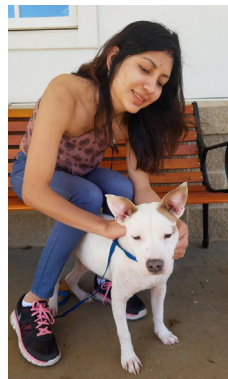
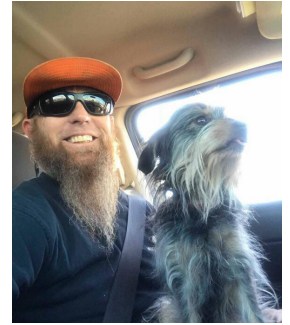
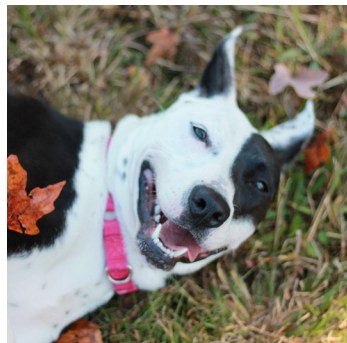
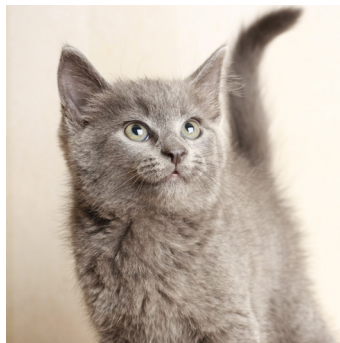
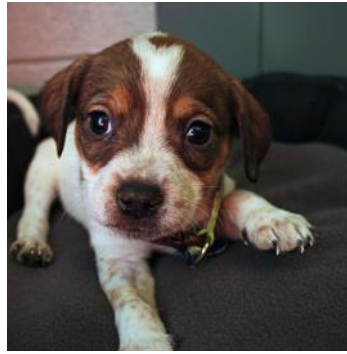




Adopt. Educate. Love.



**Community
Commitment**
2017 Annual Report



Our Mission:

To promote and provide for the humane treatment of cats and dogs in Forsyth County

Our Goal:

In support of our mission, the Forsyth Humane Society is committed to achieving a save rate of 90 percent for shelter animals in our County.

FHS has set a goal of reducing the euthanasia rate in Forsyth County from 64 percent to 10 percent by 2023. The Forsyth Humane Society will achieve this goal through:

1. Education - FHS will educate the public about the importance of spaying & neutering pets and will provide affordable spay/neuter options to decrease the number of shelter animals living in Forsyth County.
2. Outreach - FHS will support people who want to keep their beloved animals in their homes, but need help with food, vet bills, supplies, or training and behavioral resources.
3. Foster - FHS will provide foster care for adoptable animals when shelter space is limited or when animals require specialized care to become adoptable, such as very young puppies and kittens, or animals healing from medical issues.
4. Adoption - FHS will find safe, loving homes for each animal in the adoption program. Regardless of the animal's age, breed, or length of stay in the shelter, they will remain in the FHS program until a "forever" home is located.
5. Care - FHS respects the life of every animal. We will provide physical and emotional care to each animal that comes through our doors.

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Dear Friends,

I'm amazed each time I walk into the Morykwes Adoption Center at all of the happy people and animals of the Forsyth Humane Society. It is a joy to be part of an organization that brings so much life to every woman, man, child, dog, puppy, cat and kitten it touches.

The Forsyth Humane Society has, over the years, adopted many lofty goals in an effort to do more for the community of Forsyth County. In 2016, we completed a major goal of moving into a new adoption center on Country Club Road. Several months after that move, the board decided that just continuing the same activities is not enough for Forsyth County. In 2017, we embarked on a new strategic plan centered on a very big goal – decreasing the euthanasia rate for the county to below 10%.

Realizing that this goal is much larger than any one organization, the Forsyth Humane Society set out to partner with many agencies across the county. One such partnership grew quickly into a contract with Forsyth County to run all cat and dog adoption activities at the county animal shelter. This partnership is integral to achieving a lower euthanasia rate and allows each organization to focus on its strengths – the county on enforcement and Forsyth Humane Society on adoptions. I'm excited about the prospect of success!

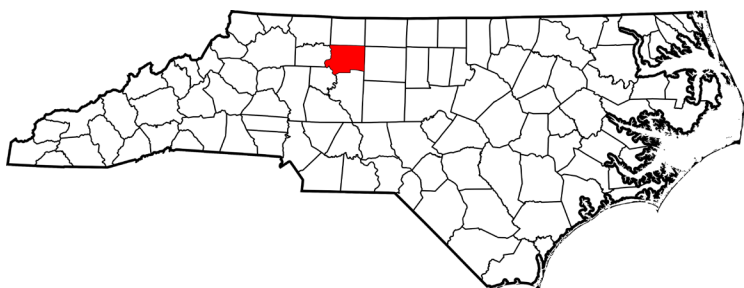
As you look through this report, you will be amazed by all that the Forsyth Humane Society has accomplished. We could not achieve these results without such a great staff, a wealth of incredible volunteers, and some incredible partnerships throughout our community. I'm honored to have worked with such a great group of people, and I look forward to all that we will achieve in the future. Thank you for your support and for being part of a more humane society!

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Nunley", with a long, sweeping underline.

Kevin Nunley,
President, Board of Directors

Community Commitment



It's a big goal: increase the save rate of all shelter animals in Forsyth County from its current 36% to 90% by the year 2023. But it can be done.

Communities as close as Asheville and as large as Los Angeles have succeeded. There are tool kits available, and experts eager to share their knowledge and programs.



It's a big goal, and FHS cannot do it alone. In 2017 we convened an animal welfare coalition of 15 agencies working to improve animal welfare conditions in Forsyth County. Forty leaders working for positive change, channeled towards this big goal. Our commitment together is to share information, leverage resources, and work hand in hand to save more.



Above: One of our many devoted volunteers, Mary Ann, cradles one of our resident cats in our free roaming cat colony rooms. Last year, our volunteers gave enough hours of their time to FHS to equal 9 additional full-time employees!

Left: Animal Placement Manager, Erin Ryan says goodbye to a puppy. Erin sends Forsyth County dogs and cats out of our shelters to placement partners who find them their forever homes.



Animal Welfare Coalition Partners

Animal Adoption & Rescue Foundation (AARF)
Baby Leo Animal Rescue
Elite Canine
Fallen Angel Fund
Forgotten Felines of Forsyth
Forsyth County Animal Control
Forsyth Humane Society
Fur-Ever Friends of NC & Unchain Forsyth
Humane Solutions
NC Dog Rescue
No Kill Kernersville
Piedmont Animal Welfare Alliance
Sergei Foundation
Stepping Stones Canine Rescue
UnChain Winston

Making the Difference

FHS staff and board leadership spent 2016 and 2017 educating ourselves about how to increase the save rate in Forsyth County. Our friends at the Asheville Humane Society were particularly helpful with information and advice, and we joined the Best Friends Society and learned from them.



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We identified the following critical success factors:

- Strong partnership between a leading 501(c)3 animal welfare agency and the local government-run shelter
- Transport of shelter animals to SPCAs and Humane Societies in other states who are seeking shelter animals for adoption
- Transfer of animals to other rescues, especially breed-specific rescues who know the behavioral and medical issues common to particular breeds
- Expanded foster network to provide temporary housing outside of limited shelter space

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In 2017 we acted on these key initiatives. We entered into an agreement with Forsyth County as a contracted partner to manage cat and dog intake, shelter, and placement, sharing space with our colleagues at Forsyth County Animal Control and opening a second FHS location at 5570 Sturmer Park Circle. We developed relationships with other shelters and transported over 100 cats and dogs to Maryland, DC, and Pennsylvania. We recruited an active network of over 40 breed specific and specialty rescues and proactively identified animals in our care for transfer. Our foster network has expanded to embrace over 90% of our animals living in foster at some point in their journey to their forever home.



2017 Results

1,685 ANIMALS
ADOPTED

17,606
VOLUNTEER
HOURS

3,155
SPAYED &
NEUTERED

2,000+
ANIMALS
FOSTERED

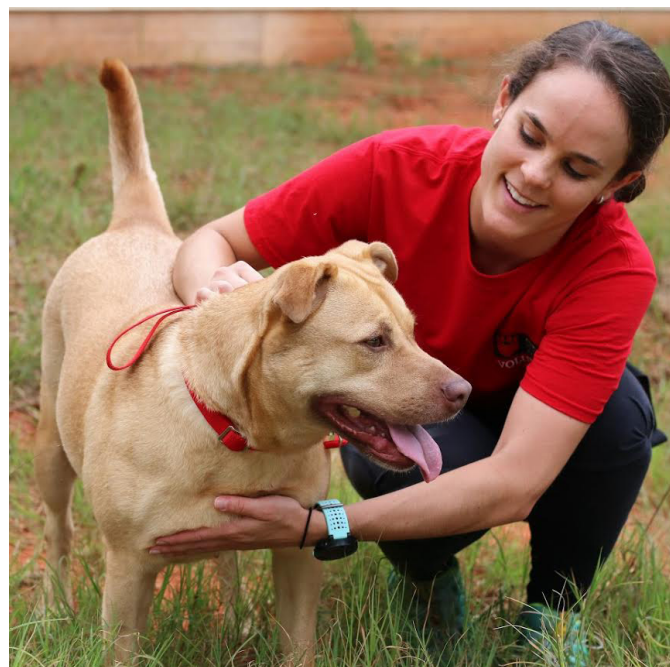
18,600
POUNDS OF
FOOD TO PET
FOOD PANTRY

3,131
COMMUNITY
ROOM VISITORS

1,700
SCHOOL
CHILDREN
VISITED

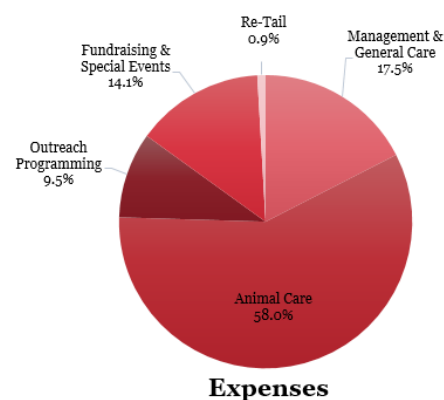
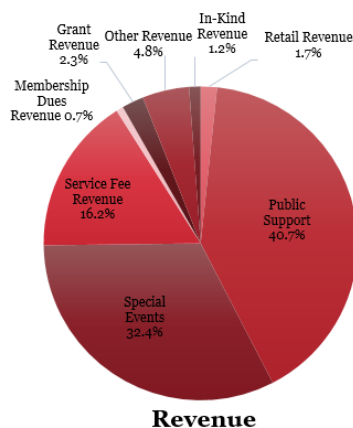


Our Community



FHS could not perform against our mission without the daily support we receive from our community. Our volunteers walk dogs, cuddle kitties, greet guests, answer phones, represent FHS at events, serve on finance and marketing committees, and foster animals in their homes. Our community donates supplies: leashes, cat trees, dog bowls, bedding, cat and dog food and treats. And our community gives financially: we are 100% locally funded. Thank you.

Joan & Peter Allan
 Cissie & John Anderson
 Jolinda & Clint Babcock
 Stacie & David Baker
 Lois & Fred Carter
 Joni & Wilbur Christmas
 Joan Cox
 DD Crummett
 Janie & Gary Dean
 Robin & Tom Dyer
 Dr. Martha Furlong
 Anita Gordon
 Cinny Strickland Graham
 Nancy Guzenhauser
 Marcia Hargerty
 Laurie & Paul Harless
 Jac Heckelman
 Elizabeth Parker Janeway
 Mary Kesel & Greg Carroll
 Nancy Lide
 Adrienne Amos Livengood
 Sue Matney
 Karen McIsaac & Ted Mays
 Cathleen & Ray McKinney
 Melene & Bobby McMannen, Jr.
 Christine & Michael Morykwas
 Marge & Keith Murphy
 Zelda & David Nichols
 Beryl Parks
 Esther & Leslie Preston
 Pamela Robbins
 Penny Robinson
 Anne Rainey Rokahr
 Linda & Marvin Scherl
 Mary & Wilson Simmons
 Anna Marie & Craig Smith
 Cindy & David Spaugh
 Lucy Spencer
 Crystal & David Thompkins
 Nancy & Bobby Whitehead
 Sarah Williamson
 Elizabeth & Geoffrey Wood
 Ursula & Douglas Young
 Ann Marie & Lawrence Yow, Jr.
 Heather Zifchak



The Legacy Society honors those generous individuals who have included the Forsyth Humane Society in their estate planning. 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.

In Memoriam

Clara Allen
 Selvey Boyer
 Pansy Crews
 Beatrice Curtin
 Darlene Diehl
 Margaret Norfleet Gidly
 Lilah Hayward
 Mary Jewell
 Alvin Johnson, Jr.
 Betty Keiger
 Thomas Kirk
 Philip Lucas

Richard Minish
 Bonnie Myers
 Edith Myers
 Jacquelyn Owen
 Joseph Pemberton, Sr
 Jill Pence
 Barbara Reavis
 D.D. Schouler
 Lydia Schouler
 Malinda Shamel
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 Arlene Skurzynski

Nora Smith
 Opal Stoneman
 Clara Taylor
 Alisa Vawter
 Janet Vickers
 Jerry White
 Margaret White
 Geoffrey Wood
 Edna Wooten
 Douglas Young
 Ann Marie Yow



Dear FHS Family,

On a Monday morning in January I drove into the parking lot of our new location at Forsyth County Animal Control, and stepped on the brakes, overcome with gratitude. There was no place to park.

Our community showed up in droves to do the hard work of deep cleaning an animal shelter. Volunteers made cat and dog beds, cleaned air filters, scrubbed walls, and walked dogs.

In January our foster network grew by 50% when we put the call out to help us save more.

When we asked for supplies on social media, our lobby was filled with boxes and bags of dog and cat food, trash bags, plastic gloves, paper towels, and kitty litter.

This community shows up. Together we will save more.
With gratitude,

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

Sarah E. Williamson
Executive Director





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