



spokane
humane society

ANNUAL REPORT

Celebrating 120 years of the humane treatment of animals



The Spokane Humane Society Story

- ♥ 120 Years
- ♥ Over 200,000 Animals Saved
- ♥ Thousands of Volunteers
- ♥ Over 35,000 donors

Celebrating 120 years of the humane



1897

The first home of the Spokane Humane Society located in the barn at the residence of Spokane/Chewelah Pioneer Col. D.P. Jenkins. The words "Spokane Humane Society" were painted on the shingled roof of the colonel's barn.

1925

The Spokane Humane Society located at 704 West Broadway (near the Flour Mill), completed in 1910 and served as the Society's base of operations until 1973.



1948

Norman E. Finch, Spokane Humane Society's Iron Man weathered the storms at the helm from 1945-1973. During his 38 years, this dedicated manager helped tens of thousands of animals and with his Board of Directors, moved the Society to its current day location in 1973.



1964

Diane (Dizmang) Rasmussen posing with Norman Finch and her foster dog Duchess. Diane later came to work at the Spokane Humane Society and remains a strong supporter today.



1973

Spokane Humane Society purchased the 40 acre parcel of land at 6607 N. Havana. The Society was ready for a new facility and a new face; to shed the image of being a dog pound, for a more contemporary concept promoting animal welfare, education, and legislation.



1978

Spokane Humane Society breaks ground on their new addition to the main shelter facility at 6607 N. Havana, enlarging the 10,000 square foot shelter with an additional 8,000 square feet of space.



treatment of animals in Spokane

1999



Spokane Humane Society holds its first gala event Tux and Tails (now the FurrBall), a fundraising dinner, dance and auction event. Now in its 18th year, this is the Society's largest fundraiser each year and one of the premier events in Spokane.

2004

Spokane Humane Society opens a veterinary clinic, offering low cost spay, neuter and vaccination options to Spokane area residents and other area animal welfare organizations. A new facility was opened thanks to the bequest of Dorothy Mae Clark in October of 2012. The spay and neuter clinic has performed over 26,000 surgeries since it opened.



2006

By mandate of the Spokane Humane Society's Board of Directors, the Society stopped euthanizing animals due to lack of space. Since then the Spokane Humane Society has reached its goals of not euthanizing healthy, adoptable and treatable animals and has all but eliminated shelter overcrowding. We have maintained a Save Rate of over 95% since 2008.



2013

PetSmart Charities partners with the Spokane Humane Society to open an Everyday Adoption Center in their Newport Highway location in Spokane. Working with PetSmart allows the Spokane Humane Society to reach more people and help more animals find their forever homes. Over 3,000 animals have been adopted from the PetSmart Everyday Adoption Center.



2016

Spokane Humane Society was proud and honored to be chosen by the KXLY News 4 Extreme Team as one of their community projects. The main shelter facility received a remodel and much needed upgrades to the kennels, cat rooms, reception area, play yards and so much more. Over \$175,000 of donated material, labor and love!



Spokane Humane Society

Since 1897 we have acted as a refuge for animals in peril by providing care, shelter, and placement for tens of thousands of lost, neglected, and unwanted animals. Throughout our 120 years of history we have served many functions and now focus on the care and placement of companion animals in the greater Spokane area.

Our mission is "Working together to enrich the lives of companion animals through Support, Education, Advocacy and Love".

We place nearly 3,500 animals annually through our adoption programs. We reach out to tens of thousands of individuals promoting the importance of animals in our lives and the need to reduce animal over population.

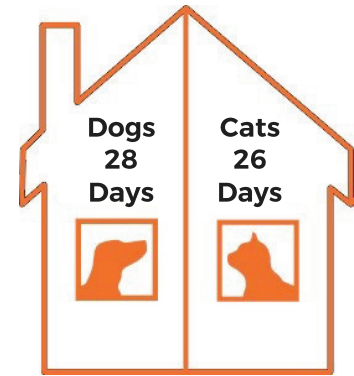
**In 2016 our Save Rate was
97.38 %**



Donations

Spokane Humane Society is funded 100% by donations and fees for services. We do not have time limits and never euthanize healthy, treatable animals. Thanks to the generous donations of individuals, wills and bequests, business and community organizations, we are able to help so many animals each year.

Average Length of Stay



Pet Food Bank

We distribute more than 20,000 pounds of pet food into the community annually, providing food and supplies to families struggling to care for their pets. This service allows more pets to stay in their homes and receive the love and food they deserve.

In 2016 we distributed 32,665 pounds of pet food. Over 190,000 pounds of food has been distributed since we began the program.

All of the food in our Pet Food Bank was donated to the Spokane Humane Society.



Spay and Neuter Clinic



In 2016 we performed:

4,215 Spay/Neuter Surgeries

3,982 Vaccinations

591 Microchips

The Spokane Humane Society Spay and Neuter Clinic was made possible by a generous donation from Dorothy M. Clark, a long-time supporter and animal lover. The clinic offers spay and neuter services, vaccinations, and microchipping for the pets of low income families.

We believe every pet deserves the best care while they are with us and we will strive to keep our fees as low as possible to help the greater Spokane area battle the pet overpopulation problem. We utilize high quality—high volume techniques, equipment, anesthesia and a pain protocol.

Since the clinic opened in 2004, more than 26,000 spay and neuter surgeries have been performed.

PetSmart Everyday Adoption Center

In 2013, Spokane Humane Society partnered with PetSmart to open the Everyday Adoption Center at their Newport Highway location. Dogs, cats and other animals are available to the public for adoption seven days a week.

Over 3,000 animals have found their forever homes through the Everyday Adoption Center since they opened.



Volunteers

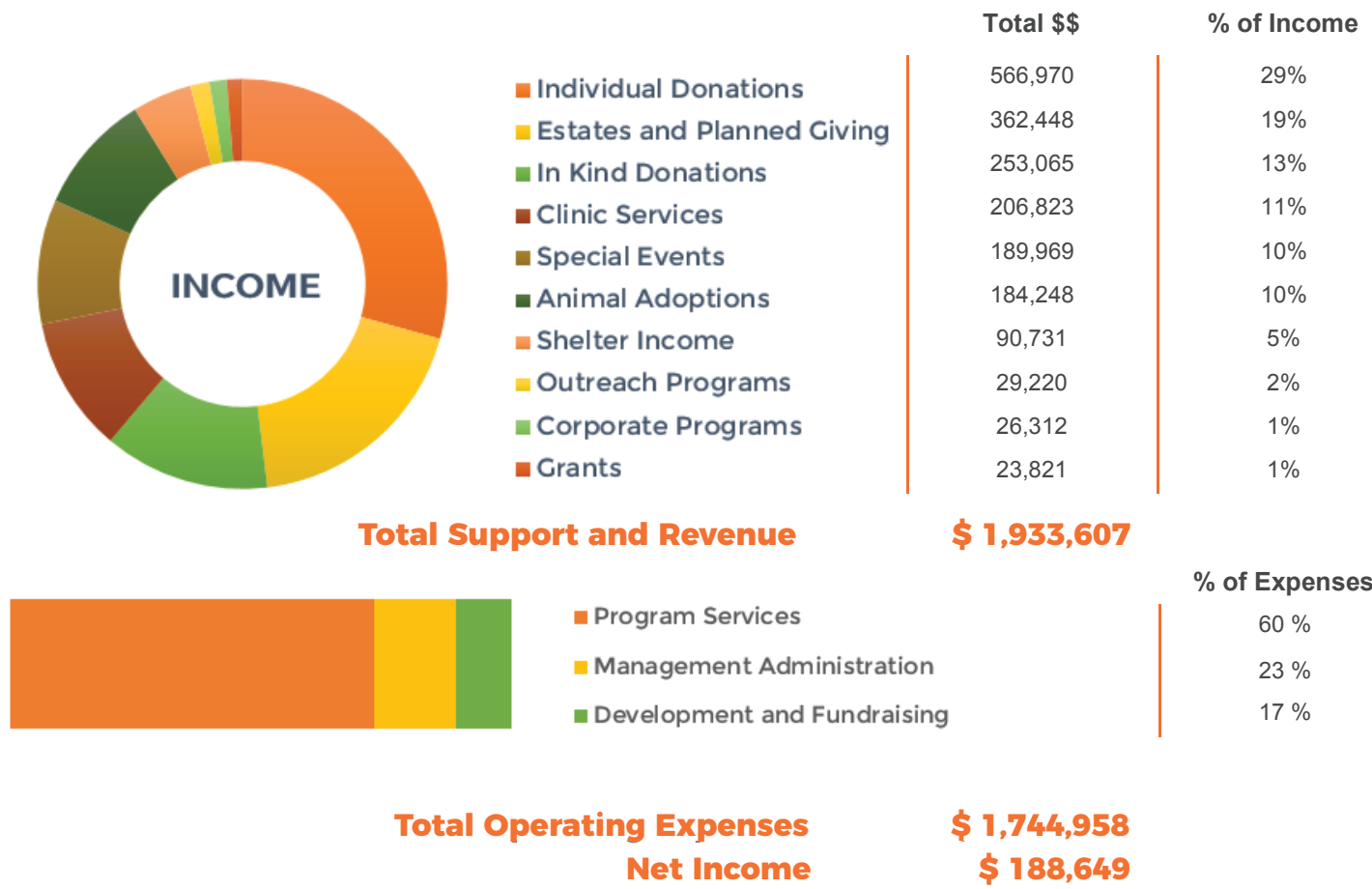
Our volunteers, or “unpaid staff” as we like to call them, are an integral part of the team at Spokane Humane Society. Our amazing volunteers help with all aspects of our mission; greeting people at the shelter, walking dogs, cuddling cats, fostering the animals in need, helping in the clinic, even working at adoption and fundraising events.

We could not do it without them!

Learn more about volunteer opportunities on our website. www.spokanehumanesociety.org

2016 SHS Financials

In Kind Donations are substantially higher than usual due to the KXLY Extreme Team Remodel.



Thank You to our Donors and Sponsors

Your donations help save the lives of companion animals in the greater Spokane area.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS AND PARTNERS

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Clinic
- ◆ Maria Walker Homes
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- ◆ Tito's Vodka
- ◆ Alaskan Brewing



OUR 2016 FUNDING CAME FROM:

4,522 Individuals and Families

109 Businesses and Corporations

43 Schools and Community Organizations

21 Foundations

Our Shelter Hero, Janie Stowell



This year Spokane Humane Society nominated Janie Stowell for the Hill's Pet Nutrition National Shelter Hero's Contest.

Her nomination was selected as one of ten finalists nationwide. Then through online voting by our dedicated supporters and those who love and appreciate all that Janie does, she placed in the top five winning Spokane Humane Society \$10,000.

Janie Stowell and her husband Mike, began volunteering at the shelter in 2009. Janie is here almost every day – often through the weekend – and she has spent more than 8,500 hours as a shelter volunteer. Her main focus is socialization of the shelter dogs so they can be adopted out.

Janie has worked with hundreds of dogs, teaching them basic skills like walking on a leash, letting people touch them and, for the smaller dogs, being picked up and held. Janie's calm demeanor and her patience with each dog allows them a chance to feel safe and loved.

While she has always gravitated towards the scared and frightened pups, Janie (along with her husband) has also helped the shelter in countless other ways. Assisting at special events, fostering hospice case dogs so they can live their final time in a loving home environment, and creating grates to cover drains in the kennels to keep our animals safe. Janie was also crucial in the development of our volunteer mentor program that provides new volunteers with an experienced mentor volunteer to show them “the ropes” at the shelter. She has mentored new volunteers for many years.

Hill's Pet Nutrition presented Spokane Humane Society with a check for \$10,000 at our Volunteer and Staff Appreciation event. Thanks to Janie Stowell and all those who helped by voting for our Shelter Hero.

Spokane Humane Society plans to spend the money on upgrades to the dog play yards where volunteer Janie Stowell spends so much time helping our animals.

WAY TO GO JANIE!!!



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Spokane Humane Society

Leadership Team

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Amanda Bennett - Vol. Coordinator

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Aimee Poulain
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Hannah Rich
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Morgan Mays
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Clinic Staff

Dr. Logan Belleque, DVM
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Tawnie Rand
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Administrative Staff

Holly Cochrane - Accountant
Jennifer Anderson - Office Manager
Justin Lebach - Maintenance

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A fun packed two or four mile fundraising walk, held annually in June. Held 6/16/18



A premier dinner and auction event, held annually in November. Held 11/18/17



Visit www.spokanehumanesociety.org/ events for additional information on these events. Watch our e-News and Facebook for other events throughout the year.