



Annual

Report

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT / CEO

2013 was a challenging but fruitful year for the SPCA. We continued the learning curve of adjusting to our new facility and all the wonderful opportunities it afforded us to grow and improve our programs, accomplish our mission, and serve the community.

Phideaux University thrived with new direction and purpose. Motivated and educated volunteers learned new skills and strategies to enrich the lives of our dogs and teach them social skills to improve their chances of adoption and successful re-homing.

We formed partnerships with foster rescues in northern states that transported our dogs to new homes; sometimes by Lear Jet.

We adopted 832 pets and performed 3,471 spay and neuter surgeries in the new clinic. We opened a walk in vaccination and testing clinic.

SPCA Volunteers contributed 13,987 hours to our organization in one or more than twelve different programs, with the majority being performed in our

Thrift Shop locations, the Phideaux University Train-to-Adopt program, and the Foster Care program.

To help with the bottom line, a new Thrift Shop was opened in Aiken's Mitchell Shopping Center and new life was breathed into the North Augusta and Edgefield locations.

We welcomed new Board Members with the energy and spirit to accomplish great things and keep the organization fresh and on its mission plan to save homeless pets, end abuse and neglect, and reduce the number of admissions to shelters.

We continued our successful partnership with the City of Aiken and welcomed two new officers into the Animal Control division. This year, with the good graces of city council we hope to begin a concentrated TNR program for feral cats and conquer the population explosion in the City of Aiken, while continuing to aid the efforts of other organizations in outlying areas.

As always...we thank our supporters and donors for making all of this possible.

Barbara Nelson, President/CEO

A D O P T I O N S



Adoptions were very good with a total of 832 dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, guinea pigs, and ferrets.

In cooperation with the City of Aiken, 85 additional dogs and cats were returned safely to their owners.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS



New Transport Vehicle for Spay Clinic and Thrift Shops

To make it easier for our rescue partners to be able to access our clinic, we offer the option of transportation to and from their sites. When one of our generous donors discovered that we were in need of a larger, heated and cooled vehicle to safely transport these animals he purchased a vehicle for us and then had his ad company work with us to create wrap graphics. This generosity made it possible for us to help our partners and kept the pets safe and sound in a secure, climate controlled environment.

Dog Park

Everybody loves the Dog Park!
Especially in the heat of Summer!



February Spay Month Fundraiser 'Yard of the Mutts'

One of the most important purposes of the SPCA Albrecht Center is creating awareness of the value of animals as companions who should be treated humanely and responsibly. Medical care, parasite prevention, spaying and neutering, and good training are all part of that formula.

We realize that not everyone grows up with those values, nor have they been exposed to how to access services that aid those values. Therefore we strive to teach the community that it can affordably access the tools needed to promote good stewardship of our companion pets.

In 2013 the SPCA Albrecht Center celebrated National Spay and Neuter Month by engaging the community in a fundraiser called 'Yard of the Mutt's'. Through the month, many residents found litters of cartoon puppies planted about their property. For a small fee they were picked up by 'Animal Control' to be spayed or sent to a friend's yard. In 2014 we have added kittens for 'Your yard is a Cat-astrophe'.

An innovation grant from the Humane Society of the United States was awarded for this effort.

SPAY AND NEUTER SURGERIES

Whether it is on our own animals before they get adopted, for other rescue groups, or the general public, performing spay and neuter surgeries is a priority and focus of the SPCA Albrecht Center's work each year.

This past year, our clinic performed a record 3,471 surgeries. In 2014 we will be expanding our Trap Neuter Return partnerships in a targeted effort to reduce feral cat colonies.



VACCINATION CLINIC



In May of 2013 we hired an experienced Licensed Veterinary Technician to work with our Veterinarians and be responsible for the care of our shelter animals as well as the operation of the new vaccination and testing clinic. This service has been extremely popular with the public and has increased traffic to the shelter resulting in more adoptions and product sales; as well as serving the needs of low income owners to better care for their pets.

PHIDEAUX UNIVERSITY



VOLUNTEERS



Our popular train-to-adopt program completed its first full year in 2013 resulting in over 100 "graduates" that were adopted into forever homes. The success of this program hinges on the commitment of a very faithful group of volunteers who contribute to each student dog's enrichment through walking, training, and playing each day. This daily activity ensures that each student dog, who would otherwise likely be looked over due to its looks or temperament, becomes more focused, well-mannered and overall more adoptable than the day it entered our shelter. Volunteers participating in this program enjoy bonding with their student dogs, watching their day-to-day progress, and seeing the positive difference they make in each dog's life.



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Let Love Live

Established in 1935, the SPCA Albrecht Center has placed thousands of needy animals into loving homes. This success was achieved through the dedicated efforts of numerous SPCA employees and volunteers. It also hinges upon commitment, support and responsibility from our community.

The SPCA Albrecht Center is a non-profit organization operating under IRS Section 501 (c)(3). The organization receives no funding or support from state or federal agencies or from the ASPCA. We depend upon local donations to support efforts to save the lives of homeless dogs and cats in the Aiken community.

The Board of Directors has taken on the long-term goal of reducing pet overpopulation in the CSRA by providing affordable spay and neuter services and teaching values through humane education.

**H U M A N E E D U C A T I O N A N D P E T T H E R A P Y
P R O G R A M S**

In 2013 our dedicated team of volunteers continued to highlight some of the wonderful gifts our pets can share with their hard work in our Pet Therapy Program. The teams worked with children living with special needs, with seniors who can no longer own their own pets and other places they were invited.

Their commitment to this wonderful program is inspiring to see and the SPCA Albrecht Center is proud to offer this service to the public at no charge. To learn more about pet therapy, please email volunteer@letlovelive.org.

The Humane and Character Education Program completed its eighth year in 2013 with 25 volunteers teaching lessons in 20 Aiken County school classrooms. These volunteers visited their assigned classroom in Kindergarten through third grade, providing monthly lessons that teach responsible pet ownership, kindness to animals, pet safety and other good character traits. The program also teaches children attending local camps in the summer, and to children visiting the SPCA for field trips.

