



## A LOOK BACK AT 2020...

There's no doubt that 2020 was a difficult year for all of us. When the pandemic hit in March, we had to temporarily suspend transporting, intakes, and reevaluate how we'd move forward. However, during these unprecedented times, we got through! We are beyond thankful for the incredible support from our volunteers, staff, donors, and the community! We had a record breaking year with **1,159 adoptions** and 54 transports. We also had 146 wonderful foster families supporting our adoption program. In addition to adoptions, our clinic was very busy as we conducted 648 spay/neuter surgeries, as well as 276 low-cost services to the community.

### 2020 Adoption Numbers:

- Dogs - 291
- Puppies - 287
- Cats - 225
- Kittens - 356

TOTAL:  
**1,159**



### 2020 DAWS SPONSORS

*We are very thankful for our wonderful sponsors for supporting us in 2020:*

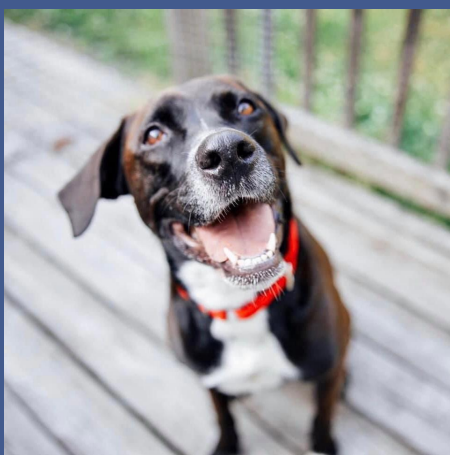
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## PET OF THE MONTH



After tragically losing her owner, Camille's whole world got turned upside down. Currently she is in a foster home as she waits to find a new loving family.

This two-year-old, 55 lb. lab mix is as sweet as can be. Camille loves to cuddle, play, and give kisses. She is a very smart pup and already knows a handful of commands and tricks.



Looking for a little black panther? Meet Tourmaline! He is a one-year-old kitty that was rescued from a feral colony in Bridgeport. He's now ready to find a furever family!

While he's still adjusting to his new environment, Tourmaline is starting to accept pets. He will need a patient and loving adopter. If you're interested, email [cattery@daws.org](mailto:cattery@daws.org).



Camille would do best with an experienced, adult only family as the only dog (cats potentially ok). If you would like to adopt this sweet girl, please contact [dogs@daws.org](mailto:dogs@daws.org).

VIEW OUR  
DOGS

\*\*Tourmaline is FIV+, only meaning that he will need to be an indoor cat. He will NOT require any additional medical attention. He is a great cat ready for a lifetime of love!

VIEW OUR  
CATS

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:

Karen Pasieka is currently the Puppy Program Foster Coordinator and Intake/Transport Coordinator for DAWS, where she has been a volunteer for over 13 years. Her connection with DAWS started when a scared and abused beagle arrived at DAWS and was found to be pregnant, not pleasantly plump! Karen fostered that mama and her 7 babies and was a puppy/litter care foster for many years before taking on more volunteer roles. Her favorite part about volunteering for DAWS is that it intersects her love for animals with the change volunteering can make for each rescued animal's second chance future.



When Karen and her family started to volunteer for DAWS, it was a family project. Now her 4 children have grown and Karen and her husband Michael have found serving DAWS as a way to enjoy transport road trips, post animals for adoption, and foster adorable puppies. Her favorite memory of volunteering was when she teamed up with Michelle Messemer and actively started to grow the Puppy Foster Program. She was happy to find both a visionary and friend in Michelle and develop a program together that continues to thrive.

Karen has two dogs of her own, one adopted from DAWS and another from a group in Ohio. One of the puppies born in that first litter was named Scout and was a beloved part of Karen's family until she passed away last summer. Karen has been a pediatrician at CareMount Medical in Mount Kisco, NY for 25 years. Much of her heart belongs to the welfare of children and animals. One thing that Karen has learned over the past 13 years is that rescue work and animal advocacy takes a team of passionate people. If someone loves animals and wants to effect positive change, there will be a role at a local shelter or rescue that will fit with that person's talents and give them great joy, as it has for Karen.

*If you are interested in learning more about our puppy program or to become a foster, please contact Karen at [daws@daws.org](mailto:daws@daws.org).*

## WE'RE HEADING TO THE PUPPY BOWL!

Danbury Animal Welfare Society is returning to the Puppy Bowl for 2021! Set to air on **Sunday, February 7th at 2pm** on Animal Planet and Discovery+, we have NINE of our DAWS puppies participating this year! Learn more [here](#) and keep up with the latest news over on our social media pages!



Want to support our cause and **sponsor one of our nine pups** in this year's Puppy Bowl? Click the link below to learn more about our sponsorship opportunities! If you have questions, please contact Alice Meenan at [alice.meenan@daws.org](mailto:alice.meenan@daws.org). Thank you!

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## COMMUNITY CORNER



Anna, a local Girl Scout, dropped off some amazing donations this month for our dogs. She raised \$400 in Chewy gift cards with her Girl Scout troop after they held a holiday event in the community. Everyone who came brought donations, too. Anna decided to raise money for DAWS because of her love for dogs, and because they adopted from us before, a pup named Gypsy. Way to go, Anna! If you are interested in hosting your own drive, please email [receptionist@daws.org](mailto:receptionist@daws.org).



# SAVE THE DATE:

Mark your calendars! Fairfield County's Giving Day is coming next month! Join us on **February 25th** for 24 hours of online giving and help support your local nonprofit!



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