



Humane  
Society  
of Chittenden County

*Where Best Friends Meet*



Eddie  
Adopted  
September  
2022

# 2022 Annual Report

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO

It often feels like everything in life is conditional. Prosperity, careers, relationships, politics - all rely on some form of quid-pro-quo. You scratch my back, I'll scratch yours. This is especially true in our capitalistic society.

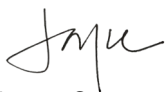
Then I consider the ways that altruism challenges that theory. For example, look at the ways in which community service organizations and non-profits give so much more to others than they take for themselves.

This has never been more apparent to me than when I began working at the Humane Society. Over the last 5 years, I have observed our staff and volunteers going above and beyond to help animals. Yes, staff *do* get a paycheck for their work — but the value of what they sow is far greater than the monetary rewards they reap.

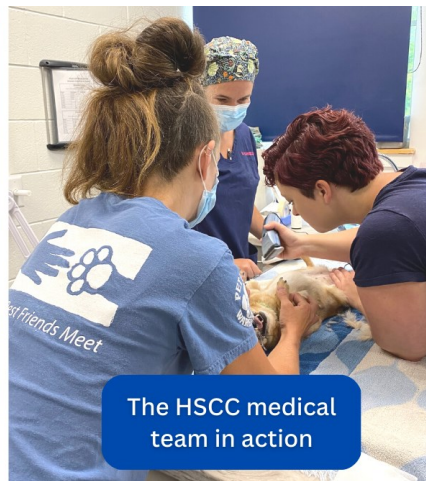
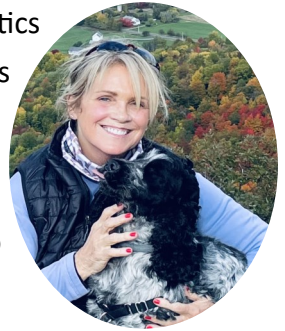
In the past year, our Community Pet Clinic team performed well over a thousand low-cost surgeries and wellness visits with compassion and skill. Animal care staff patiently cared for nearly 1,300 animals. Customer care staff ensured all pets found loving homes. Dedicated volunteers gave animals the attention they needed. Our outreach team helped people in crisis keep the pet that provides them companionship and solace. Our administrative team worked overtime supporting our frontline. Donors committed funding so that we could continue our work. These acts of kindness may not always be entirely selfless, but they are motivated by something far more profound than a transaction.

For me, 2022 was a celebration of our amazing staff and volunteers - those who make HSCC the vital community organization it is today. They affirm what our pets teach us: that many things, especially love and kindness, are unconditional, and that personal gains can be measured by the welfare of others.

Gratefully,



Joyce Cameron, President & CEO





# 2022 Impact Report

**1,278** adoptions

965 cats 191 dogs 122 smallies



average *length*  
*of stay* at HSCC:

**30 Days**

**95.5%**

live release  
rate

**924**

affordable  
community  
spay/neuters

+

**456**

HSCC shelter  
pets spay/  
neuters

=

**1,380**

total animals  
spayed/  
neutered



**3,258**

vaccines

given to shelter +  
community pets



**494** animals

transferred from  
high-volume shelters  
& adopted at HSCC

**25**

feral cats

Trapped  
Neutered  
Returned

**247**

stray  
animals  
taken in

**31**

cats & dogs spayed +  
vaccinated for free

through our  
*Spay the Mom* program

**26**

families & their pets  
provided with care,  
shelter, and emergency  
veterinary services

from our Rainy Day Fund & Good Neighbor Program



**113**

pet owners  
supported

through our free  
pet helpline



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## FOUNDATIONAL BELIEF & MISSION STATEMENT

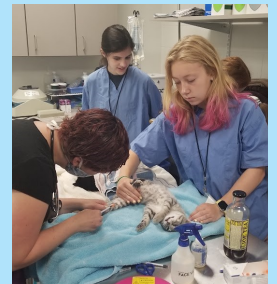
The Humane Society of Chittenden County believes that supporting and strengthening the bonds between people and pets improves the well-being of individuals, families, and communities. **Our mission is to ensure that every pet has a loving home and that every pet owner has access to the resources they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

In addition to **rehoming** animals in need, HSCC offers **humane education** programs, aids local pet owners through our Community Pet Clinic and **surrender prevention** programs, **transports** hundreds of animals from high-volume shelters, and more. **All of our work is made possible by your donations.**



## EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ANIMAL ADVOCATES

In 2022, **147 kids** attended our Humane Education Programs: **Camp Paw Paw**, **Animal Welfare Warriors**, and **Humane Heroes Workshop**. At HSCC, we are dedicated to educating local youth about the humane treatment of animals, how to properly care for community pets, and the importance of the human-animal bond. Find out more about our education programs: [hscvt.org/Education-and-Outreach](https://hscvt.org/Education-and-Outreach)



## VOLUNTEERS: THE BACKBONE OF HSCC!



We can always rely on our highly dependable and deeply dedicated volunteers to help us get the job done. They are the reason we are able to give so many deserving animals a second chance in life, and we are so grateful for all that they do. In 2022, we had just over **130 volunteers supporting us** in critical areas including animal care, dog walking, shelter cleaning, adoptions, event support, and so much more!

## FOSTER FAMILIES: CREATING TEMPORARY LOVING HOMES



HSCC has a foster base of 186 people who take in animals who are too young, ill, or stressed to be safely housed in the shelter. Last year, we expanded our foster engagement to include **Pawjama Parties**, where folks can take home a dog for the weekend, as well as our **Adoption Ambassador Program**, allowing adoptable animals to be housed in foster homes instead of the shelter.

To learn more about how to volunteer or become a foster family, visit [www.hscvt.org](https://www.hscvt.org)

# HAPPY TAILS!

## STAFF DARLING PIPPA MAKES A FULL RECOVERY



While some animals make a quick stopover at HSCC on their way to a new home, others need a little more time with us to get ready for their next adventure.

When Pippa arrived at HSCC, she had been removed from her home because of a local cruelty and neglect case. The 5 year-old dog was completely emaciated and so weak she was unable to walk. She had a giant hematoma in her ear, scars all over her face, and several rib and vertebral fractures in various stages of healing.



*Pippa before her recovery*

Despite the heartbreaking abuse she had suffered, Pippa remained gentle and trusting with HSCC staff. After nearly four months in our care, sweet Pippa finally found her new home!

***“Pippa clicked right into our family – it’s like she’s always been in our lives. Our kids adore her! You know how when you’re out walking, children sometimes come up and ask if they can pet your dog? With Pippa, it’s the opposite... she’s so friendly and eager for attention, I often have to ask parents if their kids can please pet Pippa!”***

***- Pippa’s new owner***



*Pippa with her new family*

## SWEET & SPICY KITTEN MEETS HIS IDEAL MATCH

Elliot (formerly known as Guy Fieri) came in to HSCC as a stray kitten, suffering from head trauma and other medical conditions. Despite his illnesses, he was cuddly, playful, and very sweet!

Elliot was fostered by one of our shelter veterinarians, who noticed that he was drinking and urinating more than a typical kitten. Bloodwork revealed that he had diabetes insipidus — a rare illness that can occur when head trauma disrupts the function of the hypothalamus or pituitary gland.



*Elliot now, happy at home*

We knew that Elliot would need extra care for his condition and might require long-term treatment. That didn’t deter his future adopters — he was adopted within days by an amazing family who were ready to go the extra mile for his adorable face and constant tongue blep!

***“I’ve had Elliot (fka Guy) for a few months now, and he is the best furry friend I’ve been waiting so long to find. He is the goofiest little boy and loves to play during the day, but as soon as the lights go off at night he is in bed with me snuggling in as close as possible.”***

***- Elliot’s owner***



*Elliot at his intake exam*

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR



We had so much to be proud of in 2022. Facing yet another year of pandemic-related challenges, HSCC rose to the occasion and exceeded expectations. Our multifaceted organization continues to adapt and grow to **meet the needs of the people and pets in Chittenden and Grand Isle counties**.

Our surrender prevention programs evolve with the needs of our community, continuing to support pet owners with **the resources they need to provide their pets with happy, healthy lives**. This includes our thriving Community Pet Clinic which provides low-cost veterinary services to hundreds of families each year.

This little “shelter” that began 122 years ago, has evolved into a community organization sustained by an unparalleled team of resilient staff, dedicated volunteers, and **your unwavering support**. I am excited to see what 2023 has in store for us!

- Sally Adams, Esq.

### 2022 Board of Directors

Sally Adams, Esq., Chair  
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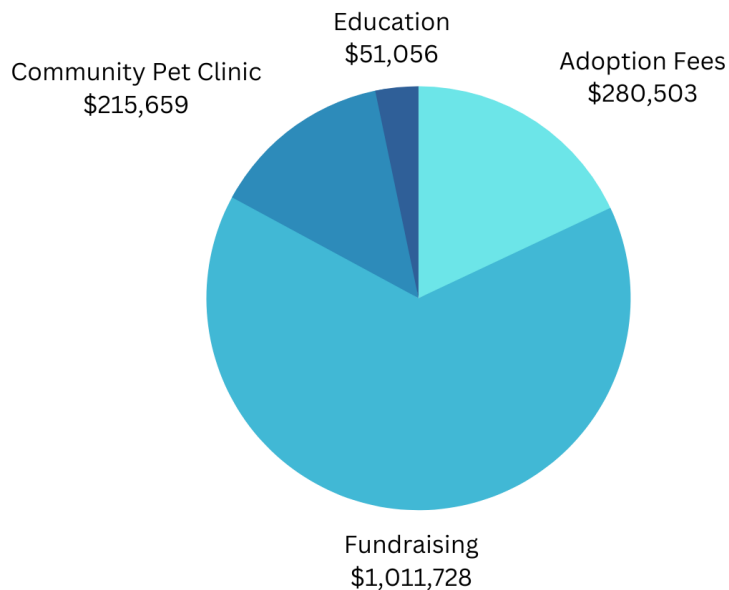
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### 2022 Leadership Team

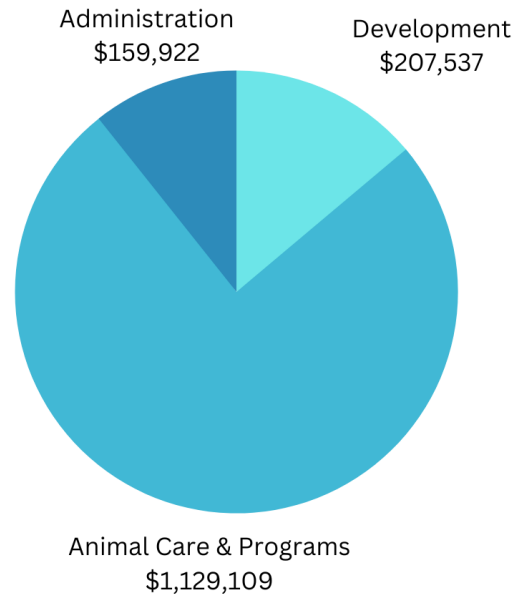
Joyce Cameron, President and CEO  
Erin Alamed, Shelter and Volunteer Director  
Heather Klaff, Medical Clinic Director  
Emily Hecker, Director of Development  
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Dr. Carrie Childs, Veterinarian of Record

## 2022 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

TOTAL REVENUE: \$1,558,946



TOTAL EXPENSES: \$1,496,568



Adoption and Clinic fees only cover a fraction of the cost of caring for thousands of animals each year. That’s why we rely on your generous support! When you donate to HSCC, you help strengthen vital community programs and services that help pets and people alike. **Make your gift today at [hscvt.org/donate](https://hscvt.org/donate)**

## COMMUNITY EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



### Bark & Brew 2022

There's no better way to get unleashed than spending time with our canine friends while enjoying locally-made libations. We are so grateful to all the generous breweries and restaurants who made delicious donations, and to all our supporters for coming out to join in the fun. **We hope you'll join us for Bark & Brew 2023, kicking off August 10th!**

### 4th Annual Fabulous Feline Foto Contest

Cat people nationwide submitted their most *fabulous feline* photos last April! After 2 weeks of *furriently competition*, 36 photos submitted, 2,668 votes cast, and an exciting last few moments, the winners of the *4th Annual Fabulous Feline Foto Contest* were Felix & P.J.! **Is YOUR feline fabulous? Get those pics ready for HSCC's 5th Annual Fabulous Feline Foto Contest this April!**



### 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for the Animals & 5k Doggie Fun Run

When we had to move to a virtual format for our 2022 Walk for the Animals and 5k Doggie Fun Run, **hundreds of people** rallied to get outside and celebrate their love of animals. HSCC won't be holding another Walk for the Animals this year, but we are excited to see all of you at our inaugural **Black Tie & Tails Benefit** this June! Visit the News & Events page on our website for more information and updates.

**Know of a pet-loving business that would like to sponsor the inaugural Black Tie & Tails Benefit?**  
Contact our Director of Development, Emily (emilyh@hscvt.org) to find out more about opportunities!

## COMMUNITY PET CLINIC (CPC) HIGHLIGHT



Super sweet lab mix Eno was adopted from HSCC last fall. She was spayed prior to adoption, but when she came to our Community Pet Clinic (CPC) for a Wellness Visit, our team found multiple mammary masses, which can often be cancerous. **Eno's new mom wanted to do everything possible to keep Eno healthy.**

After x-rays to ensure there were no masses indicating cancer, HSCC provided two low-cost procedures to remove Eno's mammary chains and biopsy the masses.

We were all relieved when the results showed the masses were non-cancerous! Thanks to the CPC's low-cost services, **Eno was able to get the care she needed at an affordable cost to her owner.**

As you can see, Eno did a great job winning the hearts of the CPC staff during her visits (pictured on the left with our vet tech, Ingrid)!





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# SAVE THE DATES!

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TIE &  
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— BENEFIT —



Get ready for the paw-ty of the year! HSCC is rolling out the red carpet for the inaugural **Black Tie & Tails Benefit on June 9, 2023 at Hula**. Join us for a fabulous and elegant evening while supporting animals in need!



**Thursdays, August 10 - September 14**

Get unleashed at **Bark & Brew 2023!** On Thursday evenings you and your friends will enjoy locally-made brews and snacks while your canine companion socializes in our dog yard.

**Learn more about upcoming events at [hscvct.org/News-and-Events](https://www.hscvct.org/News-and-Events)**

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