



**FORSYTH
HUMANE
SOCIETY**

2019 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 2019 FHS increased the save rate of shelter cats and dogs in Forsyth County to 77%.

***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,

When I walk into the Forsyth Humane Society (FHS) I am greeted by a cacophony of sounds: laughter from people watching the cats' antics, excited barks of dogs heading to their forever homes, families excitedly filling out their adoption applications, and, of course, children telling their parents they "have to have" the dog or cat of their dreams. I hear similar sounds when I walk in the door to my own home. I hear my goldendoodle, Lionel, and my golden retriever, Riley, rush to greet me (whether it's been five minutes or five hours) and are always happy to see me. This happiness is what motivates me, and countless other volunteers and staff, to push toward saving more homeless dogs and cats in Forsyth County. I want all families to enjoy the same loud, joyous greeting that I do and the special love that pets provide.

In 2019, FHS was recognized for this continuous push to save more wet noses, with a goal of reaching our 90% save rate by 2023. Our year end 2019 save rate was 77%, compared to 36% in 2017! We are grateful that the National Best Friends Animal Society awarded \$16,000 to FHS and that Melissa Jones from Best Friends joined our volunteers, supporters and members of the Board of County Commissioners in a special ceremony celebrating our efforts. While these gains weren't easy, the hardest work is yet to come. Continuing to raise our save rate from 77% to 90% will require the support of our entire community.

This report translates the excited sounds you hear at FHS into words detailing the successes of our volunteers, supporters, staff, and Board of Directors who have worked hard to save more. FHS' accomplishments have been made possible by the support of the local community, Forsyth County and Animal Services, and other local animal welfare organizations. I couldn't be prouder to work alongside these individuals and groups.

I am proud of the work we have done and look forward to pushing up my sleeves for the work left to do. If you haven't been to FHS, please stop by – just don't expect quiet facilities.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carrie F. Vickery". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Carrie F. Vickery

2019 – 2020 FHS Board President

2019 RESULTS

77%
SAVE RATE

2,508
ANIMALS
ADOPTED

1,626
PETS SPAYED &
NEUTERED

4,012
ANIMALS
FOSTERED

1,268
ANIMALS TRANSFERRED
TO PARTNER RESCUES

16,233
POUNDS OF FOOD TO PET
FOOD PANTRIES

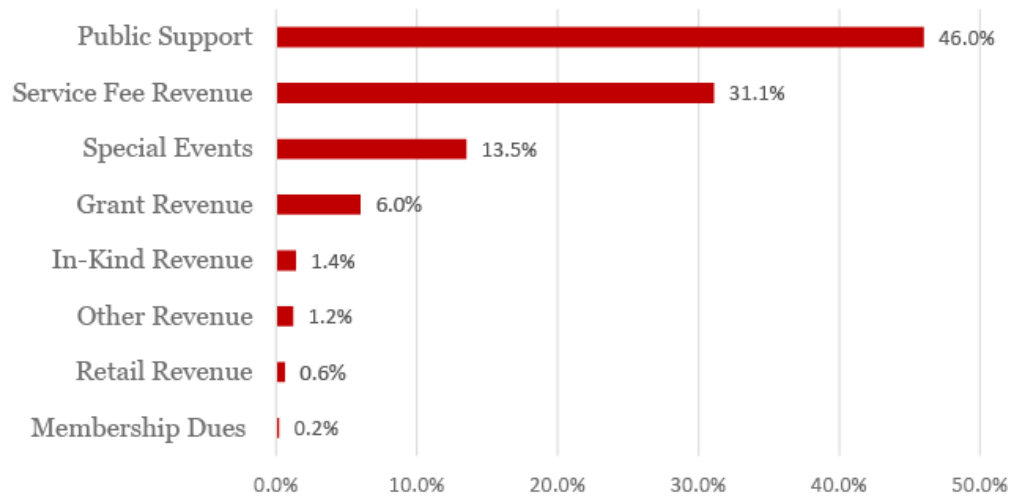
2,944
COMMUNITY ROOM
VISITORS

1,774
SCHOOL CHILDREN
VISITED

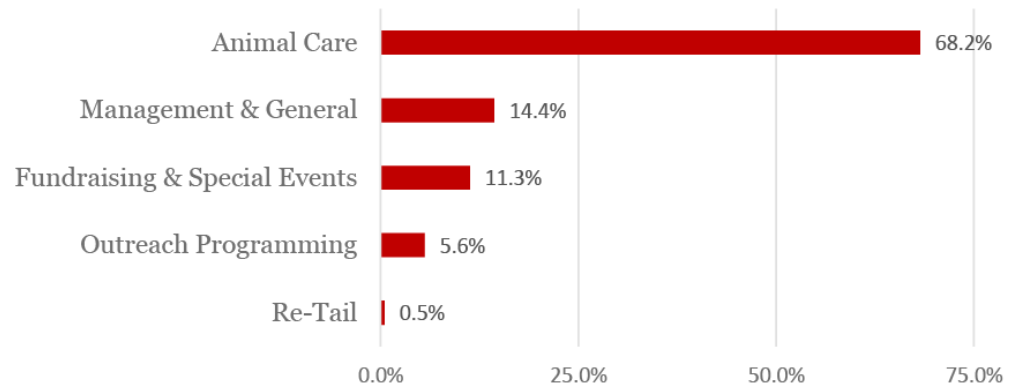


2019 RESULTS Continued

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. Our work and ensure a lasting legacy of kindness and compassion.



Legacy Members

Leigh Ann Adams
Joan Allan
Cissie & John Anderson
Serenah Arnett
Jolinda & Clint Babcock
Stacie & David Baker
Nick Jongebloed & Tara Ballard
Sarah Barnhardt
Bill Benton
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Sarah Williamson
Elizabeth Wood
Ursula Young
Lawrence Yow, Jr.
Heather Zifchak

In Memoriam

Peter Allan
Clara Allen
Selvey Boyer
Ann Blanton Breese
Catherine Saunders Cass
John Barton Cloud
Mary Magdalene Collins Burchette
Scott Cramer
Pansy Crews
Claire Culbreath
Beatrice Curtin
Darlene Diehl
John Ehle
Margie Eller
Margaret Norfleet Gidly
Lilah Hayward
Billie Jean Helton
Alton M. Hill

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Fredrick David Masten
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Lynn Clare Simon
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Opal Speas Stoneman
Clara Taylor
Alisa Vawter
Janet Vickers
Jerry White
Margaret White
Joe Woestendiek
Geoffrey Wood
Edna Wooten
Douglas Young
Ann Marie Yow



Dear FHS Family,

Every non-profit dreams of a day when they succeed and close their doors, because their mission is no longer needed in the world. The problem is solved.

In 2019 we sheltered 6,269 cats and dogs. That's an average of 17 animals coming into shelter every day. We celebrated adopting 2,508 shelter animals into loving homes, cheered transferring 1,268 four-legged buddies to other caring rescues, and whooped in the lobby when 763 lost animals were reunited with their families.

Still, we wish we didn't have to do this.

Spaying and neutering cats and dogs is the solution to this problem. Ensuring there are fewer – or no – unwanted and homeless litters of puppies and kittens is how we reduce euthanasia and the need for shelters and rescues.

We are proud that in 2019 in partnership with Forsyth County we opened a shelter-based spay and neuter surgery suite at the county shelter. We brought in-house the 2,500 spays and neuters we need annually. Performing these surgeries in-house reduces stress on our animals (no loading, transporting to another clinic, unloading); increases staff efficiency, and reduces our costs.

That is one example of how, with your support, we continue to innovate. We hope that one day our mission will no longer be needed.

Let's solve this problem.

With gratitude,

Sarah E. Williams

Executive Director



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