

Letter from the Director

Dear Supporters,

As we say goodbye to 2019 and look forward to 2020, I want to thank all of our amazing supporters for helping PCAS have one of the best years in my 18 years here! At the start of 2019, I set an ambitious goal: 1,000 adoptions. Though we did not meet that number, we still had an incredible 869 adoptions and I am very proud of that. Beyond that, Friends of the Pitt County Animal Shelter (Pitt Friends), an entirely volunteer-run foster group, pulled over 180 animals from our shelter for rescue!

Every year we are improving and saving more lives. We are always looking for new information, best practices, and updating policies to better serve the people and animals of Pitt County. As the animal welfare field continues to grow and change, we are determined to be a leader in life-saving.

Again, I cannot thank all of our volunteers, fosters, donors, and advocates enough for such a great year. Let's make 2020 even better!

With Gratitude,
 Michele Whaley, Director

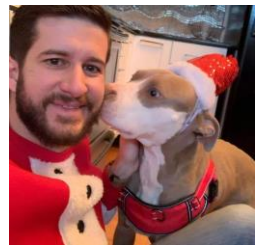
Silent Nights

This holiday season was certainly a time for joy at the shelter! For the



holiday closure, 15 dogs and 8 cats went to short-term foster homes to enjoy the nights in

a quiet, warm and loving environment. Studies have shown these short breaks from shelter living are very beneficial to the animals, and we are happy that so many volunteers opened their hearts and homes for them.



A Look Back on a 2019



Pet Health & Wellness Tip

Make sure your pets stay warm and safe this winter. Temperatures are expected to be lower than normal, with an increased chance of snow too! Though each breed of dog is different, in general dogs should not be left outside at temperatures lower than 40° F. After walks, be sure to wipe your pet's paws to remove any harmful ice-salt. For more information, check out:

<https://resources.bestfriends.org/article/keeping-dogs-and-cats-warm-and-safe-winter>