

Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA

Annual Report **2006**



In loving memory – Baby Hughey

A Year of Saving Lives!

This has been an incredible year, especially for the animals at the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA. The Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA is now a No Kill facility.



A Vision for the Future

To guarantee a good home to every healthy and behaviorally sound companion animal.

To save all dogs and cats that can be medically treated and behaviorally rehabilitated and do not pose a public health and safety risk.

To be a leader and an example for other organizations. To set the standard for how to save lives in our region, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the nation. To develop constructive relationships that advance the SPCA's mission and vision with our community, our city/county governments and other nonprofit organizations.

Our Dream has already become a Reality

At the beginning of 2005, we embraced a new philosophy with a three year goal to create a No Kill community. Thanks to the hard work of so many individuals, we met this goal after only two years. In 2006, the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA accepted approximately 5,000 homeless animals. We saved not only the cute, cuddly, healthy pets but also the old and blind, those missing limbs and those in need of medical and behavioral intervention.

***Charlottesville is the number one place
to live for companion animals in need!!!***

Calendar Year 2006 Dog & Cat Statistics

The Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA is an open-admission facility. We take in all animals brought to us by city and county animal control officers and strays brought in by the public. We take animals that owners desire to surrender, although an appointment is required. We are the only facility that accepts homeless pets in the Charlottesville-Albemarle community. Despite the above, we did not euthanize any animal for space but only if they had serious medical conditions, serious aggression issues or posed a public health and safety risk. Since implementing our No Kill goal in 2005, we reduced our euthanasia rate by 70%.

At the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA, we saved approximately 92% of all cats and dogs that came into our facility. By comparison, the overall aggregate save rate for animals entering shelters in the Commonwealth of Virginia was only 56%.¹

Dogs	
	TOTALS
In Care	2189
Adopted ²	1321
Returned to Owner	507
Euthanized	180
<i>Medical</i>	57
<i>Aggressive</i>	123

Cats	
	TOTALS
In Care	2977
Adopted ²	2073
Returned to Owner	47
Euthanized	252
<i>Medical</i>	118
<i>Aggressive/ Feral</i>	134

Dogs and Cats	
	TOTALS
In Care	5166
Adopted	3394
Redeemed	554
Euthanized	432

¹ Our SPCA euthanized only 8% of all animals entering our facility compared to a statewide euthanasia rate of 44%.

² Adopted figures include 236 dogs and 46 cats transferred to other animal rescue groups and shelters under an agreement that guarantees the animals will be spayed/neutered and adopted, or returned to the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA.

How We Do It

- **Adoption Programs.** Adoptions seven days a week ensure everyone an opportunity to adopt a pet. Events such as our Adoptathons and our Kitten Showers helped over 100 SPCA residents find new homes. Off-site adoption venues such as Purrin' at Pantops and Petsmart resulted in new homes for over 700 pets.
- **Volunteers.** Volunteers make our shelter successful. In 2006, our volunteer core put in nearly 20,000 hours socializing, grooming and caring for shelter pets, as well as assisting with and organizing adoption and fundraising events.
- **Foster Care.** In 2006, over 1500 animals were placed in foster care, almost three times as many as in 2005. Our foster program is an extension of our shelter, aimed at saving those animals that depend on additional care for their survival and eventual adoption: orphaned kittens and puppies, nursing mothers, animals recovering from surgery or those that simply need training or socializing.



- **Spay/Neuter Programs.** In 2006, the SPCA altered every animal prior to adoption that was medically fit. An additional 1300 community pets were altered through our Low-Cost Spay/Neuter programs and our feral/stray cat clinics.
- **Dog Obedience.** Over 180 community dogs participated in SPCA obedience classes.
- **Transport Partners.** Through partnerships with other shelters and rescues, 236 dogs and 46 cats found new homes.
- **Humane Education.** Over 2,500 young students took part in our Humane Education programs, paving the way for a new generation of compassionate pet owners.
- **Birthday Parties.** For the first time in 2006, the SPCA hosted children's birthday parties: with 20 parties and over 250 children.
- **Summer Camp.** The SPCA's popular summer camp program hosted over 60 campers.



Where it All Happens



The Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA is located at 3355 Berkmar Drive. Our building is a family-friendly, home-like center for our pets, large enough to house many animals and to host our many adoption events. The building contains separate intake and isolation areas, designated air flow units, heated kennel floors and a sound system to play comforting music. The facility includes a modern surgical suite with separate prep, surgery, and recovery rooms designed to assure quality medical care.



Dog Kennels and Courtyard



Lobby "2006 Adoptathon"



Surgery Suite



Student Apartments

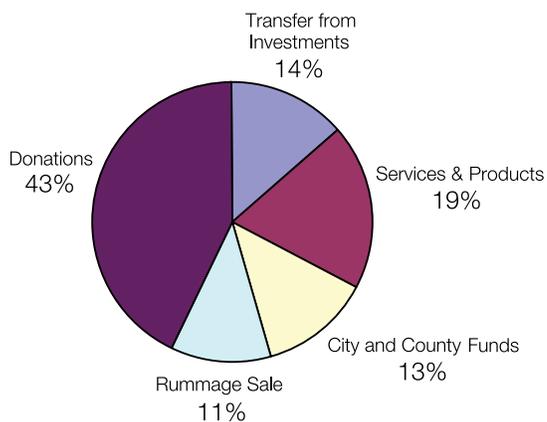
Our Veterinary Surgical Suite

enables us to care for the sick and injured animals that need our help. We are also able to alter animals prior to adoption. In addition, the SPCA continues to host fourth-year veterinary students through our Veterinary Student Intern Program. The program offers a wide range of hands-on experience and a real world-view of the challenges and rewards of community animal care. Students play a vital role in the care of our pets and gain valuable experience and a deeper understanding of shelter medicine as they prepare for their veterinary careers.

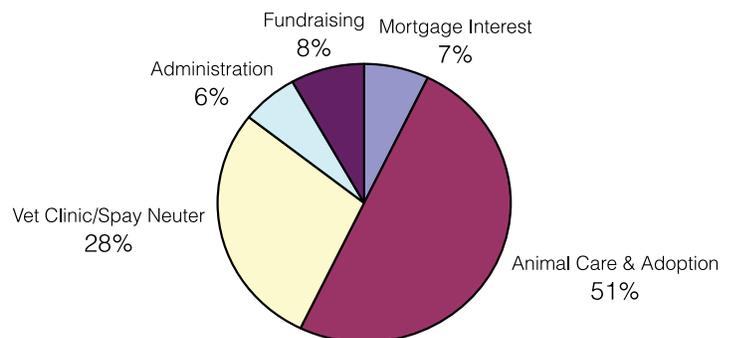
How We Fund It

Saving lives requires two essential ingredients – a relentless work ethic and money. Our 2006 operating budget was approximately \$2.2 million dollars. Our expenses included debt payments on a \$3.1 million building loan. Our adoption and other service fees and funding from the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County covered only a portion of our cost. Donations provided the main source of our financial support.

2006 Revenues



2006 Expenses



Donations help the animals in need!!



Malachi: malnourished and emaciated



Larry: Hit by a car, required leg amputation



Sloan: a little kitty born with a genetic defect, required eye surgery

Donations fund medical care for animals like Malachi, Larry and Sloan, each of whom found wonderful homes.

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Charlottesville-Albemarle is now the number one place to live for our companion animals.

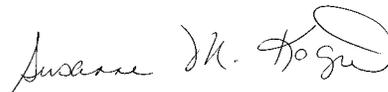
2006 has been an exciting year for the companion animals in the Charlottesville-Albemarle area. On average we take in approximately 14 animals per day. When homeless and abandoned animals come into our doors, they are scared and lost. Many just need comfort or tender loving care. Others require more treatment, like litters of puppies and kittens filled with intestinal parasites and dogs and cats requiring more serious medical attention or surgical relief. Because of your support, we promise a better future and send them to new homes: healthy, happy and healed.

Due to our community's commitment to life, the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA has received regional and national recognition:

- Animal Shelter Director of the Year Award from No Kill Advocacy Center; and
- The Compassion Award from the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies.

Our success proves that believing is achieving. We are thankful for the tremendous efforts of our staff, volunteers and supporters.

So remember -- ***Come meet someone who loves you at the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA!***



Susanne M. Kogut
Executive Director



All animals pictured in this report are SPCA alumni currently living with their new adoptive families!!!



Mission

The Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA is a nonprofit animal welfare organization that provides a safe environment for the lost, abandoned, and homeless animals of Charlottesville and Albemarle County and places them in good homes. We strive to set a standard of excellence and leadership in animal care, humane education, and progressive animal welfare programs.

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