

2018

Annual Report



Humane Society of the Black Hills

Message from the Director

After 50 years, the humane society mission remains strong

Dear Friends -

The Humane Society of the Black Hills (HSBH) was incorporated on Nov. 29, 1968. Fifty years ago. While the name of the organization changed over the years, the mission hasn't - your local humane society is committed to caring for the lost, homeless, and forgotten today just as it was in 1968 and myself, the employees, and the board of directors take that mission to heart.

Last year, 5,227 animals came through the doors at the HSBH. Cats, dogs, pigs, ferrets, spiders - they are all welcome. We're an open admission shelter meaning if an animal comes to the front door, we'll do everything we can to care for it and either see that it is returned to its owner, adopted, or transported to another facility for care.

It was a busy, sometimes difficult year made easier by an engaged board of directors; dedicated, hard-working, passionate employees that were willing to give everything and then more; supportive community leaders; and, finally, a community that supported the humane society with cash donations, as well as donations of food and supplies. We are truly blessed to be living and working in this generous, caring community.



Jacque Harvey, Director

In 2019 our focus will remain on caring for the thousands of animals that come through our doors. This number has increased, unfortunately. In 2017, our intake number totaled 4,774; this year it was 5,227. An increase in the abandoned and unwanted animals impacts our community and, more so, the animals that are abandoned and unwanted.

A solution to the increasing animal populations in our communities will have to be found on several fronts. Programs like SNIP it and Operations Pets, Inc. help people afford expensive spay/neuter surgeries to help reduce the number of unwanted animals. We're also exploring new ideas to incentivize local veterinarians to provide low-cost spay neuter services. Meeting with groups, students, and civic organizations provides us with an opportunity to share information about responsible pet management; as well, state wide legislation mandating common sense pet ownership guidelines will have to be seriously explored in the near future.

Even though a solution will be difficult it isn't impossible and the HSBH will remain committed to reducing the number of unwanted and uncared for animals in our community and caring for the ones that find their way to our doors.

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Programs & Services

Adoption

Each year, thousands of animals are adopted from the humane society and go to loving, forever homes. Our mission is to place the right pet with the right family and thanks to dedicated staff, that happens thousands of times each year.

Lost and Found

Hundreds of stray and lost dogs, cats and other animals are brought to the humane society each year. Staff works to get all animals back to the rightful owner.

Animal Surrender

The Humane Society of the Black Hills will care for, and work to get adopted, all surrendered animals.

Microchipping

A microchip allows contact information to be available so a pet can be tracked back to its owner.

Licensing

Through the licensing process, your information and your pet's information will be on file at the HSBH.

Food Assistance

Food assistance is available for people who need help feeding an animal during difficult times in their lives. There is no fee to participate in the community food assistance program.

Hardship Hold

People in a transitional phase in life can receive temporary animal housing at the HSBH.



SNIP it

"SNIP it" is a partnership project between All Creatures Veterinary Hospital and the Humane Society of the Black Hills. This project provides spay/neuter services on an income-based, sliding fee scale for a significant group of residents who neither qualify for the existing low-cost spay/neuter programs, nor can they readily afford the full-price expense of these services.

Volunteer Program

At the Humane Society of the Black Hills, animal lovers make up the volunteer force. While volunteers come from different backgrounds, they all have compassion for animals and a commitment to community.

Foster Program

Foster parents provide temporary housing and care until a suitable home can be found for many animals. HSBH volunteers foster many animals each year and the care these dedicated volunteers provide is invaluable, both to the animals and to the people who adopt them.

Animal Services & Enforcement

The Humane Society of the Black Hills provides animal welfare services and humane law enforcement to Rapid City and Pennington County governments as an independent contractor.

ASE officers enforce the Rapid City codes, Pennington County ordinances, and the State of South Dakota laws pertaining to domestic animals.

Officers responding to cruelty complaints make every effort to educate citizens before filing for prosecution. Animals without adequate food, water, or shelter, animals in need of medical attention, and animals suffering from abandonment are only a small sample of the complaints that ASE investigates.

ASE officers are trained professionals who are sworn in as public officials in order to provide law enforcement services. They are also certified through the National Animal Control Association.

2018 Summary of Animal Activity

	Dog	Cat	Other
Intake			
Owner/Guardian Surrender	461	1,110	85
Return	46	38	4
Seized/Custody	176	34	129
Stray	1,021	1,511	49
Transfer In	359	63	
Wildlife In			112
Other			29
Total	2,063	2,756	408
Outcome			
Adoptions	876	1,151	106
Transfer Out	64	20	7
Return to Owner	883	165	9
Died	6	35	10
Release Wildlife			73
Euthanasia	204	1,236	69
DOA/Other	30	149	134
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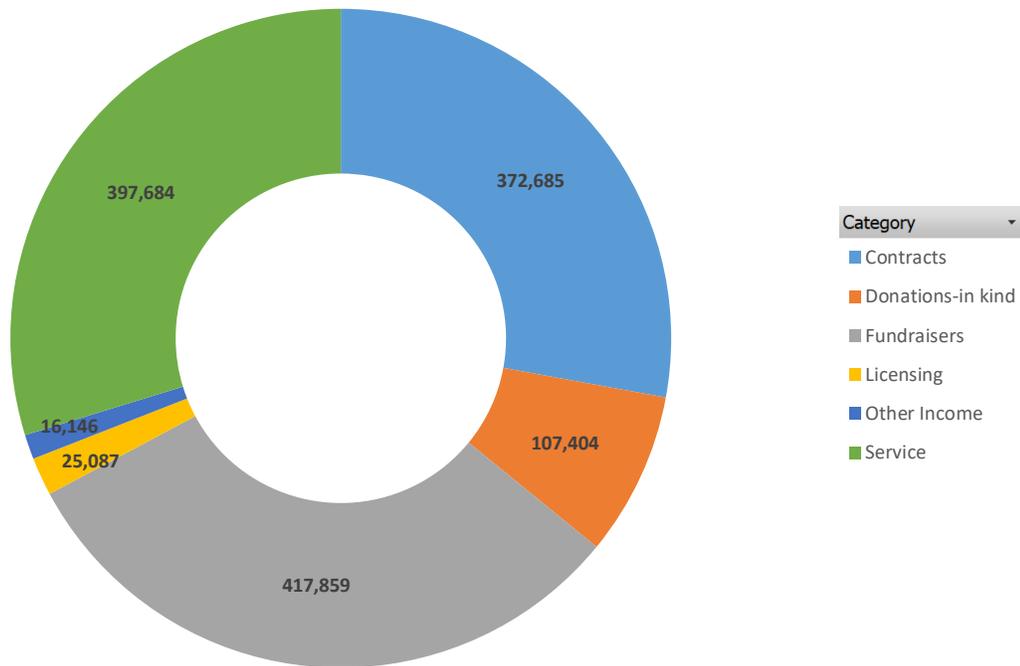
State of South Dakota laws pertaining to domestic animals. Each year, Animal Services and Enforcement officers respond to hundreds of calls ranging from barking dogs to animal welfare concerns to bite reports.

Following is an overview of 2018 activity.

Bite Reports	332
Animals at Large	910
Public/Police Assistance	158 calls
Patrol Territory Covered	1,859 streets
On-Call Emergency After Hours	400 hours

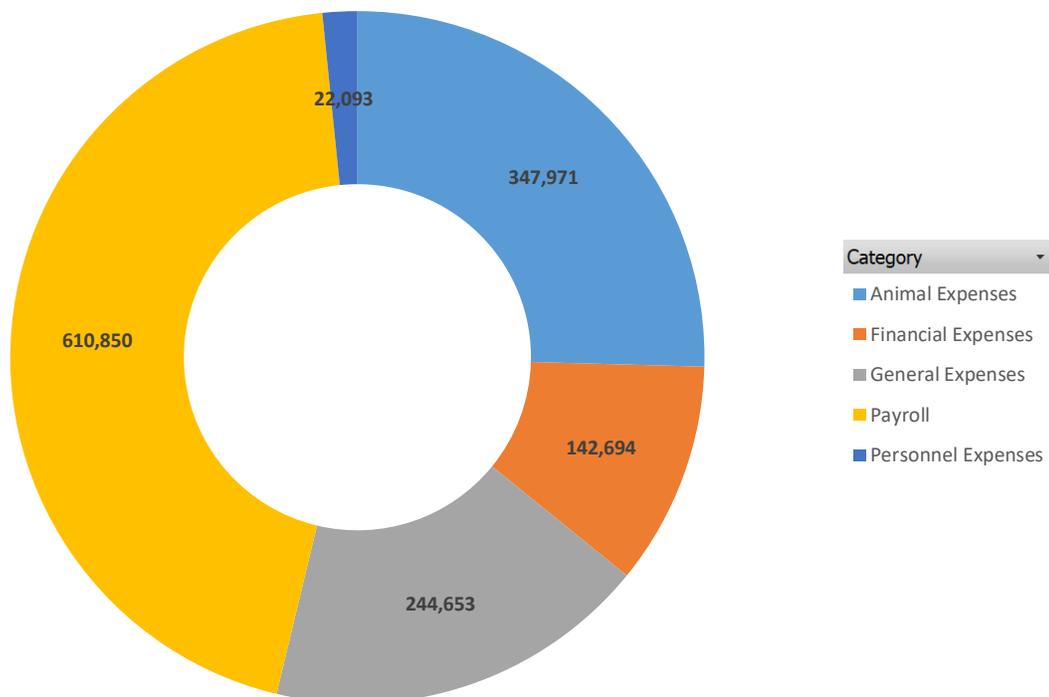
2018 Financial Activity

Revenue*



* "Fundraisers" includes general donations; "Service" includes adoption and reclaim fees.

Expenses*



* "Animal Expenses" includes drugs and medicine, food and litter; "Financial Expenses" includes fees and depreciation.

Black Berry's Long Journey

Black Berry the cat caught a flight home to California Tuesday (Nov. 27, 2018) morning thanks to a loving family that never gave up hope. Black Berry was brought in as a stray after getting away from the family in August.

They were heartbroken.

Fortunately he had a microchip so his owners were contacted when Black Berry was brought in as a stray in November.

We put Black Berry on a flight at Rapid City Regional Airport and later that day his family met him in California, safe and sound.

Here's the families' story:

"We are a Marine family and I have been serving for 19 years. I received orders to California and had to transition from North Carolina. We utilized the time allotted to do a cross country road trip. We were headed to Mount Rushmore and had previously stopped in Badlands National Park and made our way to Rapid City to stop for the night.

In the morning when we were loading up to head out to

Mount Rushmore we realized Black Berry had somehow slipped away undetected. After a few hours of searching we had to move forward with the plan of the day. After visiting Mount Rushmore we headed back to Rapid City to search for him with no luck.



Black Berry at home with Briana and Emma

We finally arrived in California and contacted the Humane Society of the Black Hills on several occasions and they stated that he had not been recovered. We kind of gave up hope but my daughter Emma prayed daily for his return; she personally always believed in her heart that he would make his way back into our lives.

Needless to say we were all in shock, disbelief and overwhelmed with joy when we found out he had been recovered.

Black Berry was a rescue, he was at our house one day in December 2016. I fed him once and that was it – he never left our home.

He became part of the family and we never considered giving him up when we found out we had received orders. He is a great cat, not needy and fits right into our lifestyle. We all appreciate his company when he feels like being social. (Ha Ha).

2018, Our Stories

Yoga with Cats?

Yoga with Cats started in late 2017 and by January 2018 it had become something of a staple event. After a mid-year break, yoga (now Mats and Cats) will be back in January.

Speaking of Cats

The spring of 2018 was remarkably busy with incoming cats and kitten litters. What made 2018 unusual was that "cat season" didn't stop - October, November and December continued to be "cat seasons."

K93K and Dog Carnival

In June we held our first K93K and Dog Carnival at the Humane Society of the Black Hills.

Dog Training

In July, we were fortunate to be offered the services of a volunteer dog trainer. The trainer works with dogs adopted at the Humane Society and their new owners to ensure a healthy, productive relationship.

Wags and Waves

In August, a chilly day greeted Wags and Waves participants at Jimmy Hilton Pool. Despite the chill, 150 dogs attended.

Partnering with Education

In October, we partnered with a class at Central High School to produce educational content. This will continue to develop into 2019.

Mutt-ster Mash

The Humane Society's first Halloween pet costume contest was held in October. Well received, this will likely become an annual event.

Homes for the Holidays

In December, generous donors helped us meet a \$50,000 goal for new kennels. The dog kennels on the adopt side will be installed in 2019.

Happy Birthday

November 29 marked the 50th year of incorporation for the Humane Society of the Black Hills.

Holiday Dogs

In December we embarked on a new program placing dogs in homes over the holidays in a temporary foster situation. The program led to three adoptions and will be developed in coming years.

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HSBH Board of Directors

The Humane Society of the Black Hills (HSBH) Board of Directors consists of nine local professionals concerned about the welfare of animals in the community as well as seeing the value in promoting effective and humane animal management practices.

Serving three-year terms, volunteer board members establish and espouse the vision and mission of the HSBH while overseeing the affairs of the non-profit organization. Last year, board members volunteered hundreds of hours at monthly meetings, representing the humane society in the community, and at a number of events in the community.

The Humane Society of the Black Hills (HSBH) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that has worked with the community to provide shelter and care for lost and abused animals for 50 years. Incorporated on November 29, 1968, the Humane Society currently operates the only major animal shelter west of the Missouri River.

The Board takes its role in managing the Humane Society of the Black Hills seriously and continually seeks new and better ways to meet the mission of the HSBH:

“The purpose for this society is the prevention of cruelty to animals, the relief of suffering among animals, and the extension of humane education regarding the treatment and care of animals to the public...”



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Shelter Operating Hours

Monday – Friday: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday – Sunday: Noon – 4 p.m.

Lost and Found Receiving Hours

Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Saturday – Sunday: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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