A COMPASSIONATE COMMITMENT

Do things look a little different around here? We have a new name! As of January 1st, 2018, the Sonoma Humane Society is now called the Humane Society of Sonoma County.

What hasn’t changed is our unwavering commitment to providing lifesaving protection and care for animals in need of a second chance. We continually strive toward positive outcomes for all pets, and your compassionate support makes it possible.

The numbers you see in our 2017 Annual Report reflect these accomplishments. Last year, we were able to achieve a 98% lives saved rate. This means that for more animals like Max, the hope of a forever home can become a reality.

The 10-year-old diabetic cat was deemed “unadoptable” at another shelter due to his medical condition. In spite of being underweight and in poor health when he first arrived at HSSC, Max responded well to the friendship and medical care we gave him. We knew this smart and fun-loving fellow deserved another chance. So did one of our longtime supporters, Kim.

With a diabetic family member, Kim was familiar with the injections, glucose monitoring and other considerations needed to manage this condition. She’d recently moved out of state, but that didn’t stop her from stepping up for this sweet cat. On adoption day this past April, she arrived at HSSC with a pet carrier and a cold bag for transporting Max’s insulin—ready to bring him to the loving home where he will truly thrive.

Beautiful outcomes like Max’s are the result of a community doing whatever it takes to ensure a strong safety net for the animals. Each number in our Annual Report is a testament to our shared commitment. We are proud of the work we are doing together!
ANIMALS RESCUED

STRAYS 1,106
TRANSFERS from other rescues 821
OWNER SURRENDERS 454

Foster Care Animals 1,407
Fospice Animals 140

LIVE RELEASE RATE

SHELTER CAPACITY 240
ANIMALS RETURNED HOME 421
MEDICAL
Shelter animals with medical needs 2,048
Animals served at public hospital 4,875
Charity medical services rendered $25,852
Fire relief free clinics $60,104

FORGET ME NOT FARM
Children Served 287
Agencies Served 12

HUMANE EDUCATION PROGRAMS
Summer and Winter Camp Attendees 210
Youth Tours and Outreach 181
Mentoring and Community Service 126
Animal Assisted Activities Program
  School Site Visits 200
  Adult Site Visits 500
  Library Visits 920

BEHAVIOR & TRAINING
Shelter Dogs Trained 1,197
Public Dogs Trained 717
Puppies enrolled in Puppy Socialization Classes 241

SPAY & NEUTER
Public Hospital Spays/Neuters 115
Shelter Hospital Spays/Neuters 258
Low-Cost S/N Surgeries 1,836
Total 2,209

VOLUNTEERS
Volunteers 710
Volunteer Hours 59,710
Equivalent FT Employees 27
Equivalent Employee Compensation $1,552,453
INCOME

Donations, Events, Bequests, Endowments & Grants $3,379,672  58%
Hospital, Adoption, Training & Services Fees $1,938,965 34%
City Contracts $235,000  4%
Pet Supply Shop Sales $55,992  1%
Investments and Rental Income/Loss $177,704 3%
Total $5,787,333 100%

EXPENSE

Adoptions and Animal Care Programs $4,196,626  78%
Education, Outreach and Abuse Prevention Programs $371,459  7%
Management and General $341,973  6%
Donor Development and Fundraising $459,701  9%
Total $5,369,759 100%

85 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to help homeless animals get the medical attention, behavior support and adoption services they need to live full, happy lives with loving families. It also supports our efforts to prevent animal abuse and neglect through humane education.

Humane Society of Sonoma County
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GRANTS Received, 2017*


*This financial report aligns with our fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 therefore our generous grantors who provided support during the fires are not listed in this issue.