Celebrating 8,780 adoptions in the last decade!
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.

We do this through: sheltering homeless & unwanted pets; timely efforts to place each animal in a responsible & caring home; animal cruelty investigation; feral cat colony management; surrender prevention programs; humane education, and advocacy.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

I want to take this opportunity to thank you, our amazing community for your continued support of the Humane Society of Chittenden County. From adopting 974 animals in 2018, sponsoring our events, joining us at the Annual Walk for the Animals, drinking beers with us at Bark and Brew, to volunteering over 8,300 hours, we couldn’t do what we do without YOU. We’re excited to develop more programming and to be the resource that our community needs and deserves.

In 2018, we welcomed our new CEO, updated our mission statement, and revamped our strategic plan. With a renewed focus on education, surrender prevention, and expanded resources for community members, we couldn’t be more excited to see what 2019 brings!

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO

2018 was a very productive year for HSCC. The tireless efforts of our talented staff and dedicated board and volunteers, and the support from our community partners resulted in measureable impact: close to 1,000 animals placed in loving homes, 355 animals saved from high volume shelters, 2,800 medical and wellness care procedures performed, and countless community pets able to stay with their families through our surrender prevention efforts. Our two major fundraising events netted $160,000 and we acquired 578 new donors in one year! Most notably, we concluded 2018’s operations in the black and have adopted a balanced operating budget for 2019. We could not do this without the support of our community. We hope you will take great satisfaction in knowing how integral your involvement is to our success. We look forward to you continuing on this ride with us - we promise to uphold our end by doing everything in our power to make HSCC a high-functioning and vital resource for our community members and their beloved pets.
## Humane Society of Chittenden County

### 2018 Impact

**Adoptions**
- 974 Adoptions in total
- 2,681 Donors!
- 187 Dogs
- 737 Cats
- 50 Small Animals
- **25 Days** = average length of stay at HSCC
- 95% = live release rate

**Medical & Wellness Care**
- 1,085 Exams
- 1,391 Vaccinations
- 335 Spay/Neuter Surgeries
- 175 Pets Fostered

**Community Partnerships**
- 152 Feral Cats were trapped, neutered, and returned to site
- 355 Pets Rescued from High Volume Shelters
- 79 Animals Taken in from Animal Control
- 120 Students received humane education through Camp Paw Paw

**Keeping Pets in Homes**

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<td>Supported families and their pets by providing shelter, care and emergency veterinary services</td>
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<td><strong>35</strong> Visits &amp; special sessions with our Dog Training &amp; Behavior Specialist to decrease owner surrender and increase adoption success</td>
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- Facebook.com/chittendenhumane
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HSCC'S PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- Adoption - Rehoming of Companion Animals
- Surrender Prevention Programs: Spay the Mom Program, Good Neighbor Program, Rainy Day Pet Fund
- Humane Education: Camp Paw Paw, Animal Welfare Warriors, Helyn Kerr Humane Education Series
- Humane Investigation
- Feral Cat Trap/ Neuter/ Return (TNR)
- Community Presentations
- Transport Program
- Scooter Fund for special medical needs
- Shelter Tours
- Volunteer Program
- Member of Vermont Humane Federation
- Barn Cat Program
- Foster Care Program

Our volunteers trudge through snowstorms and donate their birthdays & holidays to assist our animals and staff. Without them, we would not be able to care for the 1,000+ animals that enter our shelter each year or maintain the volume of adoptions and the level of community support & engagement.

Thank you HSCC Volunteers!
COMMUNITY & EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Voted Best Non-Profit - Seven Daysies
For the 5th consecutive year, HSCC was voted Best Non-Profit in Vermont by the readers of Seven Days. We are so grateful for this resounding vote of confidence in our mission!

5th Annual Purrrses for Paws
In February, we hosted our 5th annual Purrrses for Paws event at the Burlington International Airport. The evening drew a crowd of over 200 people bidding on new and like new purses, a gorgeous emerald ring, and much more! Thank you to all of our community sponsors, attendees, and volunteers for making this event a success and helping raise $43,000 in 2018 and $55,000 in 2019 for HSCC! We hope you will join us for our 6th Annual Purrrses for Paws next year!

24th Annual Walk for the Animals and 5K Doggie Fun Run
June brought our 24th Annual Walk for the Animals and 5K Doggie Fun Run to Veterans Memorial Park. Hundreds of people and their furry companions joined us for a beautiful 5K, or one mile walk, in support of HSCC. This is our largest and most significant fundraiser of the year and takes our entire community’s support to make it a success. Together, we raised $105,000! We hope you will join us for our 25th Annual Walk for the Animals and 5K Doggie Fun Run on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at Veterans Memorial Park in South Burlington.

We Love Our Community!
Each year we are blown away by the tremendous support from our community! Many amazing organizations, businesses and school groups, demonstrated their support through donation drives, fundraisers, and more.

Last year, Champlain Valley Union High School selected HSCC for their annual Café for a Cause, raising $7,750!

We are so grateful to CVU and many others for all that you do to help support our work and further our mission!

Our canister program had another successful year in 2018! We had over 50 canisters spread across our community collecting change and the occasional dollar or two. We are surprised at how quickly it all adds up! In 2018 our community canister program brought in over $9,000.

Helyn Kerr Humane Education Series
Each year HSCC hosts the Helyn Kerr Humane Education Series seminars. These events are free for the public and an opportunity to learn about a different animal welfare subject. In 2018 we had a great variety of topics: Dog Communication & Safety, In the Name of Training, Pet First Aid, and Transport Trolley. Last month, we offered a riveting talk titled, Animal Cruelty: From Complaint to Criminal Court that included our Deputy State’s Attorney, VT State’s Attorney and our Humane Investigator.

Upcoming lectures are scheduled for May, August, and November. Stay tuned for topics and check our website for more information! hscvto.org
Those who follow us on social media may be familiar with the story of Gemma. Gemma arrived in September with a wonderful, or should we say 8 wonderful surprises!

Gemma was patiently awaiting adoption at a high volume shelter in South Carolina. Unfortunately, no one came for her. To make matters worse, Hurricane Florence had just devastated the Carolinas and her shelter needed to make space for the influx of displaced pets. Fortunately, HSCC was able to welcome Gemma and 7 other dogs, giving them a second chance.

The day Gemma arrived, staff noticed something unique... Gemma was pregnant with 8 puppies! The months following Gemma’s arrival were filled with love and hard work. Our dedicated staff member fostered Gemma through her pregnancy until her babies were ready for families of their own.

Gemma’s puppies became available for adoption in December, and faster than you can say “Humane Society of Chittenden County”, they all went home, including Gemma!

Thank you to our adopters for expanding your family and to all of our supporters for making this possible. Your donations help sustain and grow our transport program. With YOUR help, Gemma, her 8 puppies, and 354 other animals were rescued from high volume shelters last year and now call the Green Mountains home.

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

**Camp Paw Paw**

Camp Paw Paw is a great way to learn about animals while having fun!

Kids ages 5-12

Visit [www.hsccvt.org](http://www.hsccvt.org) for more information!

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**New this Summer - Animal Welfare Warriors!**

For teens 13-15 interested in learning more about animal welfare.
Happy “Tails”

Dahlia

We welcomed Dahlia in August. She was diagnosed with diabetes and, at 15, also suffered from arthritis. We began treating Dahlia with insulin and put her on a prescription diabetic diet and joint supplement. After a couple months, Dahlia’s glucose levels improved and we were able to discontinue her insulin and manage her diabetes solely with a prescription diet. Now all she needed was a home.

Then one November afternoon, Dahlia’s adopter walked in - instant connection!

Dahlia shares her home with another HSCC feline alum and has become a precious family member. As her adoptive mother says, “I like to call her the centerpiece of my apartment because she really brings everything together.”

Senior cats and dogs are wonderful! If you’re looking to open your heart to a more “mature” pet, check out our website to see who’s available and come visit! We also offer reduced adoption fees as part of our “Seniors-for-Seniors” program.

Hunter

Hunter came to HSCC in February 2018 when he arrived on a transport from Tennessee. It didn’t take long for him to find his new family, and what a family he found! Hunter, now Flynn, has become a Resident Camp Dog at YWCA VT Camp Hochelaga.

A note from Flynn’s family:

“Flynn has been an amazing addition to our lives! He is loving his summers as resident camp dog, getting snuggles and pets from kids all day long. He also loves to lick his cat brother, romp with dog pals in the snow, and snuggle with us on the couch at night. His training has come along well, although his size (he is over 80 lbs now) makes counter tops and butter dishes just a little too tempting from time to time.”

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Check out our website for more details on all of our events! hscvct.org

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