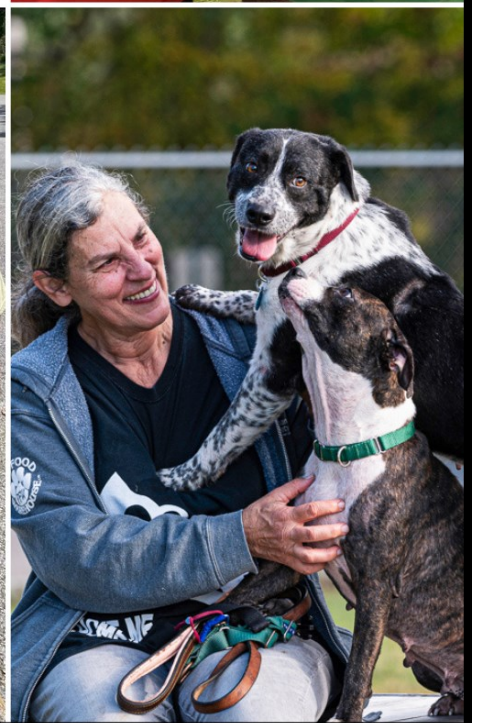





**Humane Society**  
of Chittenden County  
*Where Best Friends Meet*

## 2021 Annual Report



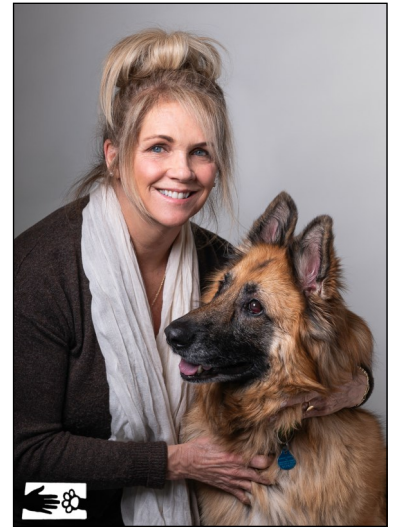


## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT & CEO

As we celebrate another year of challenges and accomplishments at HSCC, one of my favorite Broadway musicals comes to mind. Its popular show tune prompts me to consider our perception of *time*, something many of us have reported having a distorted sense of over the last two years – as though we’ve been living underground, our circadian rhythms in a permanently altered state.

The song asks - ***how do you measure a year?*** The question takes on new significance for me during a pandemic. It prompts me to think more deeply about what transpires in *525,600 minutes*.

**One way to measure a year in the life of HSCC is by its numbers:** celebrated 1,385 adoptions, performed 2,730 pet medical exams and 539 spay/neuter surgeries through our new Community Pet Clinics, educated 134 students in our humane education programs, responded to 247 calls to our Pet Helpline, transported and re-homed 558 animals from high volume shelters, cared for 50 pets through our Good Neighbor Program, and served hundreds of people with our Pet Food Shelf. All of this was made possible thanks to our foster families who cared for 323 pets, 120 loyal volunteers, and 2,943 donors.



Joyce and Sasha

But the truest answer to the question is illustrated by what occurs behind those numbers, each minute of every day at HSCC; animal care staff who welcome and nurture the animals arriving at our doorstep; volunteers devoting their time to clean, feed and walk them; a dedicated medical team improving the lives of animals and their owners; a caring, compassionate outreach team helping someone in transition keep their pet; the donors who support our programs for the benefit of others, a supportive board of directors, and the kindness and selflessness of each of our team on behalf of companion animals and their people.

So, how *do* you measure a year in the life?

### ***How about LOVE?***

As the lyrics to RENT’s *Seasons of Love* read - *Its time now to sing out, tho the story never ends, let’s celebrate - remember a year in the life of friends, remember the love, measure in love, seasons of love...*

Theoretical physicists consider *time* as nothing more than a societal construct and illusion. Nevertheless, it is *love* that gives time its dimension.

Love is at the heart of everything we do at HSCC, and as we enter our 121<sup>st</sup> year of community service, we have plenty more seasons and reasons to give it - to our animals, to our community and to one another.

Thank you for the love that you have bestowed upon HSCC through your unwavering support over the last year.

With abiding gratitude,

Joyce Cameron, President & CEO



# HUMANE SOCIETY OF CHITTENDEN COUNTY

## 2021 Impact Report

### Pet Adoptions

**1,385**  
adoptions!



**939**

cats



**319**

dogs



**127** small  
animals

**97%**

Live release rate

**32 Days**

Average length of  
shelter stay

### Medical/Wellness Care + NEW Low-Cost Community Pet Clinic

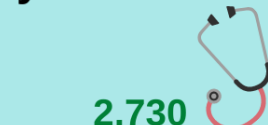


**623** pets served in  
Community Pet  
Clinic (CPC)

**384** vaccinations  
given through  
the CPC



**539** animals  
spayed/neutered (**240**  
in shelter, **299** in CPC)



**2,730**  
medical exams  
in total!

### Community Partnerships



**42** feral cats  
trapped, neutered  
and returned

**558** pets transferred  
from high-volume  
shelters



**31** stray animals  
taken in from  
Animal Control



**134** kids & teens  
educated in Camp  
Paw Paw & Animal  
Welfare Warriors

**2,943**  
donors!

### Keeping Pets & People Together

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



Supported **68** families and  
their pets by providing  
shelter, care, and emergency  
veterinary services

#### Spay the Mom Program

**43** cats/dogs &  
kittens/puppies  
spayed and  
neutered at no  
cost to their family



#### Pet Helpline



**274** pet owners  
supported at no  
cost to help  
with challenging  
pet behaviors &  
to reduce pet  
relinquishment


#### Emergency Pet Food Shelf



Provided free pet  
food & supplies  
to **hundreds of**  
**families** in need

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## FOUNDATIONAL BELIEF & MISSION STATEMENT

We at the Humane Society of Chittenden County believe that supporting, strengthening and sustaining the bonds between people and pets improves the well-being of individuals, families and communities. **Our mission is to ensure that every pet has a loving home and that every pet owner has access to the resources they need to give those pets happy, healthy lives.**

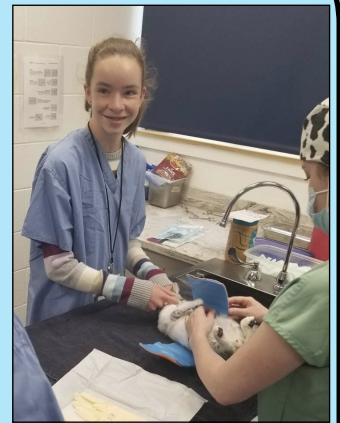
*In addition to **rehoming** animals in need, HSCC offers **humane education** programs, aids community pet owners through our **Community Pet Clinic** and surrender prevention programs, **assists law enforcement** with animal investigations, **transports** hundreds of animals from high-volume shelters,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



### HUMANE EDUCATION PROGRAMS!



Over the summer, **134** children and teens participated in HSCC's **Camp Paw** and **Animal Welfare Warriors** programs where they learned about animal care, the role of our humane society, and the world of animal welfare.



This year, we began offering a new winter & spring break program, **Humane Heroes Workshop**, designed for young animal lovers.

**For more information about our humane education programs or to register visit [hscvt.org/Education-and-Outreach](https://hscvt.org/Education-and-Outreach)**

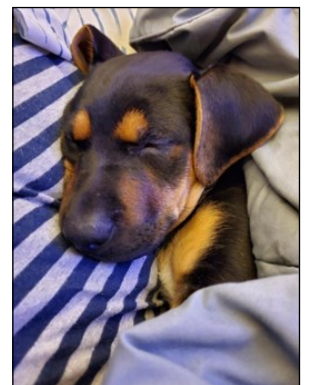
### OUR AMAZING FOSTERS & VOLUNTEERS!

We are grateful for our **150+** foster families, who were especially needed last year to house a number of



puppies and kittens too young to live at the shelter. Throughout the year, **323** animals benefitted from our fosters' hospitality before finding their new home. Some fosters even made their temporary residents official family members!

Meanwhile at HSCC, more than **120 volunteers** aided our team by providing daily animal care, enrichment, shelter cleaning, lobby & event support, and more!



**To all HSCC foster families & volunteers, thank you for making our work possible!**



# HAPPY TAILS!

## AN EXTRA-SPECIAL DELIVERY

This Fall, during our **Wellness Clinic** at our satellite location, Old North End Veterinary Clinic, a community member arrived believing their French Bulldog was in labor. Our Veterinarian examined the dog, True, and determined that she needed an emergency C-section.

True's family was unaware she was pregnant, and despite the assistance of a \$1,500 grant made available through HSCC's **Rainy Day Fund**, they could not afford the costly emergency surgery available through private veterinary practices. That's when Green Mountain Animal Hospital offered their surgical room and supplies, although HSCC staff would need to perform the surgery.

That evening, our team and GMAH volunteers went to work! Thanks to everyone's efforts, they were able to save True's life! To everyone's great surprise, two healthy puppies emerged!

After a couple of months together, True's babies were ready to find their homes. Through HSCC's **Spay the Mom Program**, True and her puppies were spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and microchipped at no charge to the family. The puppies were then made available for adoption, and quickly scooped up!



*"I just want to say thank you - as hard as it is letting them go, I know it's the right choice for them, for me, and for my baby True. Thank you so much. I appreciate all the help more than you know." ~ True's mom*



True's puppy, Tater, with his new family!

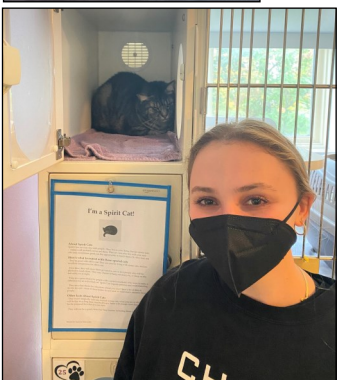
## A "SPIRIT CAT" FINDS HER SOULMATE



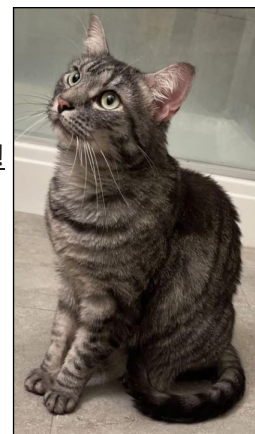
Some animals make a pit stop at HSCC before finding their new homes, while others spend several months until they find the right placement. **Minx** began her journey with HSCC in June 2021 and fit the description of a "Spirit Cat" to a T. Spirit Cats are typically very shy around people, and may rarely be seen in their home. While often harder to place, they make great companions for people with limited time to devote to a more traditional lap cat, and patience (as they gradually become more affectionate with their chosen people).

After 137 days in our care, our longest term resident was adopted!

*"Things are going amazing with Minx, now Maggie! She has been extremely engaged and affectionate, and now loves to cuddle and get pets. She's even become super playful and mischievous. It's incredible how much she's totally blossomed. I'm so proud of her!" ~ Minx/Maggie's mom*

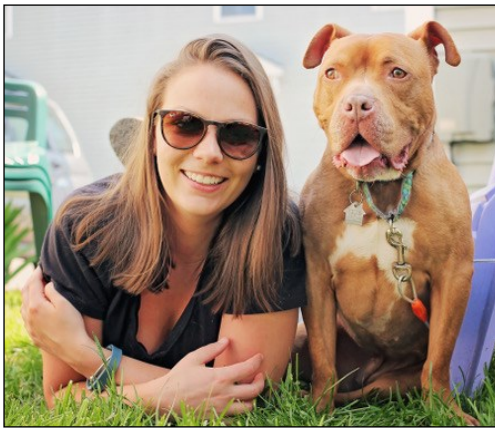


Minx with her new mom!



**MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR**

Oh what a year! As we celebrated our **120<sup>th</sup> birthday**, it has been exciting to reflect on how far we’ve come as an animal welfare organization. What started as a shelter has evolved into a well-rounded and multi-faceted humane society. With the addition of our Community Pet Clinic, offering low cost spay-neuter and wellness services, we now provide more adoption, surrender prevention, and education services than ever before.



Our community grappled with another year of pandemic stress, but the Humane Society of Chittenden County worked even harder to support the people and pets of Chittenden and Grande Isle counties. The work wouldn’t be possible without the dedication and resilience of the staff and volunteers, and the continued support of our community. Thank you all for your generosity, time and support. I’m thrilled to welcome Sally Adams as the interim board chair, effective January 1, 2022, and looking forward to what opportunities await HSCC in 2022!

**2021 Board of Directors**

Nina Hurley, CPA, Chair  
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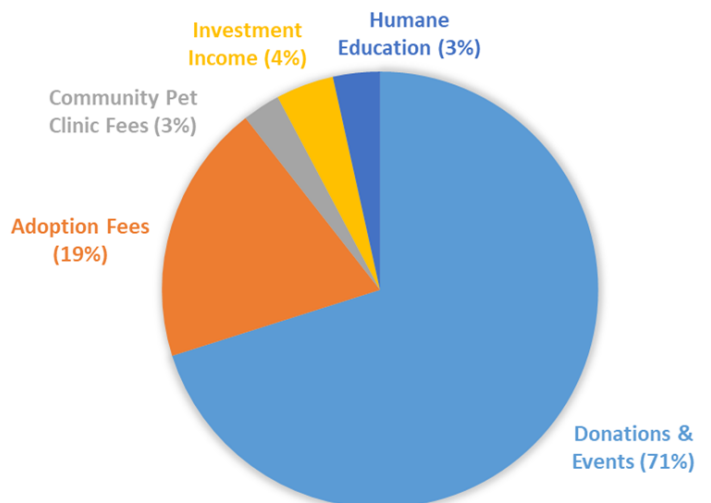
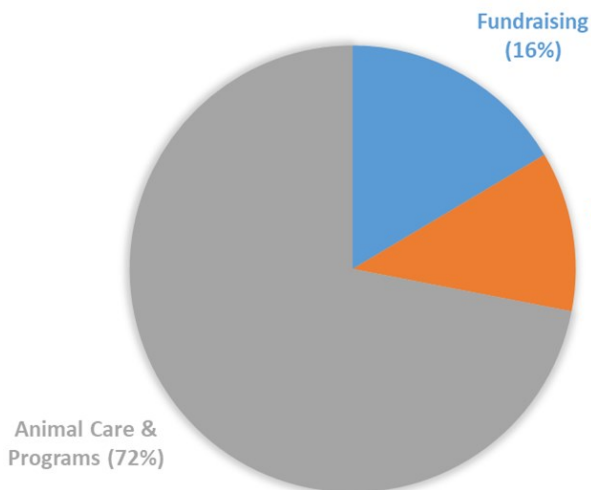
**Administration**

Joyce Cameron - *President & CEO*  
 Erin Alamed - *Director of Volunteer & Community Outreach and Interim Shelter Director*  
 Amanda Bottiggi - *Communications & Development Coordinator*  
 Cynthia Harris Cole - *Animal Care Manager*  
 Diana Hill - *Director of Development*  
 Brent Householder - *Director of Finance & Administration*  
 Heather Klaff - *Medical Clinic Director*

**2021 Financial Overview**

**TOTAL EXPENSES: \$1,275,092**

**TOTAL REVENUE: \$1,398,064**





## COMMUNITY EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



### Paws for the Cause Auction

Our first-ever virtual Paws for the Cause Auction was a whole lot of fun and raised over \$20,600! A big thank you to the local businesses who donated their amazing items and our sponsors for making this event a success.

**Paws for the Cause is returning this year! Shop local while supporting your humane society by participating in our online silent auction Tuesday March 15th - Thursday March 24th. Visit HSCC's website and social media for item sneak peeks and info on where & how to bid!**

### 3rd Annual Fabulous Feline Foto Contest

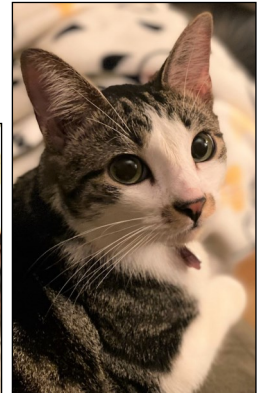
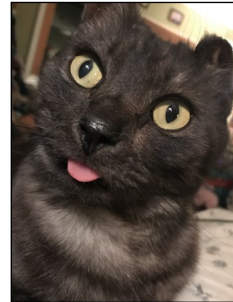
Cat people nationwide submitted their most *fabulous feline* photos last April for the chance to be featured in Seven Days! Thanks to 50 photo submissions and over 5,400 votes, we raised \$6,800!

Thank you to our sponsor



and to all who paw-ticipated!

**Is YOUR feline fabulous? Get those pictures ready for HSCC's 4th Annual Fabulous Feline Foto Contest this April!**



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

A little rain didn't stop more than 150 people and their dogs from attending our August Walk & 5K at Burlington's Waterfront Park! We were happy to see many returning participants, both two and four legged! Thanks to all who participated and helped us raise over \$61,500!

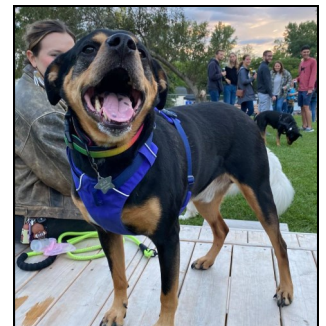
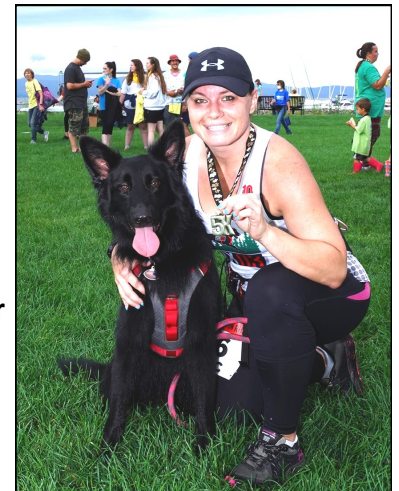


**We hope you'll mark your calendars for HSCC's 28th Annual Walk & 5K Doggie Fun Run on Sunday, June 5th at Battery Park!**

### Bark & Brew 2021

There's no better way to mark the end of summer than a little Bark & Brew! We were thrilled to welcome back so many dogs and their people for the 2021 season. Thank you to our sponsors, FoodScience and Pet Food Warehouse, and some of our favorite local brewers, Citizen Cider, Switchback, Weird Window, Zero Gravity, and 14th Star Brewing.

**Join us for Bark & Brew 2022 this summer!**





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**POWS** for the  
**CAUSE  
AUCTION**  
*March 15th - March 24th*



**28th Annual  
Walk & 5K**  
Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>  
Battery Park



**Bark & Brew**

Thursday evenings  
August - September 2022



Find out more about these events at [hscvvt.org/News-and-Events](https://www.hscvvt.org/News-and-Events)

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