

We envision a community where all animals are valued, protected & have a safe place to call **HOME.**

SAVING PUA

Hardly a day passes without an animal in need of urgent medical care arriving at Hamilton County's animal shelter. This year, a tiny French bulldog mix named Pua was one of them.

Baby Pua was just four days old when she came to us after being rescued from a breeder who had intended to throw her in the trash. She was suffering from a cleft palate that made it impossible for her to nurse, as well as hydrocephalus which causes swelling of the brain and can lead to life-threatening neurological complications. And if that wasn't enough, Pua also was battling pneumonia.

To survive, this little pup needed 24/7 care. This included continuous feeding through a stomach tube. So at night, our Medical Director, Amanda Gilbert, would take Pua home so she could continue providing that life-sustaining care. And when Amanda came to work in the morning, Pua came along too – tucked into a pouch worn around Amanda's waist.

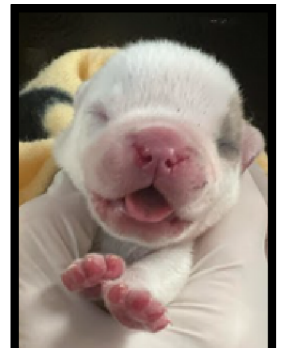
Pua was not the first animal Amanda brought home with her to provide round-the-clock care, and she's not likely to be the last since her experience as an emergency critical-care veterinary specialist makes her uniquely qualified to tackle the most challenging cases.

It's part of what sets Cincinnati Animal CARE apart from most municipal shelters.

While Pua grew stronger from the tube feeding, she would eventually have to eat on her own. So Amanda and her team came up with the ingenious idea -- create a mold of Pua's mouth and suture it onto a baby bottle so Pua could latch on in a way that mimicked her mother. It took several tries, but everyone celebrated the day Pua could finally feed from a bottle!

**PUA WAS FED
FROM A TUBE INSERTED
DIRECTLY INTO HER
STOMACH**

**A MOUTH MOLD WAS
CREATED TO TEACH HER
HOW TO NURSE**





PUA THEN

INNOVATION AND CELEBRATION

By the time Pua was six months old, she could eat one small kibble at a time. She also had gained enough weight to safely undergo surgery to fix her cleft palate. And today, she is thriving in a loving home, weighing a healthy 21 pounds.

Pua's story embodies Cincinnati Animal CARE's unwavering commitment to giving every animal their best chance. It also shows the benefit of having an in-house team skilled in dealing with the many emergency cases we see regularly throughout the year, which allows us to maximize our financial resources.

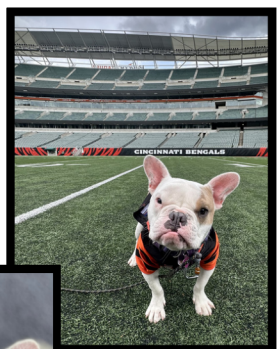
Your support has made it possible for Hamilton County to become a no-kill community, saving the lives of 95% of all dogs and 93% of all cats who entered the shelter in the past year. You've also made it possible for us to offer support services such as pet food, veterinary care and temporary housing assistance that help pets stay in their homes instead of being surrendered to the county shelter.

Our motto is "*Sheltering a Different Way.*" **But we can't do it alone... Community support is essential to sustaining our life-saving programs.** So we are asking that you take a moment to send a year-end gift using the enclosed envelope. Pua and thousands of other homeless animals in Hamilton County are counting on you. Please don't let them down!

Sincerely,

Carolyn Evans

Carolyn Evans, Executive Director



PUA NOW

12 MONTHS IN REVIEW

ADOPTIONS

3,905

ANIMAL INTAKE

6,884

CALLS RESPONDED TO BY DOG WARDENS

14,648

SPENT ON MEDICAL CARE

1,000,000

ANIMALS CARED FOR IN FOSTER HOMES

3,252

ANIMALS REUNITED WITH THEIR OWNERS

1,065