

2024 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



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Opened for Business March 1, 2016



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ABOUT US:

Clay County Animal Rescue & Education Center, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3), volunteer-driven organization dedicated to rescuing, caring for, and adopting homeless dogs into loving and responsible forever homes. We educate the public about respect for all animal life, including the importance of feral animals being spayed or neutered to reduce their numbers in our communities. Our organization goes beyond the confines of shelter walls to build an extensive network of knowledgeable, experienced, talented, and caring individuals who share these common goals.



We opened our doors for business on March 1, 2016. Currently, we only take in dogs.

OUR MISSION:

The Clay County Animal Rescue & Education Center (CCARE) is an animal care facility dedicated to improving the lives of companion animals in our communities and finding permanent and loving adoptive homes for the animals in our care. We provide a haven for animals in transition, advocate for them and their people, work to end overpopulation, and educate the public about compassion and responsibility towards all animals. CCARE strives to be a No-Kill facility where all incoming animals are evaluated, medically treated, rehabilitated when needed, and euthanized only out of necessity based on the animal's quality of life needs.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

From board meetings to countless fundraisers to working tirelessly at the shelter, our Board of Directors accomplishes a lot. We are so lucky to have committed and caring members, who contribute in such unique and important ways. When times are tough, we support one another, we give our time and efforts, and most importantly - we always find a way.

Janel Michaud, President
Preston Rook, Vice-President
Christine Murchison, Secretary
Sandy Fox, Treasurer
Eva Standlea, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
George Murchison, Member
Patricia Halstead, Member
Shaley Johnson, Member
Julie Mohn, Member

John Rieb Jr, Shelter Manager

**TEAM WORK
MAKES THE
DREAM WORK**

2024 SUPPORT & REVENUE

FUNDRAISING & DONATIONS:

CCARE continues to raise funds by holding fundraisers throughout the year. *68 Percent of our 2024 fundraising was from Clear the Shelter (Business Sponsorships) and Gather for Good Match Day Donations.

CCARE Clear the Shelter*	Dillions Rewards	Supporter Shirts	Santa Paws	Wish Lists
Gather For Good Match Day*	Wofftrax App	Adult Egg Hunt	Cookie Dough	
Facebook Fundraisers	Short Stop Rewards	Festival of Trees	Other Fundraisers	
Meal Scramble at UMC	TNR Fundraisers	Best Choice Labels		
Community/Youth Fundraisers	Window Cling & Stickers			

We have great support from our community! Many wonderful private citizens make their annual gift of giving to CCARE. Some donations are designated to a specific cause and others are memorializing a loved one. We also receive In-Kind donations. Clay Center City Council and Clay County Commissioners provide support to CCARE because they have no means to take care of the unwanted, lost, and abandoned animals in the community.

Interest, Dividends, and Gains/Losses on banking accounts and Greater Manhattan Community Foundation Investments (Gather for Good Donations). COVID SPARKS Grant and Payroll Tax Relief

Donations are always appreciated. You can make a single donation or recurring donation online at <http://www.ccareinc.org/donate>. Donations can also be mailed to Union State Bank c/o Sandy Fox, PO Box 518, Clay Center KS 67432. Make your check payable to CCARE. Please consider CCARE for your end-of-year giving. Planned giving opportunities express your love for animals through a bequest to CCARE. We also rely on the community for donations of dog food, dog care items, and cleaning supplies. All donations are tax-deductible under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code.

FEES:

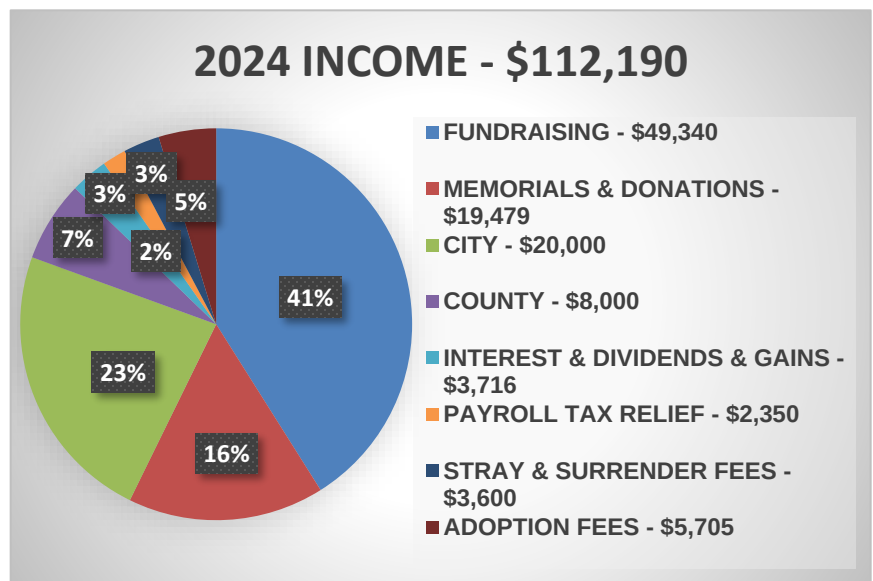
We are the only animal shelter in Clay County, Kansas. We accept strays from the public for a fee of \$40, and from the Clay Center Law Enforcement and Clay County Sheriff Department. We have agreements with several other cities in Clay County to accept strays for a fee. We also accept out-of-county strays for a fee of \$75. We accept owner surrenders for a fee of \$50 if they are vaccinated; and \$75 if they are not vaccinated. Owners can reclaim their lost pets for a \$30 fee (\$50 for repeats). The shelter manager has the discretion to discount fees based on individual circumstances. Adoption fees are based on age: \$175-\$200 for puppies, \$150 for adult dogs, and \$50 for senior or special needs dogs. The Shelter Manager and the Board have the discretion to discount adoption fees.

All dogs that are adopted include the following:

Health Exam	Spay or Neuter	Heartworm Test	Fecal Test	Deworming
Bordetella Vaccination	Rabies Vaccination	Distemper/Parvo Vaccination	Medical Treatment, as necessary	
Flea/Tick Treatment/Preventative		Heartworm Preventative	24PetWatch Microchip	

CCARE does not have a veterinarian on site. Dr. Eva Standlea, DVM, is the On-Call Veterinarian. Janel Michaud is the On-Call Vet Tech. CCARE does not have a groomer on site.

Fundraising is always a priority. We are planning a Holiday Giving Gala fundraiser in November 2025.



2024 EXPENSES

Building, property, and lawn maintenance.

Employment expenses include salary, payroll taxes and Workman Comp insurance.

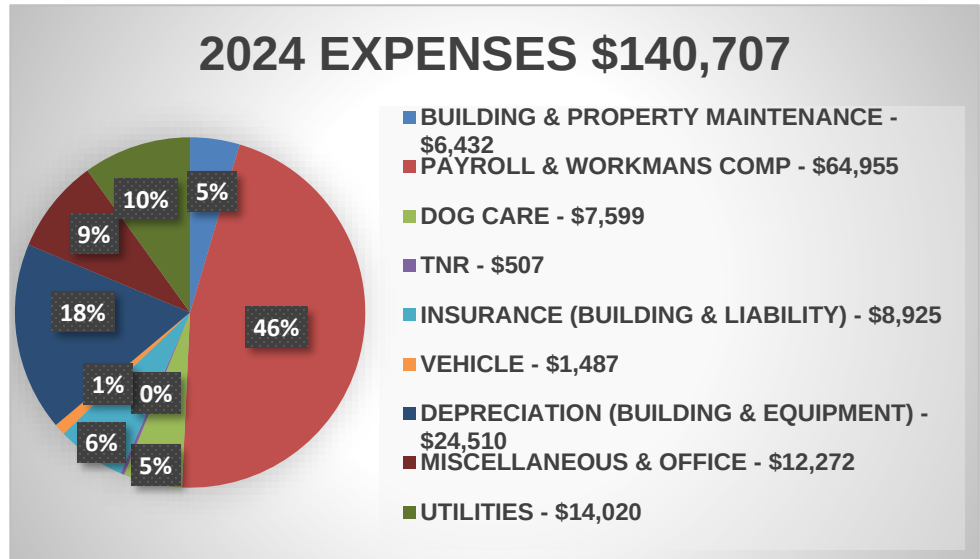
Dog care expenses include medical, food, treats, microchips, etc.

TNR Expenses for our community feral cat program.

Building, Vehicle, and Liability expenses include depreciation, property and vehicle insurance, and liability insurance.

Miscellaneous expenses include office supplies, postage, licenses, advertising, web page maintenance, accounting fees, legal fees, bank fees, service charges, filing fees, volunteer expenses, traveling and mileage, conference expenses, fundraising expenses, marketing, and other fees.

Utility expenses include gas, electricity, water, trash, phone, and internet.



2024 FINANCIALS

Five years of fundraising was conducted by the CCARE Board of Directors before the CCARE facility was opened on March 1, 2016. Most of that funding was used for the construction of the facility, and supplies and materials needed to function as an animal shelter.

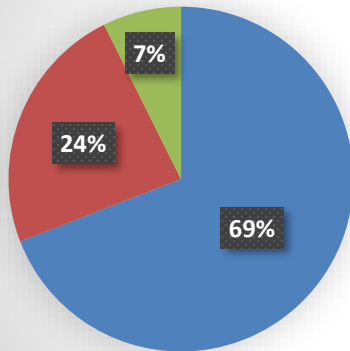
2024 Financials:

Support and Revenue	\$112,190.72
Expenses	\$140.34,707
2023 Income Over Expenses (Net Loss)	-\$ 28,516.62
Depreciation	\$24,510.03
Cash Basis Net Loss	-\$4,006.59

All capital expenditures are depreciated over their useful lives.

INTAKES

2024 INTAKES - 136



■ STRAYS - 94

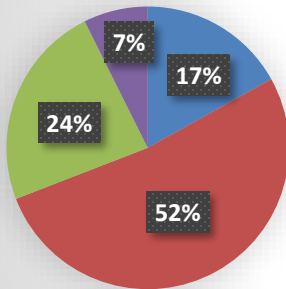
■ OWNER SURRENDER & RETURNED ADOPTIONS - 32

■ TRANSFER IN FROM OTHER RESCUE - 10

2016-2024 INTAKES

STRAYS	923	57%
OWNER SURRENDER & RETURNED ADOPTIONS	567	35%
SEIZED BY LEO	7	.004%
TRANSFER IN FROM OTHER RESCUE	123	7.6%
TOTAL	1620	

2024 INTAKE SUB TYPE - 136



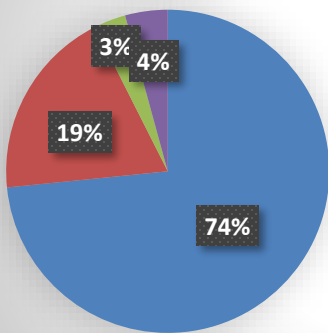
■ PUBLIC DROP OFF & ABANDONED - 23

■ LAW ENFORCEMENT DROP OFF - 71

■ OWNER SURRENDERS & RETURNS - 32

■ TRANSFER IN FROM OTHER RESCUE - 10

2024 INTAKE JURISDICTION - STRAYS ONLY - 94



■ CLAY CENTER (CITY LIMITS) - 69

■ CLAY COUNTY (COUNTRY) - 18

■ CLAY COUNTY (OTHER CITIES) - 3

■ OUT OF COUNTY (SURROUNDING COUNTIES) - 4

2016-2024 INTAKE JURISDICTION-STRAYS ONLY

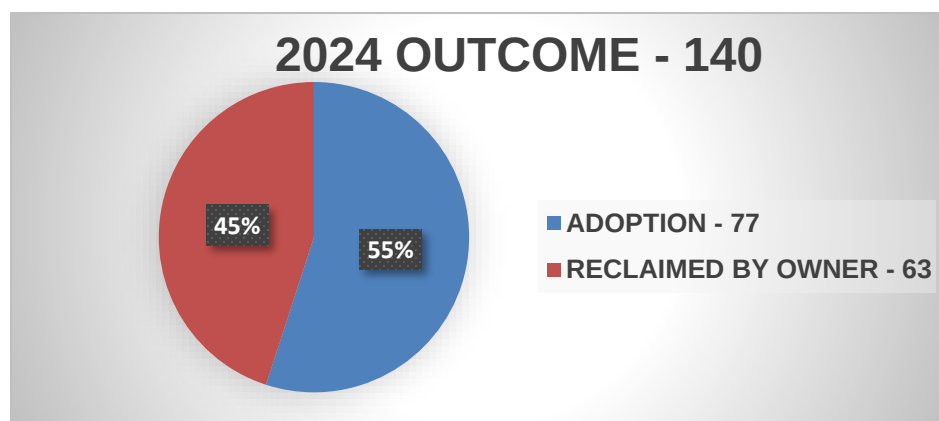
CLAY CENTER (CITY LIMITS)	696	75%
CLAY COUNTY (COUNTRY)	130	14%
CLAY COUNTY (OTHER CITIES)	60	6%
OUT OF COUNTY	47	5%
TOTAL	933	

Strays are immediately posted online as Lost and Finds on the CCARE website www.ccarein.org/lost-found

Owner surrenders and strays never claimed are posted online, after evaluation, as Available on the CCARE website www.ccareinc.org/available-dogs

Available dogs are also posted online at www.petfinder.com, www.adoptapet.com, www.petango.com, and Facebook.

OUTCOME



2016-2024 OUTCOME		
ADOPTION	906	56%
RECLAIMED BY OWNER	673	42%
TRANSFER OUT TO OTHER RESCUE	21	1%
DIED	4*	.002%
DOA (BORN DEAD)	5*	.003%
EUTHANIZED	8**	.005%
TOTAL	1,617	

*Puppies born at CCARE

**Court Order or Aggression or Health

Adopters come to Clay Center from all over Kansas and other States to adopt. And many others come from other counties and States as potential adopters.

2024 SPAY/NEUTER

All dogs adopted from CCARE are required by State Law to be spayed or neutered. CCARE has a contract with the Kansas State University Department of Veterinary Medicine – Mobile Surgery Unit to spay and neuter the CCARE dogs available for adoption for free. KSU Mobile Surgery Unit completed 23 neuters and 15 spays. Some larger dogs are spayed/neutered by a local vet, which CCARE pays for the surgery. We saved thousands of dollars by receiving free spay and neuter surgeries from the Kansas State University Department of Veterinary Medicine – Mobile Surgery Unit.

END OF YEAR STATUS

STATUS OF DOGS IN CCARE ON DECEMBER 31, 2024 (END OF YEAR):

- 4 Available for Adoption
- 1 Lost/Found

2024 MICROCHIP

Microchipping offers pet owners security and peace of mind that comes from the only permanent pet identification technology and a safe and secure way to reunite you and your pet, via a Lost Pet Recovery Service. Each dog available for adoption is microchipped with a 24PetWatch Microchip, unless they were previously microchipped before intake. CCARE incurs the cost of the microchip at \$8.00 each chip. 54 dogs received a 24PetWatch Microchip. CCARE incurs a fee of \$4.95 per microchip to be registered in the PetPoint system for dogs that were previously microchipped before intake.

2024 MEDICAL

48 Dogs received a Rabies Vaccination by the CCARE On-Call Veterinarian. All other dogs adopted were already vaccinated upon intake.

47 Dogs received a Nobivac Canine 1-DAPPv Vaccination for Distemper/Parvo. All other dogs adopted were already vaccinated upon intake.

53 Dogs received a Bordetella Vaccination (Kennel Cough). All other dogs adopted were already vaccinated upon intake.

49 Dogs received a Heartworm Snap Test. All dogs tested negative.

62 Fecal Tests were performed. Dogs with positive results were provided the necessary medication to treat the internal parasite.

Other tests can include urine, parvo, distemper, and skin scraping.

All dogs received a monthly Flea/Tick treatment and a monthly Heartgard preventative.

Many dogs were treated for infections and other illnesses. Medication and vet expenses are included in total dog care costs in this report. Several dogs with severe medical problems were taken to Court Street Vet Care for treatment or surgery. CCARE pays for all medical and vet costs while a dog is at the clinic.

TRAP NEUTER/SPAY RETURN PROGRAM (FERAL CATS)

For the past four years, our shelter staff and volunteers have been making strides in the community by implementing and executing our own TNR program, in collaboration with the K-State Mobile Surgery Unit. Because of our teamwork, along with the help of community members, we helped 56 homeless/feral cats in our community in 2024. After being altered, they are ear-tipped (universal TNR sign), vaccinated, and then returned to where originally trapped.

TNR	
2024	56
2023	78
2022	40
2021	44
TOTAL	218

If you are interested in finding out more ways to help or if you have information on feral cats in your neighborhood, please contact our toll-free TNR hotline at 785-630-5656.

LENGTH OF STAY

2024 AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY	
Stage	Average Days
Available for Adoption	27.3

Strays that are reclaimed by their owners usually have a length-of-stay of no more than 3-5 days unless arrangements are made between the owner and CCARE.

Strays that are not claimed by their owner within 3 full business days (days we are open to the public) become the property of CCARE and are then available for adoption, after evaluation.

2024 VOLUNTEERS



CCARE is a volunteer-driven shelter. There are many volunteers, including the CCARE Board of Directors, that assist with fundraising and many tasks at the shelter.

2,200 Hours

(22,821 Hours since we opened)

If you cannot make a monetary donation, please consider volunteering.

Complete an online volunteer application at www.ccareinc.org/volunteer

OUTREACH

All dogs available for adoption are promoted to the public by these methods:

- CCARE website www.ccareinc.org (Nationwide)
- Petango website www.petango.com (Nationwide)
- Pet Finder website www.petfinder.com (Nationwide)
- Adopt A Pet website www.adoptapet.com (Nationwide)
- Clay Center KS Lost/Found Pets Facebook Page (lost dogs)
- Clay Center Dispatch, The Regional News, KSNT TV and FOX43 TV, KCLY Radio
- Adoption Flyers
- Fundraisers
- Off-site adoption events
- CCARE Facebook Page and other adoption Facebook pages.

Partners:

- Citizens in the Community, Nursing Facilities, Youth Organizations, Local Schools, Community Organizations
- Other Rescues/Shelters and Kansas Humane Society, Abilene Animal Hospital
- Clay Center City Council and Clay County Commissioners
- PETCO, PetSmart, Bissell Pet Foundation, Maranda Lambert Mutt Nation
- Media Outlets (KCLY Radio, The Regional News, Dispatch, KSNT TV, FOX43 TV)
- Kansas Department of Agriculture (Shelter License and Inspections)
- Kansas Department of Emergency Management
- Kansas State University Department of Veterinary Medicine
- Northeast Kansas Animal Welfare Foundation
- Law Enforcement
- District Court
- Other Community's City Council and Animal Control Officers
- Local Businesses.

PetPoint database software is used for all animal intakes, outcomes, and medical information.

Youth Education: Many local school programs and other youth organizations bring the kids to CCARE for education programs, reading to the dogs, making Kong treats, and dog socializing. CCARE has an animal education program in the local schools.

2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS & AWARDS

- ✓ \$500 Clear the Shelter Grant from Northeast Kansas Animal Welfare Foundation
- ✓ Nominated Business of the Year, Best Non-Profit, and Best Customer Service by Grow Clay County.
- ✓ Nominated John Rieb Jr. – Employee of the Year by Grow Clay County.
- ✓ Nominated Kim Harding – Employee of the Year by Grow Clay County.
- ✓ Awarded Trish Halstead - Community Catalyst of the Year by Grow Clay County.

FUTURE GOALS

Immediate goals of CCARE include:

- Expand the feral cat Trap Neuter/Spay Return program (TNR).
- Expand the Foster Program.
- Additional Play Ground Equipment.
- Exterior and Interior improvements.
- Disaster planning and training.

Future goals of CCARE include:

- Additional dog runs in the east lawn.
- Expand Education for Schools and Community groups.
- Design, construct, and open the cat building.
- Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Programs to aid in the prevention of hundreds of homeless and unwanted puppies and kittens in our community.
- Emergency veterinary care for ownerless animals.

www.ccareinc.org

COVER PHOTO: Bandit had severe medical problems when he arrived at CCARE in 2024. We started his medical treatment, and within a month he was adopted by a wonderful family that continued with his medical needs. He is now a happy, healthy boy. Bandit was featured on Fox43 TV when CCARE was awarded a \$500 Clear the Shelter Grant from Northeast Kansas Animal Welfare Foundation.