



WCCHS

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

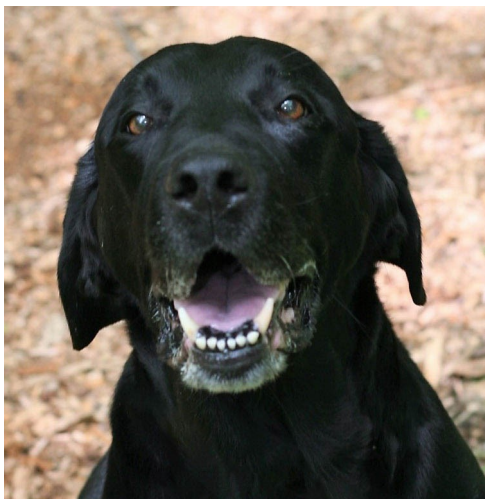
Organizational Summary

The Windham County Humane Society (WCHS) is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of animals and enhancing the relationship between individuals and pets through adoption, education, advocacy, compassion and promotion of animal welfare.

WCHS helps stray, abandoned, neglected and surrendered pets by giving them a second chance at a healthy, happy life. WCHS animals receive excellent health care from our staff and local veterinarians.

Because we are committed to reducing the number of unwanted animals, all animals are spayed or neutered prior to adoption. We do not euthanize for time or space – all adoptable animals stay safely at WCHS until the right new home comes along.

Windham County Humane Society is working to create a vibrant, well-run and financially secure community-supported animal shelter that offers a variety of programs, services and facilities that promote the well-being and dignity of pets and other companion animals, and support their responsible stewardship by human caregivers.



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Through our efforts, we aspire to:

- End animal cruelty, suffering and abandonment
- Increase the capacity of local residents, regardless of socio-economic means, to properly and humanely care for their animals
- Cultivate a strong sense of community ownership in, awareness of, and advocacy for animal welfare issues

2017 SHELTER STATISTICS

WCHS is committed to providing the best quality care for every animal that comes through our doors, as well as working to keep animals safe and healthy and in their homes. In 2017, Windham County Humane Society continued to carry out its mission by restoring homeless, sick, hungry, and abandoned animals to lives of health and happiness.

1,704 animals were served by WCHS.

939 dogs, cats, rabbits, & other small animals were placed into new, loving homes.

862 animals were spayed or neutered. That breaks down to 533 cats; 303 dogs; and 26 rabbits.

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Community animals received **475** vaccinations & **14** microchips.



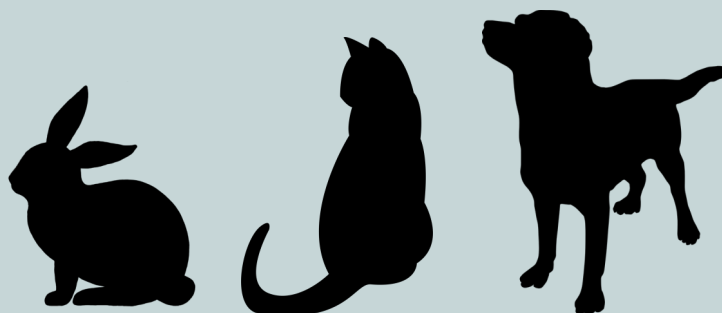
Our Pet Care Assistance program helped **500** pet owners struggling financially to get prescription food, medication, & vaccinations for their pets at cost.

201 animals were fostered in volunteer homes.

PARTNER AGENCIES

WCHS collaborates with the broader animal welfare community to accomplish our goals. By working together, we improve accessibility of services for the entire community. Our partners include the following organizations:

- Best Friends (No More Homeless Pets Partner)
- Shelter Animals Count
- Second Chance Animal Shelter and Wellness Clinic
- St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center
- Spay ASAP
- Central Vermont Humane Society
- Humane Society of Chittenden County
- Homeward Bound
- HSUS
- ASPCA

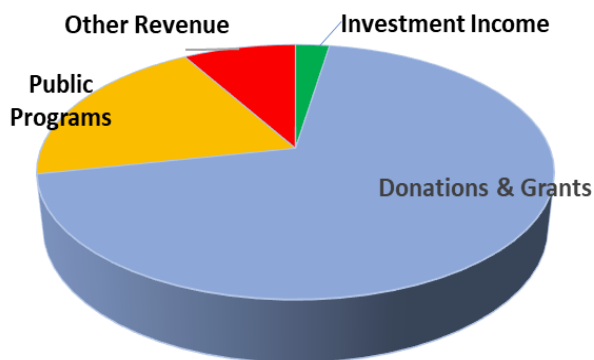


2017 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

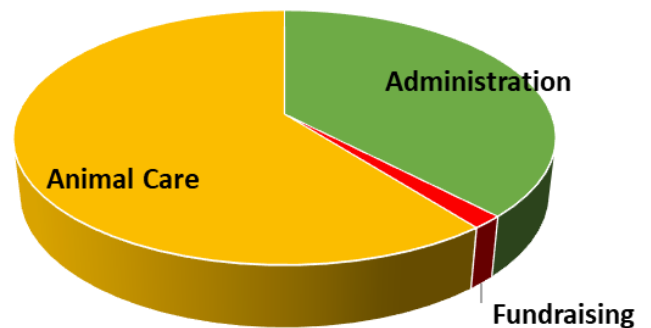
Along with revenue from animal adoptions, spay/neuter surgeries, and the provision of limited veterinary care, WCHS solicits contributions through fundraising appeals in e-newsletters, direct mail, online, and via special events. Individual gifts, corporate sponsorships, foundation support, legacy gifts, and fundraising events comprise the bulk of the organization's revenue.



Total Revenue: \$910,276



Total Expenses: \$578,057



Ways to Help

The Windham County Humane Society receives no funding from state or federal sources, or from national humane organizations. We depend on generous donors like you to support our mission. All donations to WCHS are fully tax-deductible.

In addition to outright financial gifts and in-kind donations, there are many other ways to support WCHS' life-saving work:

VOLUNTEER: WCHS volunteers are a very important part of our team. They help our staff provide loving care to our animals by performing a wide range of tasks. Shelter volunteers are asked to commit to a set schedule of two hours per week for a minimum of six months. Visit our website to fill out an application today!

BECOME A SUSTAINING DONOR: Set up a recurring monthly gift to WCHS that will be automatically transferred from your bank account. Funds from monthly donors help keep the organization running throughout the year.

MAKE A BEQUEST: You may bequeath cash, property, jewelry or any other personal property to WCHS.

DONATE GIFTS OF STOCK: By donating appreciated securities, you can avoid paying capital gains taxes and you'll receive a tax deduction on the full value of the gift.

LEAVE A LEGACY GIFT: Make a lasting impact with an estate gift by naming WCHS as a beneficiary in your will, trust, or life insurance policy.

For more information about these giving options, please visit our website, www.windhamcountyhumane.org.

CORPORATE & FOUNDATION SUPPORT

We graciously thank the foundations that give generously to make our mission a reality every day:

- George A. Dascomb Trust
- High Meadows Foundation
- Marquis George MacDonald Foundation
- Periwinkle Foundation
- PetSmart Charities
- Richard & Elizabeth Boggio Foundation
- Robin Colson Memorial Trust
- Vermont Community Foundation
- William Ewing Foundation
- Windham Foundation
- Woodtiger Fund



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

We could not exist without the support of our community. Monetary donations from local individuals and businesses provide the majority of the funds that make our work possible., and donated supplies and pet food help defray our expenses and keep our Pet Food Pantry well-stocked year-round.

Special thanks to the following businesses:

Achille Agway

One Stop Pet Supply

Battleboro Auto Mall

Spruce Mountain Acupuncture

Battleboro Reformer

VT-NH Veterinary Clinic

Battleboro Veterinary Clinic

White Rose Pet Memorial Services

Communicators Group

We are also extremely grateful for the many businesses in the southern Vermont area that host our **Donation Banks** and accept donations on behalf of WCHS. A full list of participating businesses can be found on our website.

VOLUNTEERS

Due to the small size of our staff, WCHS relies heavily on volunteer support. Volunteers provide loving care to our animals by performing a wide range of tasks: cleaning, dog walking, socializing cats and dogs, fostering, assisting with events, providing office support, maintaining our grounds and walking trails, and more! ***We thank them all for their tireless dedication!***

Volunteers spent more than 4,800 hours helping WCHS in 2017.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Each year, we host two large fundraising events, **Wags To Riches** in April and the **Walk for the Animals** in September. For these events, we seek sponsorships, underwriting, and auction item donations and are extremely grateful to the many businesses and individuals who donate their time, talent, and treasure to make these events successful. In 2017, Wags to Riches raised just under **\$44,000** and the Walk for Animals raised **\$32,500** for the shelter. Special thanks to our top sponsors, **Brattleboro Automall** and **One Stop Country Pet Supply**.



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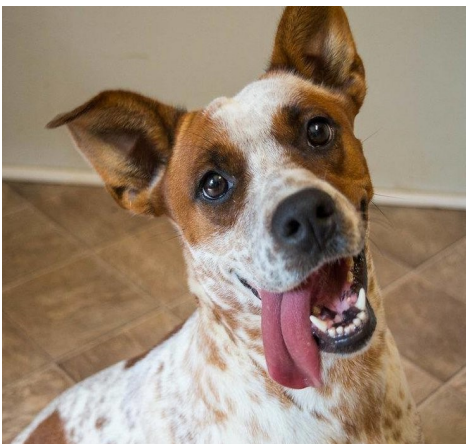
MISSION STATEMENT

Dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of animals and enhancing the relationship between individuals and pets through adoption, education, advocacy, compassion and promotion of animal welfare.

2017 WCHS STAFF

Annie Guion, Executive Director
Keri Roberts, Director of Operations
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Shawn Morton, Canine Specialist
Eric Brow, Canine Technician
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A true friend leaves paw prints on your heart.



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