

SPAY ILLINOIS



Pet Well Clinics

# SPAY ILLINOIS GRATITUDE REPORT 2021



PROJECT FAMILIES  
FOREVER

*Keeping Pets &  
Families Together*

# COMPASSION COMMITMENT COMMUNITY



Those three words above have helped Spay Illinois keep so many pets and families together this year. Like everyone else, we thought 2021 would bring us a return to almost pre-pandemic life. It just wasn't in the cards. So just like everyone else, we had to adjust to what life gave us.

In 2021 we saw a higher demand for subsidized services than ever before. In order to meet these increased needs, we added two more full-time veterinarians to our clinics allowing us to help more pets, and we reached out to our community for support.

We asked, and **you** responded.

You responded by spreading the word about Spay Illinois' clinics with friends and family needing affordable veterinary care. You responded by contributing to support our work because you believe it's essential. You also responded by becoming monthly donors and ensuring pet families were supported all year long. Your support is what helped us make it through 2021 and enabled so many pets to receive the care they needed.

We hope this report makes clear our **commitment** to keeping pets and families together and demonstrates just how vital your commitment is to our mission. We work tirelessly to meet the needs of our communities and will continue to do what we need to do to ensure that no pet is turned away due to their family's financial situation.

With Gratitude,



Kathi Daniels  
CEO/Founder  
Spay Illinois Pet Well Clinics, Inc.



# OUR MISSION



To end the suffering and euthanasia of companion animals through widespread access to low-cost spay, neuter, and preventative care.

## SPAY ILLINOIS' CORE VALUES

### EDUCATE



Our team members support our community by sharing our knowledge and educating those in need with a non-judgmental and compassionate attitude.

### COMMITMENT TOWARD MISSION AND GOALS



Our team practices good stewardship of our limited resources, takes ownership of the organization, gains trust within our community through transparency, and supports community partnerships.

### ACCOUNTABILITY



We deliver the highest standards of customer service and quality of work. We support growth and excellence through proactive self-improvement.

### SUPPORT A REWARDING WORK ENVIRONMENT



We employ team members who are motivated to support and embrace change and growth. We value each other's contributions to our mission, highly respect each other, and are honest and humble. We work to create a welcoming atmosphere to all.

### TEAMWORK



We inspire a family spirit by truly caring for each other. We strive to create an enjoyable, fun, workplace through positive, friendly, and supportive attitudes.

# 2021 OVERVIEW MAKING AN IMPACT

To see what life-changing activities your support makes possible, here's a brief look at some of our accomplishments in 2021...



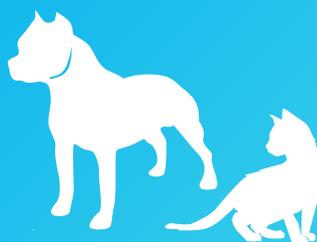
27,718

Doses of Heartworm  
Prevention  
Distributed



89,818

Total Client Calls



30,981

TOTAL PETS  
SERVED



18,235

Doses of Flea &  
Tick Prevention  
Distributed



17,188

Wellness Clinic  
Visits On and  
Off Site



13,304

Spay/Neuter  
Surgeries  
Performed



489

Dental & Specialty  
Surgeries Performed

# SPAY & NEUTER

## KEEPING PETS AND THEIR FAMILIES TOGETHER

Providing spay and neuter is at the core of our mission. Our veterinarians have over 70 years of combined spay-neuter experience and are often referred to as spay-neuter specialists. Our clinic provides 70-75 spay and neuter surgeries a day. Providing these services at an affordable cost is extremely important for so many reasons.

### Our top three most important reasons:

Spaying females provides many health benefits, especially in preventing one of the most deadly infections called pyometra. Every week we have female dogs and cats referred to us from other vet clinics for this emergency surgery. A pyometra is an infection of the uterus that can be fatal if the pet is not spayed immediately. By the time most pets make their way to us, they are in critical condition. Spaying and neutering can also help prevent your pet from developing mammary and testicular cancer too.

Spaying and neutering prevent a lot of bad behaviors from our pets, such as marking, aggression, roaming, irritability, and more. Affordable spay and neuter programs prevent many of these behaviors, which means that pets are less likely to be surrendered to already overcrowded shelters.

This leads us to the third most important reason we provide this service - ending pet euthanasia. According to the ASPCA, around 6.3 million pets enter shelters in the U.S. every year, and over a million of these pets are euthanized due to a lack of funding, space, or resources.

We are proud to provide our services at affordable costs to our local communities to change these statistics. We thank our supporters for helping us continue to fulfill our mission at Spay Illinois Pet Well Clinics.

## HIGHLIGHTS

**13,304** spay-neuter surgeries performed



# 2021 PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

Our *Project Families Forever Program* provides free and subsidized care for families who have financial needs. For many of the clients we serve, veterinary care for their pets is not in their budget. Providing these clients with access to spay-neuter, vaccines, flea and tick prevention, specialty surgeries, dentals, mass removals, foreign body surgeries, eye surgeries, and cystotomies can help ensure that their pets stay in their home and a part of their family.

## HIGHLIGHTS

Over **\$579,000** in free and subsidized services and medications.

*A few of the pets that our PFF Program has helped!*



# 2021 PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

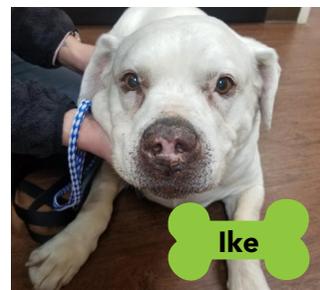
Our 100% Initiative Program provides free and subsidized services to pets from rescues, animal shelters, and animal controls. This program helps alleviate the financial burden of medical care of the rescues and allows them to be able to save more animals. We are proud to partner with multiple rescues and local shelters in saving pets' lives.

## HIGHLIGHTS

**\$209,000** in free and subsidized services and medications



Ila



Ike



Mertle



Leroy John



Lucas



Maple



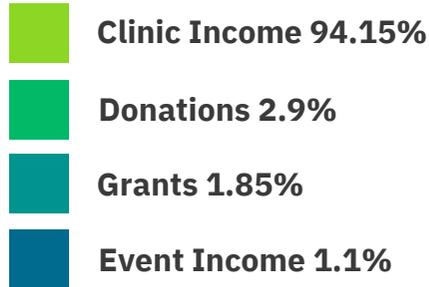
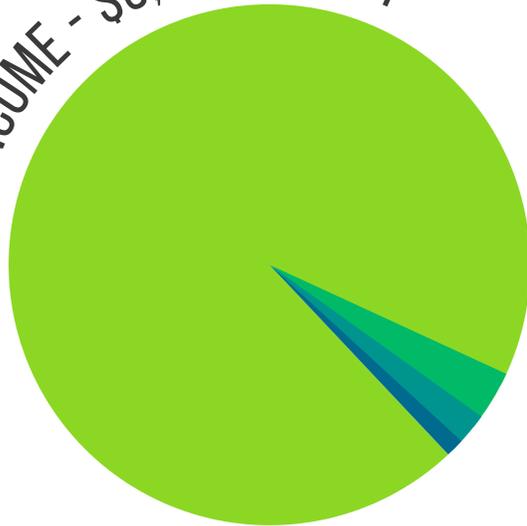
## Donations

Each year Spay Illinois is fortunate enough to support local shelters and rescues. We provide free heartworm treatment for dogs, subsidized care for pets, and other donations. In 2021, we donated supplies including cat food, flea medications, dewormer, and vaccines thanks to our 100% Initiative Program.

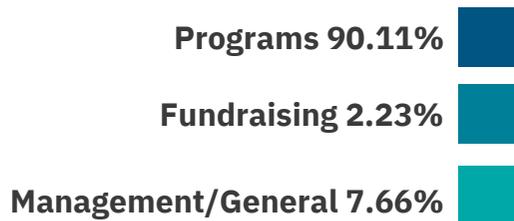
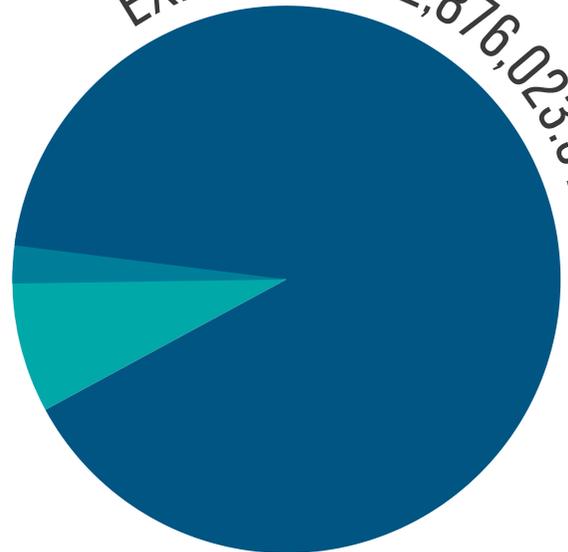
# 2021 Financial Overview

## Spay Illinois Pet Well Clinics Income and Expenses

INCOME - \$3,230,669.84



EXPENSES - \$2,876,023.51



## Spay Illinois Board of Directors



**CEO**

Kathi Daniels



**President**

Jen DeCarlo



**Vice President**

David Rekart



**Treasurer**

Gail Johnson

# THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING** to provide the support for the 30,981 pets that came through our doors last year! Below are our incredible monthly donors who help us to support pets year round as well as our corporate and foundation sponsors of 2021. **A big thank you to ALL of our donors and supporters in 2021!**

## MONTHLY DONORS

Maria Cabrales	Sandra Harkins	Elizabeth Schaefer
Jennifer Cortes	Gail Johnson	Kenneth Smallwood
Kathi & Frank Daniels	Christine & Tom Kelly	James Straus
Mandi Filas Diocelina Gonzalez	Larry Kutz Robin Payton	Mike Taylor

## MEMORIAL AND HONORARY GIFTS

### IN MEMORY OF

Gregory Zois from Amy Barger  
Gregory Zois from Will Barger  
Gregory Zois from Catherine Grover  
Gregory Zois From Elizabeth Schroeder  
Jack from Catherine & Daniel Brunnick  
Jamie from Gary H. Schattner  
Reese from Jiela Deasis Gabato  
Simon from Charlene Bradenburg  
Toby from Kris Kucharchuk  
Violet Belohlav from The Violet Belohlav Trust

### IN HONOR OF

ChiChi from Pamela Baugh  
Lynn Christiensen from Christine Photides  
Pets Who Need help from Connie Daugherty  
Rosy from Tracey Nardi  
Tuxedo from Susanne Jarczok

## CORPORATE AND FOUNDATION SPONSORS

Boehringer and Ingelheim  
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# HAPPY TAILS & 5-PAW REVIEWS

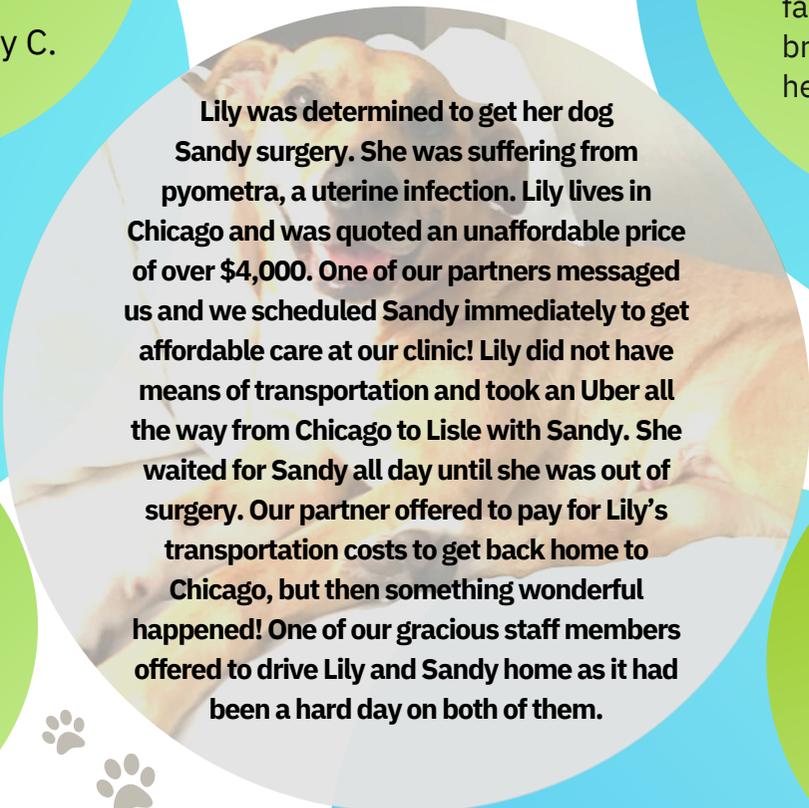
SEE WHAT SOME OF OUR PAW-SOME CLIENTS HAVE TO SAY...

"It was great, the people were very knowledgeable and very kind. Short waiting and expertly done."

- Jerry C.

"Excellent, thorough service. Very clean facilities. Super friendly staff. Vet & vet tech were fantastic. So glad we brought our Harlow here!"

-Tracy C.



Lily was determined to get her dog Sandy surgery. She was suffering from pyometra, a uterine infection. Lily lives in Chicago and was quoted an unaffordable price of over \$4,000. One of our partners messaged us and we scheduled Sandy immediately to get affordable care at our clinic! Lily did not have means of transportation and took an Uber all the way from Chicago to Lisle with Sandy. She waited for Sandy all day until she was out of surgery. Our partner offered to pay for Lily's transportation costs to get back home to Chicago, but then something wonderful happened! One of our gracious staff members offered to drive Lily and Sandy home as it had been a hard day on both of them.

"Great, loving staff! We donate the money we save!"

-Kevin & Christine

"The only place I trust that I will take my pets. All the vets and staff are very knowledgeable and caring."

- Sabrina C.

"Very professional staff and great customer service."

- Kevin G.

"This was my first visit here and I am extremely satisfied with it. I'd like to make this my pet's permanent veterinarian. I felt confident the vet doc knew what she was talking about. Thank you!"

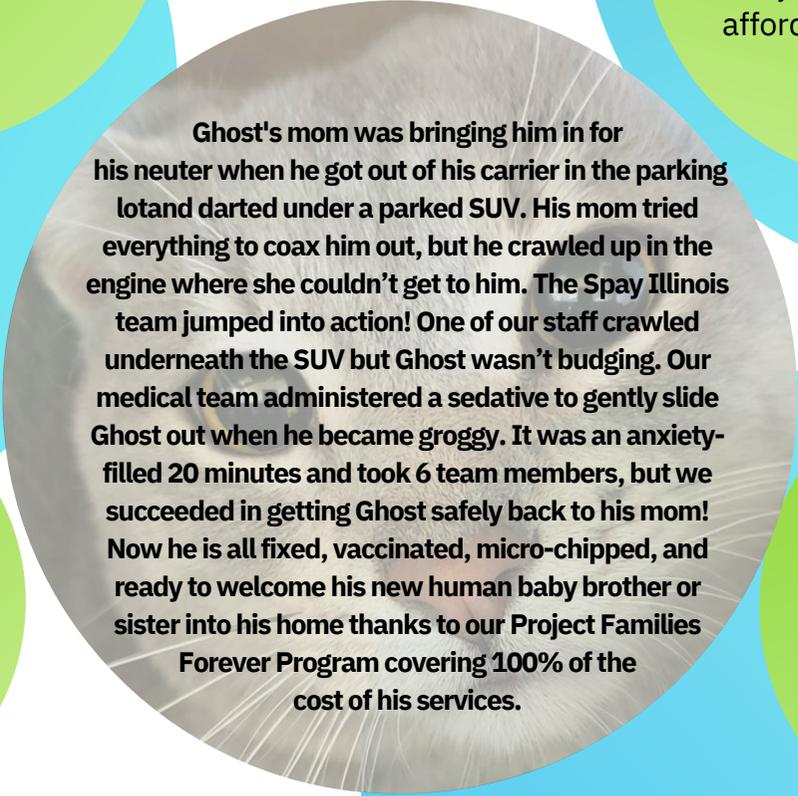
-Michelle V.

# MORE HAPPY TAILS & 5 PAW REVIEWS

## WE LOVE TO HEAR ABOUT EXPERIENCES FROM OUR SUPPORTERS

"The staff here are amazing. Very clean and efficient. Provided verbal and easy-to-follow aftercare instructions."  
- Kim S.

"Spay Illinois was a great place to take my pet to get spayed. They were very knowledgeable and attentive towards my pet. They were also very affordable."  
- Asad S.



**Ghost's mom was bringing him in for his neuter when he got out of his carrier in the parking lot and darted under a parked SUV. His mom tried everything to coax him out, but he crawled up in the engine where she couldn't get to him. The Spay Illinois team jumped into action! One of our staff crawled underneath the SUV but Ghost wasn't budging. Our medical team administered a sedative to gently slide Ghost out when he became groggy. It was an anxiety-filled 20 minutes and took 6 team members, but we succeeded in getting Ghost safely back to his mom! Now he is all fixed, vaccinated, micro-chipped, and ready to welcome his new human baby brother or sister into his home thanks to our Project Families Forever Program covering 100% of the cost of his services.**

"Wonderful people. Affordable pricing. A++. Not one bad word to say. Keep up the good work guys!!"  
-Shantae M.

"This place is amazing! The prices were the cheapest I could find in the area and they did a perfect job neutering my puppy. He healed very fast. I also could tell that they took very good care of him while he was there."  
- Jerry C.

"Amazing results! My 7 month old went in Friday and today, 3 days later, it's like it never happened. His incision is barely visible. So clean and just happy with the results and experience. Highly recommend!"  
- Anna Z.

"Amazing experience! Took my almost 6 month old puppy to get spayed and was so nervous... all staff members and the overall experience completely calmed my nerves. I picked her up and she was so happy and acting just like herself. Also, the pricing is unbelievable. My plan is to donate back when I am able to. The incision was so tiny, I am so impressed! 10/10. Go here!"  
-Demetria A.



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