Dear Friends,

It has been an historical few months as the first half of 2020 has proven to be a challenging one. We have seen businesses close, workers furloughed, and many families touched directly by COVID-19. This pandemic brought with it an increased demand for the essential programs only Humane Indiana can provide such as our pet food pantry, wildlife rehabilitation, clinical services, foster family network and community crisis programs. We can’t thank everyone enough for always standing by us through thick and thin. As a community we have learned we are in this together. As an organization, we remain dedicated and focused more than ever in our mission to lead the community in the humane treatment of all animals.

OUR ANIMAL SHELTER

Your health and safety and the safety of our shelter pets remain of utmost importance throughout this situation. In March, we worked diligently to place each of our remaining shelter pets with caring foster families, as our staff prepared to shelter in place with their families. I simply cannot thank these wonderful fosters enough for opening their homes and hearts to our pets. With limited staff we continued to answer all inquiries, help abandoned animals, stay in constant communication with our fosters and provide assistance for families by way of pet food, vaccinations and supplies, to help them keep their pets. In late May, many families fortunately decided to adopt their fostered pets. We brought back the remaining fostered pets and started taking homeless animals from local animal controls to find them homes. We also restarted our Home to Home program, to help families rehome pets they were no longer able to keep. We implemented a new “virtual adoption process,” in an effort to continue to keep everyone safe. It’s great to see our shelter pets find loving forever families.

OUR ESTELLE MARCUS CLINIC

Our team continues to help local communities through our services at our Estelle Marcus Clinic. We provide low-cost vaccinations, and spay/neuter surgeries for pet owners who qualify. Since the beginning of the virus threat, Humane Indiana took immediate precautionary measures to protect both our staff and our pet owners. We implemented no-contact procedures, practiced extreme sanitation measures and are limiting admittance into the Clinic. Humane Indiana looks forward to reopening at full capacity at all our entities at a time that is safe for all. Until then, we are moving forward with our work to help the animals, but we need YOU.

Our Wildlife Rehabilitation Center worked throughout the pandemic to receive orphaned and injured wildlife in need of help. Since January, we have admitted more than 1,250 animals. Wildlife Center Director Nicole Humen feeds one of dozens of orphaned baby squirrels in the Center’s care.

PLEASE HELP US CONTINUE THE GOOD THAT WE DO TOGETHER

2020 revenue streams are still being affected due to limitations on events and social gathering guidelines. Today we ask that you reflect on the good that we do together as a community, and our Humane Indiana family. We hope that you join us as we continue to champion for homeless pets that rely on us to find them forever homes. Please remember how important your support is to the hundreds of wildlife who need care and rehabilitation. Together, we create a caring, compassionate community for the animals.

Whether you show your support by adopting a pet from our Shelter, participating in our events, sending us a monthly gift, or donating and shopping at our Resale & Consignment Shoppe, you are advancing our mission and helping the animals. We are actively working to revise our events to continue those celebrations together. We are pivoting this year’s Paws in the Park event to a virtual format. Our Chief Development Officer Lisa Carpenter will be sending you the event participation packet in July.

We thank you for your caring compassion as we navigate through these very challenging times. We wish safety and health to you and your loved ones.

Brian

Brian Fitzpatrick, Chief Executive Officer

Adopted! Our shelter pets Django and Arabel enjoying home life with their foster families. All of our shelter pets stayed with our amazing foster families while our community sheltered in place during the Covid-19 threat.
SAVE THE DATE

PAWS IN THE PARK VIRTUAL WALK "Celebrating Health"
SPIRIT WEEK: SEPTEMBER 19–26, 2020

Our annual celebration of Paws in the Park event will pivot to a virtual format. Due to the recommended crowd guidelines issued by the CDC and our local government, to avoid spread of Covid-19, we have revised and revamped our event. Our Paws in the Park Virtual Walk "Celebrating Health" will be a fun-filled opportunity for our all ages pet community. Going virtual allows us to celebrate safely from home or the location of your choice. Our week-long event offers you the chance to support our homeless shelter pets in a way that promotes health and safety for you and your pets.

WHEN IS THE EVENT?
Paws in the Park Spirit Week will take place from September 19 - 26. That’s right! We’re offering a week of fun activities for you and your pet. Don’t have a pet? No problem. This is an all-inclusive event that celebrates health for all while supporting our homeless shelter pets.

WHAT IS A VIRTUAL WALK?
Our Paws in the Park Virtual Walk means we will not gather in person for this event. A virtual walk allows you the opportunity to walk on your own time, with family and friends, and on location of your choice in honor of homeless shelter pets.

SHARE YOUR PARTICIPATION PHOTOS AND VIDEOS WITH US
Share the GOOD THAT WE DO TOGETHER in this event by sharing your activity participation through photos and videos on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE
Watch for your Paws in the Park Virtual Walk Participation Packet in July! Registration will be available by mail or online at HUMANEINDIANA.ORG/EVENTS.