

Forsyth Humane Society
2014 Annual Report



ADOPT. EDUCATE. LOVE.

***Our mission is to enrich our community by promoting the
compassionate treatment of cats and dogs.***

We are committed to:

- Placing cats and dogs into loving homes
- Advancing community understanding of the benefits of animal companionship
- Providing needed resources to the pet community
- Supporting a no-kill adoption center
- The spaying/neutering of animals

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I often wonder how many people make an unexpected visit to Forsyth Humane Society on Miller Street, just because. Maybe because they've had a stressful day, or perhaps they miss someone, or because they know that a furry friend with inviting eyes and a warm heart will give them just the boost they need. I've made those unexpected visits myself. In fact, I seem to be doing that more often these days because I know that our time at the Miller Street location is coming to an end.

You see, FHS has embarked on a wonderful and exciting journey towards a new home. As we prepare for this historical moment, I can't help but reflect on all the amazing things that have occurred at Miller Street in the last 27 years. From the adoption of my own sweet dog many years ago to the laughter heard among local volunteers just the other day, I am awe-struck by how many happy moments have been created in that 1,800 square foot facility that we've called "Home."

As you read through this year's annual report, you too may be surprised by the facts and figures you read, many people are. You may be surprised by the number of animals we place into loving homes, or by how much we're doing to reduce pet overpopulation. You may also be surprised to see the strong partnerships that we have with local agencies and how many people in our community are touched in a meaningful way through our programs. We are proud of our work here at FHS, but we know that we can do so much more. As a family grows, so too must the home that shelters it.



We are excited about this journey and are thankful that you are a part of it. Thank you to all of our staff, volunteers and supporters who are making this special time possible.

With deep gratitude & appreciation,

Anna Marie Smith
President, Board of Directors

In 2014, FHS
sheltered, nurtured, and
found homes for
795 dogs and
cats.

In addition, we
reunited **11**
families with their
lost pets.



In 2014, we were
supported by
1,000
community
volunteers who
contributed
13,000
service hours.



In 2014, **615** spay/neuter surgeries were provided for animals in our care.

We disbursed **335** spay/neuter assistance vouchers.

These surgeries prevented more than **5,000** puppies and kittens from joining the homeless pet population during the course of one year.



In addition, we received a grant from *PetSmart Charities* for targeted spay/neuter efforts in Forsyth County Animal Control's highest intake area. With this grant we were able to decrease Animal Control's intake of dogs in that area by **22%**.

373 more cats and dogs were spayed/neutered by a coalition of Forsyth County animal welfare groups on Spay Day.



Help us **STOP** Pet Overpopulation

Forsyth SPAY DAY Coalition



Every month in 2014,
FHS distributed about

4100 lbs

of donated pet food to
an average of

160 families

who needed support
feeding their pets.

We continue to partner
with The Forsyth
Correctional Center's
A New Leash on Life
program so inmates
can experience the
unconditional and
healing love of a dog,
while training the dogs
for their forever home.



This year we honored our partners, Senior Services' Meals-on-Wheels program with The Morykwas Award for their kindness, compassion & generosity. Together we delivered an average of **600 lbs** of donated pet food monthly to homebound seniors living with companion animals.



We have a wonderful partnership with the Brenner FIT Program at Brenner Children's Hospital. This partnership began in February 2014 and has touched the lives of over **a dozen families in our community.**

FHS partners with Brenner FIT to provide puppies and dogs with which the children can walk and play. We support Brenner FIT's goal for a healthy community and look forward to this continued and growing partnership.

Building a More Humane Society

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN  FORSYTH HUMANE SOCIETY

The opportunity to expand our reach and strengthen our mission is real and a larger facility will make a significant difference.

We will provide a more enriching home for our dogs and cats. We will expand programming to include obedience training for dogs, birthday parties, school field trips, lectures on animal welfare topics, community events, and other youth activities.

FHS will be more accessible for our animals, potential adopters, donors, volunteers, and staff.

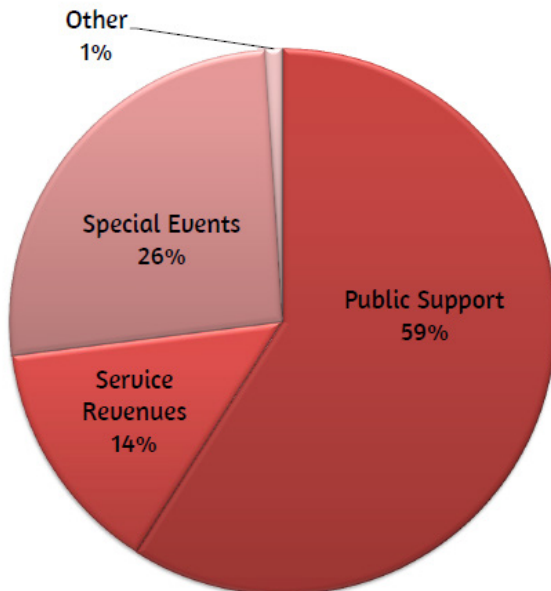




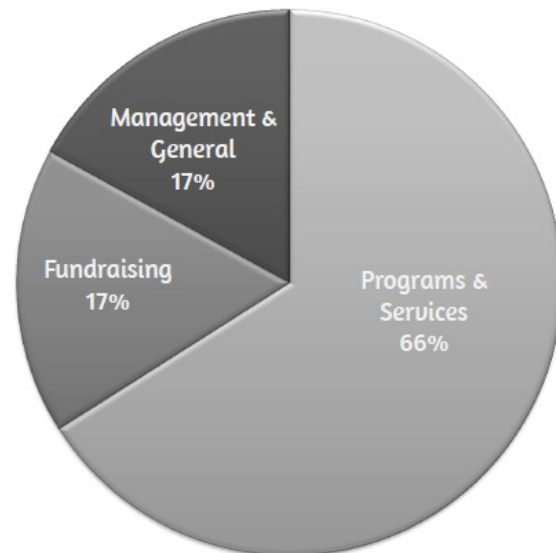
In November we added a new partnership with UNchain Winston. UNchain Winston provides compassionate and non-judgmental assistance to improve the welfare of dogs living with unending “chaining” and neglect in the Winston-Salem area. We look forward to the future of this partnership.

100% COMMUNITY FUNDED — we cannot make a difference for dogs, cats, and people without you. **Thank you for continuing to support us!**

2014 Revenue



2014 Expenses





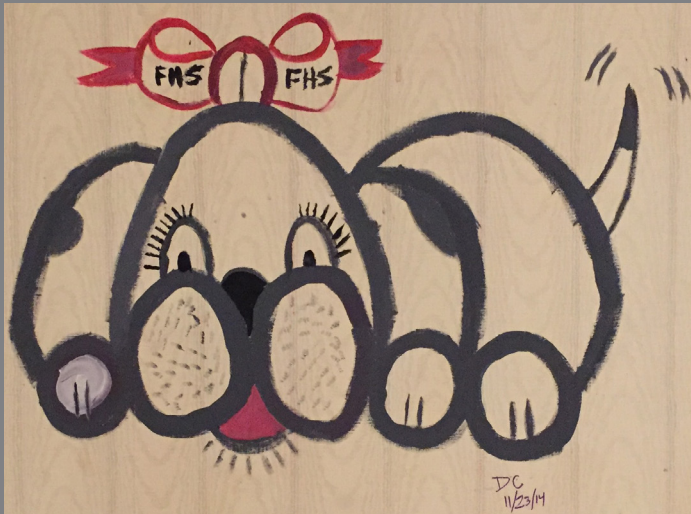
We Believe

Animal companionship enriches peoples' lives.

Animal companionship builds character and teaches compassion.

The overpopulation of cats and dogs will be reduced through awareness, education, and community involvement.

The compassionate treatment of animals positively impacts our community's vitality.



Dear Friends of FHS,

As we plan our move to our new home at 4881 Country Club Road, we are inspired by the generous support of our community, and touched by the warm welcome from our new neighbors.

We are lifted up by the wonderful art featured in this report from children who believe that no dog or cat should be homeless or unwanted. These children know that all of our creatures deserve safe shelter, full bellies, and abundant love. In their art they dream of dogs and cats surrounded by soft pillows, endless toys, piles of steaks and stockpiles of catnip. They remind us pragmatic adults to aim high and not settle for just good enough.

In our new home we will be able to provide a more humane and enriching environment for our dogs, cats, and people. We will increase adoptions and continue to partner with Forsyth County Animal Control and other rescues to reduce our county's euthanasia rate. We will offer educational programs for dogs and for people. We will increase our outreach to the youth of our community through birthday parties and summer camps.

We will truly become a community destination and resource center for people who love animals and want to learn more.

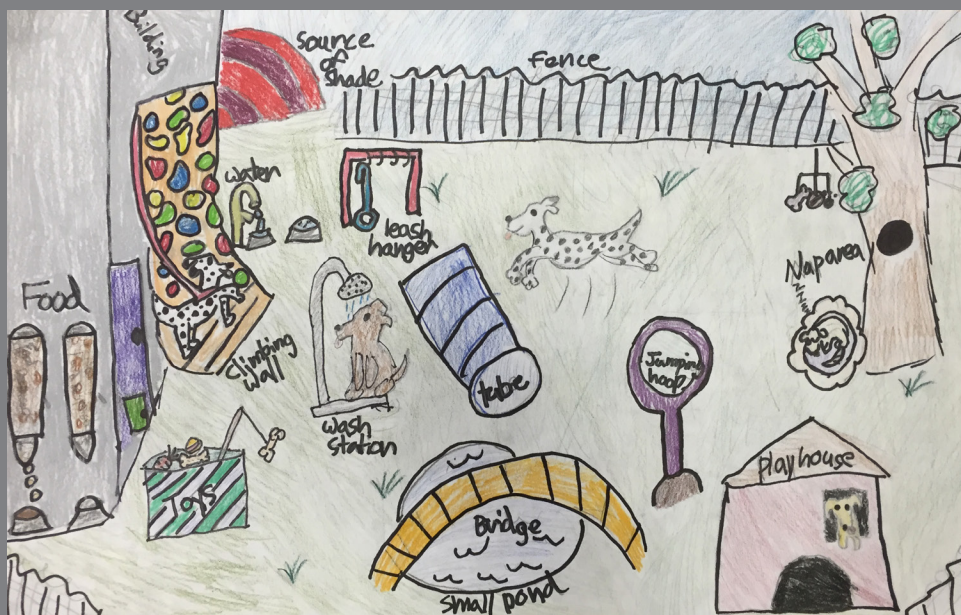
Wonderful artwork from children throughout Forsyth County will hang on our new walls and serve as a reminder to us all: to aim high, and work hard to make our corner of the world a more humane and compassionate place to live.

Thank you for your support
and for cheering us on into
our new home.

With gratitude,



Sarah E. Williamson
Executive Director





Thank you Brunson, Summit, South Fork Elementary Schools and Sawtooth 2011 Youth Camp for providing the artwork used in this report.

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