



Yellowstone Valley
ANIMAL SHELTER

*"Building a community
where every animal is cared for."*



**REPORT TO THE
COMMUNITY: 2022**

WITH YOUR SUPPORT....

Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter (YVAS) continues to advance animal welfare and shape the way organizations care for animals and engage their communities. Because of our supporters, we are that much closer to meeting our mission:

"We are dedicated to strengthening the human-animal bond by providing compassionate and high-quality care, education, and resources to the community."



Adoptions & Surrenders

YVAS helps thousands of dogs, cats, and other companion animals in need find loving homes each year. In 2022, we placed more than 96 percent of the animals entrusted to our care. Together we helped 2,470 animals find new homes and served thousands of Yellowstone County families through free and affordable programs for people and pets.

The success of YVAS' shelter program is reflected in three key measures: the total number of animals admitted for rehoming, the percentage of animals with live placements (save-rate), and the average length of stay in the shelter. YVAS continues to achieve strong results across all three metrics.



5,216 ANIMALS
ARRIVED AT YVAS



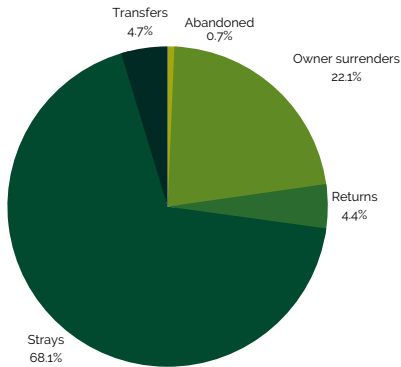
7 DAYS IS THE AVERAGE
AMOUNT OF TIME THAT A
CAT WILL STAY AT YVAS



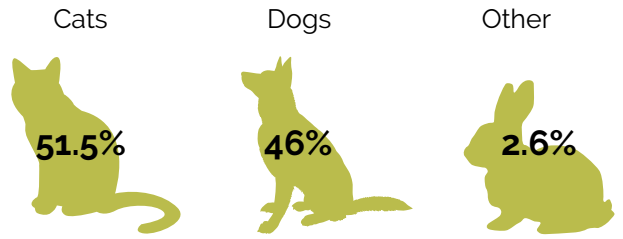
5 DAYS IS THE AVERAGE
AMOUNT OF TIME THAT A
DOG WILL STAY AT YVAS

COMPANION ANIMAL INTAKE

Companion animals by intake:



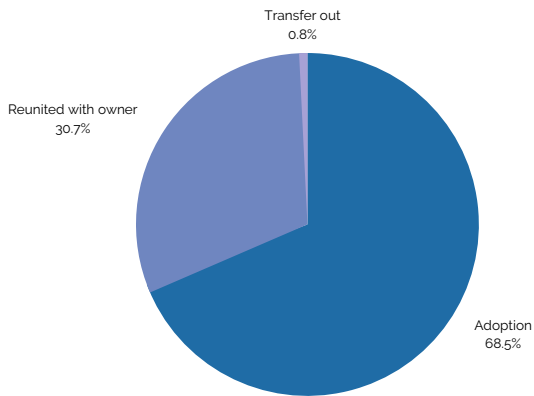
Companion animal intake by species:



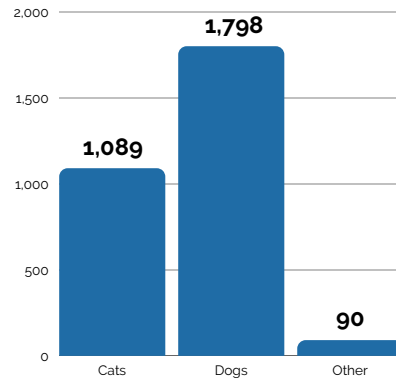
*** Other animals, also called "Pocket Pets", include small companion animals such as rabbits, guinea pigs, birds, reptiles, etc. ***

COMPANION ANIMAL PLACEMENT

Companion animal placement by type:

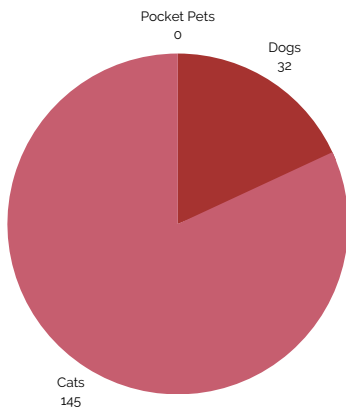


Companion animal placement by species:



COMPANION ANIMAL EUTHANASIA

Euthanasia by species:



*** YVAS is committed to taking in every animal in need. Unfortunately, some animals come to us with severe or untreatable illnesses or behavior issues that prevent us from placing them in the community. If we cannot help an animal become healthy or if it is not suitable for placement, humane euthanasia is the most compassionate alternative.

At all costs, YVAS avoids euthanizing healthy animals. There is also no time limit for animals in our care. ***

Community Engagement

YVAS works with individuals and organizations to create a more humane world for animals. Our community outreach programs aim to increase the overall health and well-being of animals by empowering animal lovers and pet owners alike.



36 teams completed 6-week obedience courses, taught by our certified, AKC Approved Evaluator.



33 campers attended Critter Camps: learning the importance of compassion for animals through humane education lessons, guest speakers, activities & crafts, and animal interactions.

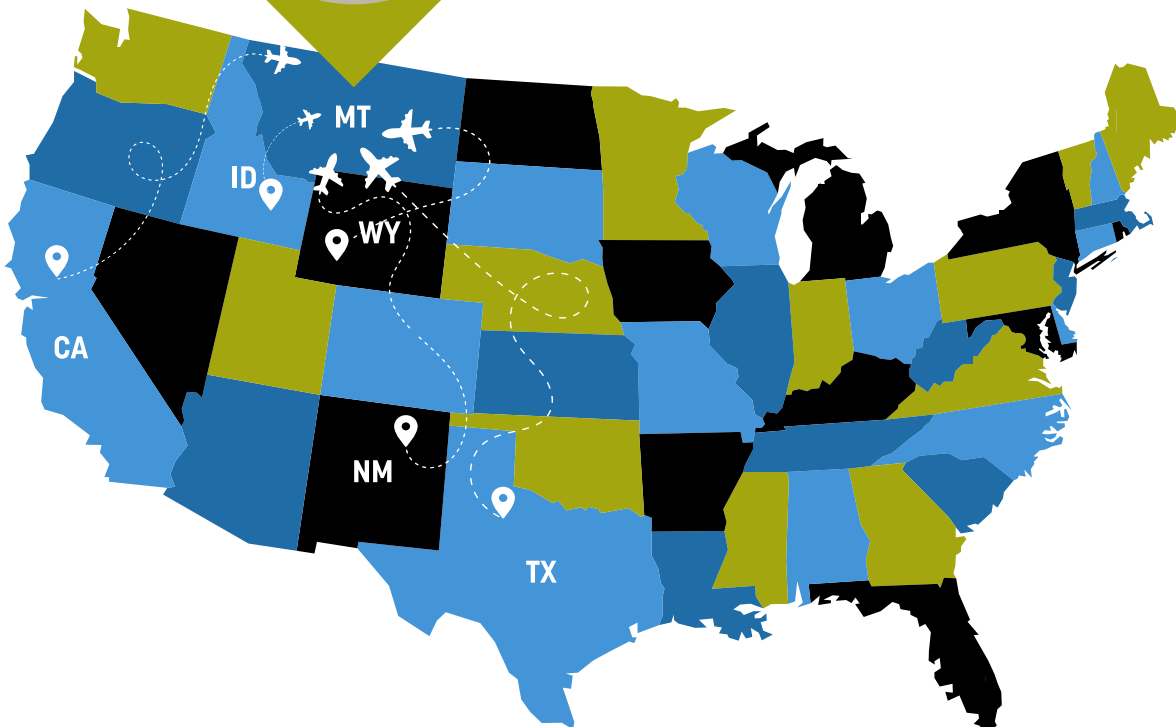


36 various outreach events held throughout the Billings & Yellowstone County community.



Transfers

YVAS proudly partners with rescue organizations across the country where resources for animals are scarce and adoption rates are low in hopes of helping more animals get a second chance at life.



In 2022, **172 animals** were transferred by volunteers to YVAS from 20 local & national rescue partners.

Public Veterinary Services

Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter believes that all pet parents should have access to basic medical care for their furry family members. Sometimes that cost of care is more than many can afford, causing owners to make sacrifices so their pets can have necessary medical treatments. YVAS is proud to offer a variety of low-cost veterinary services for publicly-owned pets to better meet the needs of our community.

LOW-COST SERVICES:



654

PUBLIC VACCINES
ADMINISTERED



368

SPAYED & NEUTERED
AT CLINICS



314

MICROCHIPS GIVEN
AT CLINICS



82

END-OF-LIFE
SERVICES

NATIONAL VETERINARY SHORTAGE:

The United States is currently experiencing a national shortage of veterinarians, particularly in rural and underserved areas. This shortage has led to longer wait times for appointments, higher fees for veterinary services, and reduced access to care for many pet owners. The lack of affordable pet care is a significant concern for pet owners, especially those with limited financial resources.

YVAS is helping to meet this need by providing public veterinary clinics for owned pets. (Historically, YVAS has only been able to provide medical services for the shelter's animals.) We even have begun expanding our medical team to ensure that all animals in our area are receiving appropriate medical treatments and preventative care.



Shelter Veterinary Services

YVAS provides comprehensive medical care for all of our animals, from the moment they enter our facility to the day they find their forever home. Our dedicated veterinary team works tirelessly to ensure that each animal receives the care and attention they need to recover from illness, injury, or neglect. From routine vaccinations to complex surgeries, we are committed to providing the highest quality of care for every animal in our shelter. Even after an animal is adopted, we continue to provide post-adoption medical support to ensure a smooth transition into their new home.

INTAKE:

All animals entering our facility will receive a full intake: meaning they get a basic exam, checked for a microchip, dewormed, & vaccinated. **In 2022, 7,225 vaccines were administered by YVAS.**



MEDICAL:

All animals are spayed or neutered prior to being adopted. In fact, last year **1,793 shelter animals were spayed & neutered at YVAS.** Animals also receive additional medical services when needed such as dentals, bloodwork, x-rays, repairing broken limbs, etc.



HOUSING:

Each day, our trained staff monitor animals' health and behavior to make sure everyone stays happy & healthy. Animals also receive daily enrichment opportunities. We hope our animals' time with us is short, but as pleasant and stress-free as possible before finding their fur-ever homes!



POST ADOPTION:

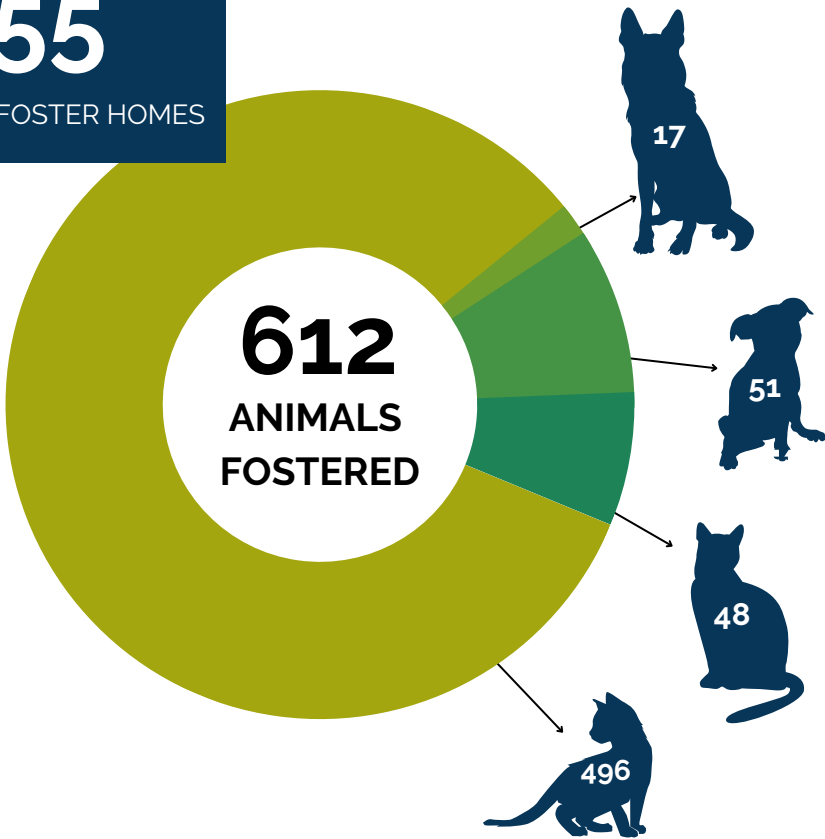
In some special cases, YVAS will provide post-adoption medical care for our animals and their new families. This allows us to place animals with challenging medical needs, & avoid putting financial strains on adopters that might force them to surrender a loved pet.



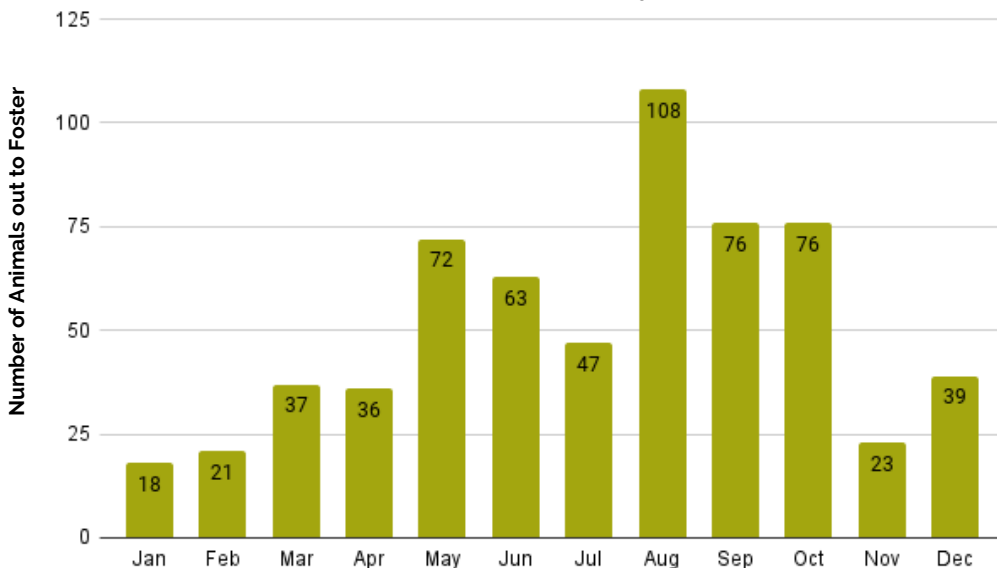
Foster Program

The YVAS foster program is a network of families who are dedicated to providing temporary care to shelter animals in their own homes. The animals that are sent out to foster are all compromised in some way and are not yet considered "adoptable" whether they are underage or underweight, nursing, semi-feral and need individualized socialization, or recovering from an illness or medical procedure. Foster families provide care and attention to these animals until they are ready to come back to the shelter and find their forever homes.

55
ACTIVE FOSTER HOMES



Animals Sent to Foster by Month



Financials

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES:

SUPPORT & REVENUES

Adoption fees & program revenue	\$403,722.99
Donations	\$291,720.64
Corporate sponsors	\$17,507.50
Legacies & bequests	\$55,307.27
Grants	\$29,500.00
Government contracts	\$310,965.00
Investments	\$1,676.18
Retail sales	\$12,245.83
Misc./other income	\$11,542.24
Cost of goods sold	\$39,461.92

TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUES **\$1,094,725.73**

EXPENSES

Program services:	
Sheltering	\$463,347.07
Public medical	\$72,345.15
Outreach & education	\$33,383.86
Foster & volunteer	\$47,150.78
Retail sales	\$5,290.48
Supporting services:	
General & admin.	\$356,782.40
Fundraising	\$8,517.72

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$986,817.46**



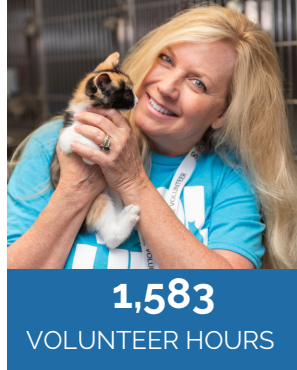
Partners



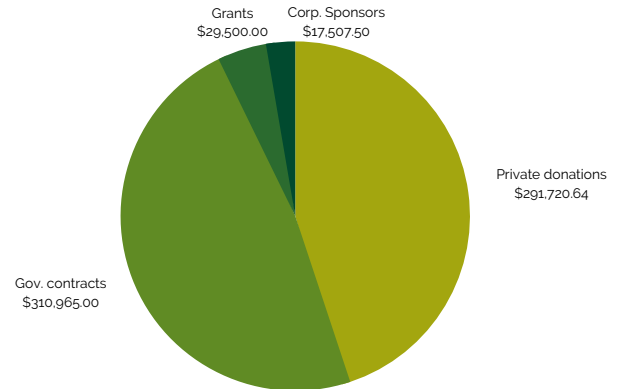
Community Support

The support of donors, friends, and advocates makes our work possible.

VOLUNTEERS:








DONORS:



While YVAS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, we maintain contracts with the City of Billings, Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office, & soon the Laurel Police Department to house & reunite lost animals.

ONLINE ENGAGEMENT:

-  19,876 Facebook followers
-  2,558 Instagram followers
-  7,227 TikTok followers
-  1,700+ newsletter subscribers
-  6,000+ website visits per month





AREA SERVED:

Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter serves the animals & people within the city limits of Billings. YVAS also maintains a contract with Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office & the Laurel Police Department to house & reunite lost dogs. YVAS hopes to one day provide an open-door policy to County cats. We will accept cats from outside Billings city limits on a case-by-case basis, depending on adoptability and availability of space.

LEADERSHIP:

Triniti Halverson, Executive Director
Tiffany Smith, Development Director
Gabi Fry, Director of Operations
Karis Hunt, Office Manager
Katie Pauli, Foster Coordinator
Rebekah Wong, Volunteer Coordinator
Katie Laddusaw, Animal Care Lead - Feline
Summer Simpson, Animal Care Lead - Canine



SUPPORT STAFF:

Stray Animal Leads (2)
Veterinarian (1) + Per Diem Veterinarians (4)
Veterinary Technicians (3)
Fill-In Veterinary Technicians & Assistants (2)
Full-Time Kennel Attendants (4)
Part-Time Kennel Attendants (5)
Dog Training Instructor (1)



BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Katie Huso, President
Steve Durrett, Treasurer
Stacey Frost, Secretary
Mike Pigg
Shelley Pierce
Justin Hutchinson
Clarene Westburg