

# ANNUAL REPORT

# 2014

LEON COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY



# 2014 HIGHLIGHTS



**Increase**  
In Pets Entering  
LCHS Program



## ABOUT LEON COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

The **Leon County Humane Society (LCHS)** is the oldest and largest no-kill animal rescue organization in the greater Tallahassee area with a 55-year history of improving the lives of pets and people. We are a local, private nonprofit organization and are not affiliated with the city-funded animal shelter or any national Humane Society or SPCA. We are completely reliant on the generosity and support of individuals and businesses in our community and grants from foundations.

*Our mission is to relieve animal suffering; prevent animal cruelty; eliminate pet overpopulation; promote humane education; and enhance the human/animal bond.*

## LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Dear Friends and Supporters,**

2014 was a successful, but challenging year for Leon County Humane Society. The organization experienced transition in the leadership roles of board president and executive director. In spite of these changes, 2014 brought great victories in the lives of the hundreds of animals that entered our program. That's because of YOU, our generous donors and dedicated volunteers, our committed staff and board of directors. You rose to the challenge and continued to realize the mission of this great organization.

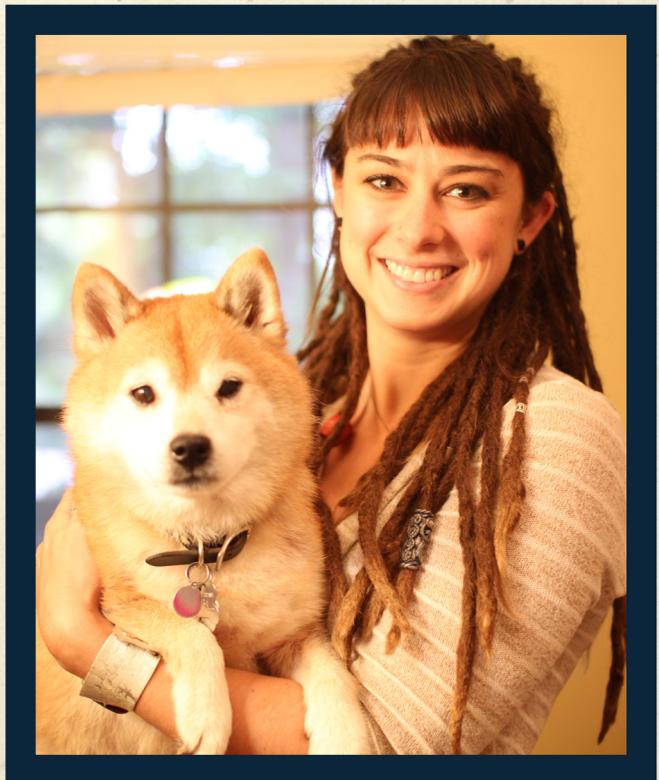
Leon County Humane Society is a no-kill foster based program, which means that we are committed to love and care for every animal in our program until they find their forever family. Whether we are providing lifesaving medical care to a resident animal, providing pet owners access to important resources, or transporting animals from high-kill shelters to rescues with high demands for adoptable pets, we provide a vital safety net to those injured, neglected, and abandoned animals in our community who need extra attention and care.

This report provides a look back at the wonderful accomplishments of 2014. We hope you enjoy seeing how your contributions and assistance ensure that we continue to meet the needs of the animals and people in our community. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Sabrina Rodriguez de Conte



# COMMUNITY SUPPORT



## Friends Fur Life

Over the last seven years, Leon County Humane Society and our caring community and volunteers have donated, organized and delivered nearly six tons of food and supplies to households throughout the Big Bend area. Each year, we help dozens of seniors and hundreds of pets in need by providing them with food, treats, toys and spay/neuter vouchers upon request. Because of these efforts, beloved pets get to stay in their own homes and more seniors are able to keep their best friends.



## FREE Pet Helpline

The Pet Helpline is intended to assist owners with common pet behavior questions and issues that can hopefully be resolved through education and counseling, rather than surrendering their animals to the shelter. There are nearly 30 topics covered on the Helpline, ranging from general animal welfare questions to specific subjects for cats and dogs like litter box and house training, introducing new pets into the household and modifying aggressive or destructive behavior. The Helpline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and callers receive a one-on-one call back with one of our counselors.

**PET  
HELPLINE  
24/7  
ASSISTANCE**



# REDUCING PET HOMELESSNESS

## Foster & Adoption Program

Our Foster and Adoption Program lies at the very heart of our mission to improve the lives of animals and families in our community. At any given time, nearly 150 dogs, cats and other small animals are living temporarily with foster families until the happy day when they are matched with a family of their own.

## 2014 Positive Placements



317



243

**560** total  
adoptions  
**12% Increase**

## Animal Medical Fund

Each of the animals that enter our program receive, at a minimum, routine veterinary care, spay/neuter surgeries, vaccinations, microchip, heartworm test and treatment, fecal flotation and deworming, FIV/FELV screening, foster home at a private residence, specialty food, lots of love, and placement into a carefully screened forever home. When necessary, we also ensure these animals receive specialized surgeries to repair their broken legs, remove cancerous lumps and provide them with a whole host of other extensive medical treatments. Most of the time, our adoption fees are NOT enough to cover the costs of the veterinary care that is required to rehabilitate these animals. In 2014, LCHS took in 482 dogs and 225 cats; a 23% increase over 2013 intake.



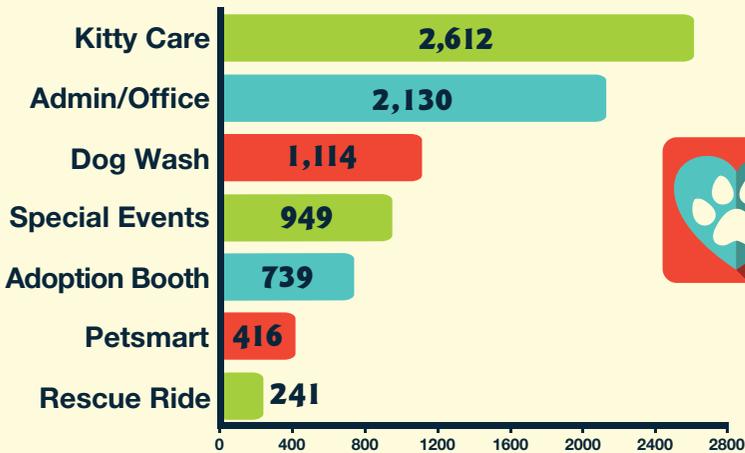
## Rescue Ride Animal Relocation

Our Rescue Ride Program takes dogs from overcrowded shelters and transports them to other Humane Societies and SPCAs that do not euthanize for space. This creative approach saves lives and gives hope to dogs who would otherwise have little or no chance for adoption. LCHS has transported more than 600 dogs to guaranteed adoption programs since 2011. 140 dogs were transferred to rescue partners for guaranteed adoptions as part of the Rescue Ride program in 2014.



# VOLUNTEERS

## 2014 Volunteer Hour Breakdown

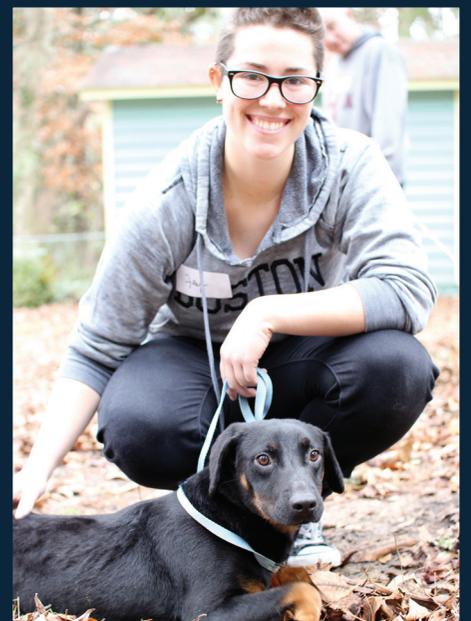


**397**  
Adult  
Volunteers



**685**  
Student  
Volunteers

LCHS depends on the support of hundreds of committed, caring people who volunteer their time, talent, and energy on behalf of the animals. From helping to showcase pets at adoption events and assisting with fundraisers, to doing routine office chores and providing a safe loving home environment for foster pets, volunteers are essential to the work of our organization.



# 2014 VOLUNTEER AWARDS



**KITTY CAREGIVER**  
Dotty Diltz & Pat McCollum



**GOLDEN PLUNGER**  
Ann & Bill Brattain



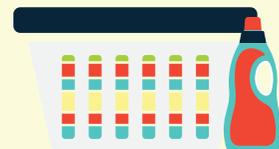
**DYNAMIC DUO**  
Margaret & Bruce Timm



**FABULOUS FAMILY**  
Julie, Tressalee & Grace Gahagan



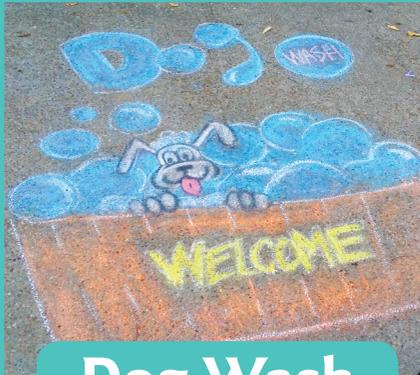
**BEST NEW VOLUNTEER**  
Toni Trimarco



**LAUNDRY GURUS**  
Karen & Ben Godby

# FUNDRAISING

Throughout the year, LCHS offers several fundraising opportunities where participants can help support our programs. Proceeds help provide food, shelter, and medical care for the homeless pets in our program.



**Dog Wash**



**Paw Prints Calendar**

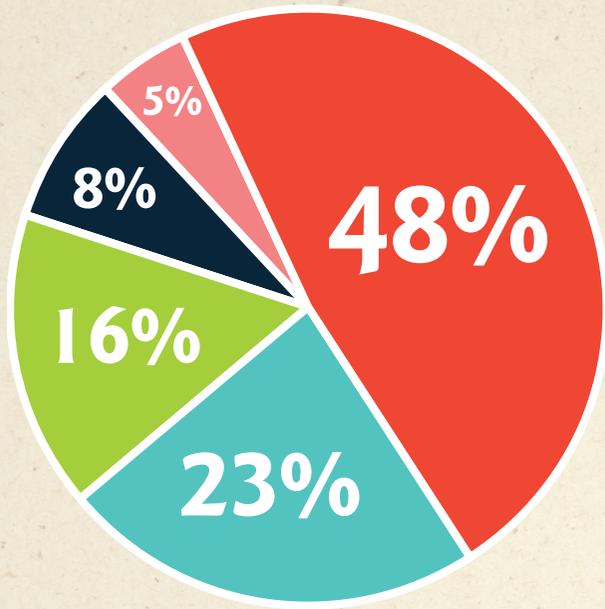


**Kitty Glitter**



# 2014 FINANCIAL STATS

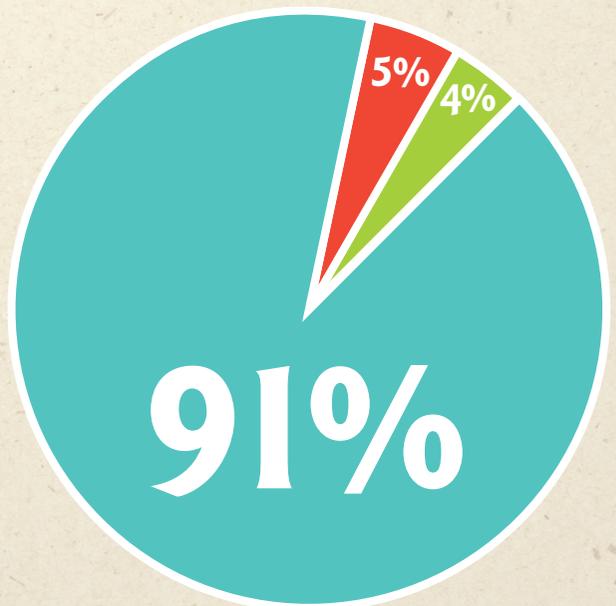
## Sources of Support



- Individual Donors (\$204,792)
- Fundraisers (\$97,530)
- Adoptions (\$70,461)
- Grants/Programs (\$32,284)
- Bequests (\$22,506)

## Expenses

- Program (\$415,137)
- General & Administration (\$22,425)
- Fundraising (\$17,008)



# OUR SUCCESS DEPENDS ON YOU!

The incredible accomplishments of 2014 could not have been achieved without your support. Our programs and services are working to combat pet homelessness, but we know that there is still much work to be done.

*Our success depends on you. Please renew your support today.*

Together, we can create a brighter future for the hundreds of homeless pets that enter our care each year through no fault of their own.

Please visit us online to make a one time gift or a recurring monthly donation at [www.lchs.info/donate](http://www.lchs.info/donate).

**You can help make a difference!**



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