Our mission is to engage the hearts, hands and minds of the community to help animals.

Thank you for your generous support in helping us achieve the results outlined in this Report to the Community.

In the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2014, we continued to focus on reducing the number of animals coming into our shelters, increasing the number of animals placed in the community, and reducing the rate of humane euthanasia. This has been our ongoing goal and we remain encouraged by our progress – with the understanding that much work remains.

The advances we’ve made to date have allowed us to focus on helping even more animals become adoptable, often through extensive behavior programs or advanced medical treatment. Thanks to this effort, our humane euthanasia rate decreased by 10 percent, and our overall placement rate rose to 82 percent.

We continue to aspire to finding loving homes for 90 percent or more of the animals that come through our doors. We are grateful for your commitment to our shared vision as we work together to create a more humane world for animals.

Geographic area served

Animal Humane Society serves animals and people in the seven-county metro area and beyond from its facilities in Anoka, Hennepin, Ramsey, Washington and Wright counties. The Humane Investigations unit provides services throughout Minnesota and western Wisconsin.

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Animals surrendered for owner requested euthanasia (2,405) are excluded from the animal outcomes calculation.
AHS receives both companion animals and wildlife that need care and assistance. Figures on this page include companion animals only. Wildlife statistics are reported on the next page.

**Intake Total** 23,858

**Intake by Reason for Surrender**
- Owner Surrender: 9,658 • 40.5%
- Cruelty Case: 522 • 2%
- Stray: 4,499 • 19%
- Transfer from partner animal welfare agency: 6,774 • 28.5%
- Owner Requested Euthanasia: 2,405 • 10%

**Placement Total** 17,627

**Placement by Type**
- Adoption: 15,878 • 90%
- Reunited with Owner: 1,153 • 7%
- Release to partner animal welfare agency: 596 • 3%

**Intake by Species**
- **Feline**:
  - Total: 11,724 • 49%
  - Owner Surrender: 7,490 • 43%
  - Cruelty Case: 522 • 2%
- **Canine**:
  - Total: 10,118 • 42%
  - Owner Surrender: 8,014 • 46%
- **Domestic Critter/Bird**:
  - Total: 2,016 • 9%

**Placement by Species**
- **Feline**:
  - Total: 7,690 • 43%
- **Canine**:
  - Total: 8,014 • 46%
- **Domestic Critter/Bird**:
  - Total: 1,673 • 11%

Total intake (23,858) includes both animals admitted for placement consideration (21,453) and animals euthanized at the owner’s request (2,405). Animals surrendered for owner requested euthanasia are excluded from the animal outcomes calculation.
AHS is an open admission organization with a strong belief in providing services for all animals in need. Sadly, some animals come to us that we cannot safely and responsibly place in homes, and as a result, AHS staff make the very difficult decision to euthanize some companion animals. There is no time limit that animals can remain in our shelters. Animals surrendered by their owners for end-of-life services are not included in these figures.

**Euthanasia Total** 3,498

**Euthanasia by Reason**

- **Treatable Manageable**: 2,032 • 58%
- **Treatable Rehabilitatable**: 164 • 5%
- **Unhealthy/Untreatable**: 1,302 • 37%
- **Healthy**: 0 • 0%

**Euthanasia by Species**

- **Feline**: 2,452 • 70%
- **Canine**: 883 • 25%
- **Domestic Critter/Bird**: 163 • 5%

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**Adoption and Surrender**

Our surrender by appointment process started in January 2011. Last year, our animal admissions staff handled a total of 27,816 calls for general information and surrender appointments.

Our Adoption Preparation program helped 720 dogs overcome shyness and fear to be more comfortable in new surroundings.

There were 166 cats adopted after participating in our Fresh Start program for cats that have a history of not using their litter box. In addition, 144 dogs were adopted after participating in our Chow Hounds or Resource Guarding programs, which help dogs that show aggressive behaviors over resources like food.

**Partnerships**

Partner rescue groups assist us with special needs animals. A total of 596 animals were released to 68 rescue organizations, giving these animals a chance to become beloved pets. And when other animal welfare facilities in Minnesota and elsewhere are too crowded or are unable to place animals, they call AHS for help. In 2014, AHS took in 6,774 animals from 95 organizations.

In all, AHS collaborates with more than 140 animal welfare organizations in Minnesota and other states, including the University of Minnesota Veterinary School, animal rescue services in Oklahoma, Georgia, Alabama, Missouri, Indiana and California, private veterinarians, and municipal animal control authorities throughout Minnesota and western Wisconsin.

**Outreach**

AHS’ Community Outreach Program works toward engaging more communities in the organization’s work through community-based service delivery and by providing resources for pet owners not historically engaged with AHS or other animal welfare programs. In 2014, the Outreach Team engaged with 2,603 people and visited 1,301 houses in Frogtown. In addition, 402 free spay/neuter surgeries were provided for the pets of people in that community.

**Education**

AHS believes that education is a critical component of creating a more humane world for animals. In 2014, our education programs served 12,289 people. AHS educators provided 96 school and off-site programs to 3,307 students, and 49 kids took part in PetSet Youth Club. In addition, 140 kids held their birthday parties at AHS, with 1,940 people joining the celebrations. Fifty-one Unleashed camps provided 810 young people the chance to experience life at AHS.

**Humane Investigations**

AHS’s two humane agents, the only full-time humane investigators in the state, received 2,184 reports of neglected or harmed animals. Working in 62 counties with local law enforcement officials, our efforts in humane investigations helped 4,381 animals, including 1,138 horses, 1,047 dogs and 587 cats.

**Pet Services**

Animal House, our pet boarding facility in Golden Valley, was home last year to 3,600 pet guests, including dogs, cats, rabbits, ferrets and other small animals.

Providing spay/neuter surgery continues to be a core program of our organization. All previously unsterilized animals put up for adoption, nearly 10,240 in 2014, received this surgery at our five locations.

Kinder Cut, operating in partnership with AHS, performed 10,600 spay/neuter surgeries and treated 709 patients in their wellness clinic, all at reduced costs for people in need.

Our obedience and training classes attracted 1,245 participants. We held 452 private training sessions, and our behavior helpline received 1,998 calls.

**Volunteers**

Volunteers are critical to AHS’s success. A total of 2,128 volunteers contributed 134,809 hours at all five of our sites to help AHS achieve its mission. Volunteers who worked in our foster program cared for 1,913 animals during the course of the year.

**Wildlife**

In addition to domestic animals, AHS operates a wildlife program. Through our partnership with Wildlife Rehabilitation and Release, animals are treated and released back to the wild after rehabilitation. In 2014, a total of 2,008 wild animals received services.
Animal Humane Society Statement of Activities
For the 12 months ended June 30, 2014

SUPPORT & REVENUES
Adoption fees and program revenue 4,731,462
Contributions 6,266,633
Wills and estates 2,505,677
In-kind contributions 288,994
Special events and promotions 968,276
Investment gain (loss) 644,553
Dividend and interest income 74,917
Other 208,583
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUES 15,689,095

EXPENSES
Program services:
Rescue 368,223
Adoption and surrender 8,637,442
Pet services 670,496
Outreach 471,828
Supporting services:
Management and general 759,867
Fundraising 3,014,269
Total supporting services 3,774,136
TOTAL EXPENSES 13,922,125

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS 1,766,970

The Minnesota Charities Review Council’s Standards of Accountability state that at least 70% of an organization’s annual expenses should be for program activity with not more than 30% for management, general, and fundraising expenses, combined. Animal Humane Society exceeded this standard by directing 73% of our expenses back into programming for the animals and our community.