations made to the Spay & Neuter Fund are used to provide spay and neuter assistance to individuals who cannot afford this surgery for their pet, and/or to offset the cost of our in-house spay & neuter program for the animals we adopt out.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Fund

Assists animals who need special care in order to live their lives in the healthiest and happiest way possible. JAR relies solely on donations to the Second Chance Fund to cover the costs for medical needs beyond vaccines and spay and neuter services for our animals.



## Compassionate Care Fund

This fund assists those people who know the time has come for their animal, but whom are unable to afford the cost of providing this important, compassionate end of life care for their animal.

# Fundraising

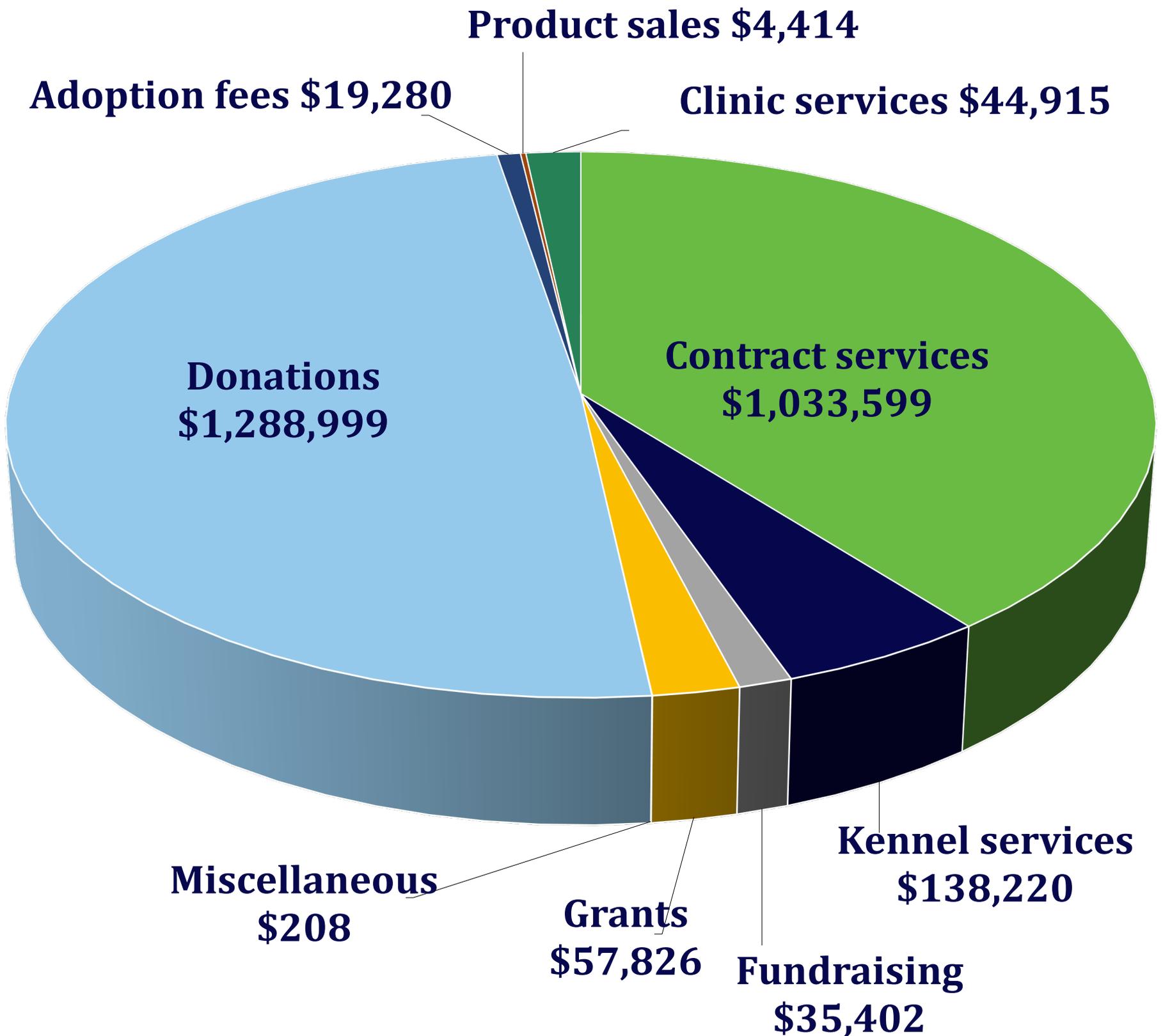
	Donation	Fundraiser	Grants	Grand Total
January	\$ 20,710.31	\$ 1,788.25		\$ 22,498.56
February	\$ 5,215.96	\$ 4,535.36	\$ 26,826.40	\$ 36,577.72
March	\$ 1,118,297.21	\$ 495.00		\$ 1,118,792.21
April	\$ 23,694.38	\$ 218.75		\$ 23,913.13
May	\$ 9,970.18	\$ 753.54		\$ 10,723.72
June	\$ 3,599.65	\$ 2,992.50		\$ 6,592.15
July	\$ 3,700.56	\$ 3,470.00		\$ 7,170.56
August	\$ 10,605.65	\$ 2,539.87		\$ 13,145.52
September	\$ 19,116.67	\$ 2,619.60		\$ 21,736.27
October	\$ 5,103.87	\$ 3,112.83		\$ 8,216.70
November	\$ 9,213.01	\$ 14,931.85		\$ 24,144.86
December	\$ 17,011.69	\$ 2,576.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 49,587.69
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,246,239.14</b>	<b>\$ 40,033.55</b>	<b>\$ 56,826.40</b>	<b>\$ 1,343,099.09</b>



# Finance

## Fiscal Year 2021\*

### Total Income: \$2,622,863



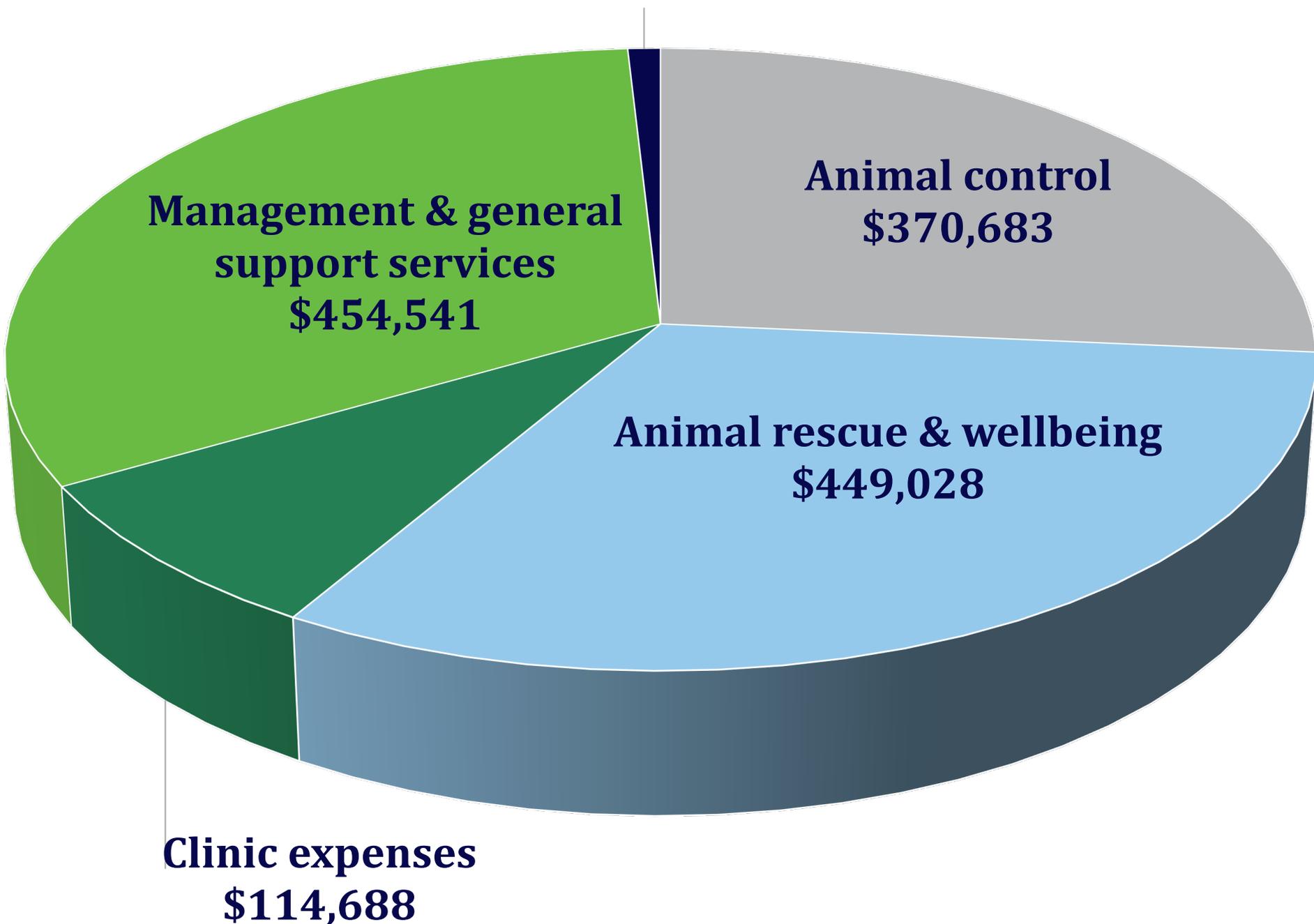
\*The Fiscal Year runs from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

# Finance

## Fiscal Year 2021\*

**Total Operating Expenses: \$1,401,489**

**Fundraising \$12,549**



Contract service expenses include animal control, animal rescue & wellbeing, and management & general support services.

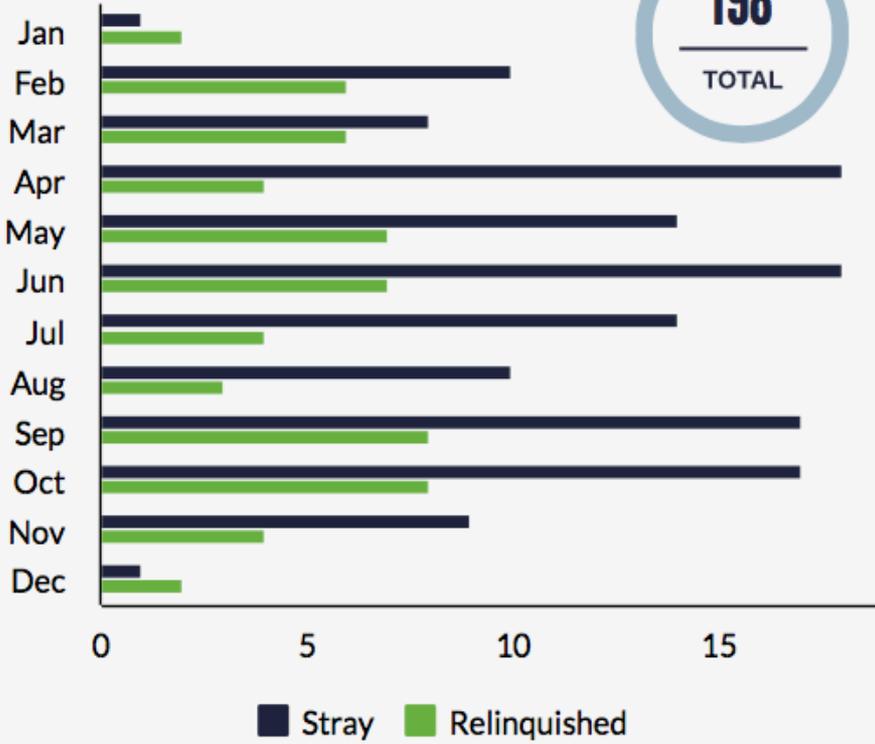
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# Shelter Stats



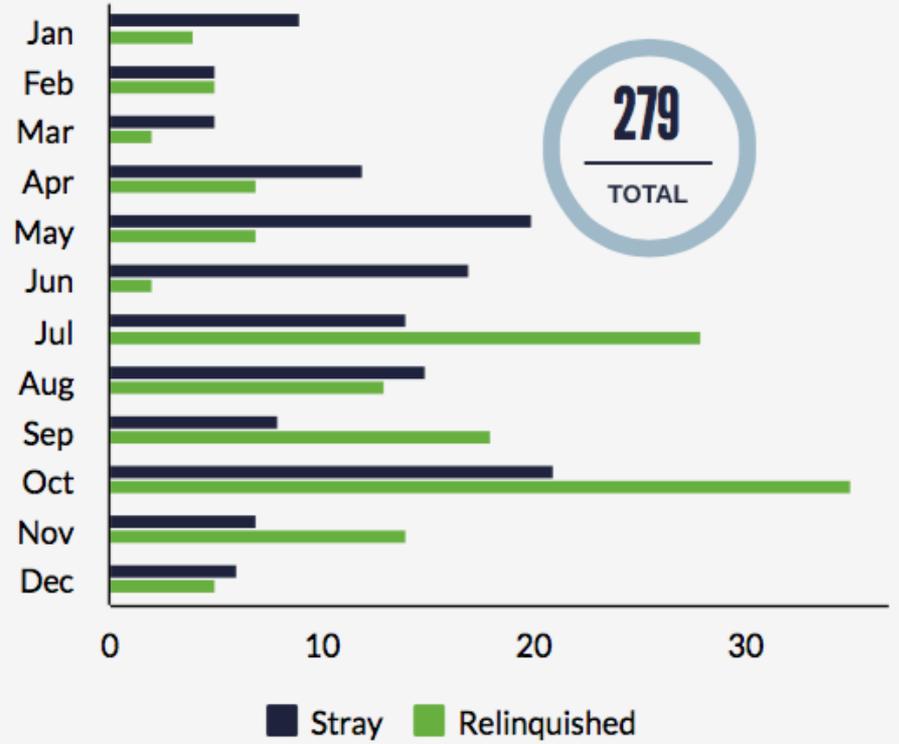
## DOGS INCOMING

**198**  
TOTAL



## CATS INCOMING

**279**  
TOTAL



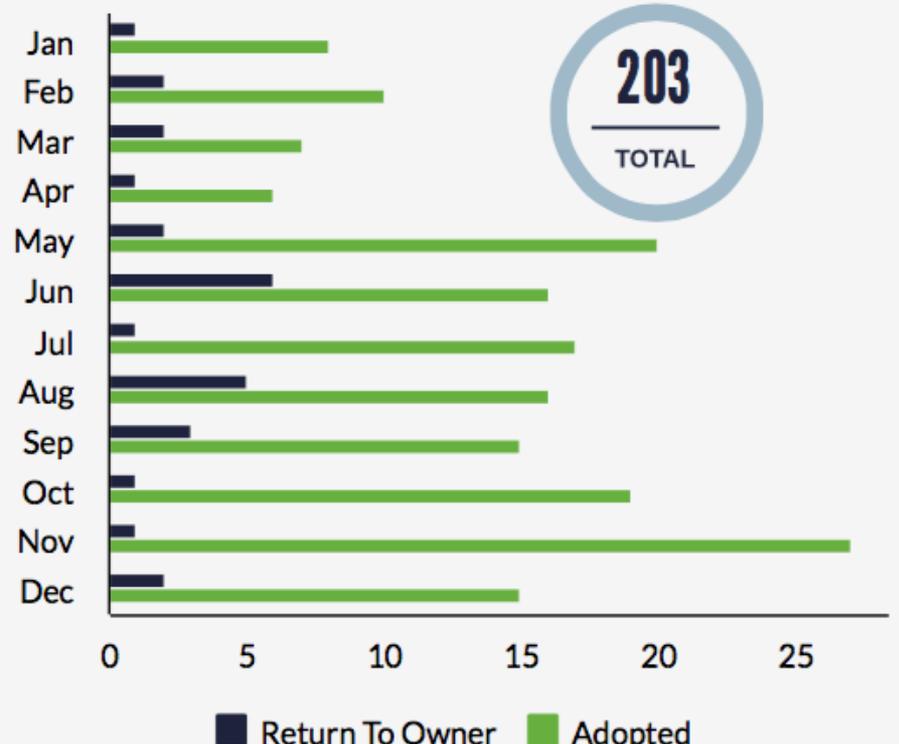
## OUTGOING

**169**  
TOTAL



## OUTGOING

**203**  
TOTAL



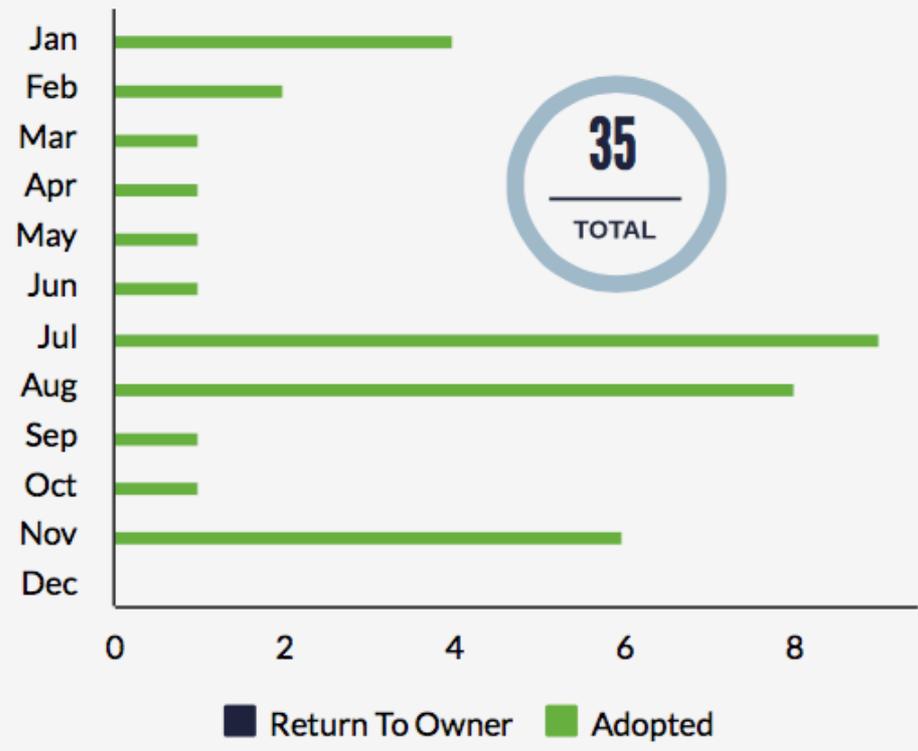
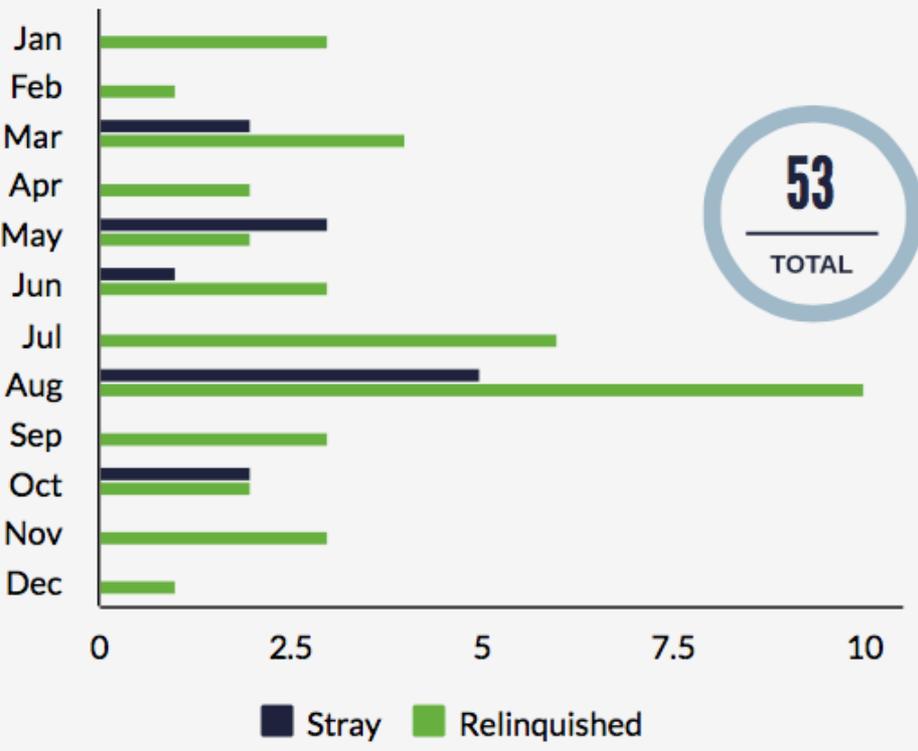
JAR provides shelter, medical, and behavioral support to all animals that come through our doors. JAR continuously houses pets requiring care until they are ready for adoption.



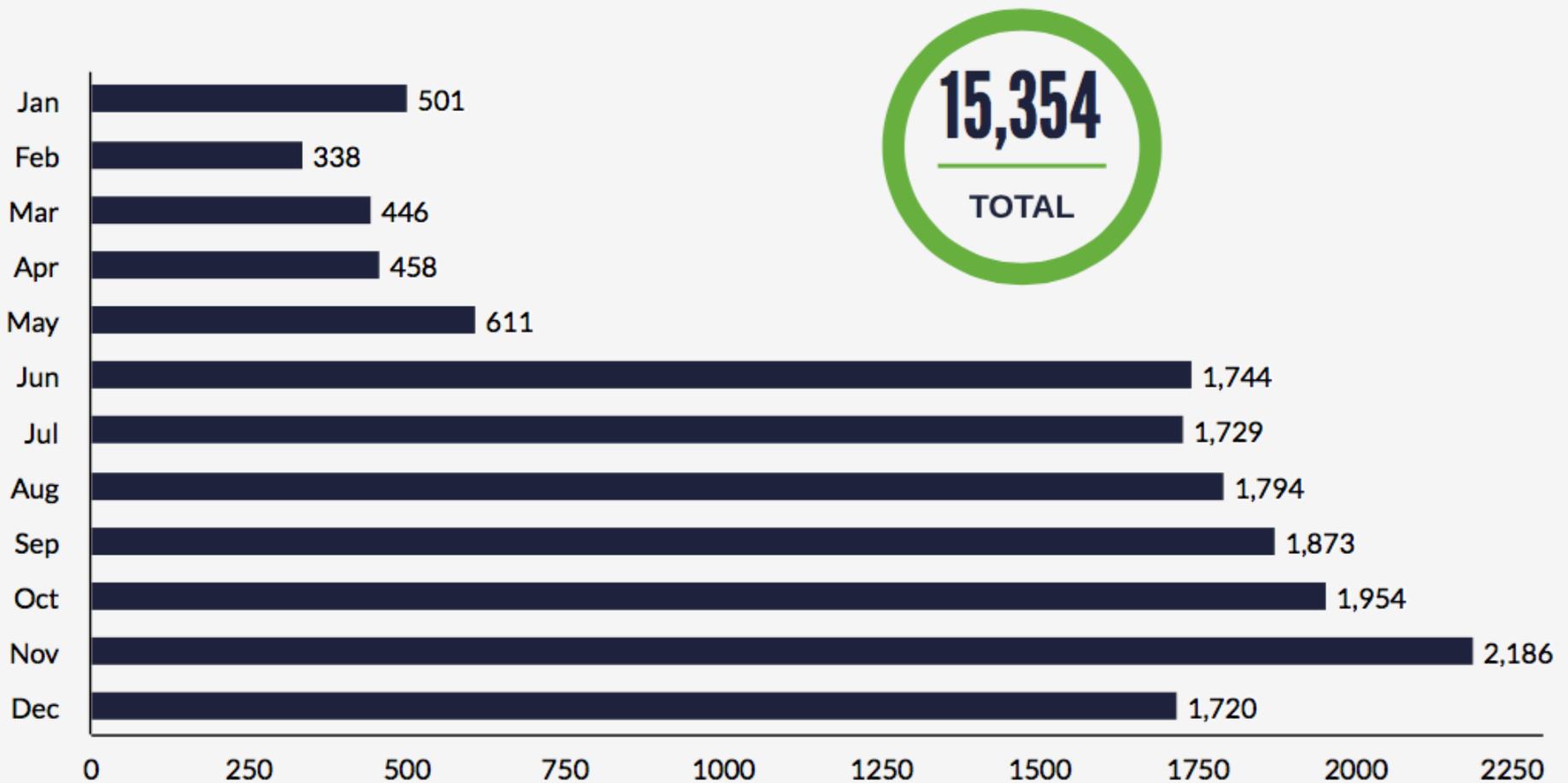
# Shelter Stats

## OTHER

INCOMING   OUTGOING



## SHELTER VISITORS



# Shelter Stats

## DOG BOARDING DAYS



**2,952**  
TOTAL



## ANIMAL CONTROL CALLS



**6,166**  
TOTAL



# Shelter Information

## Office Hours

**Monday - Saturday:** 9:30am-5:30pm

**Sunday:** Closed to the Public

**JAR is closed on the following holidays:**

4th of July

Memorial Day

Thanksgiving

Christmas Day

New Year's Day



## Visiting Hours

**Note:** At this time, due to Covid-19 mitigation, animal visitation is available only by appointment, for potential adopters.

**Monday - Saturday:** Noon - 5:30pm

*(Last visits with animals begin at 5:15)*

**Sunday:** Closed to the Public

**Holidays:** Closed to the Public



## Telephone

**Main Phone:** (907) 789-0260

**Animal Control:** (907) 789-6997\*

**Doggy Day Care:** (907) 463-4883

**Fax:** (907) 789-1795

*\*In the case of an after hours ANIMAL EMERGENCY, (when an animal is in imminent danger) call this number and follow the prompts.*



**Juneau Animal Rescue**  
7705 Glacier Highway  
Juneau, Alaska 99801



# Looking Ahead



Indigo Architects and U.C. Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program have completed a Phase 1 needs assessment for Juneau Animal Rescue. This first phase, of what is envisioned to be a multi-phased project, evaluates the goal of improving the shelter space, either as a remodel to the existing facility or as a new purpose-built shelter. The assessment was made possible through funding from the ASPCA Northern Tier Shelter Initiative program and included:

- Data collection,
- Preparation of cad facility base plans prepared from existing as-builts,
- Evaluation of animal data with housing capacity recommendations,
- A site visit and facility inspection,
- Space programs showing functional design requirements, and
- Preliminary master plan options along with cost estimates and project schedule.

The JAR Board of Directors worked with The Foraker Group to begin drafting a five-year strategic plan that will provide for a capital campaign dedicated to raising funds for this shelter improvement project. We are extremely excited to work with our community to create a new, modern space to care for Juneau's pet population.

# A Legacy of Happiness



JAR grows to meet the needs of the community through the generosity of donors. A planned gift to JAR can leave a loving and lasting legacy now and in the future. The most common way to give a planned gift through a will or trust. Because most people don't use all of their retirement assets in their lifetime, JAR can be named as a beneficiary of the remainder of your IRA, 401(k), 403(b), pension, or other retirement account. IRAs also offer many flexible ways to give to non-profit organizations like JAR as you age. However you plan to leave a planned gift to JAR, please let us know so that we may express our gratitude and appreciation.

