

Cat Facts

The Capital Area Humane Society is open admission for cats. This is to say that we are committed to providing services to cat owners and people who are trying to help lost or abandoned cats. If we limit the number of cats we accept, there would be no where for people to turn.

There is no protection under Ohio law for cats who are lost. Cats are only protected under Ohio law if they are being treated cruelly. And if a cat is being treated cruelly in Franklin County, the Humane Society is again responsible for their protection and care through our Animal Law Enforcement Department, the only primarily charitably funded law enforcement department in Franklin County.



Within Columbus and most other municipalities in central Ohio, no animal control services are available to residents who have found a cat.

The Humane Society is, by thousands and thousands of cats, the largest cat sheltering organization in central Ohio. Other animal welfare organizations do wonderful work for cats, but their services are limited to the number of animals they can house. All other cats are referred to the Capital Area Humane Society.

As a result of cat overpopulation and the lack of services available to cats in central Ohio, the Humane Society received over 10,814 cats in 2006. Over 7,600 of those cats were surrendered as strays, over 2,000 cats were surrendered by their owners and nearly 1,000 cats were brought to the Humane Society in protective custody by our Humane Agents in the course of their investigations of cruelty, neglect or abandonment.

The Humane Society serves as the default animal control agency for cats in central Ohio, and receives no government funding to support our work with cats. Funding provided to the Humane Society by local governments represents less than 2 percent of our overall operating budget. We are grateful to receive some funding from the City of Columbus and Franklin County for our Animal Law Enforcement Department.

Be an AdvoCAT!

For more information about cat overpopulation in our community and what you can do to help, visit www.cahs-pets.org.

