



Impact Report 2023



SUNCOAST
HUMANE SOCIETY

From the CEO

As I reflect on the past year, I am struck by the incredible resilience, dedication, and compassion that have defined our journey at Suncoast Humane Society. We have faced challenges, both expected and unexpected, and through it all, we have remained steadfast in our commitment to the animals and the people who love them.

The year has brought us opportunities to push beyond what we thought possible. Together, we have provided care, comfort, and hope to thousands of animals in need, each with their own story of survival, resilience, and love. Whether it was through our sheltering efforts, our fostering programs, or our community outreach initiatives, we have made a lasting impact on the lives of these precious creatures.

Our community has always been at the heart of what we do. From our dedicated volunteers who have given their time, to the generous donors who have supported our mission, every act of kindness has helped us build a stronger, more compassionate society for both pets and people. It is through this collective effort that we have been able to not only meet the needs of today but also lay the groundwork for a brighter tomorrow.

As we look ahead, I am filled with a sense of urgency and excitement. Now is our time to lead, to innovate, and to shine like we never imagined we could. The work we do is nothing short of remarkable, and I know that with your continued support, we will achieve even greater things in the coming year.

I am incredibly proud of what we have accomplished together, and I am deeply grateful to each of you for your unwavering support. Let's continue to be the leaders these animals deserve, and let's make this year our best yet.

For the animals! What we do is REMARKABLE.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Maureen E. O'Neill

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Suncoast Humane Society

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Who We Are



For over half a century, Suncoast Humane Society has been dedicated to advancing animal welfare and ensuring that pets and their people stay together, fostering a community built on compassion and care.

At SHS, we provide a safe haven for all pets in need, no matter their age, size, or breed. Every animal deserves love, and we are here to give it to them.

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

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.

Our comprehensive services are designed to support both pets and their owners, ensuring a holistic approach to animal welfare:

- ◆ **Adoption:** Helping animals find their forever homes.
- ◆ **Low-Cost Preventative Health Care:** Providing affordable medical services to keep pets healthy.
- ◆ **Fostering:** Offering temporary homes for animals in need.
- ◆ **Pet Food Bank:** Supplying food to families facing financial difficulties.
- ◆ **Education and Outreach:** Promoting responsible pet ownership and community engagement.
- ◆ **Pet Therapy:** Bringing comfort and joy to those in need through the healing power of pets.
- ◆ **Disaster Preparedness:** Ensuring pets are safe and cared for during emergencies.

At Suncoast Humane Society, we believe in the power of unity and compassion to create a better world for both pets and people.

What We Do



Sheltering

Suncoast Humane Society serves as a vital resource for pets and their families in our region. The animals we rescue often have heartbreaking stories of abandonment and neglect or have been separated from their families due to natural disasters. To address these needs, we collaborate with shelter and rescue partners across the state and nation, bringing in dogs, cats, and small critters who need us the most. We not only rescue, house, and care for these pets at our shelter but also work with a vast network of foster families throughout the region to ensure every animal finds a loving home.

Our commitment to the community extends beyond sheltering through our innovative **Positive Alternatives to Shelter Surrender (PASS)** program. This initiative includes a community pet food bank that helps feed pets in families facing financial difficulties, ensuring they can keep their beloved animals.

Additionally, our **Pawsitive Adventures Program** allows community members to take shelter dogs on fun outings and field trips. These adventures give the dogs a much-needed break from the kennel environment and help them socialize, making them more adoptable and happier pets.



Prevention

At Suncoast Humane Society, we believe that preventing health issues is just as important as treating them. Our comprehensive range of low-cost medical services includes spay and neuter procedures, affordable vaccinations, and other essential veterinary care, making it accessible for everyone in our community.

Our preventive health care clinic is dedicated to keeping pets healthy and thriving. We focus on preventing treatable illnesses and injuries, ensuring that financial constraints never stand in the way of a pet's well-being. By offering these crucial services, we help pets avoid serious health problems, allowing them to lead longer, happier lives.

Community Outreach

Pet Therapy: Our trained SHS volunteers and their pets provide much-needed support to adults and children in our community. This free program offers comfort and companionship in local schools, senior centers, the court system, and libraries, where children can enjoy reading sessions with friendly, attentive pets.

Community Pet Food Bank: Understanding that financial difficulties can affect a family's ability to care for their pets, SHS distributes free pet food and cat litter to those in need. Our pet food bank ensures that no pet goes hungry and that families can continue to provide for their beloved animals during tough times.



Pawsitive Adventures

Plan a fun adventure for a shelter pup with our **Pawsitive Adventures Program**.

Suncoast Humane Society's Pawsitive Adventures Program encourages community members to take shelter pups on exciting outings and field trips. These adventures give the dogs a much-needed break from the kennels, help them socialize, and might even help them find their forever family and home.

Weekend Getaways

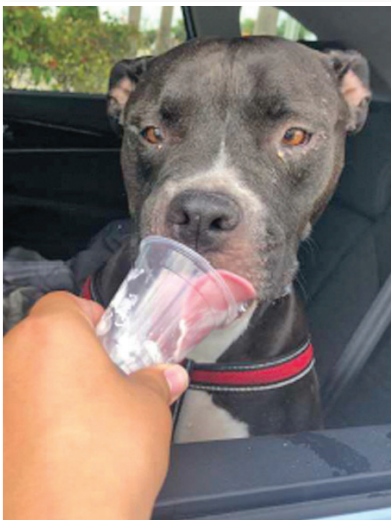
Consider planning a weekend getaway with a shelter pup. Whether it's snuggling up for a movie marathon or exploring the great outdoors, time out of the shelter significantly lowers a dog's cortisol levels, helping them manage the stressors of shelter life. Give a pup a break and make a positive impact on their well-being today.

A few Pawsitive Adventure destinations:

- o **Dog Beach or Park:** Let them run free and enjoy the open space.
- o **Walk, Run, or Jog:** Get some exercise together and enjoy the fresh air.
- o **Car Ride:** Take them for a leisurely drive to new places.
- o **Treat Them to a "Puppacino":** Visit a local café and spoil them with a special treat.

Join our Pawsitive Adventures Program and make a difference in the lives of our shelter pups. Your adventure together could be the start of a lifelong friendship.

For more information and/or questions regarding the Pawsitive Adventures program, please contact foster@humane.org.



Foster Program

Every day, hundreds of families open their homes and hearts to vulnerable dogs, cats, and even pocket pets through our **Foster Program**. Some families provide long-term care for pets with behavioral or medical needs, while others take pets on fun day outings. All foster families play a crucial role in giving these animals a break from the shelter and a safe space until they find their forever homes.

Let's not forget about the puppies and kittens! Suncoast Humane Society cares for hundreds of infants every year who need nurturing outside the shelter to thrive and survive. We provide all the necessary supplies and support to ensure you have everything you need to be a successful foster parent and save a life today.

Join our **Foster Program** and make a significant impact in the lives of these precious animals. Your love and care can provide the comfort and stability they need to find their forever families.

Want to learn more about the various ways you can get involved and foster a pet in need? [Email foster@humane.org](mailto:foster@humane.org).

Sheltering

We are the go-to resource for pets and their people in our region. By collaborating with shelter and rescue partners across the state and nation, we ensure that dogs, cats, and small critters who truly need us the most find their way to Suncoast Humane Society. Through these partnerships, we can provide care, shelter, and a second chance at a loving home for animals in need.

1,593

animals sheltered

1,509

animals adopted

663

infant animals received care



Prevention

We offer low-cost medical services to our community, including spay and neutering, affordable vaccinations, and other essential veterinary care. Our goal is to ensure that every pet has access to the medical attention they need to stay healthy and happy.

1,192

heartworm tests performed



5,204

clinic patients:
vaccinations, preventions &
spay/neuter

5,211

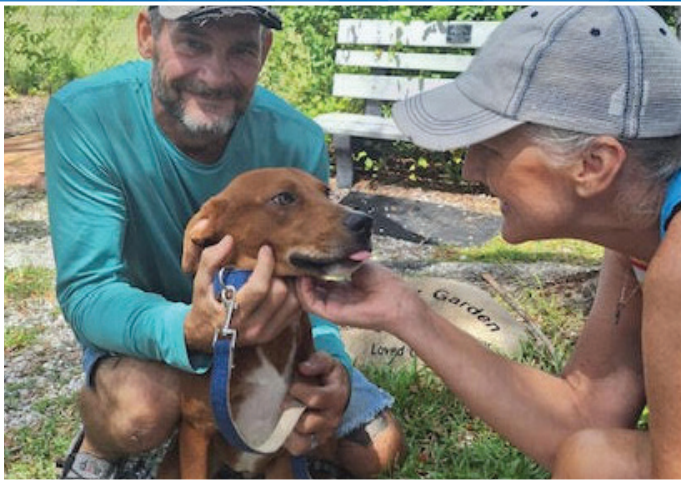
vaccines administered

Community Outreach

We develop and implement programs and services tailored to meet the needs of our community, creating initiatives that strengthen and positively influence the human-animal bond. Through our efforts, we aim to foster a compassionate and supportive environment for both pets and their people.

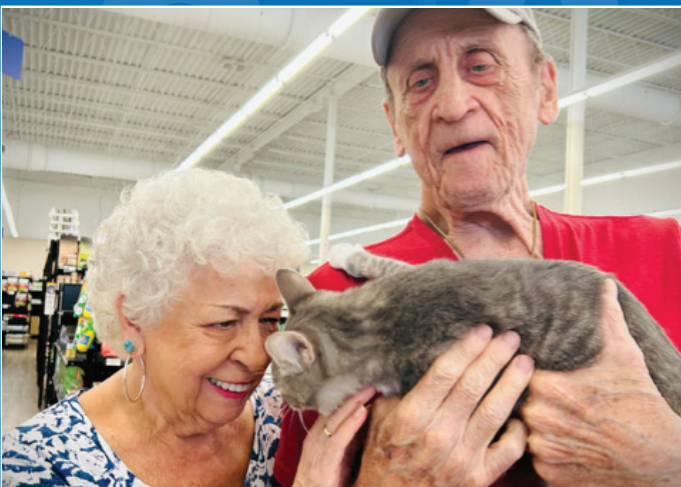
18,392

hours of dog walking



41,769

volunteer hours



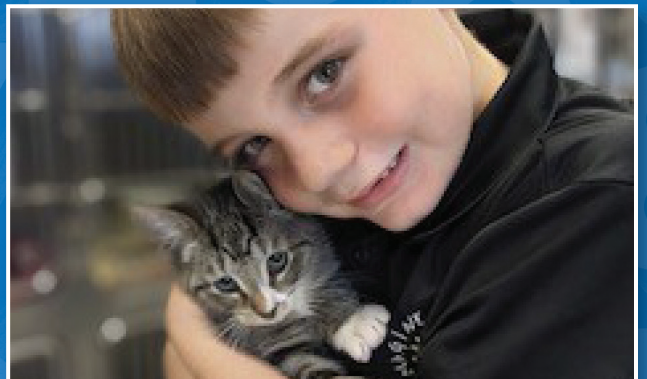
918

hours of pet therapy



10,351

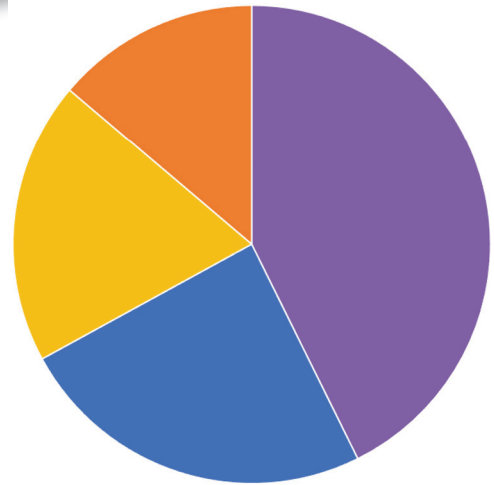
hours of cat cuddling



Revenue & Expenses

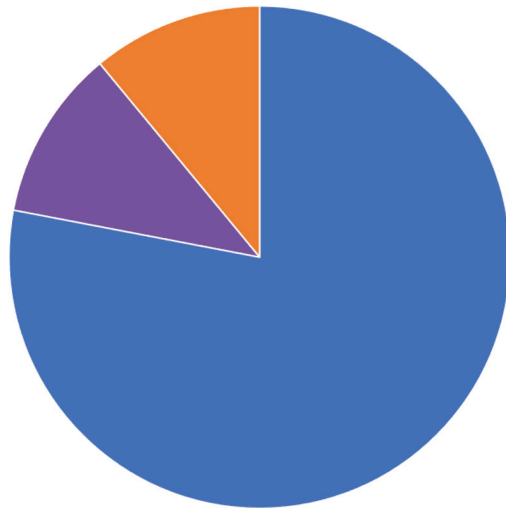
Revenue

- Legacy/bequests — \$386,483
- Thrift stores — \$1,194,055
- Public support — \$681,886
- Clinic/service/other — \$535,635



Expenses

- Program services — 78%
- Fundraising & development — 11%
- Management & general — 11%



Legacy Giving

Legacy Giving offers donors the opportunity to make a lasting and impactful contribution, enabling Suncoast Humane Society to continue our vital programs that benefit animals and the people who love them for generations to come. Many of us feel a deep need to make a difference and leave a lasting legacy in our beloved community. These generous gifts not only support our lifesaving work today but also play a crucial role in achieving our future goals.

Consider leaving a lasting legacy by making a planned gift to benefit the animals, programs, and services of Suncoast Humane Society. There are many options available, including cash, securities, real estate, and personal property. Your legacy gift will help us continue our mission for generations to come.

We are profoundly grateful to those who have invested in our future through Legacy Giving. Your support ensures that we can continue to provide care and compassion for years to come.



How You Can Help

adopt

Open your heart and home to a pet in need from our shelter or satellite centers. We have dogs, cats, puppies, kittens, and many other small critters looking for their furever families.

foster

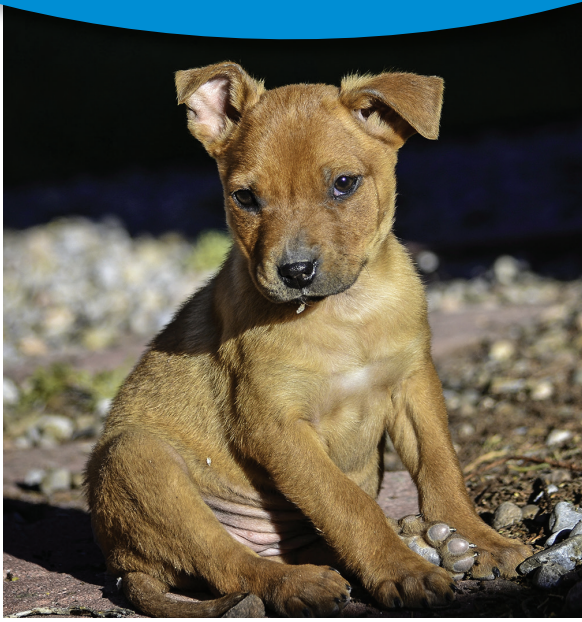
We are grateful for our dedicated fosters, but we always need more. Interested in helping an animal in need? We provide education, guidance, food, and medical and behavioral assistance. You provide the love and home.

volunteer

There are countless ways to make a difference in an animal's life. Your support is welcome at our adoption center, satellite adoption centers, and thrift stores, as well as in our office and at local events. Over 2,600 volunteers have donated more than 189,000 hours to SHS. You are AMAZING!

donate

We love them all, and we know you do too. Donations of all kinds make our work possible. From the Amazon Wish List to thrift store donations to monetary contributions, your generosity makes saving lives a reality. We thank you!



Shelter Angel Medical Fund

Become a "Shelter Angel" and make a direct impact on a specific animal in need. Your donation will be directed towards the care and treatment of pets with the greatest medical needs, ensuring they receive the attention and love they deserve.



Support SHS by donating to and Shopping at Our Thrift Stores

Support SHS by donating to and shopping at our Thrift Stores. All proceeds from the sale of donated, quality items directly support our animals, programs, and services. Our two thrift stores, located in Englewood and Venice, accept gently used household items and more. Discover unique treasures, furniture, books, art, small appliances, and much more while supporting a great cause.

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

Building the 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 campus will be built on 11.5 acres of foliage-dense land.

The Why

ANIMAL WELFARE HAS EVOLVED:

An animal's emotional health is as important as its physical health.

The current facility is outdated.

The Plan

Sheltering

- World-class shelter design with play yards
- Butterfly gardens
- Walking trails
- Play pools

Prevention

- Intake with isolations areas
- Preventative medications
- Modern spay/neuter surgery suite

Community Empowerment

- Teaching and learning center
- Flexible space
- Pet food bank
- Zen garden

Proposed Project Budget

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION COSTS

\$17,500,00

\$13,000,000

Project construction
costs

WE
DID IT!

\$4,500,000

*additional project
costs

STILL
NEEDED

BRICK-AND-MORTAR: The new facility will feature a dog shelter with outdoor runs and pools, a cat shelter 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
- Engineering and permit fees
- Walking trails and butterfly gardens
- Engineering and permit fees

EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE & FIXTURES:

- Dog and cat spaces
- Surgical and radiology suites

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, our future campus embraces the interconnectedness of people, animals, plants, and the environment we share. This holistic approach, known as One Health by the American Veterinary Association, guides our environmentally conscious design. By reducing our carbon pawprint, we acknowledge that our individual health depends on the collective health of our shared environment.

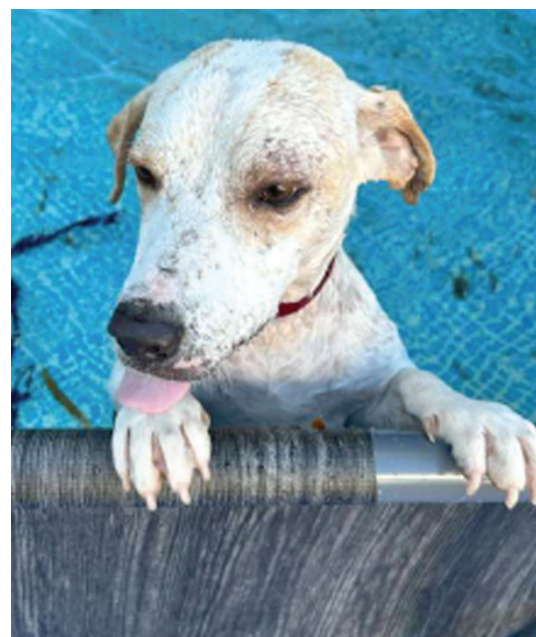
Our One Health initiative reflects our commitment to sustainability and wellness for all. The future campus will feature green spaces, energy-efficient buildings, and eco-friendly practices that benefit both the animals in our care and the broader community. By incorporating elements such as natural lighting, improved air quality, and sustainable materials, we create a nurturing environment that supports the physical and emotional well-being of pets, staff, and visitors alike.

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





Love them all



How to Find Us



Shop our thrift stores

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