

# 2025 Annual Report



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# Growing Our Mission, Expanding Our Impact 2025



Dear Friends and Supporters,

At the Humane Society of Oldham County, compassion is at the heart of everything we do. As an independent organization, we receive no funding from national groups or local government—we are sustained entirely by the generosity of donors and grants. Because of you, we continue to grow and meet the increasing needs of animals in our community.

In 2025 alone, we performed over 2,500 spay and neuter surgeries, distributed more than 58,000 pounds of pet food to families in need, and placed over 700 animals into loving homes. Each number represents a life changed—an animal given a second chance and a family made whole.

As the demand for our services rises each year, we have expanded our team to better organize and streamline our efforts. Looking ahead, we are excited to begin the next phase of our journey: the construction of a new Adoption Center in 2026. This facility will double our capacity to care for animals, strengthen our vital spay and neuter programs, and support not only our county but neighboring rescues as well.

None of this would be possible without you. Your support fuels our mission and brings hope to animals who need it most. If you have ever considered making a donation, this is the perfect time to make a difference. Together, we can continue to save lives.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to rescue and rehome animals in need, to provide low-cost spay/neuter, vaccine, and adoption services, and to safeguard the health and happiness of every animal that comes through our doors. We educate the wider community on responsible pet care via our incredible staff and volunteers while maintaining high ethical standards of financial governance for our organization.

## CORE VALUES

Our guiding principles are prevention of animal cruelty, a deep commitment to compassionate and transformative outcomes, and leading by example within our community to protect and promote the health and welfare of creatures great and small.

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## Growing to Meet the Needs of Our Community

For many years, the Humane Society of Oldham County operated entirely through the dedication of volunteers. Their commitment built the foundation of HSOC's lifesaving work. But as community support grew and the demand for services expanded, it became clear that a more permanent structure was needed to sustain this momentum.

Over the past year, HSOC added seven essential staff positions—including administrative support, community and donor relations, event and fundraising coordination, and expanded animal-care roles. Because HSOC is funded solely through donations and grants, each position was carefully evaluated to ensure it strengthened oversight, accountability, and long-term stability.

This investment has already proven vital. In the last year, HSOC performed more than 2,500 spay and neuter surgeries, facilitated over 700 adoptions, and distributed 58,000 pounds of pet food through the Hungry Paws program. The addition of trained staff has allowed these programs to grow while maintaining the high standard of care the community expects.

HSOC is now preparing for its next major step: a capital campaign to build a new on-site adoption center. The expanded facility will double capacity and greatly improve the care and comfort of animals entering the program. Having a skilled team in place ensures HSOC can manage the increased intake, support the new infrastructure, and continue offering vital services to the community.

With the support of donors, volunteers, and staff, HSOC is building a stronger, more sustainable future—one that will allow even more animals to find safety, healing, and loving homes.



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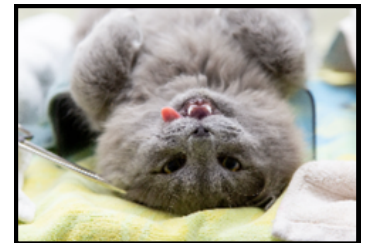
Founded in 1986, the Humane Society of Oldham County is a stand-alone, no-kill rescue dedicated to helping animals and supporting families throughout Oldham, Henry, Trimble and the surrounding counties. HSOC was originally created to assist the county in establishing and operating an animal shelter. Once that mission was achieved, the organization shifted its focus to reducing the number of unwanted pets by offering low-cost spay/neuter clinics to the public and to other rescues, including Oldham County Animal Control.

Since then, HSOC has expanded its efforts to include a wide range of programs that help place animals in loving homes and support community members in caring for their pets. These include our Hungry Paws food pantry, low-cost spay and neuter services, Pets for the Elderly, TNR initiatives, and vaccine clinics. Thanks to a large and dedicated volunteer base, HSOC continues to make a meaningful impact while remaining deeply connected to the community we proudly serve.



## Spay/ Neuter Clinics

It is a part of HSOC mission to provide low-cost Spay/Neuter services for pet owners who otherwise can not afford the procedure, and for partner rescue groups who rely on these services to continue their work.



ONE PAIR OF CATS & THEIR OFFSPRING CAN PRODUCE 2 MILLION KITTENS IN JUST 8 YEARS!

## Hungry Paws- Food Bank

HSOC is committed to ensuring that food and pet care supplies are available to our community in their time of need. Simply contact the center for needs and eligibility information.

## Hungry Paws- Meals on Wheels

As part of our food bank program, Meals on Wheels helps to deliver pet food and care supplies and some medical services to our homebound senior community members.

## Trap/ Neuter/ Return

Free roaming “community” or stray cats are humanely trapped, neutered/spayed, vaccinated and returned to where they were found to help maintain their territory.

## Pets for the Elderly

Qualifying medically dependent pets are paired with seniors over 60. All medications and veterinary care are provided for program pets.

## Working Cat

Outdoor only cats make excellent barn cats. We can connect a property owner with a vetted, altered, and vaccinated feral/outdoor cat.

## Kaiju: A Tiny Kitten, A Tremendous Rescue

Kaiju arrived at the Humane Society of Oldham County when he was just one day old—tiny, fragile, and covered in maggots. He needed emergency care simply to survive, and HSOC volunteers and veterinary partners worked tirelessly to stabilize him. Over the next few weeks, Kaiju healed and began to grow on formula, giving everyone hope that he would make a full recovery. That hope was shaken when solid food was introduced around five weeks old.



Kaiju suddenly became dangerously impacted, requiring repeated enemas to relieve the blockage. Testing revealed the cause: a stricture, a narrowing of the colon caused by tissue damage from the original maggot infestation. While he was on liquid formula, the issue had been hidden; solid food was too dense to pass through the damaged area.



Surgery was possible, but Kaiju was far too small to survive anesthesia. A specialist recommended waiting until he was about 16 weeks old. That meant HSOC and his foster family had to maintain a delicate balance of nutrition and medication—soft enough to pass, but nourishing enough to help him grow. His care required constant monitoring, daily adjustments, and unwavering dedication.

During this time, the community rallied behind him. Fundraisers were launched, supporters followed his updates closely, and one family stepped forward, committed to adopting Kaiju regardless of the surgery's outcome—even if he needed lifelong care. At 15 weeks old, Kaiju was finally strong enough for the procedure. The surgery was a success. His recovery went smoothly, his medications were gradually discontinued, and soon he was thriving like any other healthy kitten. Not long after, he went home with the family who had been cheering him on from the start.



Today, more than a year later, Kaiju is a happy, energetic, completely healthy cat. His journey is a powerful example of HSOC's mission in action—compassion, expertise, and community support coming together to save a life that many would have thought impossible to save.

## Fashion + FURiends (May)

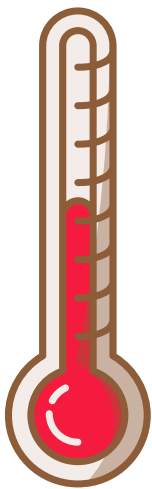
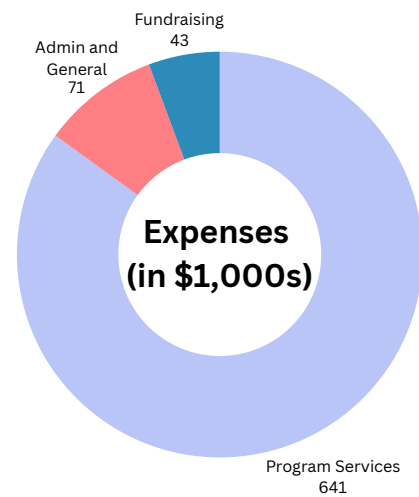
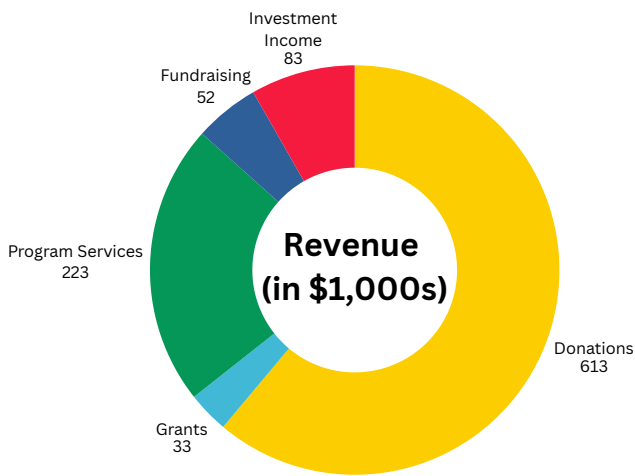


**Fashion & FURiends** is our signature annual runway show, where local celebrities strut the stage with their own dogs and HSOC adoptables. It's a lively, one-of-a-kind event featuring local vendors and a silent auction filled with generous community donations. The 2025 season was a standout success, raising more than \$20,000 to support our programs. Beyond the fun and fashion, this event brings the community together to make a meaningful difference for animals in need.

## Paws in the Park (October)

**Paws in the Park** is our annual fall community event, held the first Saturday of October at the South Oldham Lion's Club green space in Crestwood, KY. The day features our adoptable dogs, a children's play area, and booths from local vendors—making it a perfect way to enjoy the season with your four-legged friends. In 2025, raffles and donations from Paws in the Park raised more than \$20,000 to support our programs and the animals who depend on them.





**Kicking off  
in late 2024:  
\$5M  
Endowment  
Capital Campaign**

**As of 2025:  
7% of funds raised!**



In 2025 HSOC snip clinics altered 2,592 animals, bringing our total since we began them in 2005 to 31,653 dogs and cats. These clinics are designed to reduce the number of unwanted animals in Oldham and surrounding counties, and we provide these low-cost services not only to individuals but also trap-and-release professionals as well as other rescue groups that do not have in-house services.

Adoptions were 717, comprised of 150 dogs and 567 cats, working with our partnership at various Feeder Pet Supply stores throughout the Louisville region. Our barn cat program relocates feral cats into shelter providing homes and our Pets for the Elder program pairs seniors over 60 with medically dependent pets to live in a loving home while their medical care and cost are covered by HSOC.

Our Hungry Paws program provides food for no- and low-income families, which helps prevent animal surrenders. We also gave out more than 58,000 pounds of dog food and of cat food through our food bank and Meals on Wheels programs to individuals and families in need. Additionally, we use and help distribute more than 5,000 pounds of kitty litter per month to the community.

Want to donate to HSOC?

We have numerous areas that you can support here.



We can ALWAYS use more Volunteers!  
Fill out an application here.

See our adoptable animals or apply to foster here.

