



Humane  
Society  
of Chittenden County

Where Best Friends Meet

**ANNUAL REPORT 2019**



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### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO

There are several ways for an entity to measure success. Fiscal health, staff morale, effective governance, customer satisfaction, outcomes, etc. When all of these components are positively aligned, they become part and parcel of a high functioning organization, one that is an asset to its community.

In 2019, HSCC celebrated 1,226 pet adoptions (252 more than last year); served over 11,500 people in Chittenden and Grand Isle counties who walked through our doors (500 more than last year); rescued 475 animals from high-volume shelters (120 more than last year); and concluded operations in the black. But the numbers, on their face, do not tell the whole story.

Humane societies like HSCC are, effectively, social service organizations. Those of us in this line of work are essentially client advocates who work tirelessly to address the potential hardships that arise among individuals and families who are loving and caring for their pets. At HSCC, we believe that animals and humans are inextricably linked, and we recognize the transformative and healing power of animals in our lives. It is through this lens that we view every aspect of our work. Our *Surrender Prevention* programs are at the heart of this. Through collaboration with other local agencies, we enable people and their beloved pets to stay together during the toughest of times.

Our team is both heartened and propelled by the expressions of gratitude from the recipients of our programs. We often receive messages like these:

***"I was filled with joy that HSCC provided a loving place for Chance when I lost my housing."***

***"No one expects their 2 year old dog to have severe medical issues, especially around the holidays. HSCC's Rainy Day Pet Fund gave me comfort in not having to worry about paying the full cost of his veterinary care. "***

***"I never realized my heart could melt until I adopted Charlie. Our home is a better, warmer place with him in it, thanks to HSCC."***

By any standard measure, HSCC would be considered a successful nonprofit: efficient, productive and sustainable. But that would not be particularly meaningful if it weren't for the stories behind the numbers and the personal impact we make every day through the services we offer. The voices of those who have benefitted from our surrender prevention programs, those of our adopters, our students, and our loyal volunteers, are the true measurements of our success.

HSCC's progress and accomplishments would not be possible without the enduring support of our generous donors. Your charitable support has allowed us to redefine what success looks like and has allowed us to not only perform, but to prosper. Thank you!

With abiding gratitude,

Joyce Cameron





# HUMANE SOCIETY OF CHITTENDEN COUNTY

## 2019 Impact Report

### Record-breaking number of adoptions!

**1,226**  
adoptions!



**960**  
cats



**180**  
dogs



**86** small  
animals

**97.6%**

Live release rate

**23 Days**

Average length of  
shelter stay

**11,500+**  
visitors!

### Medical & Wellness Care

**1,359**  
exams



**1,794**

vaccinations



Facilitated  
**21** specialized  
surgeries and **423**  
spay/neuter surgeries



**328** pets  
fostered

**2,756**  
donors!

### Community Partnerships



**77** feral cats  
trapped, neutered  
and returned to site

**475** pets rescued  
from high-volume  
shelters



**59** animals  
taken in from  
Animal Control



**120** students  
educated in Camp  
Paw Paw & Animal  
Welfare Warriors

### Keeping Pets & People Together

#### Rainy Day Pet Fund & Good Neighbor Program



Supported **27** families and  
their pets by providing  
shelter, care, and emergency  
veterinary services

#### Spay the Mom Program

**60+** cats & kittens  
spayed and  
neutered at no  
cost to their family



#### Dog Training & Behavior Specialists



**122** visits &  
special sessions  
to decrease  
owner surrender  
and increase  
adoption success

#### Emergency Pet Food Shelf



Provided free pet  
food to **1,000+**  
families in need

**7,306 hours**  
of volunteer  
service!

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## OUR MISSION



The mission of the Humane Society of Chittenden County (HSCC) is to foster compassionate treatment of animals and prevent animal suffering; to strengthen the human-animal bond; and to further the cause of responsible animal ownership through education and public awareness.

*In addition to **rehoming** animals in need, HSCC offers **humane education** programs, **assists law enforcement** with animal investigations, employs expert **dog behaviorists**, **transports** hundreds of animals from high-volume shelters, aids community pet owners through **surrender prevention programs**, and much more.*

## Surrender Prevention Spotlight: Aurora's Story

"My dog Aurora is my best friend. Over the last year, I noticed how hard it was for Aurora to get in cars and climb stairs and found out her back knees were giving out. At the same time, we moved to Vermont and did not know where to go. HSCC came to our rescue - they not only helped me find the nicest surgeon I've ever met, but helped me afford her surgery through the **Rainy Day Pet Fund**. They made it possible to give my best friend the help she needed to not be in pain anymore and she has recovered very fast. When she looks at you, you can tell she's happier and she even looks like she's smiling most days! **I cannot thank the Humane Society enough.**" - Aurora's Mom



## HUMANE EDUCATION

## Animal Welfare Warriors

Our new program for 13 -15 year olds kicked off in August 2019! This inaugural group of animal lovers spent 3 interactive days at HSCC learning about animal care, the role of humane societies, and how to advocate for animals in need. AWW graduates are ready to make a difference in their community!

*"My daughter really enjoyed interacting with the animals and learning the mechanics of what goes on at the Humane Society. Great program!" - A.W.W. Parent*



**For more information about our complete humane education programs or to register for A.W.W. and Camp Paw Paw 2020 visit [hscvt.org](http://hscvt.org)!**

## Camp Paw Paw

For over a decade, Camp Paw Paw has been a great way for 5-12 year olds to learn about animals while having a whole lot of fun! In 2019, we educated **over 100 kids** about the humane treatment of animals & what we do at HSCC.





## Angel

## HAPPY TAILS!



Angel arrived as a stray in November 2019 with an unknown neurological condition and skin issues that made her uncomfortable. Staff immediately fell in love with Angel and provided resources to help her.

With medical care and lots of TLC, Angel began looking and feeling better than ever. This January, Angel met her new loving family and luckily for staff, she's even been back to visit her old friends!

*"Just wanted to let you know that Angel's settling in well. She is amazing and so sweet and happy. Thanks for all your help!!!" - Angel's family*



Kitty Gurl came to HSCC in June 2019 after her owner passed away. As a senior cat used to living in a quiet home, Kitty Gurl wasn't comfortable in a shelter environment and was lucky to spend several months in an amazing foster home. While in foster care, she started to show her true *purrsonality*! Kitty Gurl's New Year's Eve wish came true - **she was adopted**! She now goes by KitKat and has been flourishing!

## Kitty Gurl



*"She has done amazingly well! She's acclimated to the family dog and has created a very strong bond with us. The adoration is mutual! Thank you all!" - Kit Kat's family*

## OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!



We are SO grateful for our **200+** volunteers who logged **7,306 hours** of service in 2019! Pictured here is the Tuesday Morning Animal Care (MAC) group who devote their time every week to feed the animals breakfast, clean their spaces, and be a familiar face until they find their family. Thank you!

**Interested in volunteering? Visit [hscvct.org/Volunteer](https://hscvct.org/Volunteer)**

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR



2019 was a fantastic year for HSCC, which is a testament to our hard working, compassionate staff and our devoted, committed community. The Board of Directors is dedicated to a strategic plan that will be flexible and accommodating to our community's future needs. All of our collective success is cause for celebration!

While we're excited for the future, we stay grounded in the foundation of why we do what we do; to serve people *and* animals. Thanks to our pets, we learn about unwavering love, compassion, patience, and resilience, qualities we strive to embody to achieve our mission.

Cheers to you and your best friends, and here's to a successful 2020 and beyond!

*Nina Hurley*

## 2019 Board of Directors

Nina Hurley (Chair)	Sarah Judd, Esq.
Sally Adams, Esq.	Julie Longfellow
Carly Bidner	Susan McMillan, DVM
Jeanne Chenowith	Kris Nelson
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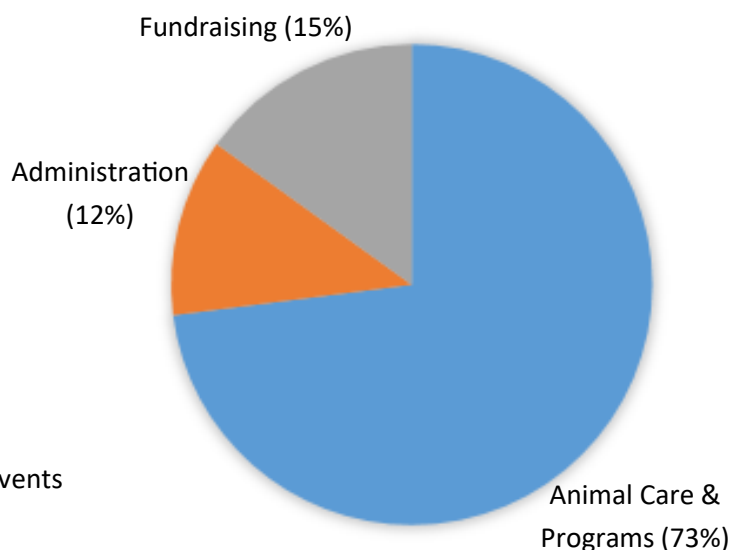
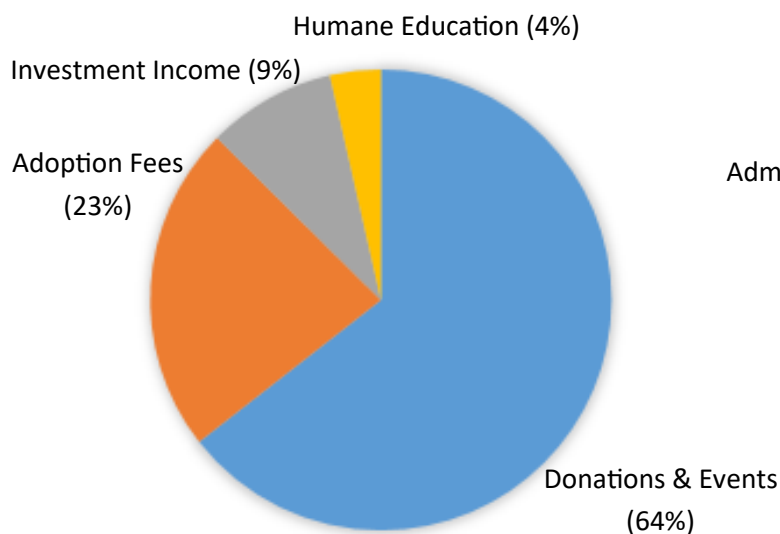
## Administration

Joyce Cameron - <i>President &amp; CEO</i>
Erin Alamed - <i>Director of Volunteer &amp; Community Outreach</i>
Amanda Bottiggi - <i>Communications &amp; Development Coordinator</i>
Cynthia Harris Cole - <i>Animal Care Manager</i>
Diana Hill - <i>Director of Development</i>
Brent Householder - <i>Director of Finance &amp; Administration</i>
Chelsea Beauregard Kiessling - <i>Shelter Director</i>
Heather Klaff - <i>Medical Care Manager</i>

## 2019 Financial Overview

**TOTAL REVENUE: \$1,110,552**

**TOTAL EXPENSES: \$1,090,855**





## COMMUNITY EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

### 6th Annual Purrrses for Paws

This February, we hosted Purrrses at a new venue - Champlain College! Despite the inclement weather, nearly 200 people attended in hopes of snagging a great new bag or one of several other items in the silent auction. Thank you to all of our sponsors, attendees, and volunteers for continuing to make this event a success and helping raise funds for HSCC!



### 1st Annual Fabulous Feline Foto Contest!



Cat people nationwide submitted their most “fabulous” cat pictures for the chance to be featured in Seven Days! Thanks to 72 submissions and over 4,000 votes, this contest raised over \$6,000 for our Annual Fund.

**Is *YOUR* feline fabulous? Get those pics ready for the  
2nd Annual Fabulous Feline Foto Contest taking place online**

**April 6<sup>th</sup> - April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020!**

### 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for the Animals and 5K Doggie Fun Run

We welcomed over 300 animal lovers and their canine pals to Veterans Memorial Park on June 9<sup>th</sup>! Thanks to all who participated, volunteered, sponsored & donated, nearly \$70,000 was raised!

**The 26th Annual Walk & 5K is moving to a new location -  
Burlington's Waterfront Park! We hope you'll join us on June 7<sup>th</sup> for  
our largest fundraising event of the year!**



### Bark & Brew 2019

This fun-filled, dog-friendly series continued to grow in its 6<sup>th</sup> year! Local favorites Switchback Brewery, Queen City Brewery, Citizen Cider, Foam Brewers, Zero Gravity, Kickback Brewery, and Goodwater Brewery brought their great brews & Moe's Southwest Grill provided delicious food for the humans, while the dogs had a paw-some time zooming around the play yard. With hundreds of attendees & nearly \$16,000 raised overall, Bark & Brew was a great way to end the summer!

**Stay tuned for info on Bark & Brew 2020!**



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# Save the Dates!

## 26th Annual Walk & 5K

**Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**NEW VENUE!**

**Burlington's Waterfront Park**



**For kids who are wild about animals!**

Sessions begin July 6<sup>th</sup>

Ages 5 -12



August 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>

Ages 13 -15

## Bark & Brew

**Thursday Nights at HSCC**  
**August - September 2020**



## Free Seminars!



May 14<sup>th</sup> & November 12<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 - 7pm at HSCC

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