

ANNUAL REPORT

2015

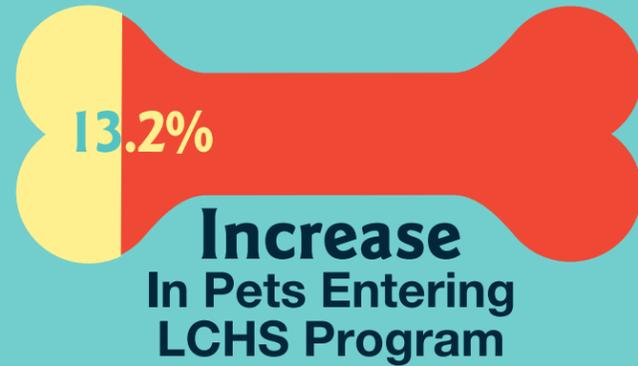
LEON COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY



2015 HIGHLIGHTS



144
Dogs & Puppies
Transferred to
Rescue Partners



13.2%
Increase
In Pets Entering
LCHS Program



619
Pets Adopted



8,552
Volunteer
Hours



687
Animals
Fostered

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 of LCHS,

This organization is built on an incredible foundation of passion, generosity, and dedication. 2015 was not an easy year for the Leon County Humane Society, but it is one that has provided us with opportunities for learning and growth within the organization. It is this growth that will ultimately make this organization stronger and better equipped to create a positive impact within our community. Despite a change in leadership and turbulent waters at times, the passion for animals that drives us all did prevail and we have been able to end 2015 with some incredible successes. The greatest of those successes being the 802 individual animals that entered our care, an increase in intake of over 10% in one year!

I am proud of LCHS and the people who make this organization what it is. Our new mission statement reads "Rescue, Rehabilitate, and Educate; Fostering a Kinder Community for People and Their Pets." I believe in the mission of LCHS and the people that are helping us turn our dreams for this organization into reality. I have confidence in our staff who leave the office, but are never "off work". I feel the support of a Board comprised of hard working veteran leaders of LCHS who have loyally stuck with us as well as new members who jumped at the chance to take LCHS to the next level. Most of all, I am grateful for the volunteers, foster parents, and donors who trust us enough to walk along

with us through the lifesaving journeys and who share our passion without asking anything in return.

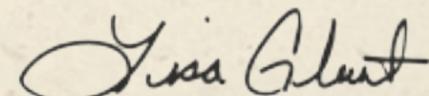
2015 was a year of learning for many of us, but I do not want the challenges of the year to be what we remember first when we look back. The memories of

2015 should be those of Mama Dog who was rescued with her puppies despite three long weeks of growling, barking, and charging at her rescuers. We should remember back to Bella Bean, Macintosh, and Big Mac who were accepted into our care at a busy time of year because their owner had finally made the decision to seek help for a drug addiction that had overcome her life. I am thankful to everyone who helped us to end 2015 on a good note. LCHS is a valuable asset to our community and the information in this report will give you a glimpse of what



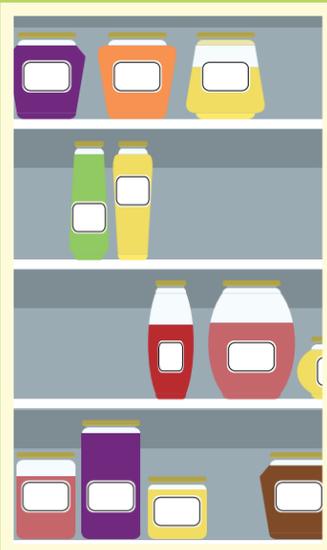
we have accomplished in 2015 for the animals and people in our community. We are now determined to make an even greater impact as we forge ahead!

Sincerely,



Lisa Glunt

COMMUNITY SUPPORT



Pet Pantry Food Bank

Thanks to the generosity of our caring community and volunteers, Leon County Humane Society has distributed 2,880 pounds of food and supply assistance to seniors and other individuals who are at risk of losing their animals due to financial hardship. By providing this valuable service LCHS is able to keep animals in homes that otherwise would be at risk for entering a shelter environment. This program not only keeps pets in their loving homes, it also allows us opportunities to deepen relations within our community and promote the importance of spaying and neutering!

We Helped Over
1,050
pets



Pawsitive Readers

We've teamed up with local schools to encourage young readers to volunteer to read to our adoptable kitties while they are waiting to find their forever homes. This therapeutic reading program allows children, accompanied by a parent or guardian, an opportunity to improve their reading skills in front of a non-judgmental audience of furry felines. It's great opportunity for those who need a little extra reading practice as well as those who just love to read! The "Pawsitive Readers" program has welcomed over 70 young readers ages 4-18 in the first year!



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.

2015 Positive Placements



356

263

619 total
adoptions
10.5% Increase

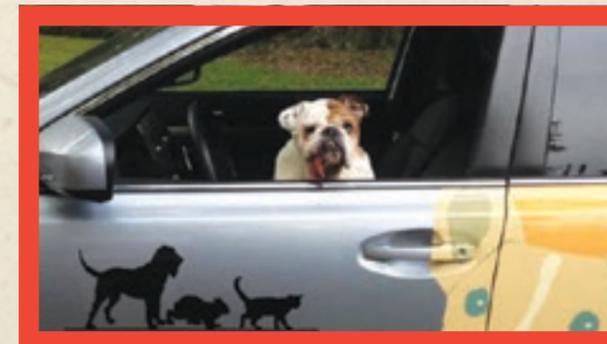
Animal Medical Funding

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 2015, LCHS took in 486 dogs and 314 cats; a 13% increase over 2014 intake.



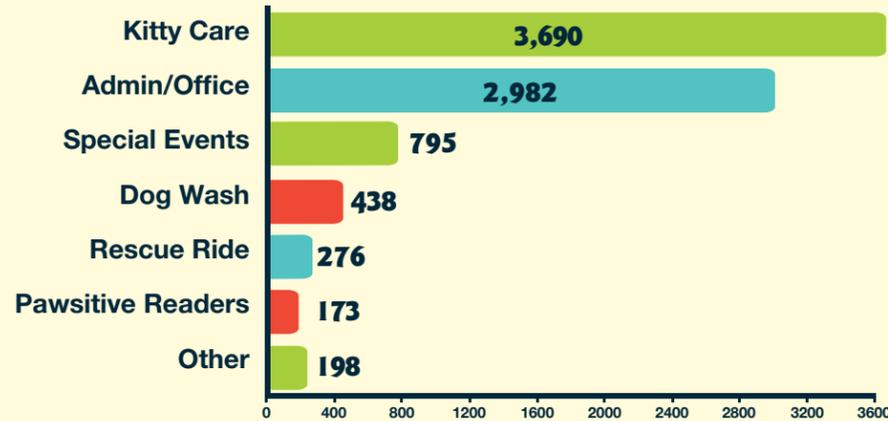
Rescue Ride Animal Relocation

Every year our Rescue Ride Program takes dogs from overcrowded shelters and transports them to other Humane Societies and rescues that do not euthanize for space. This creative approach guarantees adoption to dogs who would otherwise have little or no chance at life. With 144 dogs transported in 2015, LCHS has saved more than 700 dogs since 2011. Thanks to our donors and 2015 Rescue Ride Sponsor - Bank of America - for making this possible.



VOLUNTEERS

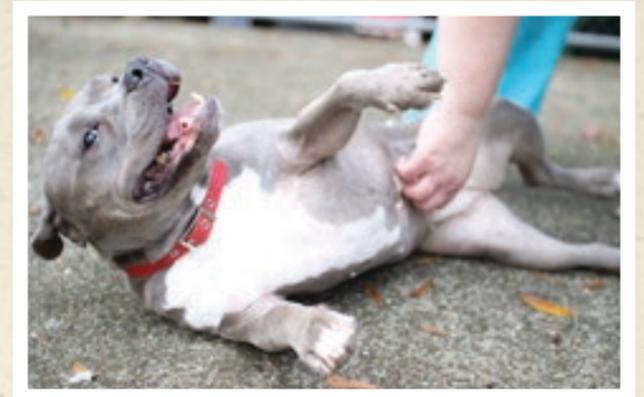
2015 Volunteer Hour Breakdown



LCCHS 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.

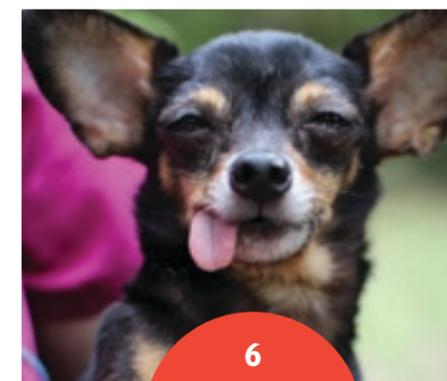
INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Dependent on a dedicated, but small staff, LCCHS relies heavily on our incredible volunteers. In the recent years, LCCHS has begun utilizing the help of a newer segment of volunteers with student interns. The LCCHS Internship Program comprised of local college students began in 2013, and in 2015, we welcomed our first high school student into the program. This mutually beneficial internship experience offers students work experience in the animal welfare field while providing LCCHS with more hands on deck.



In 2015, 11 students took part in the LCCHS Internship program. Student interns actively participating in the LCCHS internship program offer support with adoptions, customer service, animal care, veterinary transport, event planning, photography, social media, and many other tasks. Several interns have continued their support of LCCHS in a volunteer capacity after the completion of their internship and graduation. We are grateful for the generosity of these young people with their time and talent and we look forward to growing this program in the future!

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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

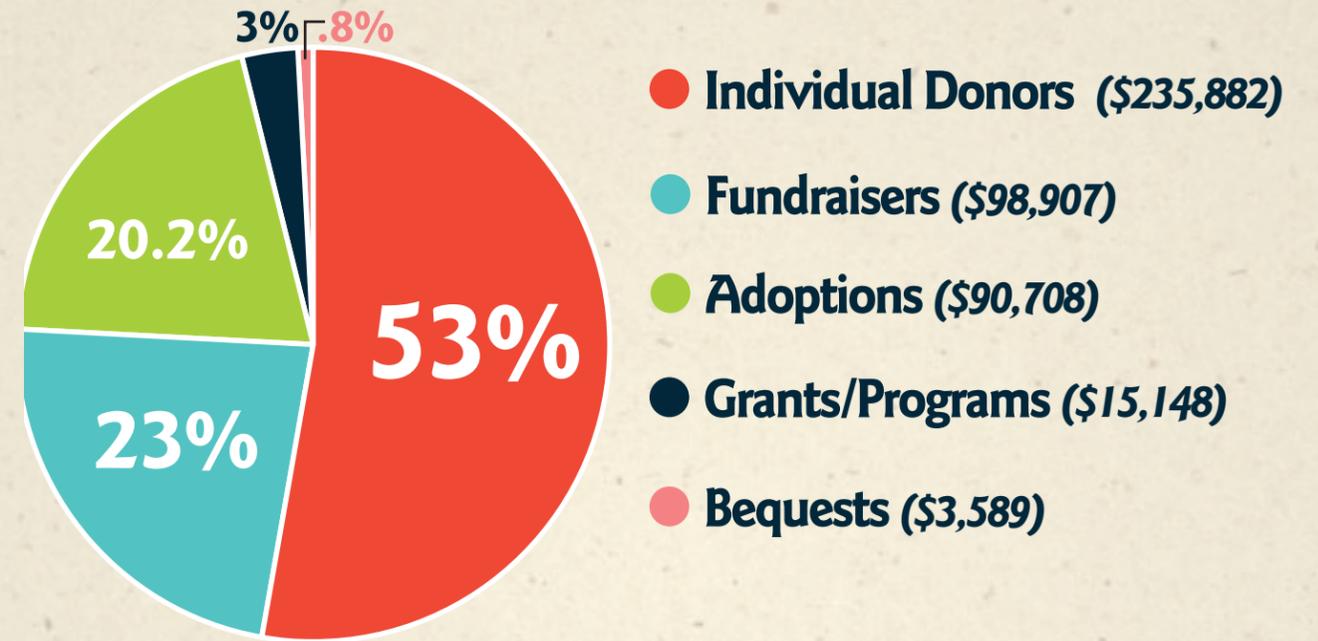


Walk & Wag

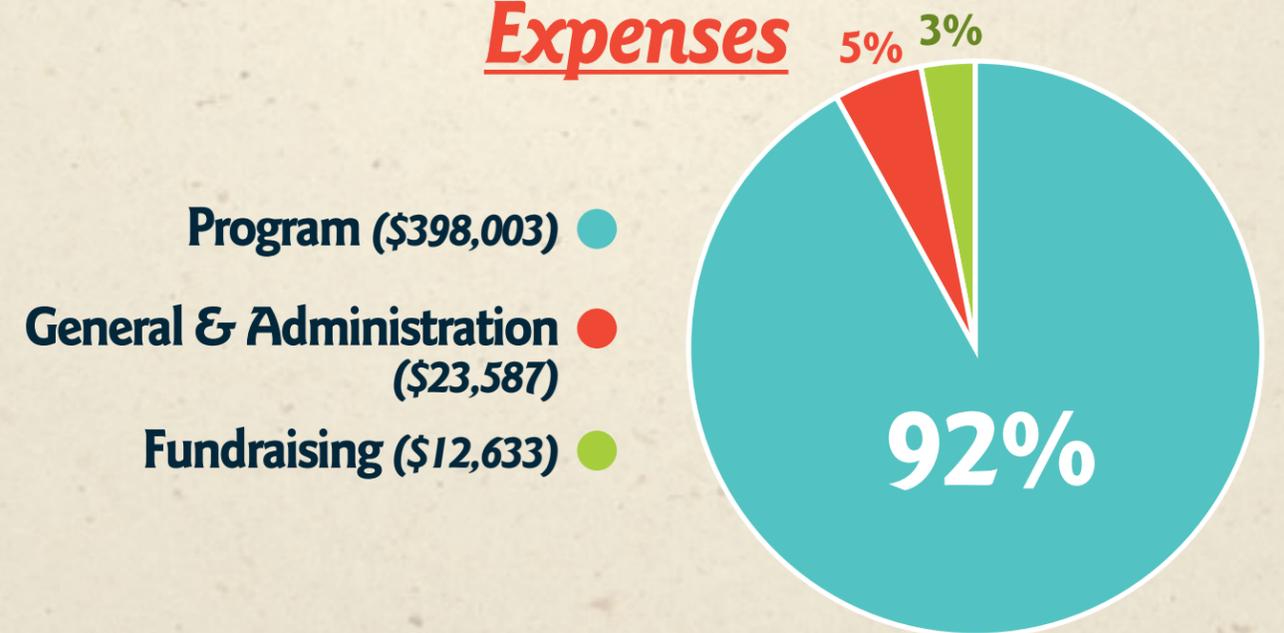


2015 FINANCIAL STATS

Sources of Support



Expenses



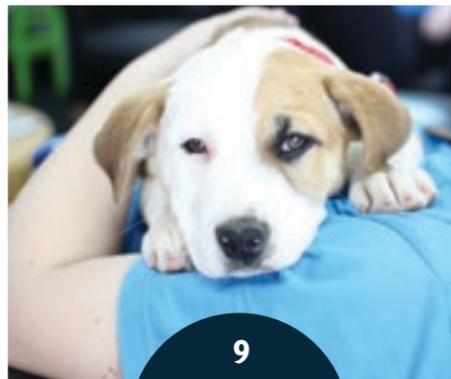
OUR SUCCESS DEPENDS ON YOU!

The incredible accomplishments of 2015 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.

You can help make a difference!



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