



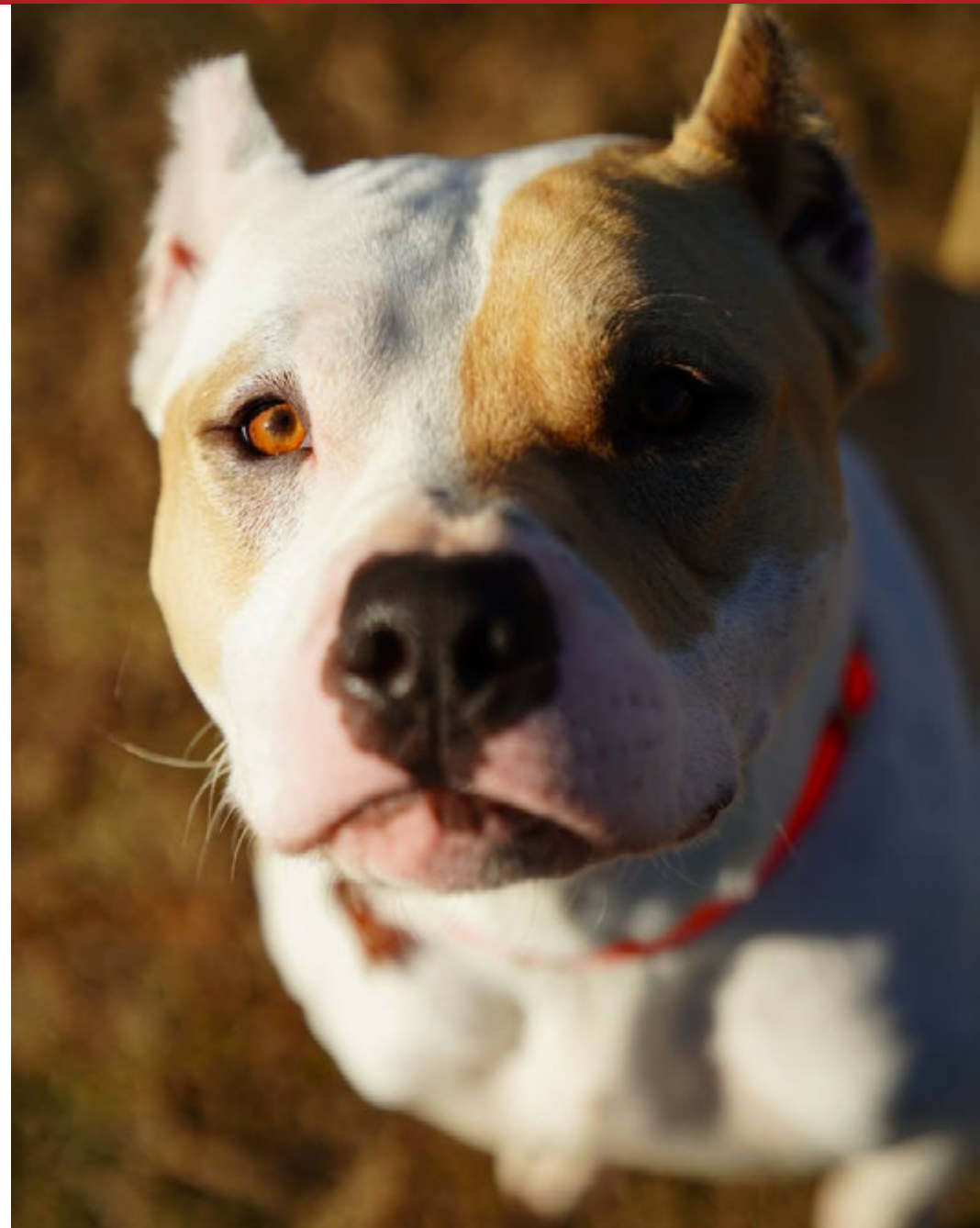
IMPACT REPORT FY26





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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FY2026 was an exciting year of growth and new possibilities for the Foundation for TJO Animals. It was also my first full year serving as the Foundation's Executive Director, and I am incredibly proud of what our community accomplished together.

As difficult economic times continue to impact our region, we are seeing the effects on both people and their pets. At the Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control and Adoption Center, we continue to see higher-than-normal numbers of emaciated animals and pet surrenders. These challenges reminded us that while we will always be here to care for animals who need us, we also have an opportunity to get ahead of some of the issues that bring animals to the shelter in the first place.

That led us to launch the Foundation's first-ever community outreach program: the **Reese Pet Food Initiative**.

Rather than reinventing the wheel by creating our own pet food pantry, we chose to partner with organizations that are already supporting families in our community. By bringing pet food to established food pantries, we can help families who are already seeking assistance keep their pets fed and, hopefully, keep those beloved companions in their homes.

This year also demonstrated the incredible power of our volunteers. We strengthened our already amazing volunteer community, and their time, energy, and enthusiasm helped us achieve **fundraising and attendance records at two of our signature events**. Their support allows the Foundation to do more, reach more people, and turn community generosity into meaningful resources for TJO animals and the people who care for them.

We also continued to look for ways to expand access to veterinary care. Working with the MSPCA, we supported **a low-cost spay and neuter program for cats in our community**. This important first step has given us the foundation to pursue an even bigger goal in FY27: expanding access to affordable spay and neuter services for both dogs and cats through the planned clinic expansion.

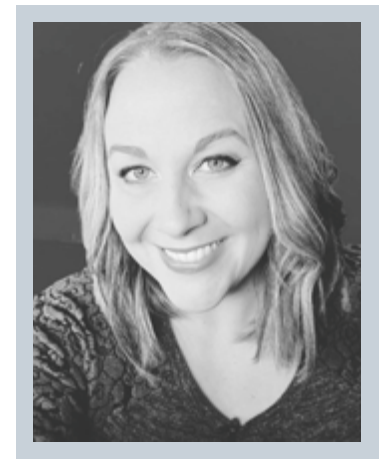
We believe the future of animal welfare is about both caring for animals in need and addressing the challenges that can lead them to the shelter. It is about supporting families, expanding access to veterinary care, and making sure that financial hardship does not have to mean giving up a beloved pet.

None of this would be possible without the generosity of our donors, the dedication of our volunteers, the commitment of our partners, and the continued support of our community. Thank you for believing in our mission and for helping us build a stronger future for animals and the people who love them.

With gratitude,

Janna Brown

Executive Director, Foundation for TJO Animals



OUR MISSION

The mission of the Foundation is to raise funds that provide resources and support for critical veterinary care and enrichment for the animals at the Thomas J O'Connor Animal Control and Adoption Center.

The TJO Adoption Center is the municipal animal shelter serving Springfield, Chicopee, and Holyoke, providing essential animal care and public safety services through animal control and sheltering. In addition to responding to stray, injured, and at-risk animals, the shelter supports the community through disaster response efforts, including the provision of pet supplies and temporary boarding when needed.

Together, the shelter and Foundation work to strengthen the human-animal bond, reduce preventable suffering, and ensure that pets remain safe, healthy, and in their homes whenever possible.



THE YEAR IN NUMBERS - FY26

★ NOTE WORTHY ★

- \$106,000+ raised through the Annual Appeal
- \$58,000+ raised on Giving Tuesday
- \$125,000+ raised from signature events
- Added over 3,000 followers on Facebook
- Monthly Donors increased by 36%

**2,000+
ANIMALS
SERVED
BY TJO**



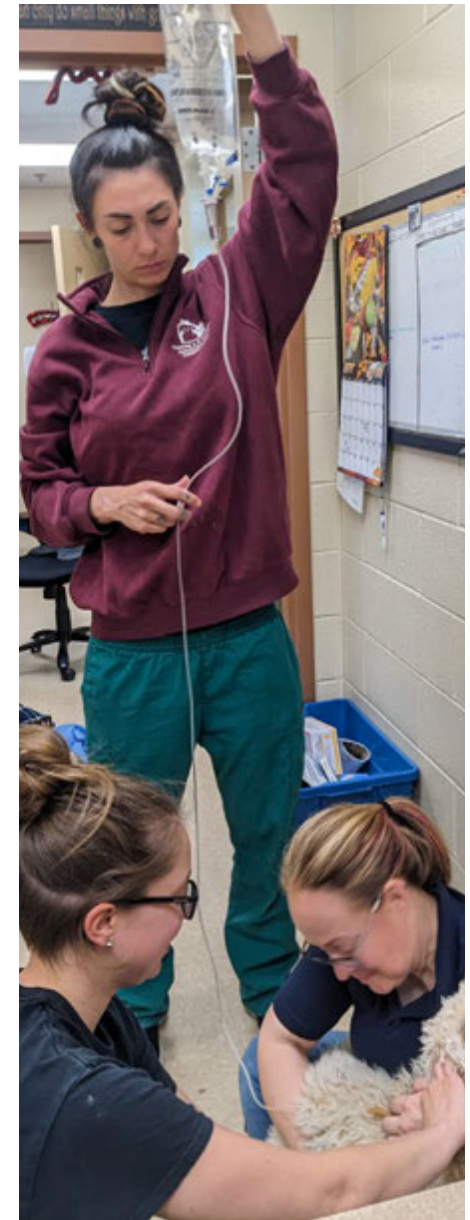
1877 Animals found homes via adoption or reunification.

*523 Surgeries funded

2325 Total stray intakes



Over 1,600 pounds of pet food distributed in our first 4 months of the Reese Pet Food Initiative.



WHERE YOUR SUPPORT GOES

Every donation to the Foundation for TJO Animals has a purpose: to give TJO the resources to care for animals in need and to help build a community where fewer pets face crisis in the first place. In FY2026, your support helped us respond to immediate needs while also taking important steps toward preventing those needs in the future.

VETERINARY CARE

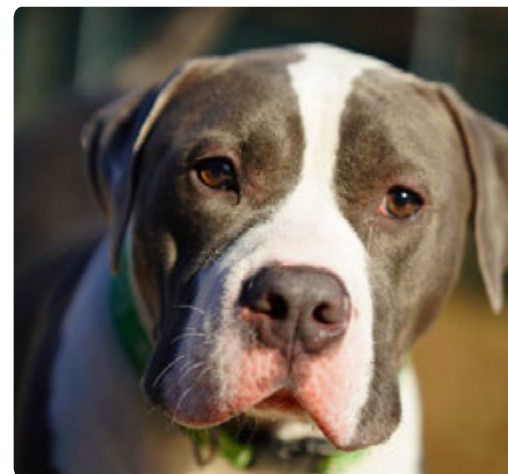
Animals arriving at TJO often need medical care before they can begin their journey to a new home. Some require routine veterinary treatment, while others arrive with significant medical needs. Foundation funding helps provide veterinary care and other essential resources that municipal funding alone cannot cover. Because of our donors, TJO can say yes when an animal needs care — helping give vulnerable animals the treatment, recovery time, and second chance they deserve.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Some animals arrive with urgent medical conditions that require immediate attention and can carry significant costs. The Foundation provides additional resources to help TJO respond when animals need care beyond the ordinary costs of sheltering. When an animal's need is urgent, funding is available to help TJO focus on what matters most: saving the animal in front of them.

ENRICHMENT & QUALITY OF LIFE

Shelter animals need more than food and medical care. They need opportunities to play, explore, decompress, and simply be animals while they wait to be adopted. Donors help provide enrichment supplies and other resources that improve the daily lives of animals at TJO. Your generosity helps make an uncertain time a little more comfortable, giving animals opportunities for mental stimulation, comfort, and connection while they wait for their next chapter.



WHERE YOUR SUPPORT GOES

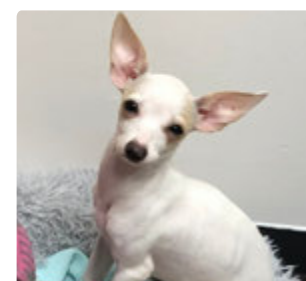
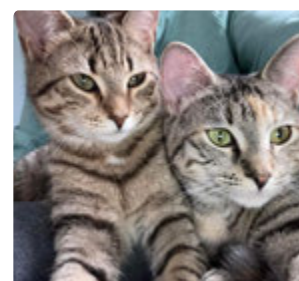
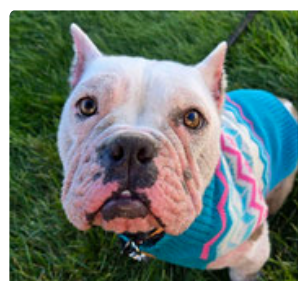
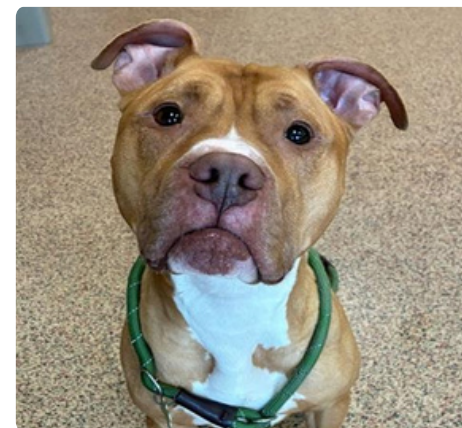
COMMUNITY PET SUPPORT

The rising cost of food and other necessities is putting pressure on families throughout our region. We are seeing the effects of that hardship at TJO, including an increase in emaciated animals and pet surrenders. In FY2026, the Foundation launched the **Reese Pet Food Initiative**, our first community outreach program. Rather than creating another standalone pet food pantry, we partnered with established community food pantries to get pet food directly to families already seeking assistance. In its first four months, the Reese Initiative delivered more than 1,600 pounds of pet food to Lorraine's Soup Kitchen in Chicopee. We ended the fiscal year by adding a new partnership with The Gray House in Springfield, with plans to continue expanding throughout the three communities we serve. The goal is simple: help families keep the pets they love.



SPAY & NEUTER

Accessible spay and neuter services are an important part of preventing unwanted litters, reducing shelter intake, and helping families care for their pets. The Foundation helped secure \$180,000 in grant funding to support a low-cost community spay/neuter program in partnership with the MSPCA. This program represents an important shift in our approach: not just caring for animals after they arrive at TJO but investing in services that can help prevent animals from entering the shelter in the first place. **Our FY27 goal** is to build on this work and expand affordable spay/neuter services to both dogs and cats through the planned clinic expansion.



FUNDRAISING HIGHLIGHTS

JACK ROME MEMORIAL 5K & FUN WALK



373 registered participants came to honor the animals who have changed their lives for the better.

\$58,372 Raised



RIDE LIKE AN ANIMAL MOTORCYCLE RUN



152 registered motorcycle enthusiasts came out for one last Ride, making it our most successful Ride in 17 years!

\$20,000+ Raised

PAWZAAR CRAFT FAIR



Pawzaar is the Foundation for TJO Animals annual craft fair. Showcasing 40+ vendors from around the Pioneer Valley.

\$8,250 Raised



DESIGNER PURRRSE BINGO



A sold out event that raised **\$27,990** for the animals at the Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control and Adoption Center.

\$106,690
Raised For Our
Annual Appeal



\$58,937
Raised For
Giving Tuesday

STORIES OF IMPACT

PIGLET

Piglet arrived at TJO suffering from severe neglect and starvation. The extent of her starvation had caused serious internal complications, requiring emergency blood transfusions and intensive medical care. Thanks to the veterinary team and the support of this community, she made a full recovery. When TJO shared Piglet's story, the response was overwhelming. Supporters donated more than \$3,000 toward her care, while the Foundation covered over \$8,000 in lifesaving medical expenses to give her a second chance. Because of compassionate people who refused to look away, Piglet's care was funded through the Reese Fund. Her story became one of hope, healing, and new beginnings.



HOLYOKE FIRES

In December of 2025, two large apartment fires displaced 75 families and their pets. TJO immediately responded to provide food, emergency supplies and comfort to those who were impacted. They provided temporary housing for displaced animals and distributed essential supplies such as crates, cat litter, bowls, and food. The Foundation and community helped to restock those supplies for the shelter after the disaster.



MSPCA

The Foundation secured a \$180,000 Wiederhold Grant from the NW Connecticut Community Foundation that enabled the MSPCA to provide spay/neuter services for 1,076 dogs and cats between April 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026.



LOOKING AHEAD

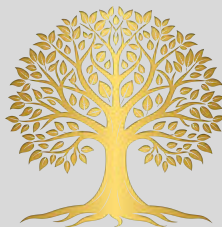
EXPANSION OF THE REESE PET FOOD INITIATIVE



As the need for assistance continues to grow, our FY27 goal is to expand into Holyoke while increasing the number of pantry partnerships in all 3 of the communities that TJO serves.

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS!

In October of 2027 the Foundation is hosting it's Rooted in Compassion Gala.



MSPCA

The Foundation help fund a low-cost community spay/neuter program in partnership with TJO an the MSPCA.



FY26 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

In FY 26 the Foundation received \$1.42M in financial support.

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

\$393,447

Includes Annual Appeal, Giving Tuesday, Monthly & Memorial Donations, etc.



BEQUESTS

\$302,700

Invested for the Future

A generous bequest received in FY26 was placed in an investment fund to strengthen our long-term ability to support animals.



RESTRICTED DISSOLUTION FUNDS

\$404,000

Funds received from the dissolution of All Dog Rescue will be used specifically to support the care of dogs.



FUNDRAISING EVENTS

\$125,670

Includes Jack Rome Memorial 5K, Ride Like an Animal, Pawzaar, Designer Purrrse Bingo, & Dress for Animals.

FOUNDATION GRANTS

\$8,300

REESE FUND DONATIONS

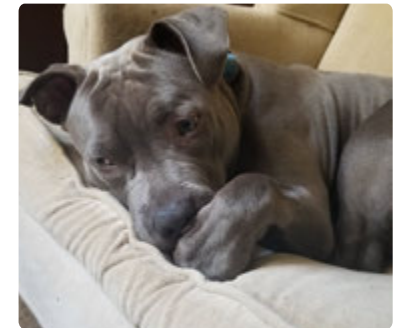
\$15,350

Donations for abused, severely neglected animals & the Pet Food Initiative.

SALES OF PRODUCT

\$1,333

TJO Marketplace and Alumni Calendars



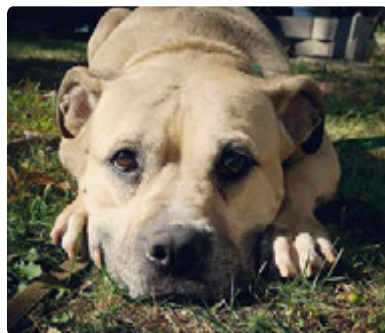
FY26 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

How We Put Your Support to Work

ANIMAL AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

\$182,996

Includes Adoption Center
program expenses



ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS

\$270,595



FUNDRAISING

\$60,254



TOTAL EXPENSES

\$513,845



This was a transformational year that strengthened both our immediate impact and our ability to serve animals in the future.

*Every animal helped by TJO has a story.
And behind every story are people who chose to help.*

THANK YOU ALL!

- Donors
- Monthly Donors
- Corporate Sponsors
- Volunteers
- Event Participants
- Community Partners
- Board Members
- TJO Staff



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