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IMPACT REPORT 2018

2018: Year of the German Shepherd

Dear Friends,

It is with a grateful heart that I write to you today. Without the support and generosity of our community, 2018 would have been nearly unbearable for the NHSPCA.

2018 began with nine German Shepherds already in protective custody after a fire in mid-December 2017 had killed more than two dozen of their innocent littermates. Then on January 2nd, 2018, our investigator was called to northern NH to assist the police in removing 22 additional German Shepherds from the same owner. It was -11 degrees and the dogs were in wire crates in the loft of an icy cold barn. They had no way to maintain their heat, only frozen water, and no food. And so began the year of the German Shepherds.

In our state, animal shelters are asked to hold 'live evidence' in protective custody for the police, the courts and the community. And so, we do. We take the animal victims in, treat their wounds, fill their bellies, provide safety and warmth and two to three walks per day; every day, for as long as it takes. But it isn't supposed to take months, or in this case more than a year. This municipal work of holding evidence is something we do because we care about the animals. But it is a difficult strain on our organization. It is particularly taxing on the staff who see these majestic creatures living in kennels for far too long. No animal should be kenneled for a year, but this is especially

difficult for German Shepherds as they are large, intelligent dogs that need stimulation, activity and interaction. We continue to do as much as possible in a kennel environment, but a shelter is not a home.

The case is also taxing on our finances and our ability to conduct our regular operations. How can we have adoptable dogs for the community when our kennels are full of dogs in protective custody? The case is now in its fourteenth month and currently scheduled for trial in April. We will wait for April and hope that the conviction that was appealed by their owner is upheld. We hope that the case will finally be over and the German Shepherds can be spayed/neutered and prepared for adoption.

The year of the German Shepherds will go down in NHSPCA history as one of the most challenging in 147 years. But thanks to every single person who has shown their support through contributions of time, food, indestructible toys, treats and also financially, we were able to weather the storm. Our deepest thanks, on behalf of the German Shepherds and all of the animals that will need us today and in the future.

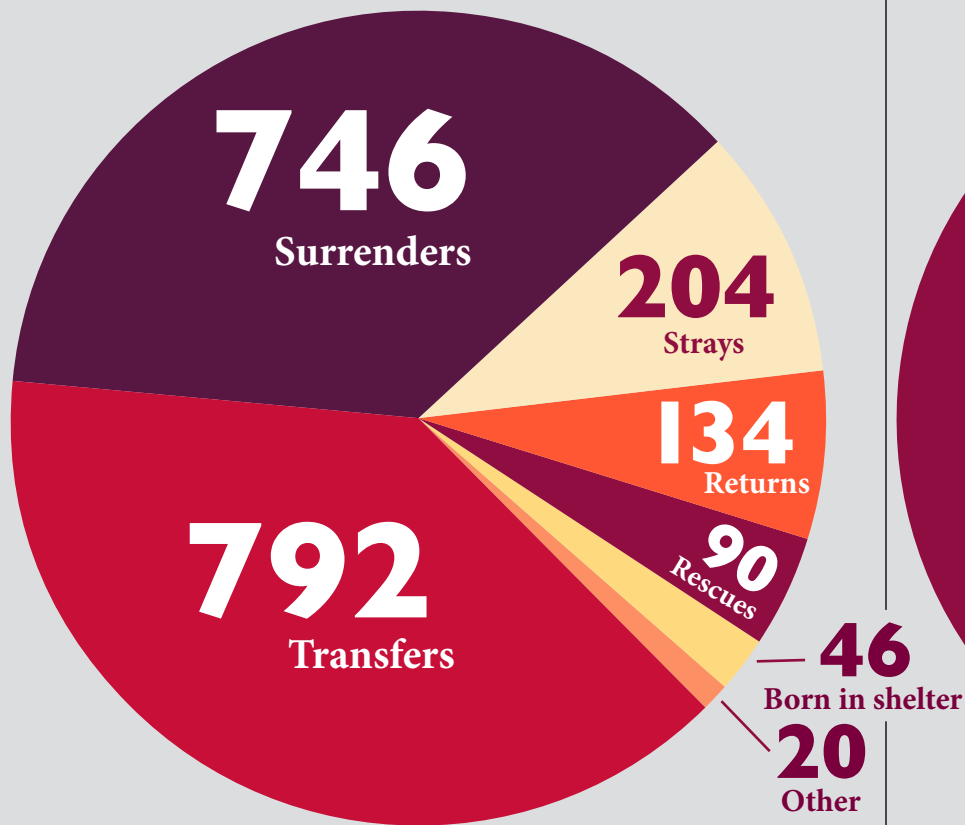
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Joshua Scott
President, New Hampshire SPCA

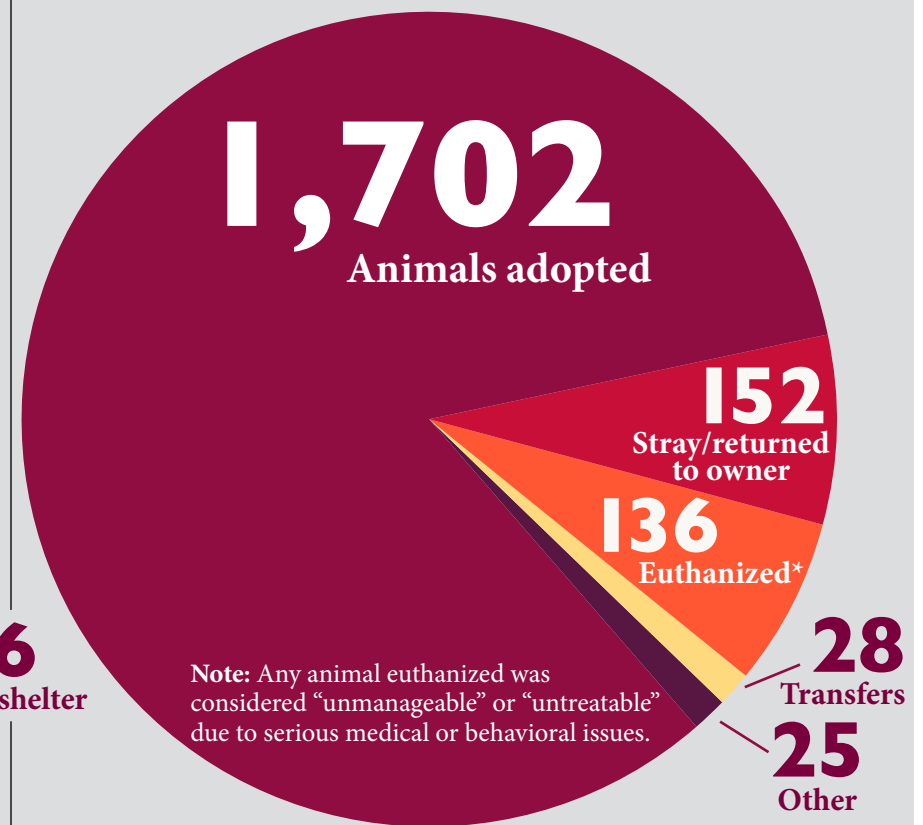


2018 ANNUAL STATISTICS

INCOMING ANIMALS IN 2018: 2032



OUTGOING ANIMALS IN 2018: 2043



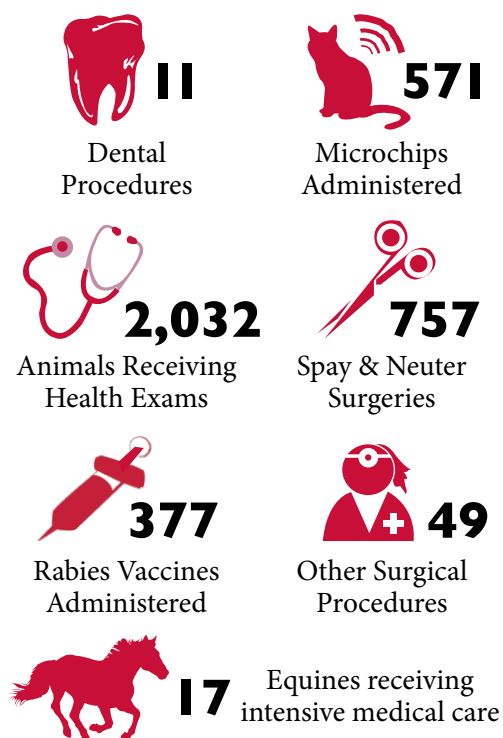
92 animals in protective custody during 2018

193 animals still in our care at the end of 2018

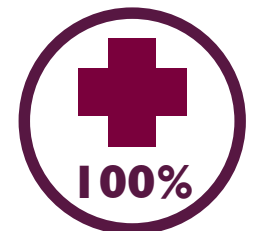
COMMUNITY WELLNESS CLINICS

Low cost spay & neuter surgeries	232
Low cost rabies/microchip clinics	206
Rabies vaccinations administered	120
Microchips implanted	30
Distemper vaccinations administered	120

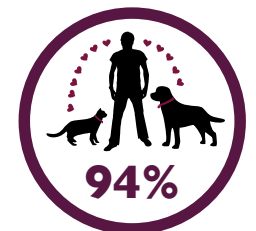
MEDICAL CARE OF SHELTER ANIMALS



placement rate of healthy animals



placement rate of treatable or rehabilitatable animals



live release rate

	IN HOUSE	ADOPTED/ RECLAIMED	AVERAGE STAY (DAYS)
Cats	620	557	27
Dogs	470	398	34
Kittens	403	334	23
Puppies	205	181	25
Farm Animals	138	84	49
Rodents	127	84	81
Rabbits	79	73	60
Birds/Other	90	79	116
Guinea Pigs	58	49	31
Horse	45	15	157
Total	2,235	1,854	

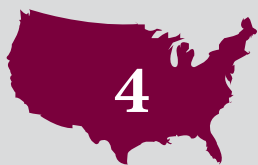
Numbers include incoming animals *and* those that were here at the end of 2017.

2018 ANNUAL STATISTICS

HUMANE EDUCATION

9,515 children reached

59
COMMUNITIES
REACHED



RECURRING YOUTH INVOLVEMENT



Club members
Ages 6-13



Junior volunteers
Ages 13-15



Summer campers
Ages 6-15

COMMUNITY YOUTH OUTREACH

4,379
Students who attended a presentation

728
Students who received a tour

500
Children who attended an offsite event

500
Children who attended a classroom event

ONSITE YOUTH PROGRAMS



Storytime with the
Animals participants
Ages 2-5



Birthday party
participants

BEHAVIOR & TRAINING

Classes offered to the public.....	145
Class participants.....	650
Private behavior consultations.....	99
Puppy Playgroup drop-ins	528
Small Dog Playgroup drop-ins	213

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

705
total unique volunteers
48,409
hours contributed

The equivalent of 23 full-time staff members!

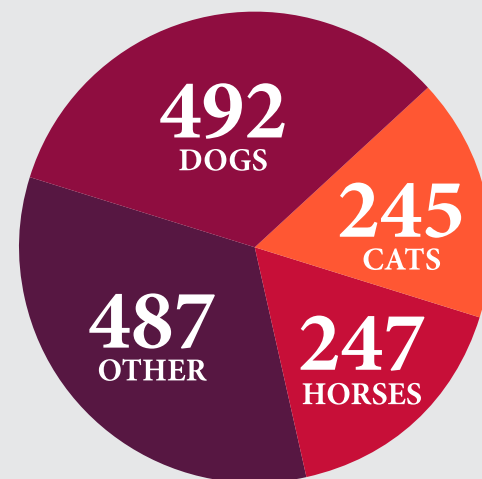


FIELD SERVICES

670

cruelty complaints
received and investigated

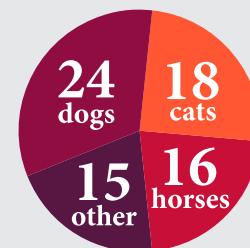
1,471 animals involved in
complaints investigated:



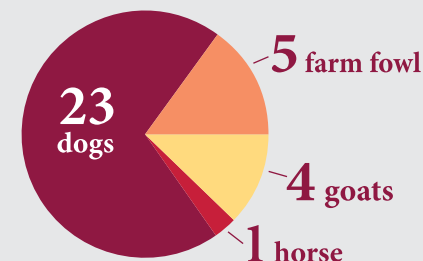
106

animals seized
or surrendered following
cruelty investigations

73 animals surrendered:



33 animals seized:



2018 YEAR IN REVIEW



JANUARY

The year begins with a staggering 55 animals in protective custody, including dozens of German Shepherds rescued from a frigid barn in northern New Hampshire. Little did we know that this one cruelty investigation would turn our world upside down and become one of the **lengthiest, most costly and most difficult case** in our recent history.

FEBRUARY

As temperatures drop below freezing, our Cruelty Investigator takes frequent calls about animals, especially dogs, left out in the elements during frigid temperatures. Two NHSPCA volunteers attempt to **stay in a dog house overnight** to help make the public aware of the importance of bringing pets inside during extreme cold.



MARCH

The NHSPCA has been offering monthly **low-cost spay/ neutering clinics** in our



community for 8 years now. We still receive daily calls from pet owners seeking an affordable option for altering their pet. With the rising cost of veterinary

care, it's apparent that even the most responsible of pet owners are struggling to meet the needs of their pets. We've increased the number of clinics held each month and have also offered a completely fee-waived option to help pets and the families that love them.

APRIL



The NHSPCA medical team continues to reach out to our community to provide **wellness care and food** to pets whose people cannot provide it, without judgment and without barriers. The program partners with senior or low income housing complexes to provide monthly wellness clinics around Rockingham County to pets that don't see a veterinarian regularly due to cost or transportation issues.

MAY

Our community rallies to help find the owner of an Amazon parrot abandoned at our doorstep in a plastic bag. **The badly neglected parrot**, who we named Mayday, refused to eat anything for close to a week and we were very concerned about her medical history. Despite the efforts of our community, the owner was never found. Thanks to our supporters she responded well to specialized veterinary care and was placed in a loving home a few months later.



JUNE

Who let the dogs out? YOU DID! Paws Walk is the largest, dog-friendliest event on the seacoast and thousands of animal lovers (and their dogs) showed up to help support our work at the shelter. It is a fun event with a serious purpose, to raise critically needed funds to help us to care for thousands of homeless animals. It was an extraordinary day. We hope to see you on June 9, for **Paws Walk 2019!**



*A special young lady uses her wish to help animals. Through collaboration between Make-A-Wish New Hampshire and the New Hampshire SPCA, Brooklyn's heartfelt wish of rescuing puppies came true. With Brooklyn's help, the NHSPCA transported a group of rescued pups to New Hampshire, where they all found homes on **"Brooklyn's Adoption Day"** on June 30.*

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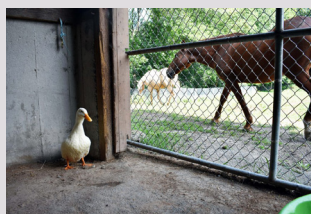


JULY

The owner of the 36 German Shepherds that have been held at our shelter in protective custody for more than 6 months is found guilty of animal cruelty. It should have been a good day. The guilty verdict should have legally allowed us to place them into adoptive homes. However, an immediate appeal forces all 36 to remain in limbo. With no end in sight, our volunteers and staff double efforts to make sure the animals continue to feel safe and loved while the legal case drags on.

AUGUST

With an active Facebook and Instagram community, we can always count on our followers to share important updates and help us advocate for homeless animals. Still, we were amazed at the outpouring of support for a lonely little duck named **Freddy Mercury**. As the only duck in residence, he was terribly lonely. We knew he'd feel better with friends so we turned to our followers to help us find him a home with other ducks. His plight captured the hearts of many and within hours the post was shared thousands of times. By the very next morning, Freddy was heading home to join a flock of new friends. It's heartwarming to know that our community has a soft heart for every type of homeless animal!



SEPTEMBER

Tigger was 19 years old when she was surrendered to us. The shelter environment is stressful for cats, but even more so for senior cats. Older cats can have a compromised immune system which often leads to upper respiratory infections. It was critical to find Tigger a home as soon as possible. While many shelters wouldn't even consider adoption for a cat at such an advanced age, we placed our faith in our community and asked for their help. Tigger's story quickly went "viral" and was seen by thousands of people, but most importantly by the kind-hearted person who adopted her.



OCTOBER

Our Field Service Team was called to help safely catch a **stray dog** that had been on the loose for weeks. No one knew who she belonged to. She was very timid and possibly injured, so our Field Services Department set up humane traps based on multiple sightings from the public. It took over a week, but finally we were able to catch her and bring her to safety. When no one came forward to claim her, we named her Doodlebug and placed her up for adoption.

*Doodlebug's limp was caused by a torn ligament in her back leg. She could hardly put any weight on it. Thanks to **John Holland's Koda Fund**, she received the costly surgery and rehabilitation to fix it. She's now pain free, happy and safe in her new home.*



To: JILL SHEPHERD + FRIENDS
NEW HAMPSHIRE SPCA
P.O. Box 191

NOVEMBER

As the weather turns colder, we see a sharp influx of horses and farm animals in need of help. As one of the only animal shelters in the state committed to helping horses and farm animals, we take call after call regarding animals in dire need of food, medical care and safe shelter. Our paddocks and barn is quickly filled to capacity. By the end of the month there are 25 horses, 4 goats, 3 pigs and 10 roosters and pheasants in our care. With adoptions notoriously slow in the winter season (especially for **farm animals**) barn staff and volunteers brace themselves for a long and challenging winter.



DECEMBER

The year wraps up the way it began, with too many animals stuck in protective custody. Their legal proceedings stalled by a series of frustrating postponements. When it becomes clear that the 36 German Shepherds will remain with us through the holidays, our community rallies to provide them with comfy beds, toys and treats to help them feel loved and to help brighten their spirits. The outpouring of support from our community means everything to staff and volunteers that have spent every single day of this year walking, feeding, cleaning, training, and most importantly loving these animals as if they were their own.

1872 SOCIETY

The 1872 Society was developed as a way of recognizing and thanking our incredibly generous donors who are so important to the animals and our mission. The category names were chosen to further demonstrate that each plays a significant role. We sincerely appreciate each one of you for your commitment to our work.



Although the 1872 Society recognizes our top donors, we would also like to express our gratitude to each and every person who contributes. Each gift has a positive impact and helps care for the animals. Thank you.

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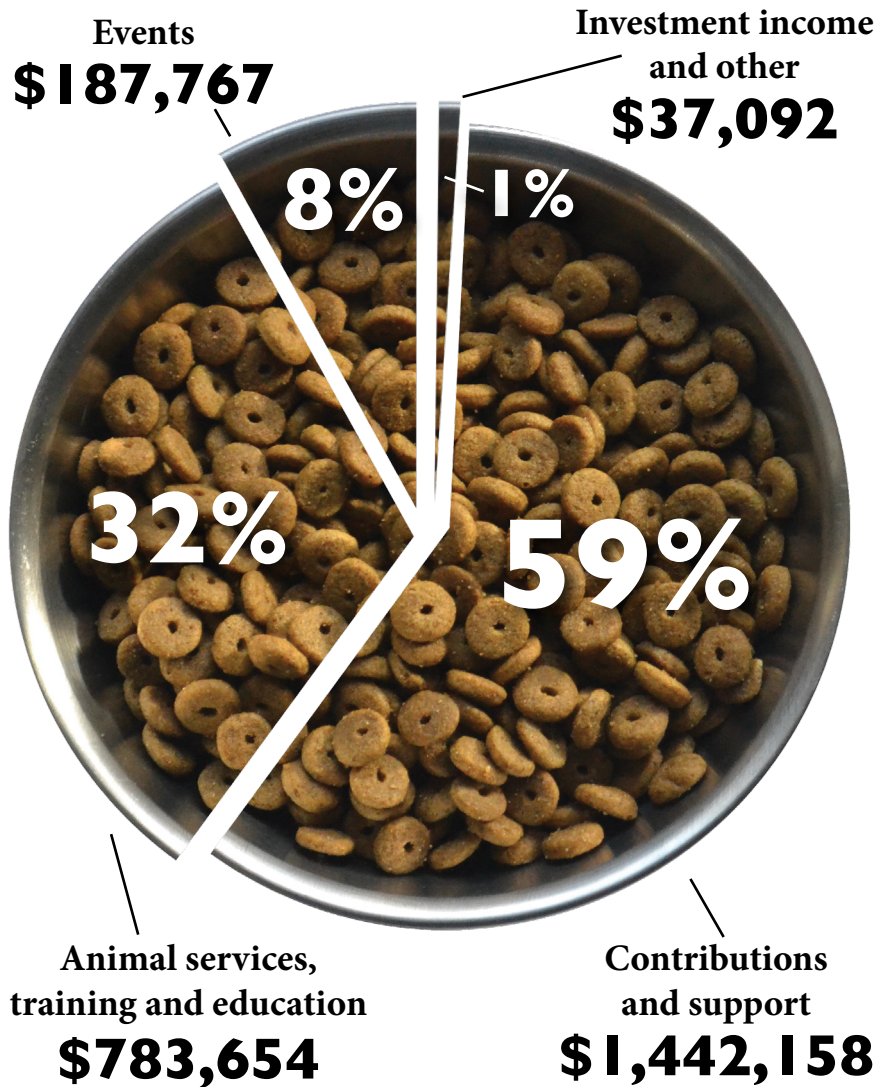
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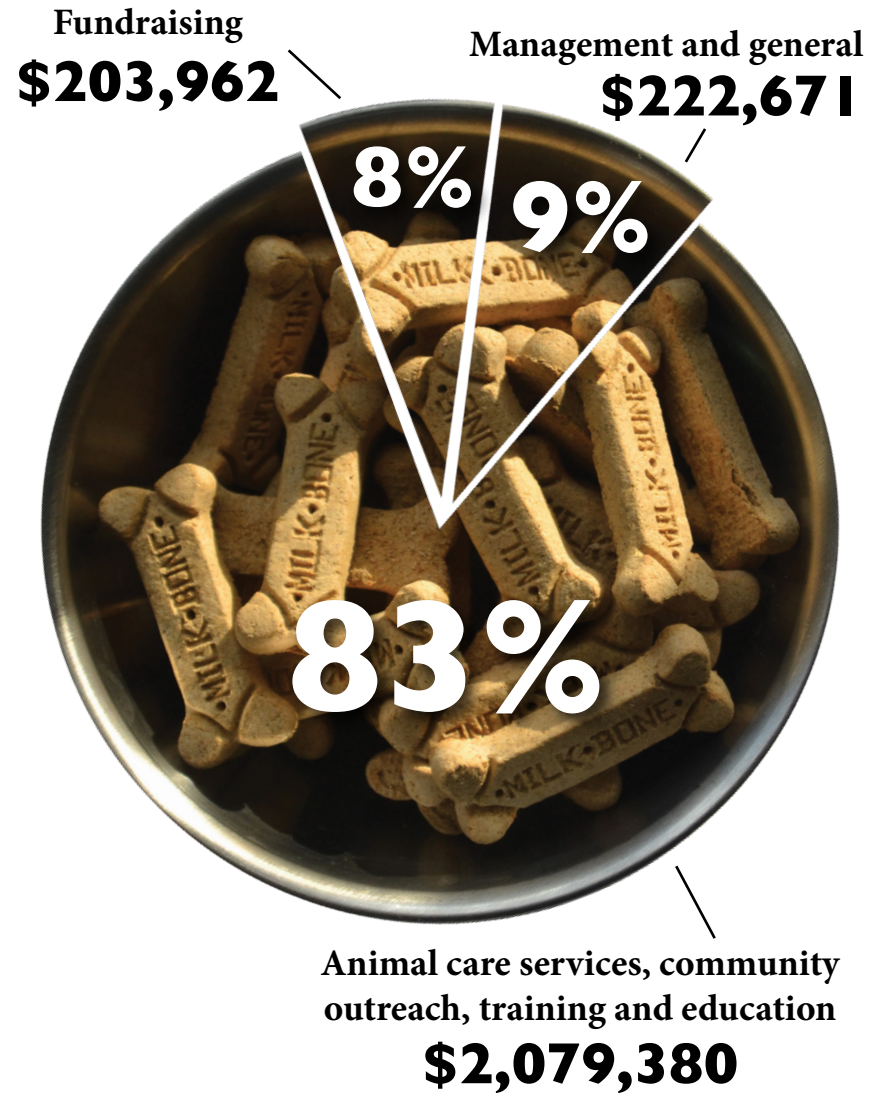
To save the lives of companion animals through rescue, rehabilitation, and adoption; to promote learning, eliminate animal cruelty and be a leader in advancing the highest standards of animal welfare.

2018 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

OPERATING INCOME



OPERATING EXPENSES



New Hampshire Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

A HEALTHY COMMITMENT

Average investments we make in every cat and dog

Service	Approximate Value	Service	Approximate Value
Spay/Neuter.....	\$125-\$350	Vet exam	\$35
Microchip implant & registration	\$50	Dental (when applicable)	\$250
Heartworm test & preventative (dogs)	\$35	Food & care for at least 14 days	\$210
Updated vaccinations.....	\$50	Time with Behavior Trainer (5 hour average) (dogs).....	\$100
Diagnostic.....	\$75	Identification tag.....	\$6
Other medical procedures or surgeries (as needed)	\$100-\$2,500	Collar/leash or carrier.....	\$24
Flea & parasite prevention.....	\$35	Average committed to every cat & dog.....	\$620-\$3,720

NOTE: We are equally committed to other animals in our care. Approximate value of services that other animals receive would vary by species.