

The Center for Animal Health & Welfare

Finding Forever Homes for Homeless Animals

(Formerly known as Northampton County SPCA)

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State of the Shelter - 2016

During 2016 members of the Board of Directors included Angela Schmoyer, President, Helen Maurella, Vice President, Valerie Antonelli, Secretary, Anthony Schwickrath, Treasurer, Dan Roman, Sarah Brown and Honorary Board members Wendy Benedict and Ronda Senior.

In June of 2016 Kelly Bauer was hired as Shelter Manager/Executive Director. Her experience in Public relations, and fund raising will be a welcome addition to the Center. The remaining staff includes Kate Griffin, Business Manager, Cathy Ford, Animal Care Manager, Laura Armbrecht, Feline Manager, Ashley Rodriguez, Canine Manager and Maria Zarate, Canine Enrichment Manager who resigned in September. There are 14 other employees, full and part time, on staff. Our payroll represents 50% of our total budget and continues to be our biggest single cost.

In November, Dr. Isabelle James VDM was added to the staff as a part time veterinarian. Her experience with The ASPCA in New York City is a welcome addition to our spay/neuter clinic as well as the medical treatment of our own residents. In 2016, Angela Schmoyer took on the task of organizing eight shot clinics, generating \$8,145.18 in gross revenue. Ideally, the Center would like to offer this service at least once a month throughout the county, however finding veterinarians to volunteer their time for the clinics continues to be a challenge. Our spay/neuter clinic operated 185 days in 2016 and generated \$48,026 in income. The Center applied for The CIPP Grant of Northampton county and was awarded \$30,000 toward the Healthy Haven Campaign. This grant along with matching funds raised will be used to update all the dog kennels with new Snyder brand enclosures, better

drainage system and better heating, air conditioning and ventilation. Work is set to begin shortly on this renovation.

Major Fundraisers for 2016 included:

- Pins for Pets (organized by L. Heinrich & A. Schmoyer) \$83, 544.75
- Vettes for Pets (hosted by Easton Corvette Club) \$13,525
- NC Govt. Center Bake Sale (Easter & Thanksgiving) \$ 5363.10
- Wine Tasting (Organized By Janice Kulishenko) \$10,108.28

By far our largest donations come from those we can no longer thank. In 2016, we received \$264,028.16 in bequest money. We continue to encourage animal lovers in our area to consider leaving a lasting legacy of kindness in their names.

Former Board member Laura Slay and members of the Board of Directors donated \$1,500.00 to provide Christmas bonuses to our staff. We thank them all for their generosity during the season of giving.

While we had experienced a decline in adoptions for the past 9 years, 2016 marked the first time that adoption numbers held steady with the previous year. The Euthanasia statistic for 2016 included 10 dogs, 58 cats and 1 ferret, 100% were for medical reasons.

INTAKE	2014	2015	2016
On Hand Jan 1	373	347	336
Strays	674	644	504
Owner Surrender	273	300	293
Transfer In	33	4	45
Other	202	125	86
Total Cared for	1555	1420	1264

OUTCOME	2014	2015	2016
Adoptions	961	821	821
Return to Owner	36	33	24
Transfer Out	15	23	4
Died in Care	38	49	36
Euthanized	65	84	69

Other	88	73	27
On Hand Dec.31	352	337	283
Total Outcomes	1555	1420	1264

Most of the year our dog kennels were below capacity. We did transfer in multiple dogs and puppies from varied rescue organizations and high-kill shelters during the year. However many of the local municipalities are adopting out stray dogs on their own rather than paying a fee to relinquish them to us. Unfortunately there are no regulations insuring that these dogs are spayed/neutered before they are adopted. The largest source of animal intakes for the shelter was stray animals, brought in by municipalities or the public, at 504 animals. The second largest source of intakes, at 293, were owner surrenders. We continue to support local animal food banks in an effort to assist those who have financial hardships to help them keep their pets rather than relinquishing the animal to us. Too many animals spend years at the shelter, being overlooked for adoption for one reason or another. In addition to the Petco habitat, we have also instituted the Adoption Ambassador program, making it easier for pets to transition directly into their adoptive homes. We welcome new ideas to facilitate a more aggressive and successful adoption program. Most of the shelter animals are on our website, social media and Petfinder.

A \$20,000 Purina grant was awarded to the Center at the end of 2015 and was used in 2016 to update the exam room with new cabinets and counter tops, and to replace 12 cat enclosures in the lower building transition area. The Petco Foundation awarded The Center with a \$20,000 grant in June of 2016, \$10,000 of which was used to purchase a Ford Utility Van to replace our failing cargo van, the remainder was used to spay and neuter 360 feral cats. Community Boy Scouts donated their time to build and pave walking paths at the dog exercise yards, as well as leveling and paving the area between main and lower buildings. Building and grounds maintenance was handled for part of the year by a part time maintenance man and intermittently by staff and volunteers. As of this writing he has since left and we need to fill this position. We continued to have issues with our

water/well system as the water consumption from the washers strains the ability of the well pump. The well had to be re-drilled in summer 2016 at a cost of over \$20,000. A second Commercial grade washer was also installed. A new water line was also installed between the Main and Lower buildings. The parking lot drainage was redone to combat the constant issue of standing water in the lot. Our dog warden inspections took place on June 9th and December 19th, 2016. Both inspections passed with no deficiencies noted.

The 2015 990 forms and our annual audit have been completed and all information is available on guide star.