

## Western Illinois Animal Rescue

## 2020

We could not have imagined what a year 2020 would have been for us. Thankfully, we were able to hold our Annual Furry Friends' fundraiser right before everything shut down. We had many projects in the works and pushed through to complete our upgrades. One of our largest projects was our Catio; this addition has been in the back of our minds since our building was completed. We also added our memorial garden alongside our catio this summer. Our garden is a special place that you can purchase bricks or stones in memory of or to honor your loved ones throughout our garden. Some other projects include enclosing our front porch, sign by the road, new washer/dryer, dog room furnace, dog room sink, new concrete pad on the back of the building and security system.

2020 has been a year for the animals for sure. We saw a large increase in adoptions compared to past years. This was fantastic for the animals and we could not have done this without the support of our donors and the community. We recently added a new Facebook page Wiar Furever Friends for anyone who has adopted to share and stay connected.

We were hit hard without being able to hold some of our planned fundraising events as well as not having schools collecting donations this past year. Thankfully, the community seemed to pull through whenever we asked for your extra donations.

This year we were saddened to announce the passing out our beloved President Dan Porter. He helped grow our Rescue in so many ways and had one of the largest hearts for all the animals. He will truly be missed by many in the Rescue community. Our board has stepped up and is continuing to work as a team to make Dan proud as we move forward to save more animals lives.

We hope going forward in 2021 that we continue to grow and save as many animals as possible. Some of our planned events to look forward to this year include: Furry Friends Fundraiser (May 15th), Dan Porter Memorial Event (June 5<sup>th</sup>), Doggie Wash (April 2021), Fish Fry/Bags Tournament (Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>), Rummage Sale (Sept 2021), 5k (Oct. 2021) and Vendor Show (Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>).

A HUGE thank you for the generosity you continue to provide to Western Illinois Animal Rescue! We simply could not do what we do without the assistance we get from all of you!



Pictured on back are some of our improvements and projects completed this year.

## Catio/Memorial Garden



**Front Porch** 

**Back Concrete Pad** 



New Sign

