



impact report 2021



SUNCOAST
HUMANE SOCIETY

from the ceo



Although it seems like ages ago, it hasn't been that long since Covid-19 first upended our lives, shattered all sense of normalcy, and caused many of us to become isolated from the people, places and routines that anchor our very lives. To cope with the isolation and boredom of our new locked-down world, many of us found tremendous solace in our furry, four-legged friends.

Often homes without pets before the lock down decided that a new puppy, kitten, or rabbit would be an ideal diversion without fully grasping the responsibilities that pet ownership confers on a household. Sadly, once the novelty wore off and reality set in, many of these pets became homeless again. Laid-off from their jobs with fewer resources to support their families, many owners reluctantly chose to surrender their pets.

This unexpected uptick in shelter intakes left us struggling as never before. Still, we redoubled our efforts to provide for as many animals as humanly possible even as we sought solutions for problems most of us had never contemplated before.

Rising to the challenge, the people of Suncoast Humane Society performed brilliantly. We found strength in new partnerships with other community non-profits and assembled a small army of foster care providers to further extend our sheltering capabilities. Working tirelessly together we got pet food and supplies out to families who were suddenly strapped for resources, while our behavioral team offered one-on-one counseling, virtual training and other SHS resources that helped well over a hundred dogs avoid being relinquished by their owners.

Other shelters in the region relied on SHS when their kennels filled up and they suddenly faced terminating lives or finding safe shelter elsewhere. These circumstances were one of the catalysts for our Freedom Rider program.

Another program, Pawsitive Adventures, encourages community members to host a dog on a day-long outing, giving the pup a break from kennel life and helping to further socialize the animal while introducing it to a potential new home.

Needless to say I am incredibly proud of how we've been able to rise to each of these massive new challenges while still managing to keep our aging shelter intact and operating smoothly. Now aware more than ever that our community has outgrown its current shelter facility, it has heightened our determination to raise the \$8 million necessary to enlarge and redevelop the SHS campus. We hope we can once again count on your support to help make it happen.

We live in a time when reports of an organization's success are often couched in hyperbole. Yet, the amazing impact our staff, volunteers, fosters and donors have had on fulfilling our mission during these rough and tumble times is no exaggeration. Please take a moment to congratulate yourself for all you have helped us accomplish.

Times like these require each of us doing our utmost every day to continue moving forward and making a difference. And honestly, I can think of no community more up to the task. Your unwavering support is humbling and we could not be more grateful.

I know I speak for everyone at SHS when I thank you for helping us give these precious animals the lives and the love they so richly deserve.

For the animals!

Maureen E. O'Neil

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Each person working there is friendly, efficient and sympathetic to your needs. It's a wonderful organization that should be commended for doing an exceptional job in all areas.

Chris C.
North Port, FL

who we are

For over 50 years, Suncoast Humane Society has worked to advance animal welfare while promoting sound practices that help keep people and their pets together.

SHS offers safe sanctuary for all pets with no one to care for them—regardless of age, size, or breed. We love them all.

Services include adoption, low-cost preventative health care, fostering, pet food bank, education and outreach, pet therapy, obedience training and disaster preparedness.

what we do

our mission

Because pets need people and people need pets, Suncoast Humane Society provides sheltering to the most vulnerable animals, affordable prevention services to the community and ongoing support for pets and the people who love them.

SUNCOAST HUMANE SOCIETY BOARD OF TRUSTEES & OFFICERS 2022

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how we do it

sheltering

Suncoast Humane Society is the regional resource for pets and their people. The animals we rescue often have heartbreaking stories involving abandonment and neglect or are separated from their family due to natural disasters. We collaborate with shelter and rescue partners across the state and nation to transfer in dogs, cats and small critters, who truly need us the most. We rescue, house, care for and adopt pets, not only from our shelter but also through a vast network of foster families across the region.

We provide education and support to the community through our innovative **Positive Alternatives to Shelter Surrender (PASS)** program. This program includes our community pet food bank, feeding hungry bellies for those facing challenges feeding their pets.

Our **Pawsitive Adventures Program** invites our community to take shelter pups on fun outings and field trips, giving each pup a break from their kennel and helping to socialize them.

prevention

SHS offers low-cost medical services, including spay and neutering, affordable vaccinations and other veterinary services to our region.

Our preventive health care clinic is focused on keeping otherwise healthy pets from succumbing to treatable illnesses or injuries for lack of financial resources.

community outreach

Pet Therapy: SHS trained volunteers and their pets provide support to adults and children who need it most. The free program is available to local schools, senior centers, through the court system and libraries for reading fun for the children.

Community Pet Food Bank: SHS distributes free pet food and cat litter to those in our community experiencing challenges to their ability to feed and care for their pets.

Behavioral Training for Your Pet: Positive reinforcement and constructive guidance promotes trust, loyalty, companionship and builds a strong human-animal bond with your pet. SHS provides virtual training sessions to teach important life skills to dogs and cats, enriching their lives through mental and physical exercises.



spotlight on fostering

We are fortunate to have many dedicated fosters but always need more. Caring for a dog, cat or small critter is not only enormously satisfying, but saves lives.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR FOSTERS WHO OPEN THEIR HEARTS AND HOMES TO OUR ANIMALS!

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Fostering is a gift that changes the world – one heartbeat at a time. Be a part of something that will change you in ways never imagined. When you bring an animal home from our shelter even for a short time, it fosters successful adoptions and love grows.”

Linda Reisen

Suncoast Humane Society Foster Mom

Don't have the time to commit to fostering, but still want to make a **HUGE** difference in a shelter dog's life? You can join our **Pawsitive Adventures Program** and take a pup like Wren, shown below, on a fun outing to the beach or on a car ride to grab a puppachino. These field trips benefit our pups immensely by giving them a break from their kennels and helping to socialize them.



Thor the kitten was found alone in someone's driveway, emaciated, scabby, and with bad eye infections at 3 weeks of age. Initially we thought she was a male because she was so very thin – hence the name. She required care every 2 hours around the clock. After a week in a caring and loving foster home, she was looking more like a kitten. Don't you agree?



sheltering

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352

infant animals
received care

1,053

animals sheltered



365

freedom riders

prevention

We provide low-cost medical services, including spay and neutering, affordable vaccinations and other veterinary services to our region.

766

foster homes

6,793

clinic patients:
vaccinations, preventions
& spay/neuter





community outreach

We implement programs and services that respond to community needs, and create initiatives to positively influence the human-animal bond.

678
hours of pet
therapy



114
virtual training
sessions

in-home behavior support

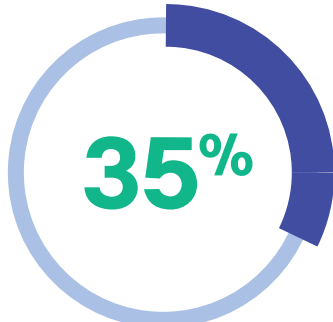
123
pets kept with
their families



33,201
lbs of pet food donated
to the community

revenue

TOTAL \$4,638,811.88



35%

legacy/bequests

\$1,598,297.29



30%

thrift stores

\$1,401,032.04



25%

public support

\$1,166,911.88



10%

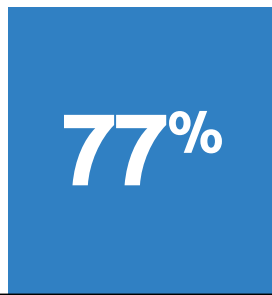
clinic/service/other

\$472,570.67

expenses

TOTAL \$2,853,857

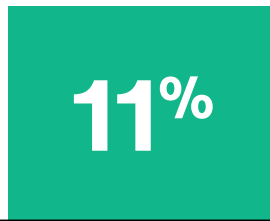
\$2,234,951



77%

program services

\$304,982



11%

fundraising & development

\$313,924



12%

management & general

Legacy Giving provides an avenue for donors to make a larger, more impactful gift than ever imagined, which enables SHS to continue programs that help animals and the people who love them for generations to come. For many of us, there is a compelling need to make a difference and to leave a lasting impact in the community in which we love. These gifts not only support our life-saving work today, but also make a significant impact on our future goals.

As a direct result of the bequest gifts received in 2021, the Board of Trustees has dedicated \$1 million to our first year operating costs of the new campus.

We are eternally grateful for those who have provided for our future in this way.





how you can help

adopt a pet

Consider opening your heart to a pet in need at our shelter or our satellite centers. We have dogs, cats, puppies, kittens and many other small critters looking for forever families.

foster a pet

We are fortunate to have many dedicated fosters but are always looking for more. Interested in helping an animal in need? We will provide you with education, direction, food, and medical and behavioral assistance. You provide the love. Don't have time to commit to being a full time foster? Join the **Pawsitive Adventures Program** and take a shelter pup for a car ride and a puppachino or an afternoon at the beach. Field trips give our pups a break from their kennels and helps to socialize them before finding their forever homes.

volunteer

There are many ways to make a difference in an animal's life. Your help and support is welcome at our adoption center, satellite adoption centers and in our thrift stores, as well as in the office and at local events. More than 148,000 hours of time were donated to SHS by over 2600 volunteers. You are AMAZING!

donate

We love them all and we know you do too. Donations of all kinds make this possible. From the Amazon Wish List to the thrift store donation to the monetary contribution, you make the everyday work possible and saving them a reality. We thank you!

shelter angel medical fund

You can help a specific animal by becoming a "Shelter Angel." Your donation is directed toward the care and treatment of selected pets with the greatest needs.

legacy gifts

We invite you to consider a legacy gift to benefit the animals, programs and services of SHS. There are many options when considering a planned gift, such as cash, securities, real estate and personal property.

donate to & shop our thrift stores

Our Thrift Stores generate much needed funding for SHS. All proceeds raised by the sale of donated, quality items support the animals, programs and services. Our two thrift stores, located in Englewood and Venice, accept donations of gently used household and other items. Shop with us for unique treasures, furniture, books, art, small appliances and much more.



For more information on how you can help please visit: humane.org

build a better future

our vision



For 50 years, Suncoast Humane Society has been the guardian and protector for tens of thousands of dogs, cats, and small critters. We have come together to tend to their needs so they can become healthy and find forever families. Together, we will continue to care for the vulnerable by building a campus dedicated to defending and nurturing the pets in our community.



the why

ANIMAL WELFARE HAS EVOLVED: AN ANIMAL'S EMOTIONAL HEALTH IS AS IMPORTANT AS ITS PHYSICAL HEALTH. THE CURRENT FACILITY IS OUTDATED.

KENNELS
dark, loud & scary

CATS have no sunlight

LITTLE SPACE
for play & exercise

air is stagnant

floors are beyond repair

building is in structural failure

the plan

innovative shelter

dog play yards

community pet food bank

butterfly gardens

veterinary clinic

free roaming cat spaces

preventive care

dog pools

community outreach center

educational classes

behavioral training

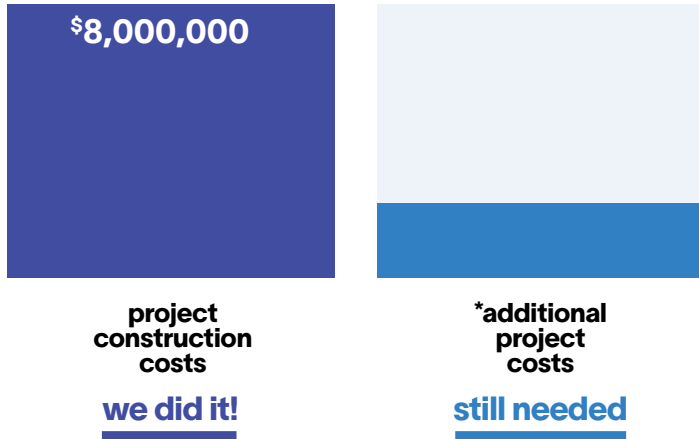
volunteer center

walking trails

proposed project budget

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION COSTS

\$8,000,000



BRICK-AND-MORTAR: The new facility will feature a dog shelter with outdoor runs and pools, a cat house with pods, a veterinary clinic, community center, and a volunteer center using value engineering construction.

*additional project costs

DESIGN & ARCHITECTURAL FEES:

Architectural and landscape design
Walking trails and butterfly gardens
Engineering and permit fees

EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE & FIXTURES:

Dog and cat spaces
Surgical and radiology suites

Net Zero/solar

Additional soft and other operating costs

**Actual amount of additional costs is currently being calculated.
Costs are determined by current market value & are subject to change.*

one health

To promote happy and healthy pets, the future campus honors the interconnectedness between people, animals, plants, and the environment we share. This is what the American Veterinary Association refers to as One Health. And with our environmentally –conscious build, we are reducing our carbon pawprint. Simply put, we share this environment, and our individual health is reliant on our collective health.



help us build it for them! please visit: humane.org/about/capital-campaign



love them all



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