

ANNUAL REPORT

2016

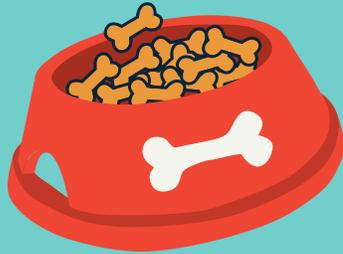
LEON COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY



2016 HIGHLIGHTS



**Humane Education
Classroom
Visits**



7,071

**Pounds of Food
Distributed through Pet Pantry**

5460
Pets Adopted



**9,150
Volunteer
Hours**



599

**Pets
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 56-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 Rescue, Rehabilitate & Educate; Fostering a Kinder
Community for People & Their Pets.*

LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Members of LCHS,

2016 was a busy learning year for the Leon County Humane Society (LCHS). We welcomed a new staff member to lead the cat foster program and tested the waters with new fundraising opportunities. We also dove head first into the reality of hoarding and neglect that often exists unseen in the beautiful hills of North Florida, many times much closer than you'd expect. The year had a forward moving momentum led by a strong board of directors and our dedicated staff. LCHS volunteers, foster parents, and a generous donor base trusted the staff to take lead on every rescue, but still answered the call to action without hesitation each time help was needed. We are so grateful for your constant outpouring of support!

The busy bottle baby season began with the introduction of a foster handbook which took time to create, but proved useful to the foster parents welcoming fragile new foster pets into their homes. This resource has also been shared with numerous individuals who found abandoned infant animals and have reached out for guidance from LCHS.

The LCHS board of directors helped to clarify what it means to be defined as a "member" of LCHS. For years, this was a gray area and many donors were left scratching their heads when asked "are you a member of LCHS?" A new membership mailing clarified that question for many wishing to be or already involved with LCHS.

Fundraising opportunities arise every week at LCHS. Being selective and deciphering which opportunities are a worthy means to help the organization became a new task. All business "share" days are not created the same and nobody would have guessed that the Bags 4 Wags Cornhole Tournament would have grossed over \$24,000! In the end, the generosity of

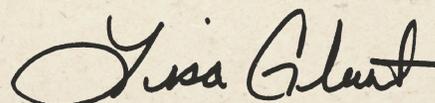
individual donors again formed the greatest source of funding for LCHS and the animals in our care. Giving Tuesday was an example of this generosity, bringing in over \$26,000 in one day!

2016 is a year that LCHS recognized two great needs to be addressed; humane education and assistance for cases of hoarding and neglect when other agencies deny help or help simply does not exist. LCHS recognized these needs and responded with action. From educating young people on topics relating to animals in their own back yards (including

tethering, overpopulation, breed discrimination, and feral cats) to responding to 4 hoarding cases in one year, our plate and our hearts both remained very full this past year.

Thank you for standing with us in our mission to *Rescue, Rehabilitate, and Educate; Fostering a Kinder Community for People and Their Pet!*

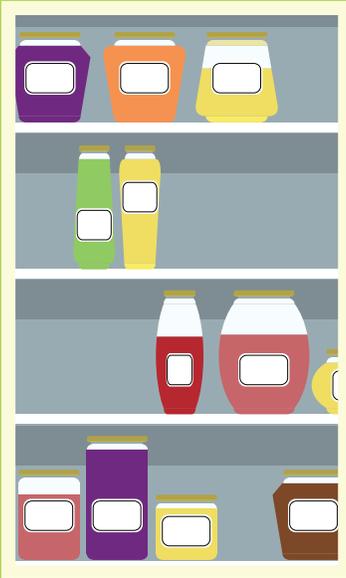
Sincerely,



Lisa Glunt



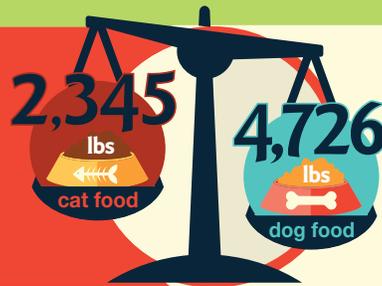
COMMUNITY SUPPORT



Pet Pantry Food Bank

Thanks to the generosity of our caring community and volunteers, Leon County Humane Society has distributed **8,400 pounds** of food and supplied 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 relationships within our community and promote the importance of spaying and neutering!

We Helped Over
2,222
pets



Piles of
Pet Supplies
toys, beds,
bowls, brushes
& shampoo

An illustration of various pet supplies including a spray bottle, a brush, a bowl, and a toy.

Pawsitive Readers

The Pawsitive Readers Program was initiated in 2014 and has since been one of the most fun and easy to manage volunteer programs for LCHS. LCHS has welcomed over 200 young individual readers since the program began, plus numerous groups that come to participate throughout the year. The program provides children extra practice with their reading in the loving company of adoptable cats and kittens. Pawsitive Readers has served the cats of LCHS as much as it has the readers who love them and provide them with socialization, hand made cat toys, and sometimes even their forever homes!



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 and cats are living temporarily with foster families until the happy day when they are matched with a family of their own.

2016 Positive Placements



283

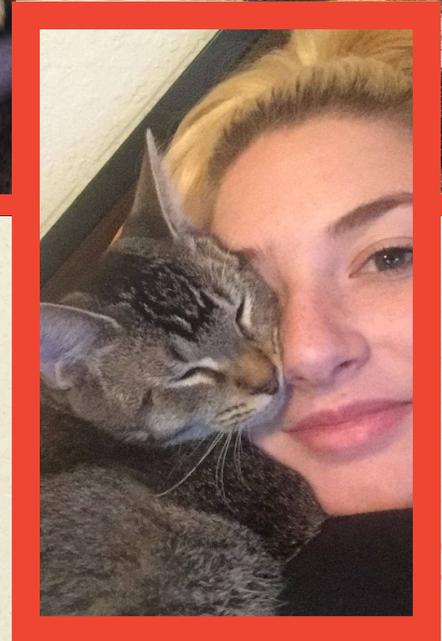
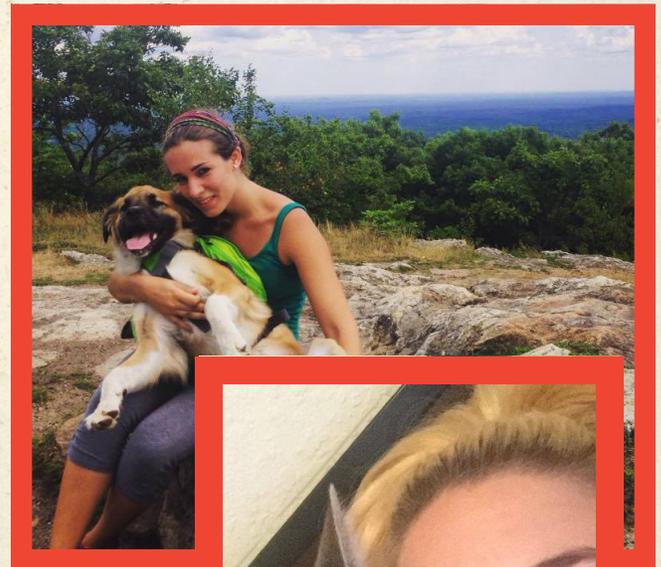


263

546 total
adoptions
8% Increase

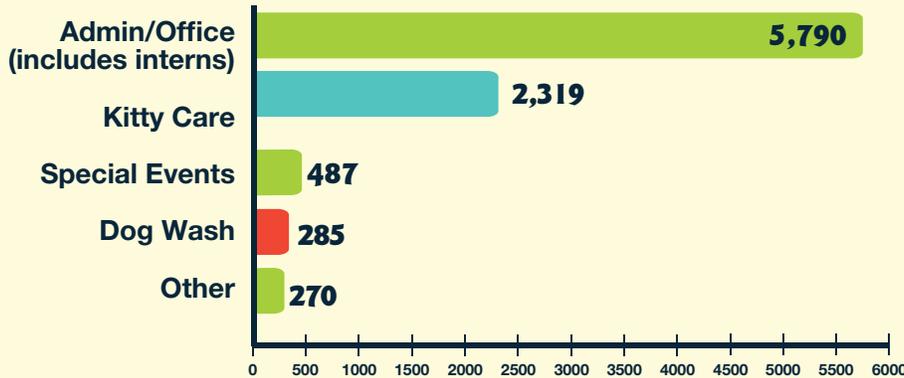
Animal Medical Funding

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 2016, LCHS took in 325 dogs and 274 cats; a 23% decrease over 2015 intake.



VOLUNTEERS

2016 Volunteer Hour Breakdown



422
Adult
Volunteers



240
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.



HUMANE EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Leon County Humane Society provides young people with humane education presentations and opportunities for positive interactions with animals. Upon teacher request, LCHS staff and animal ambassadors routinely visit with classrooms in Leon County Schools. Visits are also made for children in private schools, summer camps, and homeschool programs. The importance of spaying and neutering is worked into every lesson. During the summer of 2016,

Dear Human Society, I would just like say thank you. You let us read to the animals. You let us hold and cuddle the little kittens. You brought a K-9 to our school (even though I was a little scared) You even let us take care of those pets we named. I thank you for every thing!

Love,
Dionna

Dionna
Williams
Jul. 19, 2016

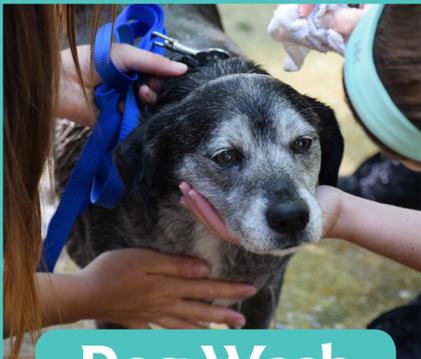
LCHS partnered with the Hartsfield Elementary School 21st Century program. LCHS staff provided (35) 2nd-5th grade students with lessons in humane education while the students gave back to local animals in need by creating handmade toys. The students learned about animal rescue, fostering, and adoption, as well as basic pet care. An emphasis was placed on the importance of spaying and neutering pets to combat pet overpopulation.



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.

Bags 4 Wags



Dog Wash

Paw Prints Calendar

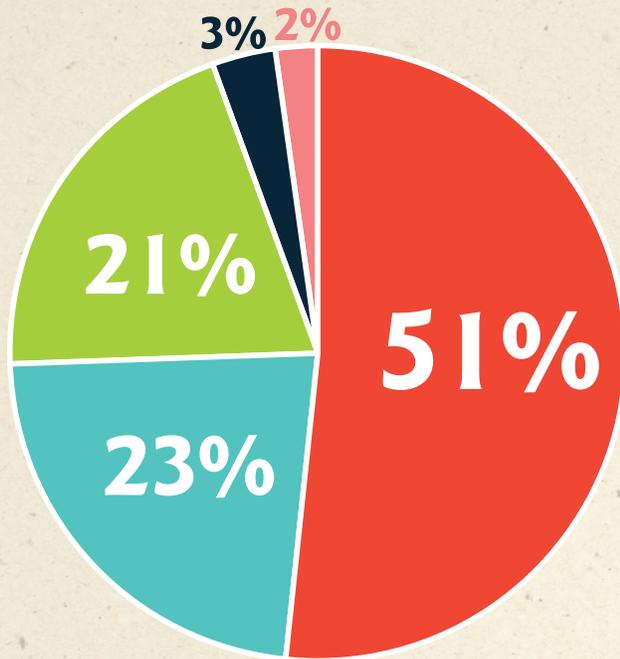


Walk & Wag



2016 FINANCIAL STATS

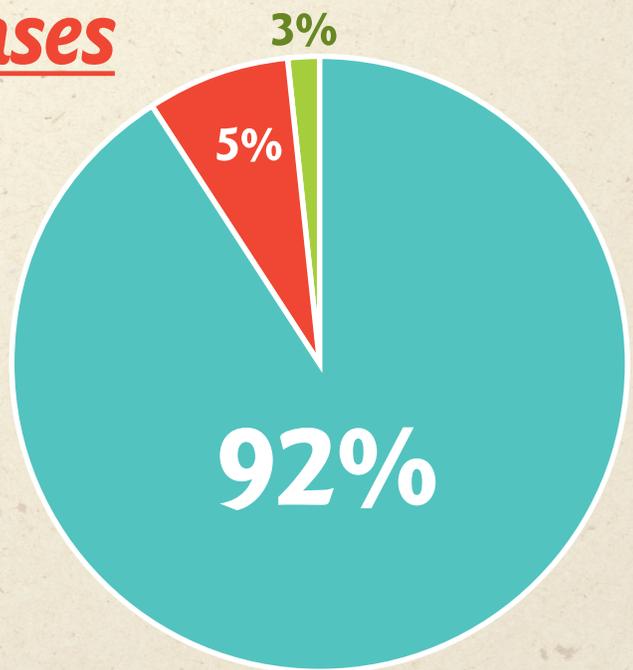
Sources of Support



- Individual Donors (\$230,261)
- Fundraisers (\$101,901)
- Adoptions (\$89,900)
- Grants/Programs (\$14,610)
- Bequests (\$8,975)

Expenses

- Program (\$381,745)
- General & Administration (\$31,459)
- Fundraising (\$6,034)



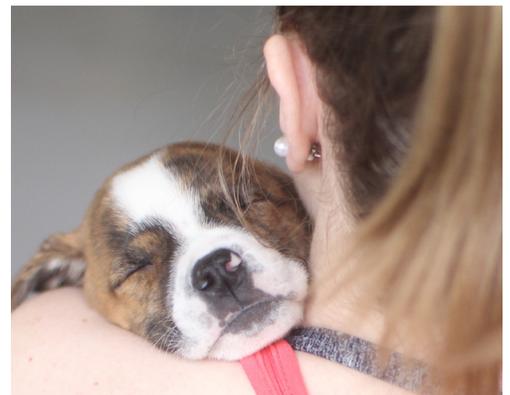
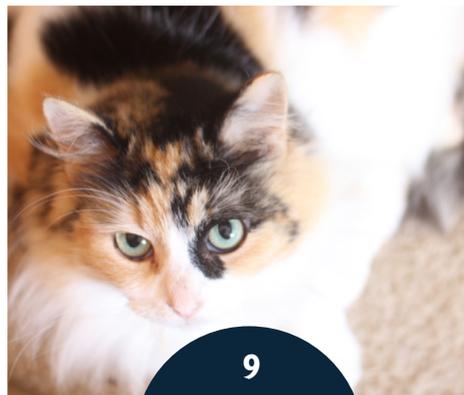
OUR SUCCESS DEPENDS ON YOU!

Our accomplishments in 2016 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!



2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Cindi Owen Briley President

Diana Orrick Vice President

Fotena Zirps, Ph.D Secretary

Joe Patton Treasurer

Evelin Ramirez-Gleasant

Mary Smallwood

Rick Figlio

Hella Spellman Ex-Officio

Dr. Kevin Brumfield DVM, Honorary Member

THE LEON COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY IS A NON-PROFIT 501(C) 3, TAX DEDUCTIBLE ORGANIZATION. A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY VISITING WWW.800HELPFLA.COM OR CALLING TOLL FREE 1-800-435-7352 WITHIN THE STATE. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE. THE LEON COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY'S REGISTRATION NUMBER IS SC-10102.



*Rescue, Rehabilitate, and Educate; Fostering a Kinder
Community for People and Their Pets.*



413 Timberlane Road, Tallahassee, FL 32312
Monday – Friday 10am-5pm
(850) 224-9193 • info@lchs.info
www.lchs.info

Design Donated By:

CADE &

ASSOCIATES ADVERTISING, INC.

Cade1.com • (850) 385-0300 • 1645 Metropolitan Blvd