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Fiscal Year 2014



a message from Janelle Dixon

Animal Humane Society is the leading animal welfare organization in the Upper Midwest, dedicated to engaging and serving local and regional communities of people and animals. Our mission is to engage the hearts, hands and minds of the community to help animals.

Through comprehensive programs and services, Animal Humane Society provides resources that compassionately serve all the stages of an animal's life.

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Animal Humane Society is a founding member of Minnesota Partnership for Animal Welfare (MnPAW) and the Minnesota Horse Welfare Coalition.

Over the last few years we have shared with you several strategic advances that have helped strengthen Animal Humane Society's position as a leader in the animal welfare community. These changes have also allowed us to embrace a proactive approach to our work.

This shift has resulted in new and enhanced services that meet the needs of animals and the people who share in their lives. What's more, it has led to inspirational work that is evolving the field of animal welfare, allowing us to use resources to do more for animals, and most importantly nurturing the human-animal bond and saving animal lives.



In 2011 we moved to managed admissions, a change that has helped us to better understand the reasons for surrender and – in thousands of cases – provide alternatives that keep pets in homes. Later that year we launched Kindest Cut, collaborating with a private practice veterinarian to make low cost spay and neuter services widely available and accessible. In 2013 the Melrose Animal Clinic opened, expanding the Kindest Cut collaboration, bringing affordable and accessible wellness services to the public.

As we continue to evolve services for people and animals at our five shelter facilities, we're also developing new opportunities to engage and assist people and animals where they live and work. As a result, we've expanded our Community Outreach program to create a more significant impact in previously underserved communities.

Community Outreach has put boots on the ground in neighborhoods where there is limited access to services and limited resources to pay for them. We are currently focused on Frogtown, East Saint Paul and North Minneapolis. Our goal is to understand the needs within the communities and partner to meet those needs. Our initial work is focused on developing relationships as well as earning and building trust. The cover story in this edition of Animal Tracks highlights this work.

Our mission is to engage the hearts, hands and minds of the community to help animals, and all of these proactive approaches do just that.

Thank you for caring and engaging in this important work. Your trust, support, and enthusiasm ensure that great things happen for animals.

Sincerely,

Janelle Dixon, President & CEO

Mission

To engage the hearts, hands and minds of the community to help animals.

Vision

To compassionately and responsibly create a more humane world for animals.

Core Values

Be good to animals. Partner with people. Lead responsibly with compassion.

Note: On pages 20-23 of this magazine, you will find the 2014 AHS Report to the Community. We're including it here to make the information more easily available to our supporters and friends, and to play at least a small part in reducing the amount of material you find in your mailbox. Please let us know if you like this method of receiving the report by sending an email to giving@animalhumanesociety.org. Thank you.



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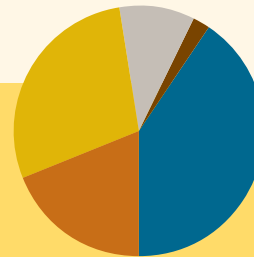
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Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Animal Humane Society is closed New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Easter, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day.


Incoming Animals

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Please call our Animal Admissions Center at (763) 412-4969 for an appointment to surrender an animal.

Appointments are available
Monday through Friday 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
and Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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our services

Adoption

Let an animal choose you! Cats, dogs, rabbits, birds, ferrets, guinea pigs and small critters are available for adoption at our five locations. View the animals available today at www.animalhumanesociety.org.

Surrender

Companion animals may be surrendered at any of our five open admission locations where we provide safe refuge for thousands of animals each year. Appointments are required to surrender an animal. Call (763) 412-4969 or visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/surrender.

Kindest Cut low cost spay/neuter

Through our partnership with Kindest Cut, we offer high quality, low cost spay/neuter services to the pets of people in need through a mobile clinic and at Melrose Animal Clinic. Visit www.kindestcutmn.com or call (763) 489-7729 for more information.

Pet boarding

We offer two options for pet boarding – Animal House at AHS in Golden Valley (763) 489-2222 and Now Boarding near the Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport (612) 454-4850. Visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/boarding.

Pet training

We speak fluent animal! More than 50 classes are offered weekly at our Coon Rapids, Golden Valley, Woodbury and Now Boarding locations. Classes include Introduction to Dog Training, Reactive Rovers, Puppy Kindergarten, Therapy Animal classes, the Canine Good Citizen certification as well as Dog Playgroups. Programs for rabbits including Hoppy Hour and Rabbit Agility are offered at AHS through Minnesota Companion Rabbit Society. To learn more about all animal training opportunities, visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/training or call (763) 489-2217.

Pet food and supplies

Purina One dog and cat food and treats, Tidy Cat litter, as well as collars, leashes, toys and grooming supplies are available at our five locations.

Youth programs

There is a lot for kids to do at AHS! Opportunities include Unleashed Camps, projects for Scouts, PetSet Youth Club, birthday parties, preschool story times and classroom programs for students in grades K- 12. For information on all AHS has to offer kids, visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/youth or call (763) 489-2220.

Humane investigations

Our humane agents work with law enforcement and respond to thousands of reports of animal neglect and cruelty each year. Visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/prevention for more information.

Microchip and nail clinics

Microchip and nail trim clinics are offered monthly at our five locations. For specific times and locations visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/microchip.

Wildlife rehabilitation

Injured and orphaned wildlife are accepted at our Golden Valley location. For information call (763) 489-2223 or visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/wildlife.

Lost and found pets

We offer a Lost and Found Online Bulletin Board for you to post missing or found pets. You can also review stray animals in our care. Visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/lostandfound.

Tours

Tours of our facilities are available to students or other groups by appointment. Maximum group size is determined by location. To schedule a tour at any of our locations call (763) 489-2220.

Pet behavior help

Need some advice regarding your pet? We're here to help. Call our free Behavior Helpline at (763) 489-2202. Or visit our online library for help with pet training and behavior at www.animalhumanesociety.org/library.

Pet loss

Humane euthanasia and cremation services are available to the public and a pet loss support group is offered on Mondays at 7 p.m. in Golden Valley. Visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/lossofpet or call (763) 412-4969.

Ways to help

Visit www.animalhumanesociety.org to find out about the ways in which you can help AHS including volunteering in our shelters or as a foster volunteer, and donating or contributing to our wish list.

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Whisker Whirl

A gala to benefit Animal Humane Society
The Depot Minneapolis, 5 p.m.

Where can you dress to the nines, hold a glass of wine in one hand and your dog in the other, and enjoy delicious cuisine, all while benefiting animals? At Whisker Whirl – an evening of fun for you and your best furry friend! For ticket information email whiskerwhirl@animalhumanesociety.org, or call (763) 432-4842.

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Walk for Animals

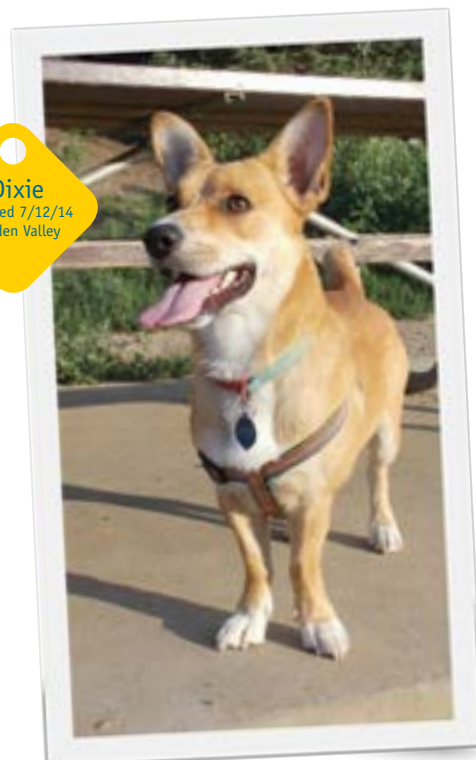
Golden Valley Animal Humane Society

As our largest fundraiser, raising nearly \$1 million for animals less fortunate than your own, Walk for Animals is your opportunity to help the tens of thousands of companion animals that will come through AHS's doors this year. For more information visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/walk, email walk@animalhumanesociety.org, or call (763) 432-4841.

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Building a better adoption experience

Visitors to Animal Humane Society are experiencing some big changes that affect both people and pets.



The cat adoption area now features improved housing for adoptable cats that encourages people to interact more with them.

Before

After extensive research and planning, AHS has rolled out an improved adoption process designed to better meet the needs of our customers.

The new process debuted in August alongside renovations to our Golden Valley adoption center. The updated space provides improved housing for adoptable cats and a more home-like and cheerful atmosphere that encourages people to interact with animals.

The renovation was funded in part by a grant from the Purina Cat Chow “Building Better Lives” program, which is committed to improving the lives of cats across the U.S.

New technology gives staff and volunteers instant access to each animal’s electronic records from anywhere in the adoption center. As a result, customers complete much of the adoption in new comfortable seating areas before finishing the final transaction in a new area in the main lobby.

The goal is to provide a personalized adoption experience that feels both celebratory and fun. We are committed to providing our adoptors with a hands-on experience that is organized, timely and delivers pertinent information about the adopter’s new pet and how to be successful in the future.

While the new adoption process and renovation began at our Golden Valley location, our goal is to make the same kinds of changes at our four other locations.



The adoption counter was removed so customers can complete much of the adoption process in comfortable seating areas.

Before



More open spaces and increased visibility of animals enhance the adoption experience.



Big hearts help tiny kittens

Bottle Babies program provides crucial services to fragile animals.

Animal Humane Society's new Bottle Babies program took off in 2014, providing critical care services to nearly 140 neonatal kittens.

Of the 139 kittens that qualified for the program this year, 127 found placement with our foster volunteers. Twelve more were transferred to Angel of Hope Animal Rescue, a rescue partner that was our only resource for these fragile kittens prior to the Bottle Babies program.

This inspiring program relies on a cadre of volunteers who are willing to foster the kittens in their homes, a significant commitment of time and effort as they must be fed as often as every two hours. This year, 28 volunteers fostered neonatal kittens in their homes, and the number of volunteers who attended the Bottle Babies training increased 53 percent.

"The volunteers are fantastic; they love helping these kittens and really enjoy seeing them develop from little creatures that need so much time, attention and care, to rambunctious active kittens ready to find their new homes," said Kelly Anderson, AHS foster coordinator.

If you are interested in learning more and volunteering with Bottle Babies next season, visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/volunteer.

Breeder Bill becomes law

A long-awaited change to Minnesota law protects animals in breeding facilities.

In May, Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton signed into law a bill that at long last establishes a dog and cat breeder regulation program in Minnesota. AHS and other animal welfare advocates worked for seven years to win approval for the legislation, which aims to protect the health and well-being of cats and dogs in commercial breeding facilities.

The law became effective July 1, when the Minnesota Board of Animal Health began registering commercial dog and cat breeders. Within one year, those breeders must be licensed and inspected annually to ensure they meet the law's requirements. Those who violate the law may face civil, administrative, and criminal penalties.

Under the new law:

- Breeders must keep identifying and medical records on each animal.
- Breeders must develop and maintain a written veterinary protocol for disease control and prevention, veterinary care and euthanasia.
- Animals must be provided daily enrichment and must be provided positive physical contact with human beings and compatible animals at least twice daily.
- Breeders must provide adequate staff to maintain the facility and observe each animal daily to monitor its health and well-being and to properly care for the animals.
- All animals sold must be accompanied by a veterinary health certificate completed by a vet no more than 30 days prior to sale or distribution.
- Puppies and kittens may not be



Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton conducted a ceremonial signing of the breeder bill in July, surrounded by many of those who worked to enact the law that will regulate commercial dog and cat breeders in the state. AHS was represented by President & CEO Janelle Dixon (second from left), Chief Government Affairs and Community Engagement Officer Kathy Mock (fifth from left) and Humane Investigations Senior Agent Keith Streff (right). The bill was passed by the 2014 Minnesota Legislature.

AHS and other animal welfare advocates worked for seven years to win approval for the legislation

sold, traded or given away prior to 8 weeks of age.

AHS worked to pass the breeder bill as part of the Speak Up for Minnesota Dogs and Cats coalition, which included A Rotta Love Plus, Animal Folks MN, Animal Humane Society, Minnesota Animal Control Association, Minnesota Humane Society, Minnesota Voters for Animal Protection, Minnkota Persian Rescue, Pause 4 Paws, Pet Haven Inc. of Minnesota, Retrieve A Golden of Minnesota, Second Chance Animal Rescue, and Tri-County Humane Society.



Cases like the Pine River seizure, in which 133 dogs and puppies were removed from neglectful conditions, helped galvanize support for the bill.



Shining the spotlight on Hidden Gems

Animals who don't thrive in the shelter atmosphere have another option in our Hidden Gems program.

Animal Humane Society's adoption centers can be overwhelming for some animals, and while we do our best to get them into homes as quickly as possible, the stress of being in a shelter can be too much for them to handle. Our new Hidden Gems program allows for those special animals to be housed away from our public adoption centers in the calm and quiet environment they need.

Bhaji came to AHS from a home with three other cats that he did not get along with. While in our adoption center, he continued to be very reactive and growled at other cats. As

part of the Hidden Gems program, he was moved to a staff member's office where he could have time to be alone. Within hours, he was a completely different cat! He quickly found the highest perch and spent his time playing with feather toys and sitting with staff members.

Relaxed and at ease in his quiet space, Bhaji met his new family and was adopted just four days after his photo was posted on our website and Facebook page.

Bhaji is one of more than a dozen Hidden Gems placed in homes through this program in the past year.

Carlton County breeder turns dogs over to AHS

Humane investigations team rescues 49 dogs.

In June, 49 Labrador Retriever dogs and puppies arrived at Animal Humane Society after being surrendered by a breeder in rural Carlton County.

AHS Humane Investigations Senior Agent Wade Hanson and Carlton County sheriff's deputies went to the breeder's farmhouse in response to complaints about the health of a dog purchased from the owner of the property. They discovered a breeding operation where they observed sub-standard animal living conditions and dogs that showed signs of neglect. The owner agreed to surrender the animals, which included several litters of puppies.

The dogs and puppies were brought to AHS in Golden Valley where they were examined and given medical care. While one puppy was old enough to be put in the adoption center almost immediately, the other puppies were too young and were placed with foster volunteers for temporary care. Most of the adult dogs went through our Adoption Preparation program for additional one-on-one confidence



One of the rescued dogs receives a bath after arriving at Animal Humane Society.

building and behavior help before being made available to the public.

Forty-five dogs and puppies from this case were adopted into new homes. Additionally, two of the puppies died from complications due to Parvovirus, and two dogs were transferred to our rescue partners for placement.

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On an overcast Saturday in early August, Danielle Sanders stands at the entrance to Ryan Park in the Frogtown neighborhood of St. Paul holding her 3-month-old terrier mix puppy, Duchess. Though it's only 7:15 a.m., the area is beginning to come alive with activity. The two watch, Duchess' small black ears alert, as Animal Humane Society volunteers and staff carry tables past the quiet swing sets, and assemble small tents on sun-scorched grass that will later host more than 300 pets and their owners.

Sanders and Duchess are the first in line for a wellness event that AHS is hosting in Frogtown. Sanders saw a flyer about free vaccinations and veterinary exams being offered to the pets of area residents, and came hours early to take advantage of this opportunity for her puppy to receive care. Later in the day, Duchess would also be registered for a free spay surgery by Kindest Cut at Melrose Animal Clinic.

In the past few months, AHS has hosted two community wellness clinics in Frogtown. Residents can bring their animals for free wellness exams, rabies shots, and other basic vaccinations, and sign them up for free spay/neuter surgery. More than 100 AHS employees and volunteers have staffed each clinic, vaccinating about 600 dogs and cats and signing up more than 90 pets for sterilization.

These events are just a small part of the work that a new Community Outreach team has been doing in the neighborhood and in other Twin Cities communities

A new Community Outreach program is building connections in Frogtown, changing perceptions about Animal Humane Society and delivering essential services to pets in one of the Twin Cities' most diverse neighborhoods.

| By Rose Miller

over the past two years.

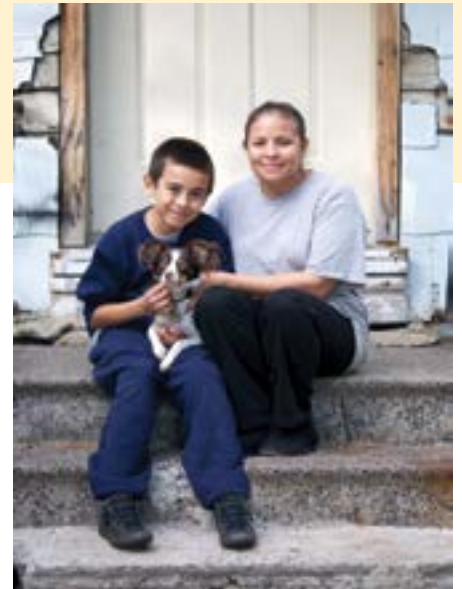
Community Outreach became an organizational priority in 2011, when Animal Humane Society set out to determine which areas of the Twin Cities weren't using its services and why. "We decided it was important to go out into communities that historically haven't engaged with us to hear directly from them what they want and need from AHS," says Kathy Mock, chief government affairs and community engagement officer.

By analyzing organizational data and speaking with local animal welfare organizations such as St. Paul Animal Control, AHS identified three urban neighborhoods in the metro area under-utilizing AHS services: North Minneapolis, Frogtown, and East St. Paul. All three of these communities are low-income in comparison to the rest of the Twin Cities, with many residents born outside of the United States, high rates of foreclosures, and youth comprising the highest percentage of the population.

Outreach Coordinator Brianna Darling held focus groups and con-

ducted interviews with neighborhood residents and leaders. She found that, while animal welfare problems differed slightly in each area, some of the most common were limited access to affordable pet care, aggressive dogs, cultural differences in animal care, and dogs and feral cats allowed to run loose.

According to Corrie Schueller, director of community engagement, Darling's research also shed light on the reasons community members weren't using AHS services. Most simply didn't know about AHS or the services offered, or thought AHS was the same as animal control. Residents also didn't realize that there were options at AHS available for those with low incomes. Another barrier was location, with residents unable to find bus routes to AHS shelters and unsure which taxi services accommodated animals. Many residents in these communities also had a perception of AHS that excluded them. "They had misconceptions of what Animal Humane Society was. They saw it as a place where only middle-class white



people were welcome," says Schueller.

But Darling also witnessed the true love and compassion residents had for animals. "There is a deep bond between people and their pets. I heard many stories from community members about the commitment they have both for their pets as well as for dogs and cats that are living in the community without an identified owner," she says.

With all of this knowledge in hand, AHS began building a Community Outreach Program to deliver community-based services and provide resources for pet owners in the target communities. The Outreach team adapted strategies from Pets for Life, a successful model developed by the Humane Society of the United



States that incorporates ongoing neighborhood outreach, community-wide events, and free or very low cost services for pets such as dog training, humane education, spay/neuter surgeries, and wellness care.

Grassroots outreach and direct connections with neighborhood residents became a main tenet of the team's strategy. Outreach staff and volunteers distribute free dog and cat food, work to connect people to resources they need for their pets, and talk about spay/neuter, providing information on low-cost sterilization and wellness services available through Kindest Cut.

The Outreach team's philosophy is that big change comes slowly through genuine connections with others. "Our outreach work is driven by a soft, gentle and nonjudgmental approach," says Darling. Starting with something small, such as giving people free pet food or supplies and showing genuine care for their pets, helps relationships begin to form. "Once the relationships are in place, the spay/neuter surgeries – and

everything else – will follow," Darling adds.

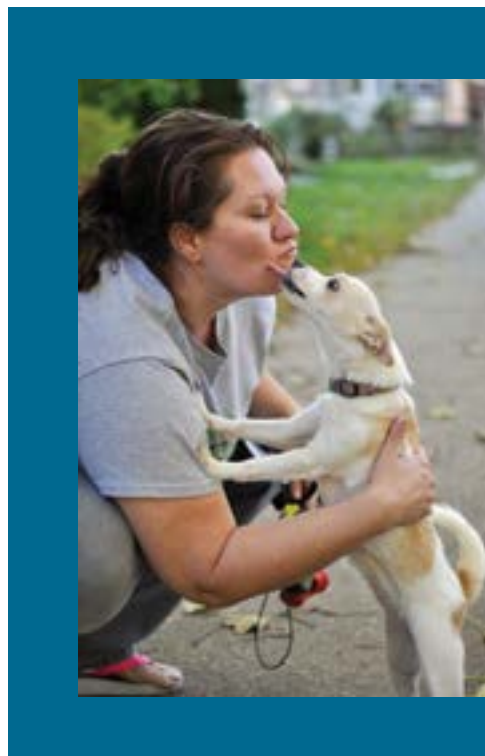
Focus on Frogtown

The Outreach effort got a significant boost in 2013, when AHS received a PetSmart Charities grant to fund 1,175 free spay/neuter surgeries in the Frogtown neighborhood. AHS donors stepped in to fund free vaccinations with every surgery, and the AHS Outreach team now provides door-to-door transportation to and from Kindest Cut for Frogtown residents.

Bordered by University Avenue on the south, the Pierce Butler Railroad Tracks on the north, Lexington Parkway on the west and Rice Street on the east, Frogtown is among the most diverse communities in St. Paul. For more than 150 years, the neighborhood has been one of the first places immigrants settle in the city, in part because of the relatively inexpensive housing prices. In the 19th century, that mostly meant newcomers of German, Irish, or Scandinavian descent. But over the last three decades, the neighborhood has been strongly influ-

enced by new waves of immigrants, particularly of Hmong, Latino and Somali heritage.

According to data collected by the American Community Survey, 33 percent of Frogtown residents are of Asian descent and 33 percent are





We go door-to-door letting people know AHS is in their community, we are here for them, and we're here to stay.

Brianna Darling,
outreach coordinator

African American. Over a quarter of residents were born outside the United States and almost half speak a language other than English at home. The area is economically and educationally varied as well.

Though they love their pets, the

significant financial, social, and healthcare hardships that Frogtown residents face mean that animal care can't always be their first priority. "The reality is that 50 percent of the households in Frogtown have an annual household income of under

Duchess

If you looked up the word "energetic" in the dictionary, you might find a photo of a little Chihuahua mix named Duchess. The 1-year-old dog loves to play. Melissa Vaughn surprised her son Alijah with Duchess for his eleventh birthday, and she has been a welcome addition to the household.

Alijah has ADHD, and having Duchess helps him and the family to get outside and stay active, Melissa explains. "It's nice for our whole family to be outside and moving with her. We walk around

Como Lake and go to Crosby Farm Park when we want to be in nature," she says.

A Frogtown resident for nearly two years, Melissa attends Century College and works part-time at a call center. The financial responsibility of caring for Duchess can be difficult at times. "Getting her shots and routine stuff can be expensive, and sterilization surgeries can cost hundreds of dollars," Melissa says.

After hearing about the free

spay/neuter surgeries available to Frogtown residents, Melissa called and made an appointment for Duchess to be spayed. Though the idea of trusting Duchess with strangers was scary at first, Melissa is thankful that AHS could provide this option, because otherwise Duchess' surgery would have had to be delayed while the family saved enough to cover it. "The grant really helped us financially lift that burden. It's really just a blessing. She's like a kid to us."



\$35,000. People are struggling to feed themselves, let alone their pets,” says Schueller.

With the new grant, AHS expanded its outreach team and began canvassing more intensely in Frogtown. Developing relationships with social service agencies and community groups in the area has also helped AHS establish trust and create referral relationships, as well as build acceptance in the community.

Darling began staffing a table at Sharing Korner food shelf in 2012 and built a strong relationship with owner Mary Brent, who now lets her clients know about AHS services whenever possible.

Outreach volunteers also table at Loaves and Fishes, a meal program housed in the basement of Frogtown’s Faith Lutheran Church. Beyond just a place for a warm meal, Loaves and Fishes is somewhere people come to learn about jobs and other resources available to them through Ramsey County and private organizations.

Before AHS’ presence, site coordinator Diane Heitzinger had no resources to provide to pet owners struggling financially. “It was very nice when Animal Humane Society



contacted us about coming down here because they can talk to the guests and see what their problems are and help them if they can,” she says. Residents have come to rely on AHS for their animal care needs, Heitzinger adds.

Meeting residents through intensive boots-on-the-ground efforts, the team has formed relationships with residents who in turn have become some of AHS’s greatest community ambassadors.

Francis Marvala has lived in Frogtown for two years with her daughter Sophia. A self-proclaimed animal lover, she has become a resource to neighbors and family alike, temporarily caring for friends’ pets and then often taking them in permanently. Marvala has told many of her family and friends about the free spay/neuter surgeries available through AHS and Kindest Cut, and uses AHS services regularly herself in caring for her pets. “Sometimes feeding them is hard,” she says. “But Brianna has helped with fixing them and giving them their shots so they don’t reproduce. And she’s given me advice.”

Another resident, Patricia Ohmans, was instrumental in connecting AHS with a local organization offering rescue and relief to homeless and endangered cats. Kindest Cut now sterilizes feral cats trapped by this organization every week, helping to

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Corrie Schueller,
director of community engagement

control the feral cat population in Frogtown.

Relationships with community organizations and community members will be crucial in continuing the work in Frogtown and future target communities for the long term. “We want to make this work sustainable in each community,” says Schueller. “Our goal is to work with community organizations, leaders, volunteers, and members to be able to keep this work going as we put our resources into other communities.”

Looking ahead

As of October 1, more than 600 Frogtown animals had been spayed or neutered at Kindest Cut, and between the surgeries and the wellness events, close to 1,000 had been vaccinated. By mid-November, the team hopes to be doing 47 surgeries per week in Frogtown and East St. Paul.

The team has found that a persistent presence in the community over time gets people thinking more

about how they care for their animals. Their goal is to make several small changes in the lives of animals, which eventually will create a large, community change for animals.

Darling stresses that the work is about empowerment and information-sharing for neighborhoods that otherwise lack a place to turn to for affordable pet supplies, training, and healthcare. "The point of our work isn't to take care of their animals ourselves. Right now as we are just trying to make it as easy as possible. Over time, we see the community carrying the torch. Access to resources and information will become embedded in the culture," she says.

The team already refers community members to AHS' humane education programs, behavior helpline, and Melrose Animal Clinic. In the future, they will be integrating community-based dog training classes and adoption events in Frogtown, and adding a dog trainer and veterinary technician to the canvassing team. They plan to visit more Pets for Life cities in 2015 to see the work others are doing and share their experiences implementing the program.

Work in Frogtown will continue, but the team's focus will eventually transition to East St. Paul and beyond. "We're excited to go out into more communities. There is a lot of need out there," says Mock.

The Community Outreach Program is a clear extension of the values that AHS embodies, from partnering with people, to leading responsibly with compassion, to being good to animals. Mock says, "We really have an opportunity to make a big difference on the whole continuum of an animal's life." 🐕



Visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/frogtown to see a video about the Community Outreach program in Frogtown.

Pooah

Frances Marvala adopted Pooah, a 5-week-old American Bulldog mix with a shiny white and grey coat, from a friend. "He was the only one that survived out of his litter."

A social butterfly, the puppy has a special bond with Marvala's 13-year-old daughter Sophia in particular. Sophia is a natural at obedience training, working with Pooah on sit, mouthy behavior, and crate-training. The two are obviously attached, and he follows her every move with rapt attention.

Marvala has been one of Animal Humane Society's biggest advocates in Frogtown and believes in the importance of spay/neuter, but her son had other ideas when it came to having Pooah fixed. "He wanted to mate Pooah with a female he had in mind to make money off of the puppies," she says. Marvala scheduled Pooah for a free neuter surgery at Kindest Cut anyway.

"It's good there's these types of events going on that the Humane Society can help with vaccinations and with preventing unwanted litters. To us people [of limited means], it helps us a lot," Marvala says.





Honoring their memory

Caretaker's work pays tribute to decades of pets

By Carrie Libera



Jim Westby, caretaker of Memorial Pet Cemetery

On a warm spring day, clusters of colorful flowers speckle the otherwise lush green field of Memorial Pet Cemetery in Roseville, Minn. Bouquets rest against headstones, old stone pots display blooming hues, and weathered statues are adorned with bright new life. Perched above one headstone every spring for the past 23 years is an arrangement of beautiful geraniums.

Mr. Dog, an 11-year-old Schnauzer, passed away in 1992 and his owner faithfully visited each spring with flowers to fill the large stone pot above his final resting place. “She came every year with the nicest geraniums for her dog, but I suspect she’s had health issues and now it’s been a couple years since she’s come,” explains Jim Westby, caretaker of the cemetery. “The first year there were no geraniums, I waited in case she was just late. But by June there was nothing there, so I put the geraniums in place for her. For whatever reason she can’t make it here anymore, so I’ll continue to bring them.”

Jim Westby is a thoughtful man with an infectious laugh and a genuine smile that spreads ear-to-ear. He’s a retired police officer, husband for 50 years, father of four children, and animal lover. You’d never guess he’s 77 years old, especially when you learn he spends two days a week playing hockey. Perhaps what keeps him looking and feeling so young is his desire to stay active and busy, both on the ice, and in his role as caretaker of Memorial Pet Cemetery.

As the oldest pet cemetery in the Twin Cities, Memorial Pet Cemetery has been in existence since the early 1920s and was formerly known as the Feist Pet Cemetery. In the late 1980s, the cemetery was donated to Animal Humane Society.

Jim’s father-in-law, Ken Fabyanske, began working as the cemetery’s caretaker in 1970 when the original

caretaker retired. Ken worked until 1982 and after a few caretakers came and went, Jim took over responsibility of the cemetery in late 1986.

Thousands of headstones dating as far back as 90 years dot the roughly two acre plot of land that rests between a highway and a quiet neighborhood. Jim pauses to do the math in his head and estimates around 8,000 pets are buried there. The very first headstone, he points out, belongs to Zelo, a Boston terrier buried in 1924. While most of the animals buried are dogs, there are several cats as well as a few critters including guinea pigs, birds, a turtle, and even a hedgehog. Records indicate a horse was buried on the land in 1928.



For 28 years Jim has turned caring for the cemetery into a labor of love. He takes great pride in maintaining the beauty of this hallowed land, and has helped hundreds of people through the final stage of their pets’ lives. “I’ve met some good people doing this work,” says Jim. “It’s very sad when you’ve had a pet for so many years. But when they come here and their pet is buried, they feel happier



“When they come here and their pet is buried, they feel happier having them in a nice spot. And they can come back and visit in a beautiful surrounding. I’m happy to do that for them.”

Jim Westby, Memorial Pet Cemetery caretaker

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Each animal Jim helps deliver to its final resting place is treated with the utmost respect, and he makes sure the families’ needs are always met. “When a pet dies, people want closure as soon as possible, so it’s important to take care of it quickly and Jim always accommodates,” says Anne Ahiers, customer service supervisor at AHS. “Jim is amazing. He’s super helpful, kind and caring. He helps when people are grieving and we always receive notes from people saying how nice Jim is.”

In his first full year as caretaker in 1987, Jim completed 153 burials at

the cemetery. That number has slowly declined over the years, and in the early 2000s, the cemetery closed to new clients due to space constraints. Existing clients who purchased plots prior to that time are still able to use those plots as their pets pass away, resulting in 15-20 new burials each year.

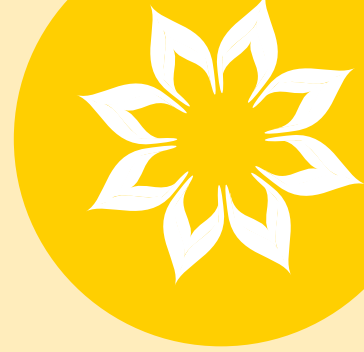
Over the years Jim has met hundreds of people and heard just as many stories about their pets. He’s watched people grieve for animals in the same way we grieve for deceased friends and family. He’s witnessed the joy that having a pet has brought to people, and even a few comical moments.

“One time I was burying a dog, and the family brought their other dog along to say goodbye,” explains Jim.

“The ground was covered up and the grass put back on top, and the lady says to the dog, ‘go say goodbye to your brother.’ The dog goes over, lifts his leg up, and pees on it! We all had a good laugh.”

In addition to providing memorable burials, Jim meticulously maintains the grounds of the cemetery, everything from mowing grass and planting and watering flowers to trimming, cutting down, and planting trees. He’s grateful to have help from his son, Joe, whose time in the cemetery goes all the way back to when he was a little boy and would help his grandfather when he was the caretaker.

Jim adds his own personal touches to the cemetery, like the recent garden of dahlia bushes that he planted as a special place for cremated pet remains. Many of the fresh flowers found around the cemetery are placed there by Jim. “I don’t run into a lot of visitors here. For some it’s too far to travel, or life just gets busy; I suspect many people bury their pets and don’t come back,” says Jim. “But I am a visitor. And I want to see nice flowers when I come, so I bring them.”



Memorial Pet Cemetery



When Jim retired from his job as a police officer in 2000, he wanted to make sure he had plenty of things to do and look forward to. Between spending time with his family, his love of hockey, and maintaining Memorial Pet Cemetery, he's satisfied with how he spends his time. "I'm thankful that the Humane Society lets me continue because I really do enjoy spending time out here," says Jim. "My wife gets tired of me saying 'let's go look at the cemetery,' so I'll swing by when I'm out on my own and just drive through and check it out. I like coming here; I like making it look good."

When Jim is no longer able to maintain the cemetery, he's confident that his son, Joe, will be able to take over. But that's not even something Jim is thinking about right now. "My dad lived to be 100 years old, so I expect to live to 100 as well," says Jim. "Who knows what's going to happen, but I plan on being around a long time. And Joe knows what he's doing. It will be alright." 🐾

Animals have always played an important role in our society, but our relationship with them and their role in the family structure have transformed over time. In this new age of pet ownership, animals have become integrated members of the family. People do not view themselves as pet owners, but rather pet parents.

Though pets may now experience an elevated household status, a strong human-animal bond has always existed and a walk through Memorial Pet Cemetery in Roseville, Minn. reveals 90 years of relationships with beloved family pets.

Memorial Pet Cemetery traces its history back to the 1920s when a few acres of farmland were sold to a veterinarian named Dr. Arnold Feist, who then split off an area of the land to be used as a new pet cemetery. The cemetery was privately owned and known as the Feist Pet Cemetery until it was donated to Animal Humane Society in the 1980s. The name was changed to Memorial Pet Cemetery and is one of two pet cemeteries in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area.

Tattered three ring binders tucked away at Animal Humane Society hold the original type-written records from the cemetery's first few decades. The aging and discolored pages divulge the types of breeds most popular during the 1920s and 30s. Boston Terriers, Poodles, Bull Terriers, Airedales, Fox Terriers, Collies, and German Shepherds dominate the pages.

The thousands of headstones in Memorial Pet Cemetery illustrate the evolution of pet names that people have chosen for their faithful companions. Names like Teddy, Ginger, Joker, King, and Mitzi from the 1920s. And more recently Puddy Tat, Oreo Cookie, Big Foot, Bitsy Buttons, and Sir Marco III from the 1990s.

Many of the tombstones are inscribed with loving epitaphs honoring the deceased pets, with reoccurring words like beloved, protector, loyal, sweet, devoted, companion and best friend. Versions of the message "until we meet again" adorn several of the stones. Some are engraved with images of various breeds while others have actual photographs which have weathered over time. There are statues scattered throughout, both of domestic pets and of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals.

Memorial Pet Cemetery offers a unique opportunity for animal lovers to take a historical stroll through several decades of furry companionship in a peaceful setting. Due to space constraints, new burials are no longer offered, but the site is open daily for visitors. Memorial Pet Cemetery is located at 694 Cope Avenue, Roseville, MN, near the intersection of Highway 36 and Dale Street.





Report to the Community July 2013-June 2014

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

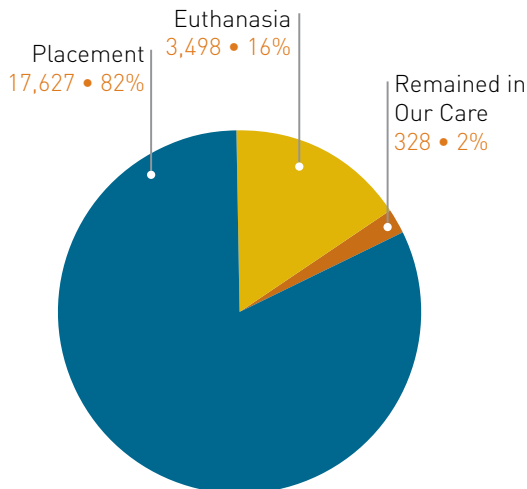
Thank you for your generous support in helping us achieve the results outlined in this Report to the Community.

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.






Animal Outcomes



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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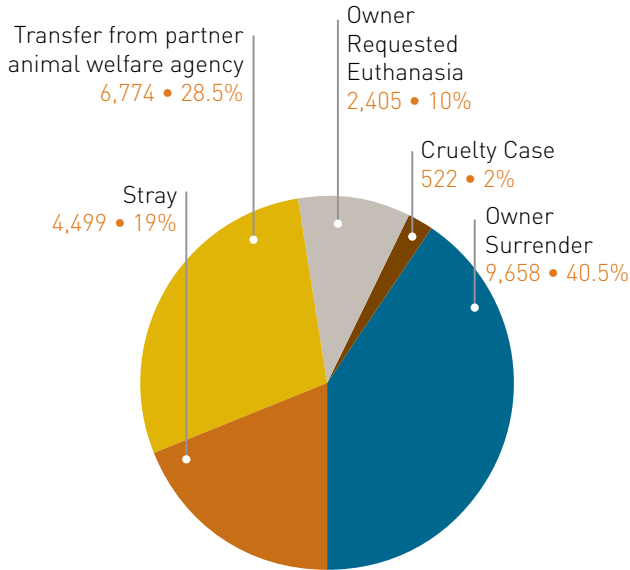
Animals surrendered for owner requested euthanasia (2,405) are excluded from the animal outcomes calculation.

Animal Intake

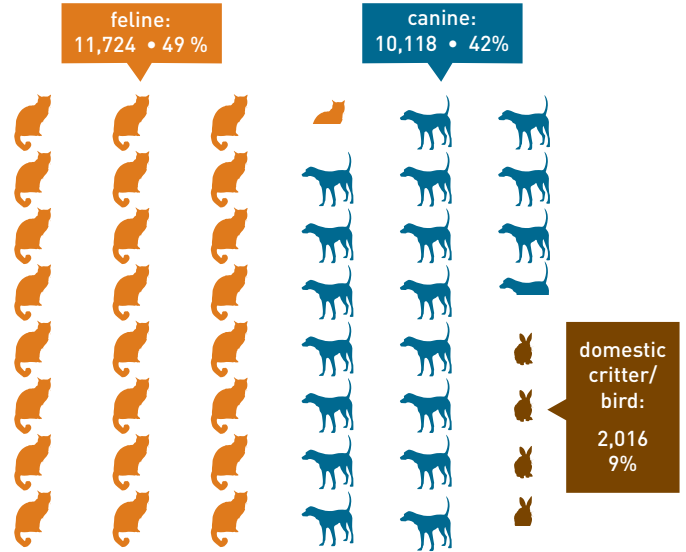
AHS receives both companion animals and wildlife that need care and assistance. Figures on this page include companion animals only. Wildlife statistics are reported on the next page.

Intake Total 23,858

Intake by Reason for Surrender



Intake by Species



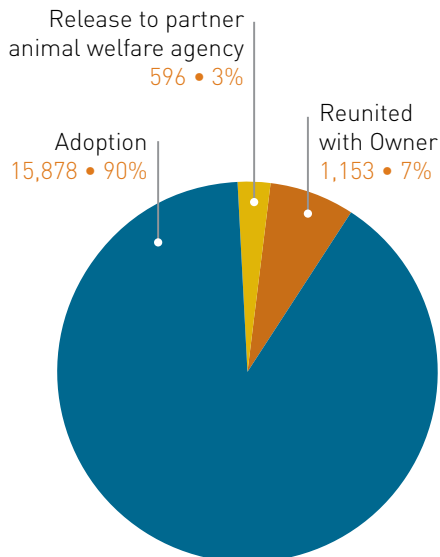
Total intake (23,858) includes both animals admitted for placement consideration (21,453) and animals euthanized at the owner's request (2,405). Animals surrendered for owner requested euthanasia are excluded from the animal outcomes calculation.

Animal Placement

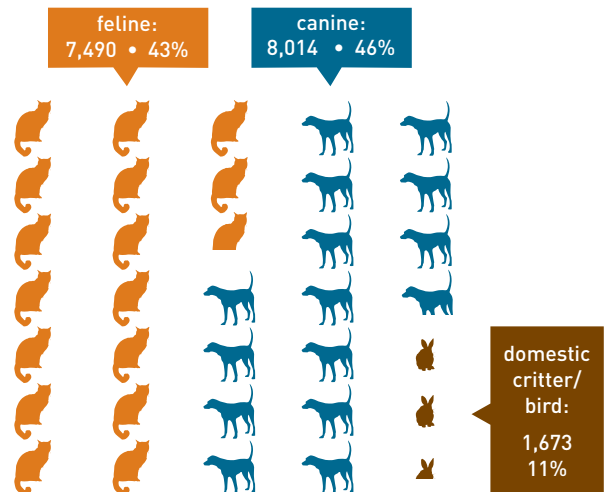
AHS provides homes and second chances for dogs, cats and domestic critters.

Placement Total 17,627

Placement by Type



Placement by Species

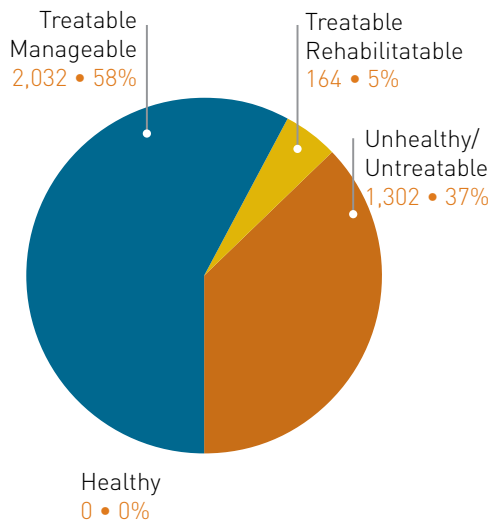


Humane Euthanasia

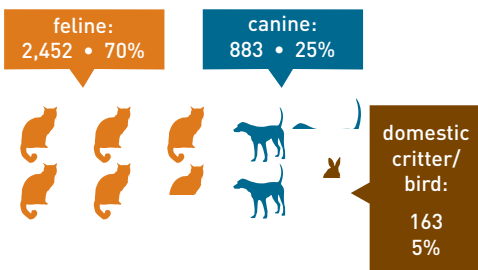
AHS is an open admission organization with a strong belief in providing services for all animals in need. Sadly, some animals come to us that we cannot safely and responsibly place in homes, and as a result, AHS staff make the very difficult decision to euthanize some companion animals. There is no time 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



Euthanasia by Species



Program Accomplishments

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 rescues 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 Frog-town. 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.

Kindest 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.

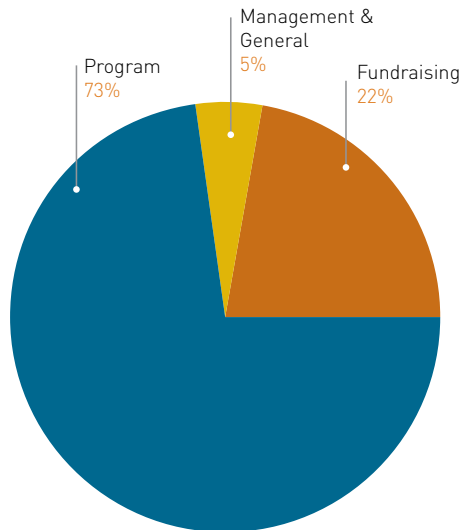
Our obedience and training classes attracted 1,245 participants. We held 452 private training sessions, and our behavior helpline received 1,998 calls.

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

Fiscal Year 2014 Board of Directors

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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.



Believe

This season of giving, we're celebrating a special dog whose story touched the hearts of countless Animal Humane Society staff and volunteers. Alice's story wasn't always a happy one, but thanks to animal lovers like you, she got the second chance she deserves.

Conditions no dog deserves

On a hot summer day, our humane investigations team and animal care staff traveled to northern Minnesota to rescue a group of dogs and puppies from inhumane conditions at a breeding facility. These dogs were suffering in sweltering heat with little shade and no clean water. We couldn't bear to see them living in such heartbreaking conditions.

Alice was rescued, along with 132 other animals, from a puppy mill in Pine River, MN. This beautiful white Labrador retriever had been confined to a small kennel where she was forced to give birth to litter after litter — causing her to be scared in open spaces. You can imagine how frightening it was when she was freed from her cage and held by humans for the first time.

you can make a difference

A significant change

When Alice first came to Animal Humane Society, our veterinary staff performed a biopsy on a large, open wound on her leg. They discovered it was caused by compulsive licking. The stress of being confined in a tiny cage caused her to lick the same spot so much she created a painful sore.

She underwent surgery for her wound and to be spayed so she wouldn't have to birth any more puppies. After her initial recovery, Alice stayed in the shelter's administrative offices with staff. She was so used to being housed in confined spaces, she was usually found sleeping in the recycling bins!

Alice then went to live with a foster family for a few months to help her overcome her extreme anxiety. Six months after Alice was brought in, one of our volunteers fell in love and adopted her. Alice was the last of the rescued Pine River dogs to find a happy new beginning. It was an emotional, exciting moment for everyone.

Your compassion transforms lives

At Animal Humane Society, we are committed to creating a more humane world for animals. Through your kindness, we will continue to give specialized care to animals that need extra care and attention and will remain steadfast in taking a stand against animal cruelty in our community. Your compassion allows us to give animals like Alice the second chances they deserve.

Make a difference for animals like Alice

As we approach the end of the year, your support is more important than ever! During this season of giving, please make a year-end gift to continue supporting lifesaving services for animals in our community.

Email: giving@animalhumanesociety.org

Phone: (763) 489-2210

Online: To see a video of Alice's story or make a gift online visit www.animalhumanesociety.org/alice or use your smartphone to scan the QR code



Cost of Care

Because of the generosity of Animal Humane Society supporters, we are able to help animals that have special circumstances. We care deeply about every animal that comes to us and to ensure Alice had the best outcome, she stayed in our care for almost six months. Here's what your contributions do for animals like Alice:

\$90 for Alice's spay surgery, vaccinations and microchip

\$750 for her medical treatments

\$2,700 for six months in our care to regain her health

\$3,540 total cost to find Alice her happy new beginning

memorials and tributes

January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014

We are grateful for your generous support of the animals through memorial and tribute gifts and are pleased to acknowledge these gifts in this magazine. We are committed to providing quality content with information about our programs and services and want to ensure that your donations are directly supporting the animals in our care. We sincerely appreciate every gift made in honor or memory of a loved one or pet; however, due to the volume only pet memorials of \$100 or more will be listed in this publication.

In Memory of a pet Remembered by...

Abby & Sydney
Linda Roehl

Amigo
Lori Rupprecht

Ana & Lili
Susan and Alice Pitra

Angel & Silky
Robert and Lynell Anderson

Annie & Daisy
Sue and Larry Clausen

Bailey
Jolene and William
Servatius

Bandit & Timur
Judith Beaumont

Cassie & Bean
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Karen Olson

Charger
Paula and Thomas Quinn

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Rochelle Tudor

Clicquot
Carolyn Mueller

Cricket
Jan Dahl

Cuddles
Gary Glunz

Daisy
Betty Brooking and
Margaret Neibling

Eddie
Greta Schmalz

Ember
Lia Melrose

Emma
Jane and Christopher
Jenkins

FlipMasterFlash
Kari Smith

Foxe
Alice Szymanski

Frenzy
LuAnn and Chip Berglund

Gizzy
Michael Miller

Gromit
Mary and Robert Stacke

Gustino J GoodPuppy
Jensina Rasmussen

Haley
David O'Hara

Hannah
Barbara and Dana Tickner

Harley
Gary Glunz

Hazel & Carlee
Ted Bair and Harvey Filister

Heidi Elizabeth Ann
Barbara Stettner

Henry
Dick and Diane Hanson

Henry
Helen and Thomas Isberg

Hobie Cat
Marilyn and Marvin
Carlson

**HoBo, Kelly, Rascal,
Penny, Pokey, Mookie,
Mango & KiWi**
Dorothy Swenson

Jake
Ted Bair and Harvey Filister

Jet
Gordon and Deborah Olson

Joey Cocker
Janet and Darryl Weivoda

Jurgen & Dieter
Barbara Johnson

Kodiboo
Joanne and Tim Sather

Little Dipper
Sam Cottingham

LouLou & Sophie
Betty and Richard Duff

Loxie
Victoria Elmer

Lucie Vaaler
Schelly Braden Vaaler and
Bryn Vaaler

Lucky Bishop
Michael Bishop

Lucy & Murphy
Grandma and Grandpa
Carlson

MacDuff
Jane and David Bland

Maggie Mae
Sara Wagman

Maggie Mae
Ursula Nelson

Mali
Phyllis Mattill

Marley & Hunter
Jeanne and Kullen
Birkeland

Misha
Sylvia Adams

Miss Abby
Carol Steffensmeier

Miss Podwer 'The Poo'
Christin Tackett

Misty
Teresa and Thomas Campbell

Miz, Punkin & Shadow
Beverly Hanson

Molly
Jean and John Mandeville

Mr. T
Roger Newton

Murphy
Kathryn Dahl

Nana
Susan K. Thompson

Navy Pittaway
Valerie Beadoen

Oscar
Dennis and Dianne Olson

Oscar
Robert D. Sandercock

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Mary Jo and Dean Lindholm

Padro
Barbara and David Hughes

Pami & Lola
Ursula Nelson

Patch Schlid
Erik Anderson

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Petey**
Valerie Commers

Petey Spinner
Tracy and Mark Undestad

Phoebe
Jenzi and Greg Silverman

Ponette
Lisa Birchen

Pookie
Diane Ethier

Purrl
Anne Russell and Merrell
Peters

Reggie
Nishant and Lesley Khattar

Riley
Heppner's Auto Wash

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Stephen and Jane McVay

Rio
Karen Bergmeier

Sam
Nishant and Lesley Khattar

Samie
Alice and Donald McCauley

Sammie
Nicolai Lewis

Sammie, Muff & Huey
Nancy Courtright

Sammy
Ted Bair and Harvey Filister

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Edna B. Ellingson

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Toni Yeamans

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Gloria and Glenn Gaster

Scooter Higgins
Cindy Thompson

Shamus
Marilyn and Tom Miller

Shane (Bubba)
Sue and Delilah

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Mary Choi

Sidney
Robert Thayer and Nancy
Meade-Thayer

Sigurd Rector
Wendy Hellerstedt

Sirius
Donna Daubendiek and
Robert Samuelson

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Joan Broughton

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Mark and Karen Stofferahn

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Bret Gageby

Sophie
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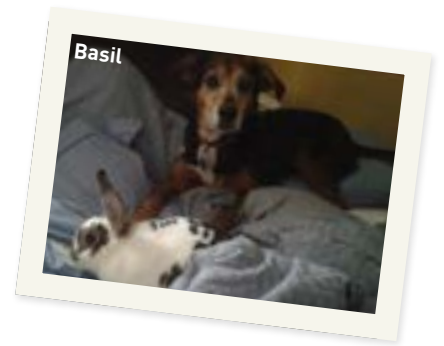
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Tigger
Carolyn Beacon

Valentine
Mary Borntrager

Vanilla
Ellen Geiser

Winnie
Marcia and Robert Rinek



Basil
Sharon Bonasoni

Basil
Donn M. Wallin

Bogie
Gordon and Susan Heruth

Boojee & Hunter
Kathleen and Thomas
Martin

Bubba
Patricia Beithon

Butter
Judy and Peter Obermeyer

Buttons
Patricia Brown

Canterbury
Virginia Pansch

Cappy & Big Sam
Jill Tarant

Cassie
Douglas Moat

Daisy
Erica and Tim Wenzinger

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Julie Chouinard

Daisy & Annie
Sue and Larry Clausen

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Kenneth Zieminski and Amy
Short

Dudley
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Stephen Schneider

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O Henry
Margaret Kirick

Olivia & Taylor
Judy and James Sinclair

Oscar
Brian and Lori Milbrandt

Rocky
Kathleen and Thomas
Martin

Rocky
Scott Knutson

Rose
Linda Molitor

Winston
Rodney Emerson
Yogi
Susan Mahler
Zeke
Bruce Jones

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Ashley
Jackie Levesque
Audre
Gregary Page
Bailey
Christopher Range
Baxter
Laurie Brockman

Dozer
Lynn Nessa
Dudley
Gordon and Barbara
Acemann
Duffy
Jack and Dodie Eike
Dylan
James and Betsy Anderson
Emerald
Kay Kacheroski
Emily
Dixie Shelton
Ester
Bruce Cantor
Ezra
Elizabeth Jacobson
Finnigan
Leslie Osborn
Finnigan
Kristine Raasch

Kiyah
Kari Badali
Kodi
Jennifer Komnick
Konnor
Gus and Aleta Stuhlebreker
Laguna & Lucy
Randy and Larna Cunliffe
Lana
Karen Clinton
Leo
Ken Anderson
Leo
Nancy Higgins
Liesl
Terry Orbeimeier
Lilly
Alicia and Mike Bravo
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Nancy Johnson
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Sally Euson
Lucky
Kim Hunnewell
Lucy
Ben Coleman
Lucy
Amy Benson
Lucy
David Carih
Lucy
Ken Johnson
LuLu
Cathy Bush
Luna
Peggy and Abby Israel
Mac
Sandy Vincent
Mac Bain
Kristi Match
Maddie
Sharon and Kim Bossert
Maddy
Kelly Beason
Maggie
John and Beth Dahl
Magic
Russel Weibel
Marius
David Witt
Marty
Darcy Spong
Max
Kim Carlson
Max
Robert Chadfield
Max
Frank Wassmer
Ming
Michael Duinick
Minnie
Tom and Carole Kauf
Mittens
David Geis



Bentley
Ralph and Bridget Leonetti
Blackjack
David Ripplinger
Blaze
Craig and Sharon Essig
Blondie
Gary and Cindy Anderson
Bridgett
Jerry Gruggen
Brutus
Brad Koehn
Budda
Tony Lund
Buddy
Emily and Marshall Peuk-Smith
Buddy
John Wilstermann
Casey
Annette McNamara
Casey
Darcy Szarznski
Casey
Louis Dow
Casper
Maria Bailey
Charlie
Susan and Dan Tate
Cheeto
Dawn Larue-Wittwer
Cody
Duane and Lynn Olawsky
Cody
Donna and David Ranallo
Darby
Susan Costello
DeeDee
Bob Weathers
Dickens
Susan Tate

Gabby
Dolly Bunke
Ginger
Mary Lee Underberg
Gus
Carol Chamberlain
Harley
Brenda Ness
Hattie
Marilyn Bjerken
Hunter
Karen Castillo
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When we found our cat at the Woodbury Animal Humane Society, his name was Poirot (due to his cute little mustache). For almost nine years we would call him Folsom.

My wife and I got married in October 2005. Four days after we returned from our honeymoon, we stopped by the shelter just up the road from our house to see if there was a cat there for us. Folsom was a relatively new arrival in the room where the other cats get their play time. We got to let him out and play with him in a separate room and it didn't take much convincing after that: Folsom came home with us that night.

We named him after the Johnny Cash song, "Folsom Prison Blues" (the stripes on his back fit a prisoner motif). Even though his name evoked thoughts of hardened criminals, Folsom was such a softie. We have many memories of our kids tackling him, hugging him, combing him, and even dressing him up as a princess. Folsom rarely seemed to mind. His vocalizations made him sound like a grumpy old man, but he was friendly enough to almost always come when called. Folsom seemed to know who wasn't feeling well or who had come home from a rough day at work and always sought to comfort them.

I could go on forever about Folsom, but let me close with this – Folsom was the best cat I ever knew. I cried more at the end of his life than I've ever cried for just about anything. I loved that cat. I'm relieved that he only had a day and a half of suffering instead of a slow decline of months or years, but he still left us far too soon.

Please know that you made an immeasurable difference in our family. Folsom was part of our family right from the start and through the addition of another cat and three children. I miss him more than I ever thought I could miss anything. Thank you for introducing us to this magnificent cat. Folsom was one-of-a-kind.

Marc A.

Mocha
Kris Mitchell

Mollie
Debra Waite

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Dave and Joanne Kane

Monte
David Smith

Mouldy
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Nigel
Dawn Glaser-Falk

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Pete
DeDe Yiereco

Pete
Jennifer Lick

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Mark Deinken

Rascal
Paul Rego

Red
Betti and Peter Rogers

Regin
Katy McNelis

Rosie
Betsy Farness

Roxi
Robert and Rhoda Poretti

Sadie
Kim Hoffman

Samantha
Jennifer Fernjack

Sassie
Debra Young

Sassy
Sarah Fraser

Shadow
Tom and Mary Strand

Shadow
Randy Pray and Mary Sheets

Smudge
Sue Sheetz

Tia
Vivian Sherrick

Tia
Dawn Glaser-Falk

Angelina
Nancy McMullen

Bandit
Steven Tice

Bandit
Daniel Hanscom

Bella
Howard and Sandra Meier

Benny
Dakota Drake

Bird
Taryn Thofern

Blackie
Kathy Meyer

Bobbie
Kay Drawbaugh

Boedy
Danielle Davis

Boone
Emily Johnson

Boots
Lyle Heikes

Boots
Gretchen Mackey

Boots
Bernie and Vivian Soukup

Charlie
Mary Quinn

Chase
Maria and Charles Jackson

Chase
Fred Bernard

Chloe
Scott and Cindy James

Chloe
Michelle Patient

Clara
LeAnn Stevens

Daisy
Gary and Sandy Wong

Disco
Irene Rehder

Dodger
Tom Jacobs

Domino
Reina Cady

Dosa
Bernadette Bruce

Elaine
Courtney Skaggs

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Jeremy Matta

Gunner
Dave Zappitillo

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Terry Carroll

Henry
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Jay Engelbretson

Howie
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Isabella
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Martha Vennes

Spooky
Thomas Brown

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Stella
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Sugar
Susan Lukken

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Susie
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Karen Castillo

Tippy
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Traz
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Buddy
Deborah Hunt

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Buster
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Lori Roettger

Calvin
Colleen Cartier

Calvin
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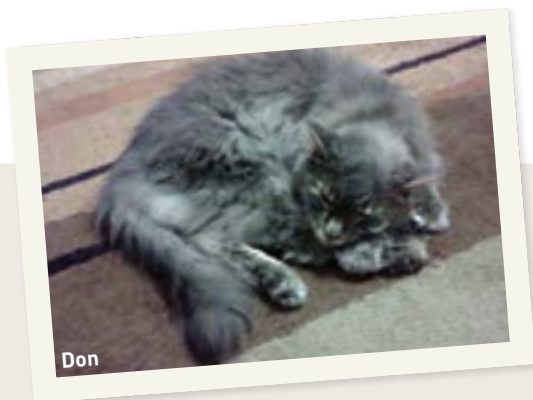
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Don

On September 17, 2003, my family adopted Don. He chose my wife in the cat colony room. Don reached out from the top of the spiral stairs and gently touched her shoulder. In the private room, he let her hold him on his back like a baby and he fell asleep. It was love at first sight and she was hooked. Soon we all were, and I'd always been a dog guy!

The reason he was surrendered:

responsibility was too much. They were right. Don demanded all of our attention. He wanted to be held, loved, and conversed constantly until he got what he wanted. He was a pain that soon had the entire home revolving around him.

Don was a ratty, bony, cross-eyed little man. Not the most handsome, but he was the smartest, most loving, and most unique feline that we'd ever encountered. He wormed his way into our family, our life, and our hearts.

Three years ago Don was diagnosed with feline diabetes and was given six months to live. He fought hard. We

thought we had lost him several times but he kept snapping back. Eventually the diabetes deteriorated his bladder, kidneys, and finally his mind to the point that he was in constant distress. It was heartbreaking to see him like that.

On June 6, 2014, we had to make the hard call and put him to rest.

We thought you guys might want to know. You can chalk this adoption up as a huge success story. Thanks for introducing us to our little man.

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Lady
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Lily
Carol Wickstrom

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Opie
Karen McGillivray
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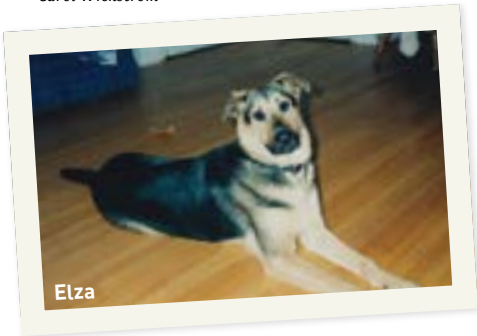
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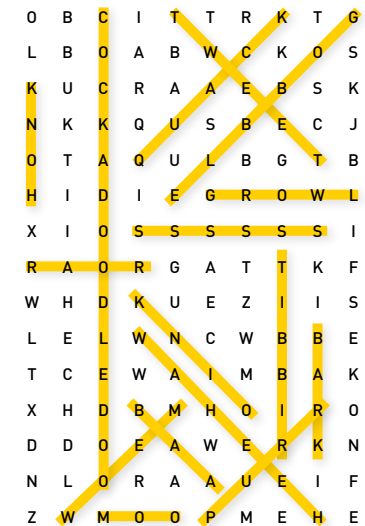


Toby

Answers to Playpen on page 31

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| animal groups | quite a tangle |
| flamboyance of flamingos | 1. D |
| charm of hummingbirds | 2. B |
| bed of clams | 3. A |
| flock of sheep | 4. C |
| pride of lions | 5. E |
| crash of rhinoceroses | |
| pack of dogs | |
| clowder of cats | |

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Can you spot the 16 animal sounds hidden in this puzzle?

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 L B O A B W C K O S
 K U C R A A E B S K
 N K K Q U S B E C J
 O T A Q U L B G T B
 H I D I E G R O W L
 X I O S S S S S S I
 R A O R G A T T K F
 W H D K U E Z I I S
 L E L W N C W B B E
 T C E W A I M B A K
 X H D B M H O I R O
 D D O E A W E R K N
 N L O R A A U E I F
 Z W M O O P M E H E

bark
 meow
 roar
 gobble
 oink
 quack
 honk
 ssssss
 heehaw
 growl
 purr
 ribbit
 tweet
 moo
 baa
 cockadoodledoo

quite a tangle

Which giraffe is which?



animal groups

Do you know the names of these multiples?



hummingbird



cat



sheep



lion



flamingo



dog



clam



rhinoceros

flamboyance

charm

bed

flock

pride

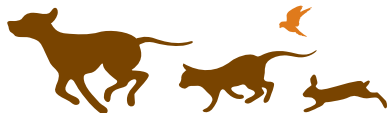
crash

pack

clowder

Answers are on page 29

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