

SEK HUMANE SOCIETY **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

SAVING LIVES, SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Since our founding in 1973, The SEK Humane Society has served as a critical resource for our county—providing lifesaving care for homeless animals, reuniting lost pets with their families, and offering support services to residents in need. We are the only open-intake shelter in the county, accepting every animal brought through our doors, regardless of age, breed, or medical condition.

Today, we are at a crisis point.

Without sustainable monthly funding from the county, The SEK Humane Society will be forced to shut down by the end of this year. This would leave our county without any animal sheltering services, placing thousands of animals—and the safety and wellbeing of our residents—at risk.

We are formally requesting monthly County Funding of \$30,000.00.

This would allow us to:

- Remain open and operational
- Maintain our current level of care for animals
- Retain staff and continue vital community programs
- Prevent a county-wide animal welfare and public health crisis
- Provide additional benefits to Crawford County

This investment in our shelter is an investment in:

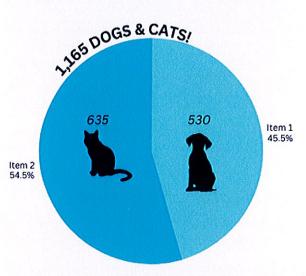
- Public safety reducing stray and aggressive animals
- Community health managing disease and pet overpopulation
- Responsible government ensuring our county upholds humane animal care practices

We are committed to transparency, collaboration, and accountability. If funding is approved, we will provide quarterly impact reports to the Commission, ensuring responsible stewardship of public funds.

We urge you to stand with us—and with the animals, families, and community we serve—by voting to approve monthly support for The SEK Humane Society.

SHELTER IMPACT REPORT

4 YEAR INTAKE REPORT



In 3 years, and as early as 4 months old, 1 unspayed female and 1 unneutered male can produce:

512 DOGS

250
200
150
175
140
100
50
2024
2023
2022
2021

Why the dip in intakes? We've been at full capacity for 3 years straight! More animals are coming in than ever before due to the cost of living increasing, vet shortages, and lack of community services which leads to owners surrendering

382 CATS

Since the SEK Humane Society alters every single tenant, that means the organization has prevented 271,360 dogs and 245,570 cats. That's 513,930 of unwanted animals saved!

HOW MANY ARE FROM CRAWFORD COUNTY?

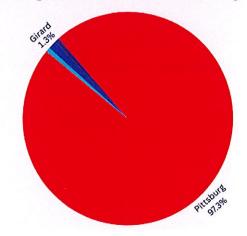


Crawford County



Other Counties

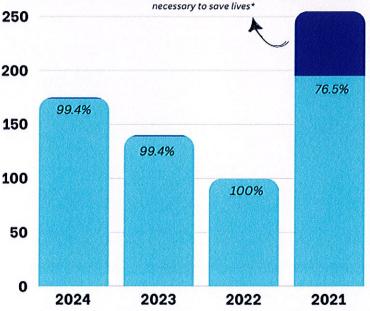
A majority of our intakes come right here from Crawford County, in the past 4 years the SEK Humane Society has an intake average of 93.8% from Crawford County.



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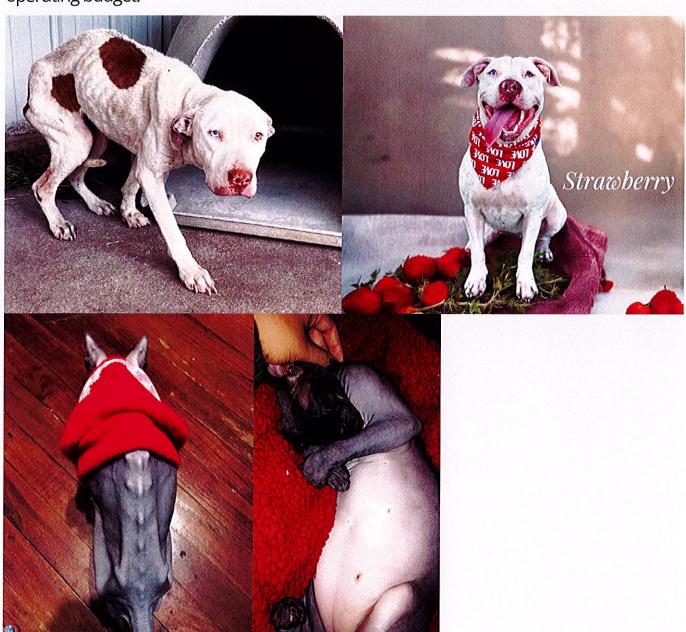
*2020 - 2021 were the two largest years in the COVID 19 pandemic; sadly many shelters due to lack of funding had to shut down so intaking from them was



A majority of our intakes within the cities of Crawford County are of course from Pittsburg, KS as it's the largest and most populous city within Crawford County. We are also located only 8 minutes from Pittsburg, KS meaning that we are this city's closest large scale animal shelter.

SHELTER IMPACT REPORT

We have seen a significant increase in animals requiring immediate medical assistance, beginning in 2024. Approximately 90% of incoming animals now arrive with urgent health concerns—ranging from severe dental infections, chronic allergies, and seizures to serious injuries requiring limb amputations or other major interventions. This dramatic shift has greatly increased the demand for medical resources, staff time, and treatment costs. Many of these animals have gone without any prior veterinary care, often suffering for extended periods before arriving at our facility. This dramatic shift has drastically increased the demand on our operating budget.

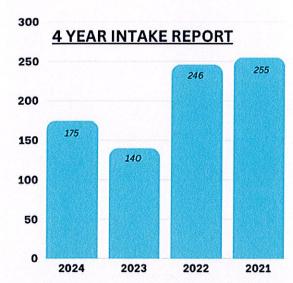


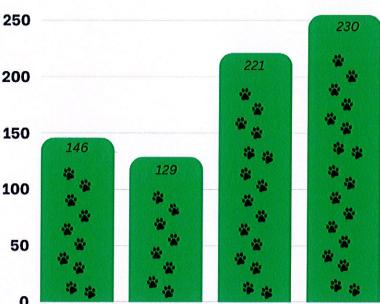
Without consistent support, our ability to treat these animals in a timely and humane manner is at serious risk. Allowing sick or injured animals to remain in the community untreated not only causes suffering but also poses real dangers to Crawford County residents, including the spread of disease, risk of animal bites or infections, and the emotional and financial strain placed on citizens who may encounter or try to help them.

SHELTER IMPACT REPORT

4 YEAR ADOPTION REPORT

When you compare our 4 year reports of Intakes vs. Adoptions you can see that they are very close to matching with each other!





This is a goal and dream for shelters each year to adopt out as many animals as they intake as this means that their tenants stays are relatively short. Sadly, each year we do have long term tenants which are mostly pitties due to the City of Pittsburg's ban on the bread which quadruples their length of stay at our shelter.

2022

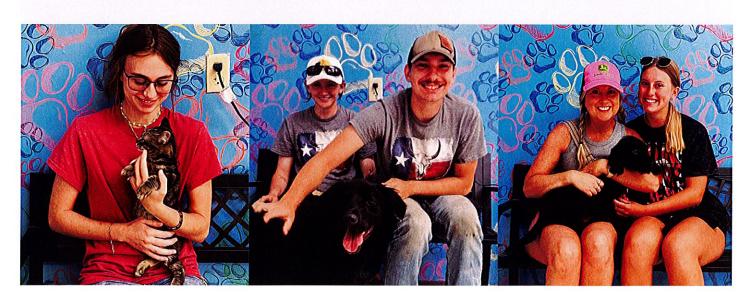
2021

2023

2024

"We serve all of Crawford County and often assist neighboring rural areas with limited resources. Without us, the burden of animal care would fall on law enforcement, EMS, and public works."

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES:

FREE Community Pet Food & Supplies Bank:

Thanks to our partnerships with Chewy and the Humane World for Animals; we've able to provide FREE pet food and supplies programs for Crawford County residents. In the past 4 years, even during the COVID-19 pandemic, we've handed out 164,000 POUNDS of pet food and supplies to families in need. That's \$225,000.00 worth of products that were given away for free! The amount of calls we get that families are needing to surrender their pets due to financial strain. When we're at full capacity; it prevents them making that hard choice of potentially illegally dumping their cat/dog in town or usually out in the county.

Low-Cost Microchipping Clinics:

Our organization hosts multiple low-cost microchipping clinics throughout the year. Microchipped pets are quickly reunited with owners, keeping them out of the county's stray animal system This lowers the burden on animal control and public safety services. Fewer animals in custody at the County's animal control facilities means fewer staff hours spent on strays and reduced holding time.

FREE School Pet Education Classes

We are proud to provide free pet education classes to our area's school districts! These classes are more than just feel-good programming; they are a preventative public service that delivers real, measurable benefits to our entire community and county systems. By teaching responsible pet ownership we help prevent many of the common issues that result in calls to county animal control facilities. Many pet surrenders are driven by solvable issues like behavior problems or misunderstandings about pet needs. Our classes give residents the tools to work through challenges rather than giving up their pets. This results in lower shelter intakes and fewer demands on county services, while protecting pets and families alike.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES:

FREE Pet Vaccine Clinic:

In 2023, our organization was thrilled to host it's first ever FREE Pet Vaccine Clinic! This was something our shelter has dreamed of doing for over 50 years and we were blessed to have the support of Petco Love Care and Broadway Animal Hospital to make this dream a reality. Thanks to a grant provided from Petco, we were able to procure Canine DAPPV and Feline HPC vaccines; we also wanted to offer rabies vaccines at no cost and this would made possible thanks to an anonymous donors help. Broadway Animal Hospital and our team partnered up to host a 2-day event program in the spring and fall were literally HUNDREDS of pet owners lined up. This line of cars was from our shelter all the way down to the 20th and bypass, we were shocked and overwhelmed to say the least of how badly our area needed this service! Sadly due to limited supplies and manpower we had to turn patrons away but in those (2) day of service we assisted almost 600 families with getting their pets up to date on their core vaccines! Our Crawford County area residents have begged for us to bring this back and with your support we could absolutely make this a possibility for them.

FREE Pet education Classes and Animal-Assisted Visitations to Senior Centers and Living Facilities

As your local animal shelter, we're committed not only to animal welfare—but to community wellness, public education, and supporting the most vulnerable residents in our county. We currently provide free pet education classes and animal-assisted visitation to senior centers and living facilities! Visits from our shelter animals offers companionship and emotional connection, reduced loneliness, depression, and anxiety, and mental stimulation and comfort, especially in memory care settings for senior residents. This complements the goals of county supported senior living facilities, helping reduce strain on behavioral health services and enhancing quality of life—without taxpayer dollars.



WHAT HAPPENS IF THE SEK HUMANE SOCIETY CLOSES?

Without immediate, sustainable funding, The SEK Humane Society will be forced to shut down by the end of the year. The absence of an animal shelter in our county will have devastating consequences for public safety, public health, and animal welfare.

Stray Animal Population Will Soar

Without a large-scale intake facility, the stray animal population will soar, leaving no safe place for abandoned, lost, or dangerous animals to go. As a result, communities will see a rise in roaming animals, which significantly increases the risk of dog bites and attacks, pet-related traffic accidents, property damage, and nuisance complaints.

Increased Burden on County Services

An increased burden will fall on county services, especially local law enforcement and animal control, who will be overwhelmed without the support of our large-scale intake facility. With no place to hold stray or dangerous animals, officers will be forced to divert more time away from human-related emergencies. Additionally, the county will face increased costs for emergency response and the transport of animals to out-of-county facilities—if those options are even available.

Animal Cruelty & Neglect Will Rise

Animal cruelty and neglect will inevitably rise without a local shelter to receive reports and take action. Cases of abuse, hoarding, and severe neglect will go unaddressed, leaving the most vulnerable animals to suffer without any chance of intervention or rescue.

Public Health Risks

A rise in unvaccinated animals significantly increases the threat of disease outbreaks, including parvovirus and rabies, as well as other zoonotic diseases that can be transmitted to humans. Additionally, the presence of stray animals contributes to sanitation concerns, with feces accumulating in public areas—posing serious public health risks.



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Loss of Community Resources

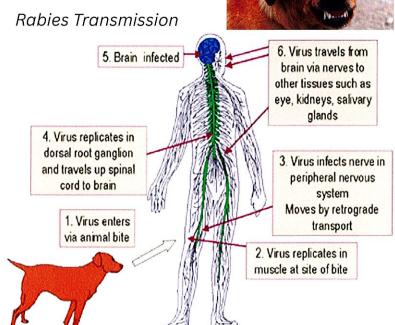
While there are other small-scale animal rescues in the area, the loss of The SEK Humane Society would eliminate the largest and most accessible resource for families and animals in need. Without it, the community would lose access to adoption services, lost-and-found pet reunification, low-cost vaccines, microchipping, and emergency pet assistance programs. The shelter also provides critical services that smaller rescues cannot consistently offer—such as pet food and supply assistance, educational classes for both kids and adults, and wellness visits to senior centers. Losing these programs would leave a major gap in care, education, and support throughout the county.



Financial Consequences for the County

The closure of The SEK Humane Society would lead to significant financial consequences for Crawford County. Without a centralized facility, there will be increased costs related to animal control calls, transport, and enforcement. The county may also face potential legal liabilities stemming from dog bites, disease transmission, or failure to respond to dangerous animal situations. Moreover, if the county ever needs to re-establish sheltering services in the future, the cost to restart those operations would be substantially higher than maintaining support now.

"This is not just about animals.
This is about public safety, public health, and protecting our county's future."



5 YEAR ACTIVITY REPORT

SEK Humane Society of Crawford County

Statement of Activity - No assurance is provided on these financial statements. Substantially all disclosures are omitted from these financial statements.

January 2020 - May 2025

	JAN - DEC 2020	JAN - DEC 2021	JAN - DEC 2022	JAN - DEC 2023	JAN - DEC 2024	JAN - MAY, 2025	TOTAL
Revenue							
Doggie Bag Receipts	38,114.75	44,875.50	49,628.74	51,149.42	52,409.61	25,335.86	\$261,513.88
Donations	244,927.22	582,310.96	266,248.12	323,051.10	94,179.12	18,604.44	\$1,529,320.96
Fundraisers	14,296.32	13,270.65	24,231.00	15,220.40	6,495.73	8,368.43	\$81,882.53
Grant Income	12,061.83	7,645.00	3,727.18	12,740.00		440.00	\$36,614.01
Memberships	2,234.00	85.00	535.00	510.00	280.00	101.00	\$3,745.00
Memorials	14,188.00	18,526.33	14,911.00	16,680.00	13,345.00	8,010.00	\$85,660.33
Sales of Product Revenue	5,556.01	4,687.77	4,326.30	5,574.40	5,563.08	906.14	\$26,613.70
Services	487.00		150.00				\$637.00
Shelter Adoptions	19,180.14	5,799.22	4,167.67	2,565.66	3,246.02	3,237.58	\$38,196.29
Shelter Receipts	4,470.85						\$4,470.85
Shelter Refund Adoption				-65.00			\$ -65.00
Sponsors	305.00	695.00	2,005.00	4,550.00	3,150.00	2,050.00	\$12,755.00
Total Revenue	\$355,821.12	\$677,895.43	\$369,930.01	\$431,975.98	\$178,668.56	\$67,053.45	\$2,081,344.55
GROSS PROFIT	\$355,821.12	\$677,895.43	\$369,930.01	\$431,975.98	\$178,668.56	\$67,053.45	\$2,081,344.55
Expenditures							
Advertising	330.70	307.00	236.00	565.38	1,134.31	374.58	\$2,947.97
Animal Food	11,046.75	7,724.77	12,467.98	8,732.09	8,830.46	2,362.75	\$51,164.80
Contribution				159.71			\$159.71
Depreciation	14,978.06	10,746.06	85,448.72	37,876.67	19,360.47	9,442.70	\$177,852.68
Doggie Bag		34.27					\$34.27
DB Credit Card Fees	26.71						\$26.71
DB Rent	11,755.75	14,300.00	19,700.00	18,210.47	18,100.00	8,100.00	\$90,166.2
Total Doggie Bag	11,782.46	14,334.27	19,700.00	18,210.47	18,100.00	8,100.00	\$90,227.20
Endowment Fund Admin Fees	11,827.15	12,274.75	11,248.69	13,532.75	14,921.23	2,756.57	\$66,561.14
Fundraising Expenses	2,713.30	100.00	2,545.20	3,759.15	4,406.35	4,911.10	\$18,435.10
Insurance	12,871.50	11,543.76	17,068.78	13,288.81	20,632.96	6,324.38	\$81,730.19
Legal & Professional	15,222.54	19,197.87	16,040.41	12,638.88	12,805.54	5,446.10	\$81,351.34
Litter	2,487.59	1,851.22					\$4,338.81
Meals/Entertainment	217 84	445 71	515.90	326.01	167.97	176 79	\$1,850.22

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Mileage Reimbursement					1,527.60	603.12	\$2,130.72
Miscellaneous Expense	1,533.30	2,956.82	920.04	1,335.82	1,800.67	998.10	\$9,544.75
Newsletter Expense	440.50	186.43					\$626.93
Office Expense	1,140.68	965.43	1,706.50	1,162.51	1,739.34	-34.74	\$6,679.72
Office Rent			851.00	906.00	946.00	258.00	\$2,961.00
Office Supplies	1,273.85	2,270.52	1,305.46	1,768.85	874.83	117.50	\$7,611.01
Paypal Fee	52.97	321.68	292.14	162.18	150.99	19.36	\$999.32
Postage	738.65	864.37	380.63	690.70	894.23	297.49	\$3,866.07
Repairs/Maintenance	22,346.00	22,180.14	21,090.90	21,409.39	7,499.40	2,584.34	\$97,110.17
Shelter Security	297.00	243.00	189.00				\$729.00
Supplies	16,894.94	20,594.47	36,615.68	48,050.42	34,946.30	13,290.71	\$170,392.52
Taxes	3,827.76	3,602.19	4,318.48	4,547.99	5,202.06	1,925.17	\$23,423.65
Payroll Taxes	17,343.40	16,458.87	18,075.72	19,866.14	20,619.68	7,164.67	\$99,528.48
Total Taxes	21,171.16	20,061.06	22,394.20	24,414.13	25,821.74	9,089.84	\$122,952.13
Training & Travel Expenses	236.81	1,183.84	2,851.52	4,277.11	2,093.67	623.96	\$11,266.91
Utilities	34,817.80	42,359.76	36,933.87	30,994.96	25,086.46	13,887.24	\$184,080.09
Van Expenses	889.75	3,433.10	2,264.83	2,494.97	1,933.35	479.35	\$11,495.35
Veterinary & Animal Medical Expenses	28,314.80	21,414.33	35,993.51	49,388.00	56,826.27	32,296.18	\$224,233.09
Wages	203,184.48	198,728.47	213,788.77	242,463.11	260,164.51	93,048.24	\$1,211,377.58
Total Expenditures	\$416,810.58	\$416,288.83	\$542,849.73	\$538,608.07	\$522,664.65	\$207,453.66	\$2,644,675.52
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$-60,989.46	\$261,606.60	\$-172,919.72	\$ -106,632.09	\$ -343,996.09	\$-140,400.21	\$ -563,330.97
Other Revenue Edward Jones Realized Gain/(Loss)				869.59			\$869.59
Endowment Fund Int/Div	9,873.72	8,637.34	9,695.39	10,977.35	11,955.55	4,149.80	\$55,289.15
Endowment Fund Realized Gain/(Loss)	36,920.34	23,683.71	10,311.17	-3,213.30	8,195.66	4,716.83	\$80,614.41
ERC		68,227.14	0.00	34,672.01			\$102,899.15
Interest Earned	100.37	60.70	3,533.30	2,648.66	2,537.00	854.94	\$9,734.97
Investment Interest & Dividends	1,081.28	950.46	1,199.37	5,713.37	4,340.51	151.51	\$13,436.50
Miscellaneous Income	105.00	385.51	10,830.36			18.75	\$11,339.62
PPP Loan Forgiveness	42,700.00	42,705.06					\$85,405.06

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January 2020 - May 2025

\$-197,223.23	\$-130,508.38 \$-197,223.23	\$-374,803.21	\$ -41,169.17	\$-124,992.78	\$421,458.49	\$52,791.82	NET REVENUE
\$366,107.74	\$9,891.83	\$-30,807.12	\$65,462.92	\$47,926.94	\$159,851.89	\$113,781.28	NET OTHER REVENUE
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Total Other Expenditures
\$0.00					0.00	0.00	Reconciliation Discrepancies-1
							Other Expenditures
\$366,107.74	\$9,891.83	\$-30,807.12	\$65,462.92	\$47,926.94	\$159,851.89	\$113,781.28	Total Other Revenue
\$-81,791.04	0.00	-79,236.20	-4,408.21	-4,177.06	2,595.96	3,434.47	Tisot Endowed Fund Realized Gain/(Loss)
\$88,310.33	0.00	21,400.36	18,203.45	16,534.41	12,606.01	19,566.10	Tisot Endowed Fund Int/Div
TOTAL	JAN - MAY, 2025	JAN - DEC 2024	JAN - DEC 2020 JAN - DEC 2021 JAN - DEC 2022 JAN - DEC 2023 JAN - DEC 2024 JAN - MAY, 2025	JAN - DEC 2022	JAN - DEC 2021	JAN - DEC 2020	

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

SUMMARY OF 5 YEAR ACTIVITY REPORT

Over the past five years (January 2020 – May 2025), the SEK Humane Society has served the Crawford County community with dedication, but financial challenges now threaten our survival. Despite substantial community-driven revenue—including \$1.6 million in donations and fundraisers—our shelter has consistently operated without any financial support from the county.

Over the past years, our core operating costs have continued to rise, creating significant strain on our shelter's ability to function without outside support. Expenses such as veterinary and medical care, staff wages, utilities, and essential supplies have all increased. These costs are critical to ensuring the health and well-being of the animals in our care and maintaining a safe, sanitary environment for both staff and the community.

After peaking in 2021, donations have dropped significantly falling from \$582,310.96 in 2021 to just \$94,179.12 in 2024, and only \$18,604.44 received in the first five months of 2025. This sharp decline suggests donor fatigue or broader economic constraints and has left the shelter without the private support once relied on to sustain operations. Without stable public funding, maintaining essential services has become increasingly difficult.

As a nonprofit organization, the SEK Humane Society has carried the weight of animal sheltering services for Crawford County without any direct county funding. Despite doing everything possible to raise funds privately, we are now at a breaking point. Without immediate and sustained financial support from the county, we will be forced to close our doors by the end of the year.

If that happens, the county will still face the consequences: rising stray populations, increased pressure on law enforcement and emergency services, greater public health risks, and growing legal liabilities. Eventually, the county may be forced to build or contract for animal sheltering services at a significantly higher cost—without the benefit of the experienced, community-rooted infrastructure already in place.

Investing in the shelter now is not only the most humane option—it's the most fiscally responsible one.

LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

To ensure the continued operation and long-term financial stability of the SEK Humane Society, we are committed to implementing a multi-tiered sustainability plan that leverages community support, diversified funding, and increased efficiency. County funding would provide the essential foundation needed to stabilize and build upon this plan.

Establishing County Partnership

We are seeking a consistent monthly investment from Crawford County to assist with our essential operational costs. This partnership would enable the shelter to reliably maintain intake services, retain qualified staff, and provide consistent, high-quality care for animals in need. In turn, it would reduce pressure on county law enforcement and emergency services by ensuring there is always a local, professional resource available to handle animal-related issues.

Community Fundraising Expansion

To strengthen financial sustainability, we plan to expand our community fundraising efforts. This includes growing our signature events to boost annual donor contributions and launching a "Friends of the Shelter" monthly giving program to encourage long-term donor commitments. Additionally, we aim to develop sponsorship packages and naming opportunities to engage local businesses and foster deeper community investment in the shelter's mission.

<u>In Kind Support</u>

Increasing in-kind donations—such as supplies, food, and professional services—will help offset direct expenses, enabling more resources to be directed toward critical animal care and shelter operations.

Enhanced Grant & Foundation Outreach

We will dedicate staff and volunteer resources to actively pursue regional and national animal welfare grants, expanding our funding opportunities. Additionally, we plan to develop partnerships with local foundations to secure program-specific funding focused on key areas such as education, senior outreach, and medical needs.

FUNDING REQUEST & ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

FUNDING REQUEST

We are respectfully requesting monthly financial support from the county in the amount of \$30,000, totaling \$360,000 annually. This funding would help sustain core shelter operations, including animal care and staff wages, as well as cover essential maintenance and facility improvements. It would also allow us to continue offering valuable community services such as vaccination clinics and emergency response support for animal-related calls—ensuring we remain a reliable and responsive resource for the county and its residents.

The SEK Humane Society is fully committed to accountability and transparency in the use of any county funds. We will provide quarterly financial and operational reports to the County Commission, maintain regular audits and clear, transparent accounting practices, and ensure open communication regarding how funds are allocated and what ongoing needs the shelter is facing. Our goal is to build a trusted partnership rooted in integrity and shared community responsibility.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO CRAWFORD COUNTY

With the approval of monthly funding, The SEK Humane Society will not only remain open, but will also expand our services specifically to benefit Crawford County and its residents. These enhanced offerings reflect our commitment to being a proactive partner in public safety, public health, and community engagement.

Reserved Kennel Space for Crawford County Sheriff's Office

The SEK Humane Society proposes designating a fixed number of kennel spaces specifically reserved for use by the Crawford County Sheriff's Office and county animal control. These spaces would be available to support deputies during active investigations, animal seizures, or emergency holds, ensuring the county has reliable and immediate access to safe, secure housing for animals involved in legal or urgent situations.

Return of Free or Low-Cost Vaccine Clinics

The SEK Humane Society will be able to reintroduce free or low-cost vaccination clinics to the community, providing vital preventative care that helps protect both pets and public health. These clinics play a critical role in reducing the risk of dangerous and highly contagious diseases such as parvo, distemper, and rabies. By making vaccinations more accessible and affordable, we can help prevent outbreaks, reduce shelter intake, and support responsible pet ownership across Crawford County.

FUNDING REQUEST & ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

Free Microchipping Clinics

The SEK Humane Society would be committed to hosting recurring microchipping clinics at no cost to Crawford County residents. These clinics are a proven tool in helping reunite lost pets with their families quickly and efficiently, often avoiding the need for shelter intake altogether. By making microchipping accessible to all pet owners, we can reduce the number of strays entering the shelter system, ease the burden on animal control services, and increase the overall rate of successful reunifications across the county.

New Public Workshops at Libraries & Community Centers

The SEK Humane Society would be able to launch a series of engaging, family-friendly public workshops at local libraries and community centers. These educational events will cover a range of important topics, including basic pet care, responsible pet ownership, animal safety, and coexisting with local wildlife. By bringing accessible, hands-on education directly into neighborhoods, we aim to empower residents of all ages with the knowledge and tools to be informed, compassionate, and responsible members of our animal-loving community.

Emergency Shelter Planning & Support Assistance with Pet Evacuations

The SEK Humane Society is prepared to serve as a county partner in emergency and disaster response by providing temporary sheltering for animals during storms, fires, and other major incidents. When resources allow, we also assist with pet evacuations, helping families safely relocate their animals during large-scale emergencies. Our involvement ensures that animal welfare is integrated into county disaster planning, offering critical support to residents during times of crisis and helping to reduce the burden on emergency management services.

County Recognition & Visibility

In recognition of the county's support, The SEK Humane Society will proudly include Crawford County's name and/or logo on shelter signage, our website, and all printed materials related to clinics and community events. We will also highlight the county's partnership in press releases and across social media campaigns. Additionally, we welcome the opportunity to co-brand and co-host special community events—such as adoption fairs, pet wellness days, or animal control appreciation weeks—creating shared visibility and reinforcing the positive impact of county-backed initiatives.

"With your support, we'll move beyond survival—we'll thrive as a service-first partner to the people and leadership of Crawford County."

FUNDING REQUEST & ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

Pet ID Days at County Events

The SEK Humane Society proposes setting up "Pet ID Stations" offering free tagging services at county fairs, city festivals, and sheriff-sponsored events. These stations provide a valuable service to residents while building goodwill and increasing visibility for both the shelter and Crawford County. By partnering in these popular community gatherings, we can promote responsible pet ownership and strengthen the connection between the county, the shelter, and its residents.

Expert Support in Animal-Related Legal Cases

The SEK Humane Society will offer expert support in animal-related legal cases by making our Director available to provide professional witness testimony or statements when needed. Whether for investigations involving animal neglect, cruelty, or dog bite incidents, our team's expertise helps ensure thorough, informed legal processes that protect both animals and the community.

<u>Training Opportunities for Crawford County Animal Control Officers</u>

The SEK Humane Society is committed to supporting Crawford County animal control officers by providing continuing education and hands-on training. These opportunities are designed to enhance their skills and knowledge, enabling them to better serve the community and effectively manage animal welfare issues. By investing in professional development with animal behavioral and care knowledge, we strengthen the county's capacity for humane and efficient animal control.

Pet Behavioral Support & Resources for County Residents

[The SEK Humane Society would be able to offers free or low-cost consultations and workshops on pet behavior and training to county residents. These services help address common behavioral challenges, reducing the number of animals surrendered to the shelter due to behavior issues. By supporting pet owners in managing and improving their pets' behavior, we also help ease the workload on animal control and contribute to stronger, more stable pet-owner relationships throughout the community.

