



ANNUAL REPORT

2014



let love live...

CEO MESSAGE...

Reflecting upon 2014, my mind keeps returning to the question all nonprofits ask themselves at year end. "What did we accomplish towards fulfilling our mission and what good did we do?"

Happily the answer comes quickly. "Thanks to our supporters we did a lot of good and our accomplishments were many."

Seven hundred eighty-one animals found new life and a second chance to learn about love. Our dogs were doted upon by educated, trained volunteers who spent countless hours patiently building good behavioral skills to enhance their student's chances of adoption.

Our accomplishments included a record breaking 4,000 spay and neuter surgeries, thousands of low cost vaccinations in our popular walk-in clinic, working with Aiken City Council to implement a TNR(Trap, Neuter, Return) for community cats, as well as boosting our own TNR outreach to areas outside of Aiken.

We partnered with Edgefield County to kick start the new spay/neuter voucher program and because of our reputation for providing excellent behavioral and emotional support, law enforcement, humane societies, and solicitors offices sought our help for safe harbor for cruelty cases.

We opened a new thrift shop in Langley Village to add to our revenue stream. We worked with fellow animal welfare groups and the legislature to pass domestic violence pet protection legislation and stronger penalties for cruelty and neglect.

Finally, in the last weeks of 2014 our clinic staff received certification on the use of the first FDA approved non-surgical sterilant for male dogs – Zeuterin.

The CSRA we live in is a relatively small community, but the need to shelter our animal friends is large. Through good stewardship of your gifts, our small but mighty SPCA accomplishes big things.

We are grateful to YOU for helping us do that!

Barbara Nelson



President and CEO



About the

The SPCA Albrecht Center for Animal Welfare

Founded in 1935 in Aiken, South Carolina, the SPCA Albrecht Center for Animal Welfare is a private, limited admission Adoption Facility, Education and Training Center, High Volume Spay and Neuter/Wellness Clinic, and Dog Park.

It is our Mission to:

Provide a no-kill shelter for adoptable animals in our care;
Provide affordable spay/neuter surgeries;
Educate the public about the proper care and treatment of animals;
Support efforts to combat animal abuse;
cultivating partnerships with rescue and animal control entities; and
Share the Albrecht Center vision with the community.

In 2012, the SPCA moved into a new 22,000 square ft. animal-centric building encompassing 13 beautiful acres on the eastern edge of the city of Aiken, where we are working hard to fulfill our mission of reducing the homeless pet population while providing for the welfare of companion animals and the people who love them.



Chairman of the Board...

First, on behalf of the SPCA Board of Directors and the animals, it is with immense gratitude we thank the staff, volunteers and our President and CEO Barbara Nelson for their efforts to continuously improve the shelter experience.

As a result of everyone who has contributed both time and money, the SPCA Albrecht facility grows stronger each day. Normal operations are financially in the black and with the known legacy gifts the mortgage should be burned this year. When this happens, we will embark on the creation of an endowment fund that will ensure our existence well into the future.

Your Board is very involved and we now have several active committees in place to support and guide shelter management and set our future course. These are Clinical Compliance, Development, Finance, Governance and Nominating. I would like to personally thank those who Chair these committees, and their members, for their diligence and genuine caring.

For those reading this who have not personally visited the SPCA Albrecht Center I urge you to come out and give yourself a treat. You just might “fall in love again”, decide to volunteer, provide some financial support or all three.

Remember, it is all about the “critters” and their love is unconditional .

Sincerely,

Al Sorensen
Board Chair



MEET OUR TEAM

The SPCA team is here for one reason...we all share an abiding love and passion for the animals we serve!

Our staff also is here to assist the residents of our community and their beloved pets through the services we provide at the SPCA Albrecht Center. Please feel free to contact us with your questions or concerns. WE'RE HERE TO HELP!



**BARBARA
NELSON**



President, CEO

**CHRISSEY
MILLER**



Director, Development

**SYBIL
ALTMAN**



Shelter Manager

**MICHELLE
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Training & Enrichment

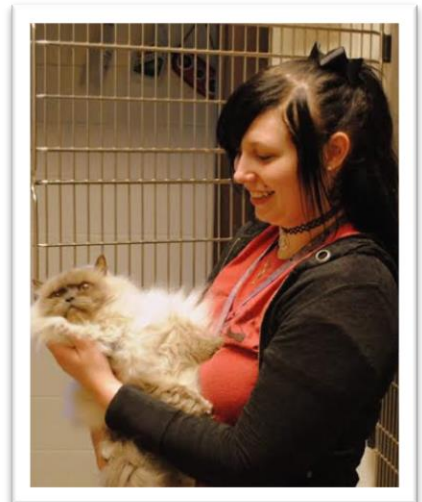
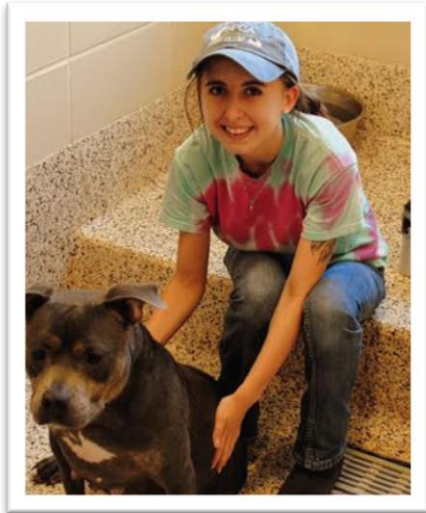
**KELLY
MCKERNAN**



Veterinary Technician

SPCA STAFF

We're working our tails off!

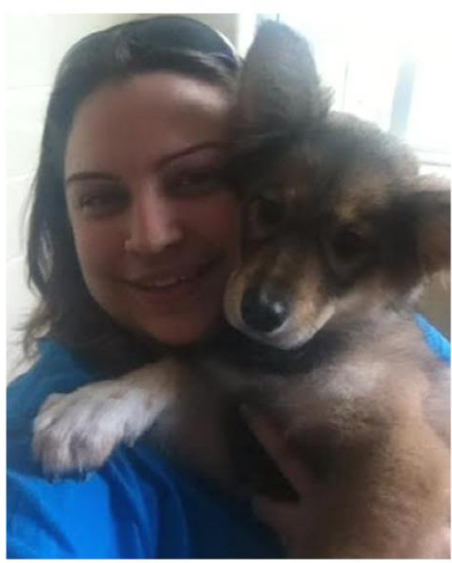


Animal Care Specialists Aislinn, Courtney, and Emily enjoying some of the perks of the job!



SPCA facility maintenance "crew of two" Jason and Steve take a well-deserved break!

Our entire staff understands how critical human interaction is for dogs; especially those living in a shelter environment. Nate (left)visits Chicken Little after his neuter surgery, Kellyn lets Harley help with front desk duties, while Jevon (right) gives long-term resident, Bruno, a pep talk.



Development Director, Chrissey Miller gets the “Royal Treatment” from co-workers after earning the prestigious Certified Animal Welfare Administrator (CAWA) designation.



SPAY/NEUTER & WELLNESS CLINIC



With your support, our skilled surgeons and veterinary technicians were able to help thousands of owners affordably spay or neuter their beloved pets. 4,000 surgeries were performed in 2014 and we are situated to add an additional 1,000 in 2015. Thousands more owners who may not have otherwise visited a veterinary office walked into our clinic for vaccinations, heartworm, and flea and tick products.

Clinic Externships

The SPCA Albrecht Center recently introduced a veterinary externship program. This program welcomes 4th year veterinary students to spend 2-3 weeks in our high volume spay/neuter clinic. Veterinarians and surgical staff give the students a hands on learning experience. This is a unique educational opportunity for students to be exposed to all aspects of shelter medicine and spay/neuter surgery as well as interaction with the public through the walk in wellness clinic. Our facility features an excellent, large surgical suite and provides the very best standard of care to each patient. The students are exposed to all aspects of shelter medicine while they are with the SPCA.



The Zeuterin Alternative

Zeuterin is a cutting edge, FDA-approved service that allows male dogs between the ages of 3 and 10 months to be sterilized without traditional full anesthesia and surgery. Now patients can be lightly sedated while each testicle is injected with a zinc based solution. This method provides sterility while maintaining some levels of testosterone needed for bone growth and muscle mass. A 'Z' tattoo is placed in the inguinal area to offer identification. Microchip companies will also register that the pet as a "Zeuter" dog. The SPCA Albrecht Center has a veterinary team that has been certified in this procedure and is proud to be one of the few clinics in the US to offer this innovative, less invasive option. Owners who have previously chosen not to neuter their dog for cosmetic or health reasons related to testosterone levels and anesthesia now have a safe viable option.

TRAINING & ENRICHMENT

Launched in 2012, in conjunction with the opening of the new SPCA Albrecht Center, Phideaux University is a comprehensive training and enrichment program that aims to provide our shelter residents with a quality of life that meets the humane standards published by the American Association of Shelter Vets. Because we are a limited admission, no kill shelter, every animal in our care runs the risk of a potential long-term stay. Therefore, our protocols ensure that our dogs remain both mentally and physically healthy during their time with us. From in-kennel enrichment to behavior modification through positive reinforcement and training exercises, our dogs are well-started on the social skills and behaviors they will need to fit successfully into a new forever home.



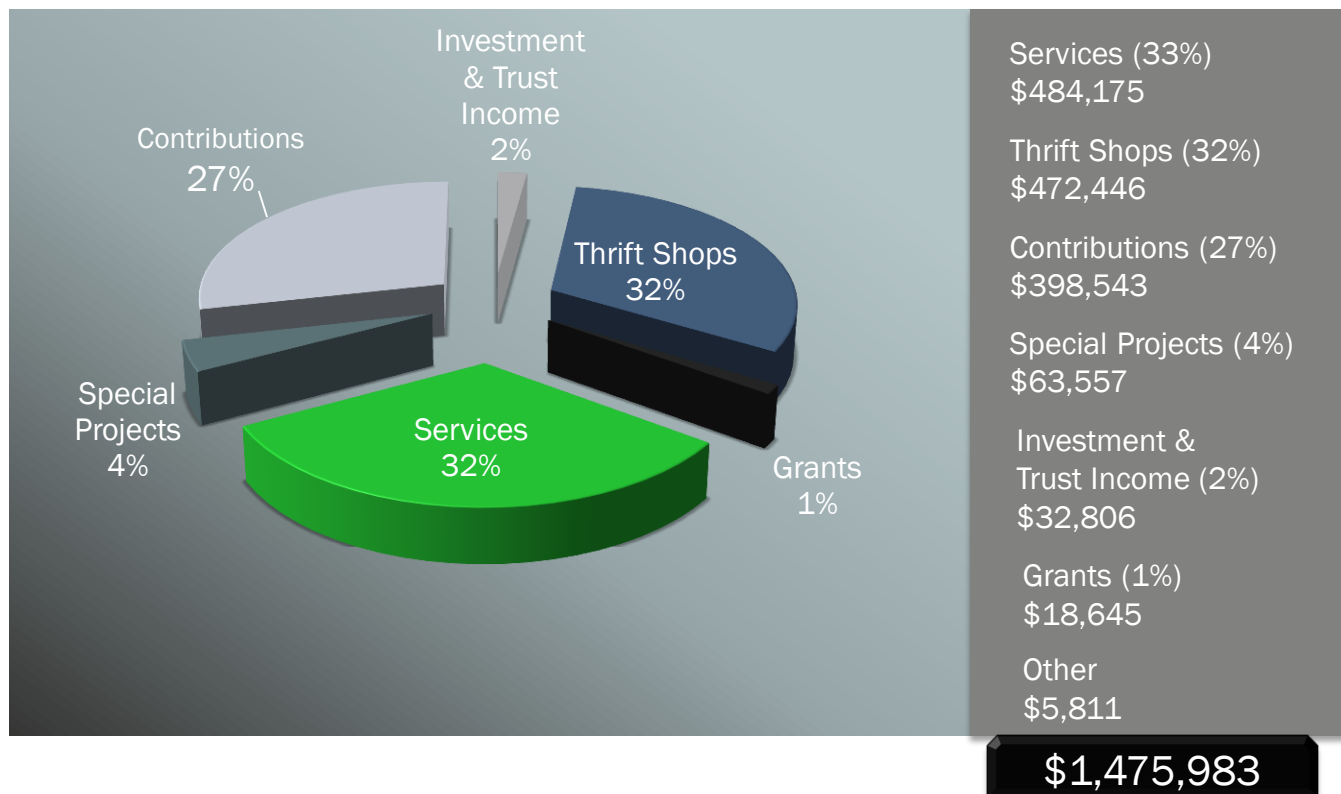
MAKE 'EM THINK!

A big part of our enrichment program takes place in the kennel. Dogs are naturally clever, persistent, patient, and highly opportunistic scavengers. Boredom and kennel stress can be alleviated through the use of food dispensing toys and puzzle games. We are always on the lookout for interesting and fun ways to keep our dogs entertained. A thinking dog is a happier, more confident dog!



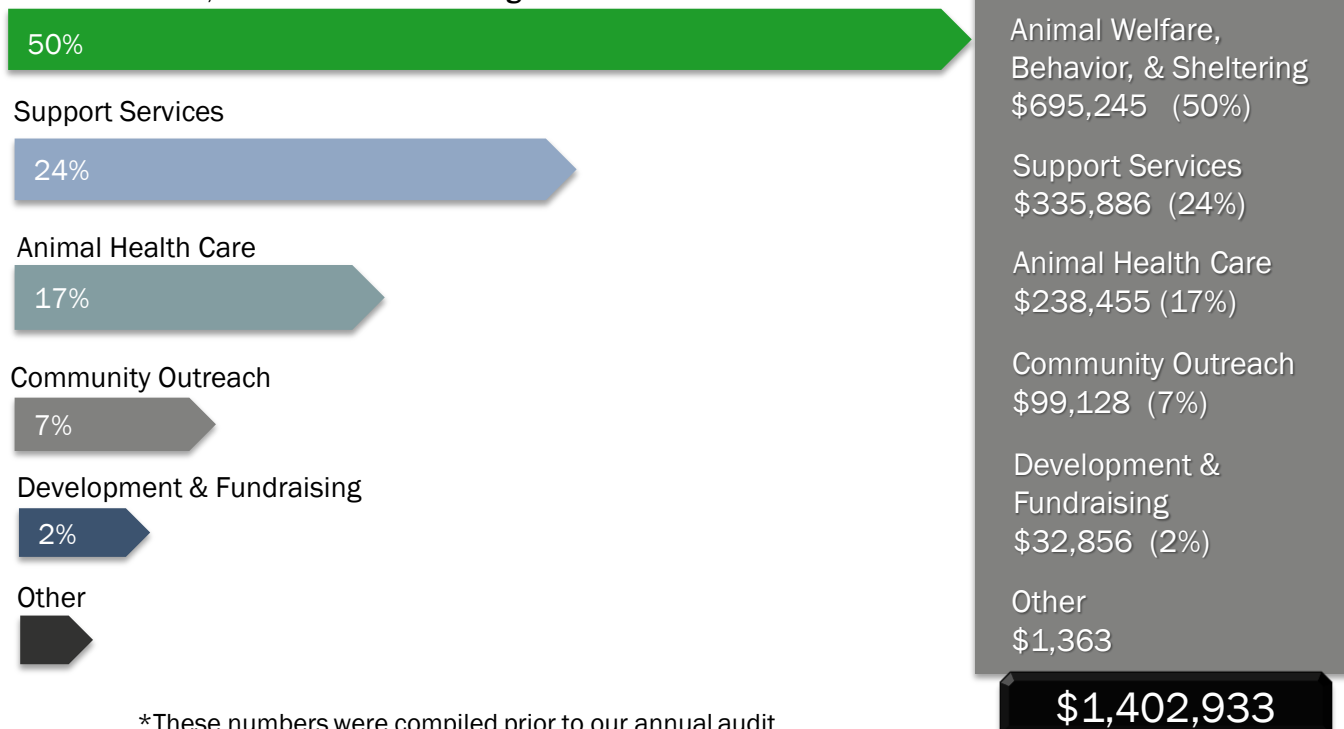
FINANCIALS

Sources of Support



Expenses

Animal Welfare, Behavior and Sheltering Services

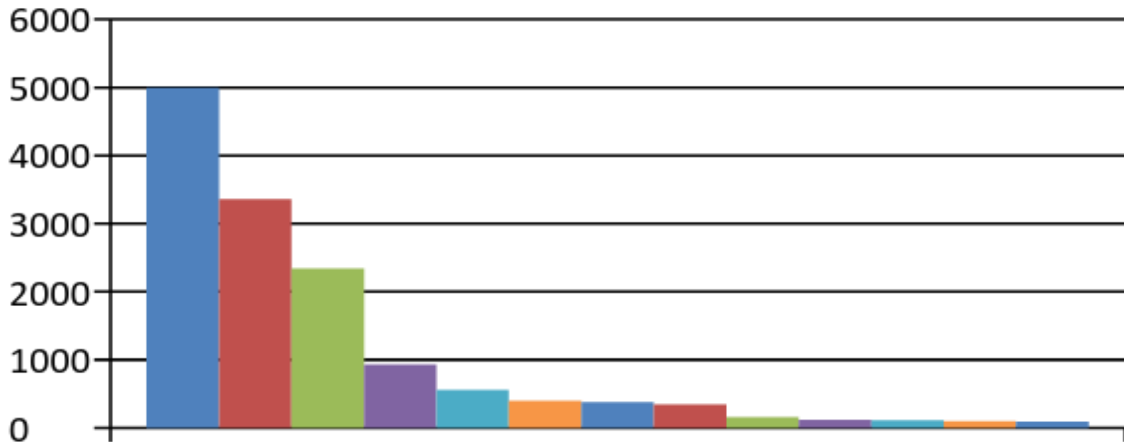


*These numbers were compiled prior to our annual audit.

VOLUNTEERISM

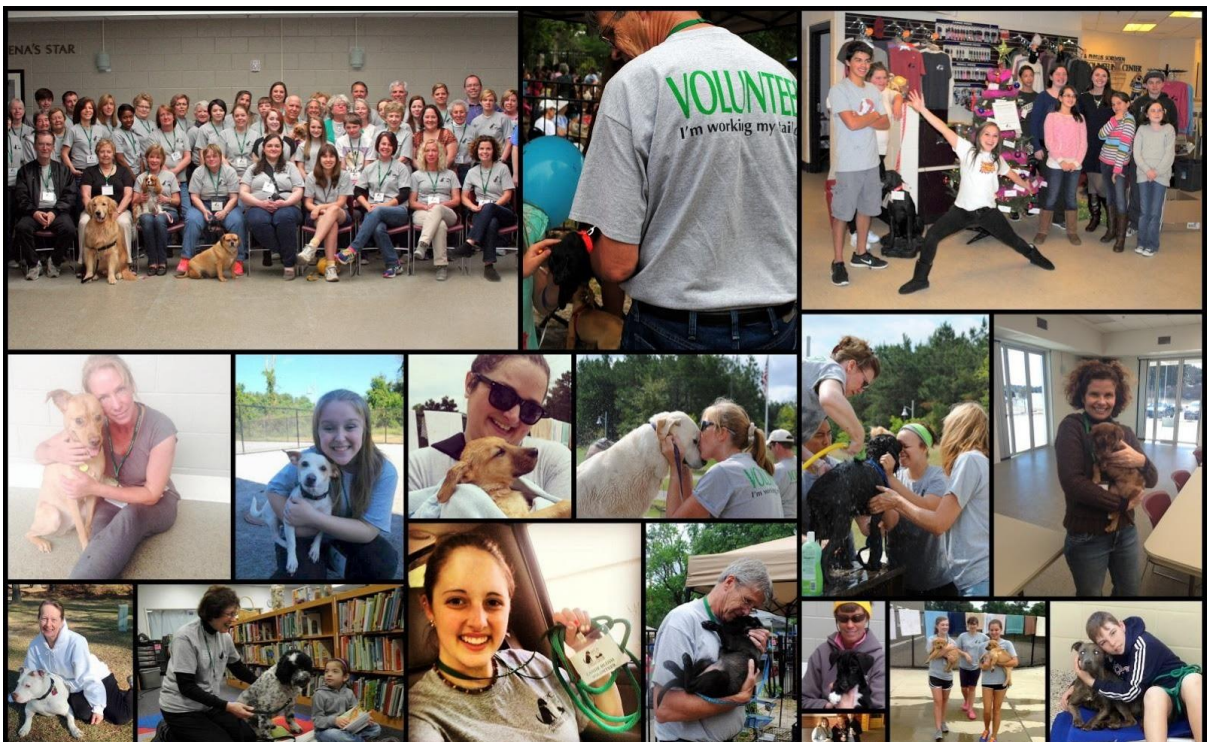
Volunteers are the backbone of this organization. Without their commitment and support, we could not do what we do. Therefore, keeping our volunteers happy and engaged is paramount to our mission. The SPCA staff is always working on new and innovative ways to make the volunteer experience both fun and rewarding!

In 2014, volunteers contributed 13,884.01 hours of time to the SPCA.



Thrift Shops - 4,994.42
 Phideaux University - 3,362.32
 Cat Socialization - 2,343.43
 Adoptions - 929.59
 Foster Care - 560
 Special Events - 397.16
 Community Service - 377.27

Pet Therapy/Paws 4 Reading - 344.47
 Humane Education - 156.44
 Office/Facility - 115.36
 jrSPCA - 108.19
 Clinic Assistance - 101.27
 Photography - 94.09



PETS SERVED IN 2014

2014 was a big year for us! An expanded menu of services in the Spay/Neuter Clinic along with the new Trap, Neuter and Return (TNR) program for feral cats allowed us to serve more pets than we have in previous years. We look forward to increasing our capacity to help those who need it most in 2015.



Some of the ways your contributions helped...

4,000

SPAY/NEUTER SURGERIES

15,600

**PHONE CALLS
ASSISTED**

781

ADOPTIONS

63

REHABILITATED

122

RETURN TO OWNER

106

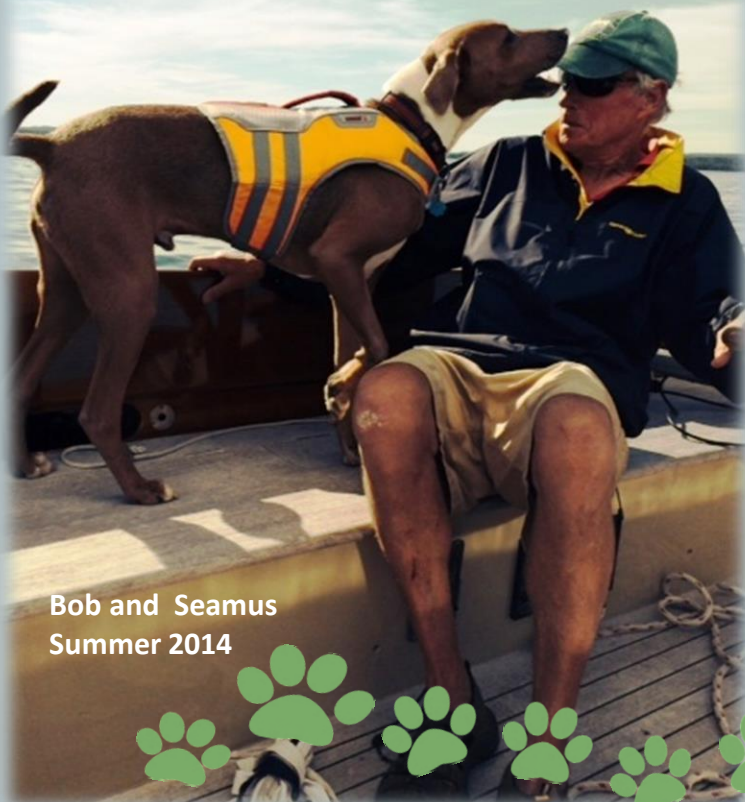
**TRAINING
CONSULTATIONS**

LEGACY SOCIETY

Our Legacy Society took root in 2014 with the induction of ten founding members.

Bob Johnson
Jack Wetzel
Randy Georgemiller
Nico Gozal
Renee Alexander
Andrea Hippely
Angela Bari
Sharon Brown
Art Stremm
Lynn & David Smith

"He isn't property, he's family. I want to be sure he is taken care of if something happens to me."
- Bob Johnson



Bob and Seamus
Summer 2014



The SPCA Legacy Society honors those who have made documented bequests in their wills, or other planned gifts in support of the SPCA Albrecht Center for Animal Welfare.

Joining the Legacy Society insures the long-term viability of the SPCA by adding a stable stream of endowment income dedicated to meeting the needs of our community's companion animals.

Let Love Live On Program
Find out how you can provide for the care and welfare of your surviving pets through the SPCA's "Let Love Live On" program.

Contact Barbara Nelson, President/CEO to learn more!
ceo@letlovelive.org



A PEEK AT 2015...

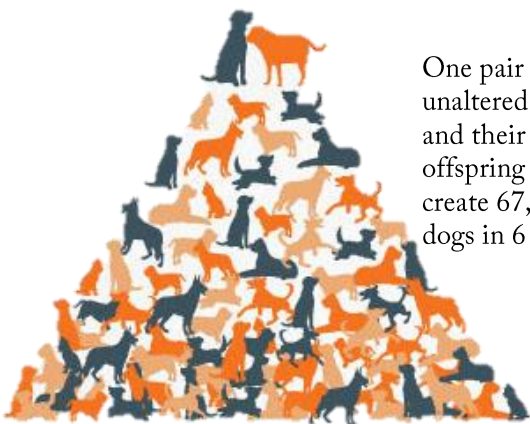
Fences 4 Fido

In conjunction with FOTAS and the Aiken County Shelter, this new program seeks to improve the quality of life for dogs living outdoors by removing chains, building fences, providing shelters, offering spay/neuter, and raising awareness about the physical, mental and emotional needs of dogs and why chaining a dog is both inhumane and dangerous.



Petsmart Charities Blitz Grants

The SPCA was awarded \$18,625 to spay/neuter specific categories of pets throughout 2015. Here's how it works..



One pair of unaltered dogs and their offspring can create 67,000 dogs in 6 years.



One pair of unaltered cats and their offspring can produce 420,000 cats in 7 years.

Happy Neuter Year!

In January 2015, we will perform 86 subsidized surgeries for citizen-owned male cats and dogs.

Beat The Heat

In February 2015, 39 subsidized sterilizations will be performed on citizen-owned female cats.

Community Cats

In April 2015, 90 spaces are available for free sterilization, rabies vaccination, and mandatory ear tipping of male and female community cats.



Coming in June & August 2015...

A couple of weeks prior to the beginning of these months, new targeted spay and neuter subsidies will be revealed. Stay tuned.....

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our Vision

The Albrecht Center for Animal Welfare is a private organization dedicated to helping animals that are homeless find homes, providing animals that are abused, sick, or in need with shelter and medical care, and promoting the idea that the unfailing love and devotion from an animal should be valued by all.

2014 Officers

Barbara Nelson - President/CEO

Al Sorensen - Chairman

Sharer Dale - Vice President

Jack Roth - Vice President

Mary Guynn - Secretary

Michael Sullivan - Treasurer

Directors

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