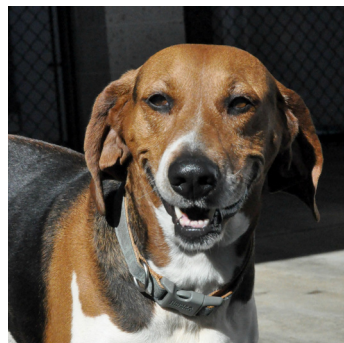
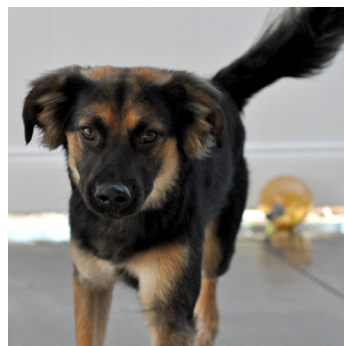


We Promise...

2016 Annual Report



Adopt. Educate. Love.



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Dear Friends,

A little over seven years ago, I was a part of a small group that met at the Winston-Salem Foundation in order to get approval for the Forsyth Humane Society to conduct a capital campaign. At that time, the need for a new space was obvious, but the idea of a capital campaign and a construction project was slightly overwhelming. The committee approved our request and we began a long process that, with the help of many volunteers, donors and other supporters, would eventually lead us to our wonderful new home on Country Club Road.

Early on, we adopted a campaign slogan, "Building a Humane Society." An obvious play on words, but this helped focus our efforts and defined a promise that we would make to this community. We were indeed going to raise money and build a new facility, but at the heart of that facility was our mission. The end goal wasn't simply more space or better parking; it was to create a space that allowed us to better engage with our community, a space that would allow us to further our mission. I am very proud of our new home, but I am just as proud to be a part of an organization that works very hard every day to make Forsyth County a more humane community.

As I write this letter, the new Morykwas Adoption Center has been open to the public for over seven months. All of the metrics we set have far exceeded our expectations. More animals are being adopted and more families and youth groups are visiting the center, giving our staff and volunteers more opportunity to educate and engage our community. I am happy to say that we have kept our promise to stay true to our mission.

As we look to the future, we will continue to reach beyond what is immediately possible and set goals for FHS that are bold and difficult and require us all to work together, but in the end will move us closer to a More Humane Society.

It has been an honor to serve as the President of the Board for FHS, especially during this great year of transition. The dedication I see from the staff and volunteers inspires me everyday. Thank you for the role you play in making FHS what it is and thank you for allowing me to be a part of this truly special organization.

Warmly,



Mark Uren

Promises Made



2016 was a transformational year for Forsyth Humane Society (FHS). We celebrated our 75th anniversary in grand style by moving from our home of 28 years at 61 Miller Street to our new state-of-the-art Morykwas Adoption and Resource Center at 4881 Country Club Road.

This transformation was the result of a three year capital campaign that resulted in community support of over \$3.8 million. We promised a more enriching environment for more animals, space for our guests, volunteers, and staff, a community gathering place for humane education, and – parking!

Promises Kept



Our new home has kept all of these promises.



Our dogs have natural light and roomy kennels, and a .75 acre backyard with green grass to walk on. We have flexible condo kennel space for our cats, and two cage-free cat colony rooms where cats can live in cat trees and shelving built by Eagle Scouts. We have a fresh air cat porch with rocking chairs and a bird feeder right outside.



In 2016 we cared for and found loving homes for 1,153 cats and dogs, a 20% increase over 2015.



Our community room is busy with humane education and meetings. Since opening day we have hosted 51 events with over 1,400 guests.

Promises Kept

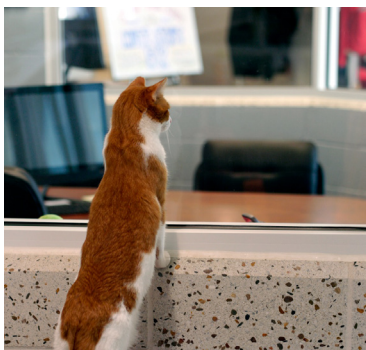


Our outreach to share compassion and responsibility for these animals with the next generation has never been greater. We are welcoming scout troops, Crosby Scholars, and school groups for service hour projects. We are hosting birthday parties with animal cuddling for children. In 2016 we reached over 4,300 children in schools, after-school programs, and in our new facility with humane education.

In support of NC Department of Public Safety's A New Leash on Life program, FHS graduated 19 dogs trained by inmates at Forsyth Correctional Center.

Our partnership with UNchain Winston resulted in construction or repair of over 20 yard fences and 100 dog houses. Over 35 dogs were liberated from chains.

We were proud to support UNchain Winston and other animal welfare groups in advocating for the successful passage of a tethering ban in Forsyth County.



Our guests enjoy a spacious lobby, shopping opportunities in our Re-Tail store, and freedom to move and play with their prospective new family member in meet and greet rooms and outdoor play lots.



Our volunteers have a place to store their belongings, a spacious laundry room to work in, and room to play with our cats and walk our dogs.



Our staff is now operating under one roof instead of two, and enjoying the efficiencies that come with centralized resources and easy communication.

We Promise



• We promise to not rest until there are no
• more homeless animals in Forsyth County. In
• 2016 we completed or subsidized 1,452 spay
• or neuter surgeries, an increase of 11% over
• 2015.

• We expanded the reach of our pet food pantry
• with distribution through four
• faith-based centers, and sharing of these
• donated resources with other animal rescue
• groups.



We Promise

In Forsyth County the euthanasia rate for shelter animals is over 60%. The Board of Directors and leadership of FHS has embraced a new strategic goal to reduce that euthanasia rate to 10% by 2023.

Why 10%? That is a generally accepted level in animal welfare circles. It acknowledges that some number will be euthanized because they are a public safety risk. Some number will also be humanely euthanized due to pain and suffering.

This is a big goal. FHS cannot do it alone. It will require collaboration, partnerships, sharing of resources, and open minds and open hearts.

We look forward to keeping this promise with you.



2016 Founders Circle

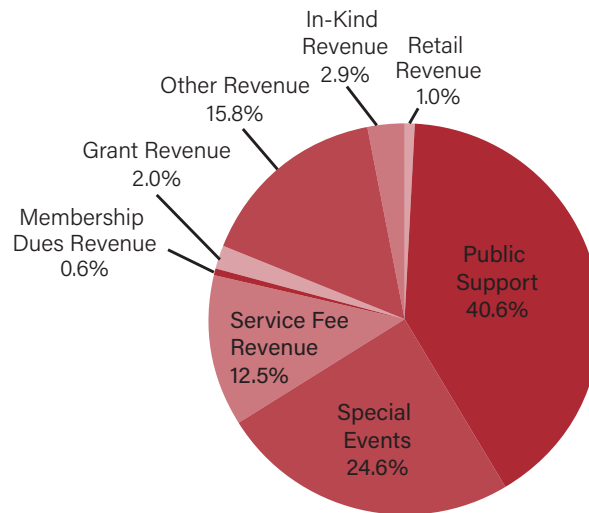
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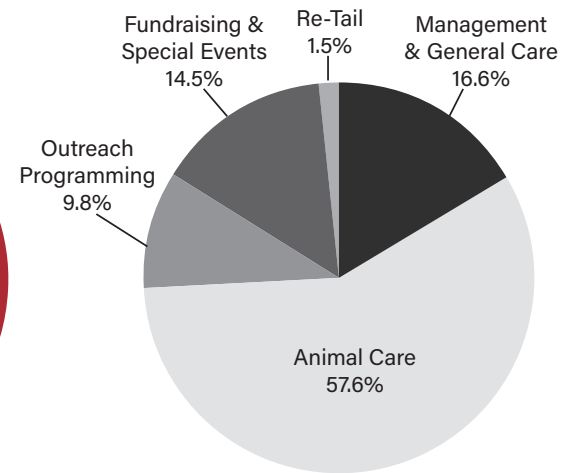
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Betty Keiger
Philip Lucas
Richard Minish
Bonnie Myers
Jacquelyn Owen
Barbara Reavis
Lydia & D.D. Schouler
Malinda Shamel
Nora Smith
Jerry White
Edna Wooten

100% Community Funded



Revenue



Expenses



This year, the Board of Directors of the Forsyth Humane Society introduced The Legacy Society to honor those generous individuals who have included the Forsyth Humane Society in their estate planning.

During our inaugural year, Legacy Society members were recognized as members of the Founders Circle of the Legacy Society.

It is on their foundation of giving and commitment through gifts from their wills or trusts, retirement assets, life insurance or charitable gift annuities that allow us to continue our work and ensure a lasting legacy of kindness and compassion.

"Pets make us more empathetic and loving people. They bring out the best in us and enrich our lives. They deserve our respect and protection in return. I support FHS because we foster our own humanity when we insist on kindness and compassion for animals."

Anne Rainey Rokahr & Henry



Dear FHS Family,

Thank you for your loving kindness and support of our animals, our staff, and our volunteers this past year while we moved into our new home!

Change is hard for us humans. In the last five years while we dreamed of our new home, FHS embraced change on a large scale.

We are now advocating for more change, and a greater impact. I can think of no goal more powerful than to realize a day in Forsyth County when no loving, healthy animal is euthanized for space.

Like all large and important goals, this won't be easy. It will require many hands and many hearts. There will be many challenges. FHS and our community have a history of embracing change and aiming high. With your help, I know we can save so many more.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah E. Williamson".

Sarah E. Williamson
Executive Director

Staff

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Director

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Patricia Miller

Laura Morgan

Ann Owens

Beryl Parks

Danny Rawley

Erin Ryan

Brie Salamone

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Alex Watkins

Rex Welton

Mitra Wilkenfeld

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**

Our Mission:

**Forsyth Humane Society is
dedicated to enriching our
community by promoting the
compassionate treatment of cats and dogs.**



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