

Annual Report

APRIL 1, 2022 — MARCH 31, 2023



From April 2022 through March 2023, Seattle Humane served more than **88,000 people and their pets** through our many programs.

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Message from the CEO

Greetings,

I am more thankful and humbled each year to be part of this amazing team of Seattle Humane staff, volunteers and community advocates.

During our fiscal year ending in March 2023, Seattle Humane continued to work tirelessly toward meeting our goals for Vision 2026, grounded in increasing access to care and meeting the current and future needs of pets and people in our community. We also placed thousands of pets into loving homes, provided much-needed relief through our Pet Resource Center and Pet Food Bank, and held even more community wellness clinics for those needing support.

Early in the year, we celebrated 10 years of partnership with Washington State University's (WSU) College of Veterinary Medicine, providing fourth-year veterinary students with the opportunity to gain hands-on surgical experience in a shelter environment. This partnership is critical to our efforts to inspire and train the next generation of veterinarians and help address the unmet need for veterinary care in our community.



Thank you for supporting Seattle Humane's work today and our vision for the future.

In this report you'll find a snapshot of the team's work and the incredible impact of your support. Seattle Humane has a bright future supporting pets for a lifetime, and I'm grateful you're a part of it!

Onward,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Ross', written in a cursive style.

Christopher Ross
President & CEO, Seattle Humane

OUR MISSION

We proudly promote the human-animal bond by saving and serving pets in need, regardless of age, ability, circumstance or geography.

Saving Lives Through Core Programs

VETERINARY SERVICES

SHELTER MEDICINE

12,853 exams and

604 special surgeries

SPAY/NEUTER

5,366 surgeries for shelter and community pets

VETERINARY STUDENT TRAINING PROGRAM

66 fourth-year WSU veterinary students and interns completed on-site training

We celebrated the 10th anniversary of our partnership with Washington State University's (WSU) College of Veterinary Medicine in early 2023. Fourth-year students complete a two-week rotation in our clinic where they gain experience in primary care, shelter medicine, high-volume spay/neuter surgery, dentistry and animal behavior.

ADOPTION SERVICES

5,688

dogs, cats and critters adopted

BEHAVIOR PROGRAM

1,415

pets helped through behavior consultations

LIFESAVER RESCUE PROGRAM

4,075

pets transferred



Bubble Guppy, now Dart, living the good life at the beach.

Saving Every Little Life

Bubble Guppy arrived at Seattle Humane in June 2022 from the Yakima Humane Society through our Lifesaver Rescue transfer program. The poor 2-year-old chihuahua mix was unable to bear weight on an injured hind leg. Our veterinary team knew amputating the malformed leg would allow Bubble Guppy to live a happy, pain-free life. Following a successful surgery, Bubble Guppy went to heal in a loving foster home for the next few weeks as he recovered and got ready for adoption. With his dashing good looks and sweet

personality, the wait for his people did not take long. The same day Bubble Guppy became available for adoption, his new family spotted him and took him home! He goes by Dart these days and loves zooming around the yard and finding sunny spots for naps.

Thanks to Seattle Humane's transfer program, caring foster families, expert teams and amazing adopters, dogs like Dart get a second chance at life and families get to experience the joy and companionship of having a pet.



Supporting Pets & Their People Through Community Programs

PET FOOD BANK

980,707 meals provided

PET RESOURCE CENTER

(PET OWNER ASSISTANCE AND POLLY'S POCKET FUNDS)

\$115,615 distributed

502 pets from

482 families helped

SPOT (SUPPORTING PET OWNERS IN TRANSITION) TEMPORARY FOSTER PROGRAM

112 pets helped

COMMUNITY MEDICINE

3,901 exams and

5,094 vaccines provided

PETS FOR LIFE

355 clients and

644 community pets served

HUMANE EDUCATION

3,938 participants in educational programs

DOG TRAINING

1,789 participants in community dog training classes

Visit SeattleHumane.org and give today to support programs like these and many more!

Partnering for the Future of Veterinary Medicine



From left to right, fourth-year WSU veterinary medicine students Emily Violini, Caitlin Juneau and Brittany Estell, Dr. Jessica Reed and Dr. Katie Kuehl (WSU College of Veterinary Medicine/Ted S. Warren)

It is hard to believe it's been more than 10 years since Seattle Humane and the WSU College of Veterinary Medicine began a critical partnership to help advance the field of shelter medicine. Time flies when you are saving lives! The partnership was forged in 2013, with a mission to provide the next generation of WSU veterinary students hands-on training for a wide range of surgical procedures and increase the shelter's capacity to spay and neuter more shelter pets and offer additional medical services to other shelters in need.

Seattle Humane's Schuler Family Medical Center provides fourth-year veterinary students with the opportunity to gain surgical experience in a shelter environment. During the two-week rotation, students receive training in various specialties, including dentistry, emergency care and animal behavior.

The partnership has been a tremendous success. Since its inception, more than 500 veterinary students

have rotated through Seattle Humane. Ultimately, this critical partnership will reduce the number of unwanted and stray animals in our community and has enabled us to provide improved medical care not only for our shelter animals, but also for low-income pet parents in our community.

Dr. Katie Kuehl, Assistant Professor, Shelter Medicine & Outreach in WSU's Veterinary Clinical Sciences Department, oversees the students' shelter medicine training. Additionally, Seattle Humane's Vice President of Veterinary Services, Dr. Jessica Reed, and WSU alumnae-turned-Seattle Humane staff veterinarians Dr. Jenn Herget, Dr. Lauren Restis and Dr. Kristen Shearer, offer invaluable guidance to students.

The benefits of the rotation have not been lost on the students as they move along their journey in veterinary medicine. Dr. Marie Andresen, a 2021 alum who now works as a small animal general practitioner at Roosevelt Station Vet Care in Seattle, reflects on her experience.

"I really enjoyed supporting the community through a variety of programs to provide veterinary care to low-income pet parents. It helped strengthen the spectrum of care approach that I currently practice, where a continuum of evidence-based care options are offered to best meet the economically diverse group of clients that we see in Seattle."

After 10 years, this partnership is going strong and the need for veterinarians is greater than ever. Together we will continue to inspire and educate the next generation.

**Watch this video
to learn more!**



Seattle Humane Alum, Cooper, Makes Puppy Bowl History

When this shy 7-month-old boxer mix first arrived at Seattle Humane, little did we know he'd become a national celebrity. Cooper was selected to join the starting lineup for Team Fluff and was one of 121 puppies who participated in Puppy Bowl XIX in February 2023. This was also the first time a Seattle Humane alum played in the game's 19-year history and, spoiler alert, Team Fluff won the championship!

Well before his time in the Puppy Bowl spotlight, Cooper and his littermates were pulled from a partnering shelter in Northern California through our Lifesaver Rescue program. When staff learned he'd been exposed to parvovirus, a deadly gastrointestinal virus, Cooper went to stay in a foster home during his required quarantine period. That family quickly

fell in love with Cooper and decided he was already home. When Animal Planet reached out to Seattle Humane with an invitation to nominate a puppy player, Cooper was the ideal candidate.

Cooper's road to Puppy Bowl victory was made possible thanks to some key players. His cross-country road trip happened through the amazing support of Peace Vans, who generously donated one of their custom-built camper vans for the journey to the big game. Cooper also received training from former Seattle Seahawks defensive end Shelby Harris, when he visited the team during their summer training camp.

While Cooper may not have won the "Lombarky" trophy for the game, he will always be MVP in our hearts. By participating in this national event, he helped raise awareness for pets in need of loving homes at Seattle Humane and in shelters across the country.



Cooper looking fierce in his Puppy Bowl promo shot.



Thanking Our Generous Community

DONATIONS & PLANNED GIFTS

\$10,281,889 in gifts

received from **16,957** donors

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

144,773

volunteer hours

FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

3,782

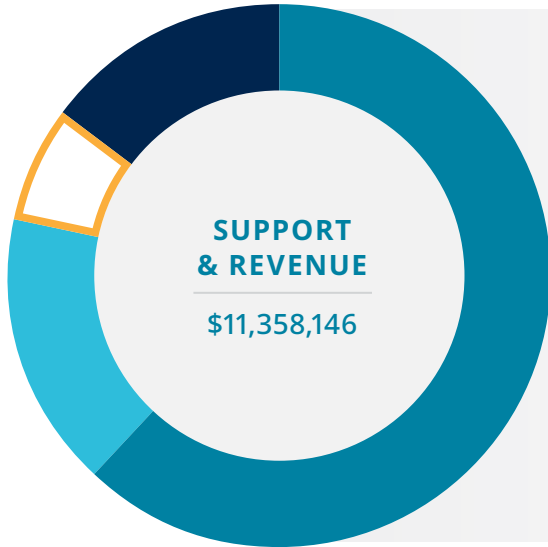
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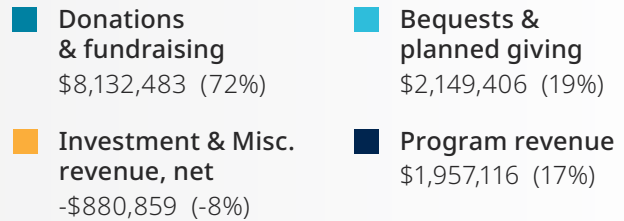




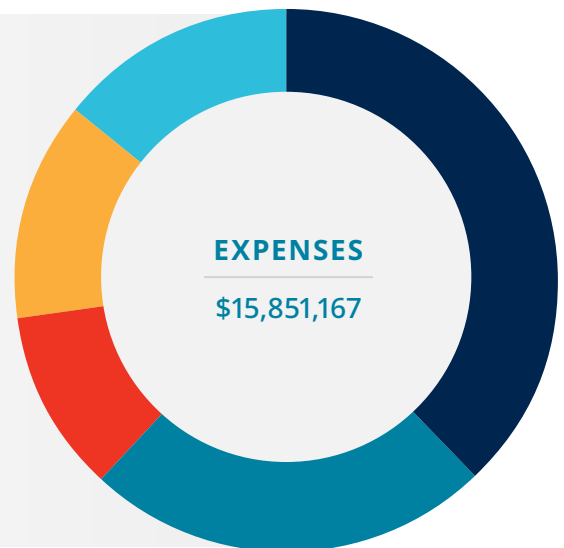
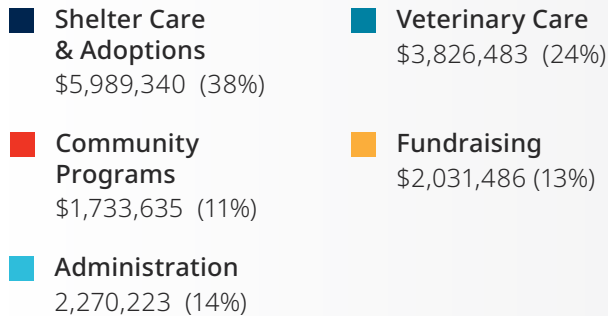
Financials



With more than **83%** of our operational funding coming directly from donors, we rely on your support to provide critical programs and services for pets in our region.



Nearly **75 cents** of every dollar we spend supports the pets in our care and community programming.





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