



**FORSYTH  
HUMANE  
SOCIETY**

# **2018 Annual Report**

## **Adopt. Educate. Love.**

### ***Life Changing***

It's hard to imagine life without your pet once you find them. Here at Forsyth Humane Society, you can be a life-changer, too. With our goal of increasing the save rate of all shelter cats and dogs in the county from 36% to 90% by 2023, FHS is committed to changing the future of animal welfare in our community. With our community's help, in 2018 FHS increased the save rate of shelter dogs and cats in Forsyth County to 71%.

***Partner with us and  
change a life.***

**#SAVEFURSYTH**



## **Our Mission:**

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

## **Our Goal:**

In support of our mission, the Forsyth Humane Society is committed to achieving a save rate of 90% for shelter animals in our county by 2023.



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Dear Friends,

If there is one defining cultural trait at the Forsyth Humane Society (FHS), it's that we are always looking forward. In January 2018, FHS embarked on a partnership with Forsyth County Animal Services to manage both the county shelter on Sturmer Park Circle and our existing facility on County Club Road. The dramatic rise in the number of animals we are now accountable for required immense planning and a thorough evaluation of our existing programs. We enthusiastically embraced this undertaking with an overarching goal of reducing the homeless animal euthanasia rate in our county to less than 10%, effectively defining Forsyth County as a "no-kill community."

In 2018, our strides towards this goal have been significant. At the beginning of our partnership, the number of dogs and cats in our county that were adopted, transferred to outside rescue organizations or returned to their owners was 36%. At the end of 2018, that number is 71%. This has only been achieved through the tireless work of our dedicated team of staff, volunteers, foster families and our community.

There were, of course, many memorable and amazing pets saved over the past year. For me, the most special dog was a heartworm-positive Great Pyrenees, found in a ravine with her 6-month old pup. This gorgeous dog is now part of my family where she spends her days guarding the backyard from squirrels and serving as my six-year-old's "police dog" as she patrols the neighborhood looking for villains. We named her Lady Francis Bacon, and she lives up to the quality of statesmanship you would expect from a name like that.

Just as Lady Francis Bacon has impacted my family's life, FHS will continue to touch the lives of people in our community in unique and special ways - not only as we care for the homeless dogs and cats in Forsyth County, in pursuit of further reducing the euthanasia rate, but in looking towards the future and how we can make a more positive impact on the pets in our community.

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Tonya Sparks, DVM  
2018 FHS Board President





## Community Impact

# #SAVEFURSYTH

Last year, we announced our goal to increase the save rate of shelter dogs and cats to 90% by 2023. On January 8, 2018, Forsyth Humane Society (FHS) became a contracted partner of Forsyth County. FHS assumed all care for dogs and cats at the open admission animal shelter. In 2018, we increased the save rate of shelter dogs and cats from 36% to 71%.

During our partnership, new programs blossomed to help us reach our 90% goal. We increased our placement program to include out of state transport and release to rescues. Dogs and cats in our care went to rescues who found them loving forever homes. This expansion allowed us to make room for more incoming dogs and cats.

Our partnership with Forsyth County included taking in stray dogs and cats from the community. Dogs and cats who entered our shelter as strays are checked for a microchip to help us reunite them with their owners. Our team checks lost and found websites as well. In 2018, we **reunited 725 lost** dogs and cats with their owners.

In February, we asked **over 100 local businesses** to become #SAVEFURSYTH partners. They committed to the 90% goal and helped us increase awareness in Forsyth County. #SAVEFURSYTH partners spread awareness about our life changing mission on social media, pass out informational cards and host awareness events.

FHS strives to keep companion animals in the homes of the underserved population of Forsyth County. We supply dog and cat food to local pet food pantries and Senior Services Meals on Wheels. In 2018, FHS **donated 26,000 pounds of food** to community pantries. We also assist our community by offering low-cost spay and neuter surgeries to Forsyth County residents who are financially challenged. Unwanted litters are financially stressful for our community and prevention is essential to reaching our save rate goal. In 2018, we **spayed or neutered over 300** dogs and cats for the public at a reduced cost.

# 2018 Results

**71%**  
**SAVE RATE**

**2,382**  
ANIMALS  
ADOPTED

**25,000**  
VOLUNTEER  
HOURS

**2,700**  
SPAYED &  
NEUTERED

**4,900+**  
ANIMALS  
FOSTERED

**1,265**  
ANIMALS TRANS-  
FERRED TO PARTNER  
RESCUES

**26,000**  
POUNDS OF  
FOOD TO PET  
FOOD PANTRIES

**2,717**  
COMMUNITY ROOM  
VISITORS

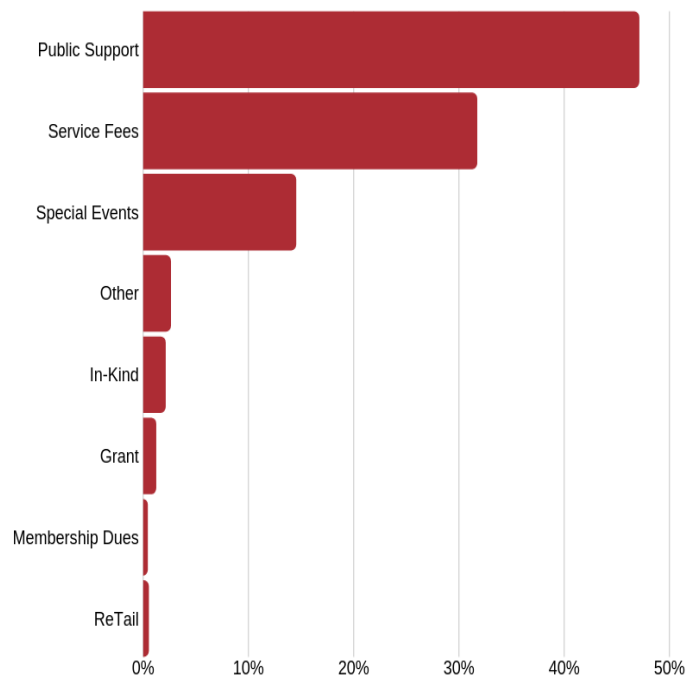
**2,071**  
SCHOOL CHILDREN  
VISITED



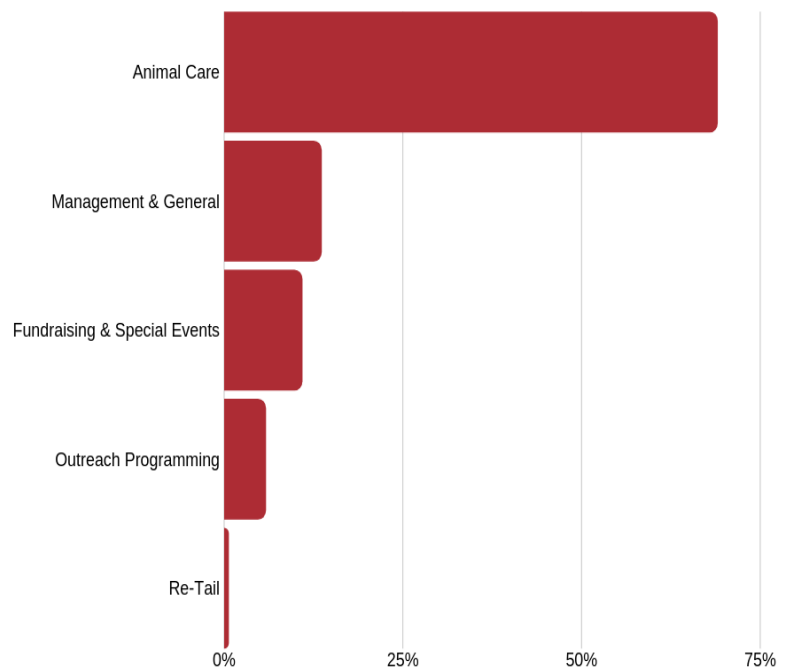
# 2018 Results

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### Revenue



### Expenses





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.



## Legacy Members

Adrienne Amos Livengood  
Anita Gordon  
Anna Marie & Craig Smith  
Anne Nelson  
Anne Rainey Rokahr  
Beryl Parks  
Bill Hartley  
Cathleen & Ray McKinney  
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Esther & Leslie Preston

Heather Zifchak  
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Janie & Gary Dean  
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Joan Cox  
John Tucker  
Jolinda & Clint Babcock  
Joni & Wilbur Christmas  
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Laurie & Paul Harless  
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Sarah Williamson  
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Serenah Arnett  
Stacie & David Baker  
Sue Matney  
Thomas Shaver  
Ursula Young  
Wendy & Duane Elliot  
Zelda & David Nichols

## In Memoriam

Alisa Vawter  
Alton M. Hill  
Alvin Johnson, Jr.  
Ann Marie Yow  
Arlene Skurzynski  
Barbara Reavis  
Beatrice Curtin  
Betty Keiger  
Billie Jean Helton  
Bonnie Myers  
Catherine Saunders Cass  
Claire Culbreath  
Clara Allen  
Clara Taylor  
  
D.D. Schouler  
Darlene Diehl  
Douglas Young

Edith Myers  
Edna Wooten  
Geoffrey Wood  
Jacquelyn Owen  
Janet Vickers  
Jerry White  
Jill Pence  
Joe Woestendiek  
John Barton Cloud  
John Parker  
John Ehle  
Joseph Pemberton, Sr.  
Lilah Hayward  
Lorraine Shearer  
Lydia Schouler  
Lynn Clare Simon  
Malinda Shamel  
Mardene Morykwas

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Margaret Norfleet Gidly  
Margaret White  
Mary Jewell  
Mary Magdalene Collins Burchette  
Nancy Gayle Mackie  
Nora Smith  
Norma H. Lewis  
Opal Speas Stoneman  
Pansy Crews  
Peter Allan  
Philip Lucas  
Richard Minish  
Scott Cramer  
Selvey Boyer  
Thomas Kirk



Dear FHS Family,

After much deliberation and planning, at the end of the day FHS took a leap of faith when we moved into our contract with Forsyth County and became an open admission shelter. We took that leap buoyed by the support of our community, and with a determined commitment to increase the save rate of shelter cats and dogs in Forsyth County from 36% in 2017 to 90% by the year 2023.

I had no doubt that this hard-working staff, this dedicated group of loving volunteers, and this generous and caring community could do this.

I underestimated our collective strength, compassion, and determination. As of the end of 2018 we have succeeded in increasing the save rate of shelter cats and dogs in Forsyth County from 36% to 71%. This early success inspires confidence and redoubles our determination to tackle the next programming, fundraising, and operational challenge!

But like many things in life, the last stretch to the goal is the hardest. The wins at this stage are smaller and harder-won.

We are counting on our community now more than ever as we push forward to achieve our goal of a 90% save rate by 2023. I am overcome with gratitude for your commitment, generosity, and inspiration. I know that together we can do this.

Thank you,

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Sarah E. Williamson  
Executive Director





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