

Annual Report

2019



Serving Animals. Serving Community

Community Makes It Work

Helping animals is our primary purpose at the Humane Society of the Black Hills - that simple idea is baked into everything we do. To reflect its importance, it's also in our mission statement: "Serving Animals. Serving Community."

We worked hard last year to meet that mission and the work will carry into the coming years. Some of the hard work has been reviewing and restructuring fees, negotiating contracts, managing costs on a myriad of products and medicines, and finding

the best ways to provide care to more animals.

We'll continue to work hard to be efficient, humane, and service-oriented because our funding comes from you. Yes, we get funding from the City of Rapid City and select contracts and services, but we couldn't serve animals, or our communities, without your support.

Many times I've had the opportunity to share my appreciation for those who donate and support the humane society. I'm very sincere in my belief that community

support is the reason the humane society can - despite the daily challenges - continue to serve thousands of animals in need.

So thank you for your support. It is sincerely appreciated.

We had a busy 2019 and it looks like that trend will continue into 2020. Animal intake will continue to increase right along with our growing communities. In addition, we're planning projects and programs that will keep us busy and reaching out to our supporters for help both



*Jerry Steinley
Executive Director*

in terms of donations and time.

We're looking to a bright future at the Humane Society of the Black Hills.



On the cover...

Zeus shows off his skills on the tire obstacle course in the east field at the Humane Society of the Black Hills. Dog enrichment areas like this one will be further developed in the upcoming years to serve not only the dogs that spend time at the humane society but volunteers and adopters who spend time with them, too.

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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.

Licensing

Through the licensing process, your information and your pet's information will be on file at the Humane Society of the Black Hills.

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 animals back to the rightful owner.

Education and Outreach

The humane society is involved in the community and the school system offering programs and classes through the PawsForward program. Call the humane society if you'd like to learn more about our community education options.

Microchipping

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

SNIP it

"SNIP it" is a partnership project between All Creatures Veterinary Hospital and the Humane Society of the Black Hills. This project provides income-based spay/neuter services.

Animal Surrender

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

Food Assistance

Food assistance is available for people who need help feeding an animal during difficult times in their lives.

Hardship Hold

People in a transitional phase in life can receive temporary dog housing at the humane society.

Volunteer Program

At the humane society, animal lovers make up the volunteer force and 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.

Serving Animals, Community

Even after the shelter is closed for the day, the Humane Society of the Black Hills (HSBH) continues to work hard to educate others about our mission. Each week, HSBH staff ventures to the Juvenile Services Center (JSC) with various animals to teach youth about proper animal care as part of the Paws Forward program.

The Paws Forward program, created in June 2019 and first implemented at JSC, is designed to educate participating youth on a host of animals and their various needs, behaviors, history, and more. The HSBH has hosted similar programs in local elementary classrooms.

Paws Forward benefits the youth participating by helping them learn empathy, compassion and patience. A major goal of the program is to help youth develop an animal-related skillset and appreciation for the animals in our communities. When young people and animals learn and work together, they form a special and lasting bond.

The curriculum for Paws Forward was developed by the humane society's in-house trainer, Kay, who is assisted weekly by supervising kennel technician, Crystal.

Remarkable Paws. The year 2019 marked the beginning of many great, new programs at the humane society - one being a weekly training course for dogs hosted by the humane society's in-house trainer. During select Saturdays, three types of classes were offered at the HSBH: A Halloween themed Tricks for Treats course; a Puppy Social Hour; and, an Agility Course class.

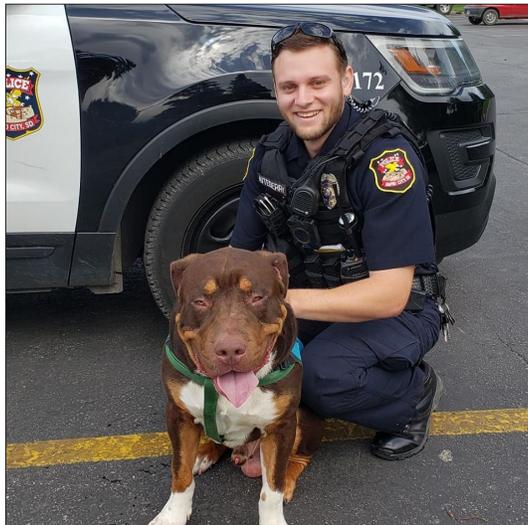
The classes have been a great opportunity for owners and their dogs to join other pet owners in a fun, interactive learning experience.

These beginner-level courses provide owners with the confidence to train their dogs and the reward of creating a stronger bond with their animals.



Education and outreach is essential to the humane society mission and when we visit local school children, the unique guests that attend are always a hit. Here, Piedmont Valley Elementary students learn about animal care and safety.

K9 For A Day is a partnership between the Humane Society of the Black Hills and the Rapid City Police Department. This program offers humane society dogs the opportunity to get out for



an afternoon and "patrol" with a Rapid City police officer (at left, Officer Connor Auteberry with Meatball).

The program, which began in March 2019, allows one honorable canine to be alongside one police officer out in the community with hopes of finding the dog's adopters. Every other Friday morning, a very deserving canine from the humane society joins the RCPD in their daily routines, some going on a ride-along, some on foot patrols, and others even attending special community events with their officers.

Many thanks to the Rapid City Police Department for taking on this great program.

The Humane Society of the Black Hills will continue to offer programs and services to benefit the communities it serves to further our mission of Serving Animals, Serving Community.

2019 Summary of Animal Activity

Intake	Dog	Cat	Other	
Owner/Guardian Surrender	490	960	183	
Return	75	73	4	
Seized/Custody	193	53	15	
Stray	1,201	2,076	82	
Transfer In	271			
Wildlife In			169	
Other				
Total	2,230	3,162	453	=5,845

Outcome

Adoptions	1,063	1,360	251	
Transfer Out	40	21	42	
Return to Owner	961	170	10	
Died	13	53	26	
Release Wildlife			139	
Euthanasia	155	1,452	43	
DOA/Other	7	83	15	
Total	2,239	3,139	522	=5,904

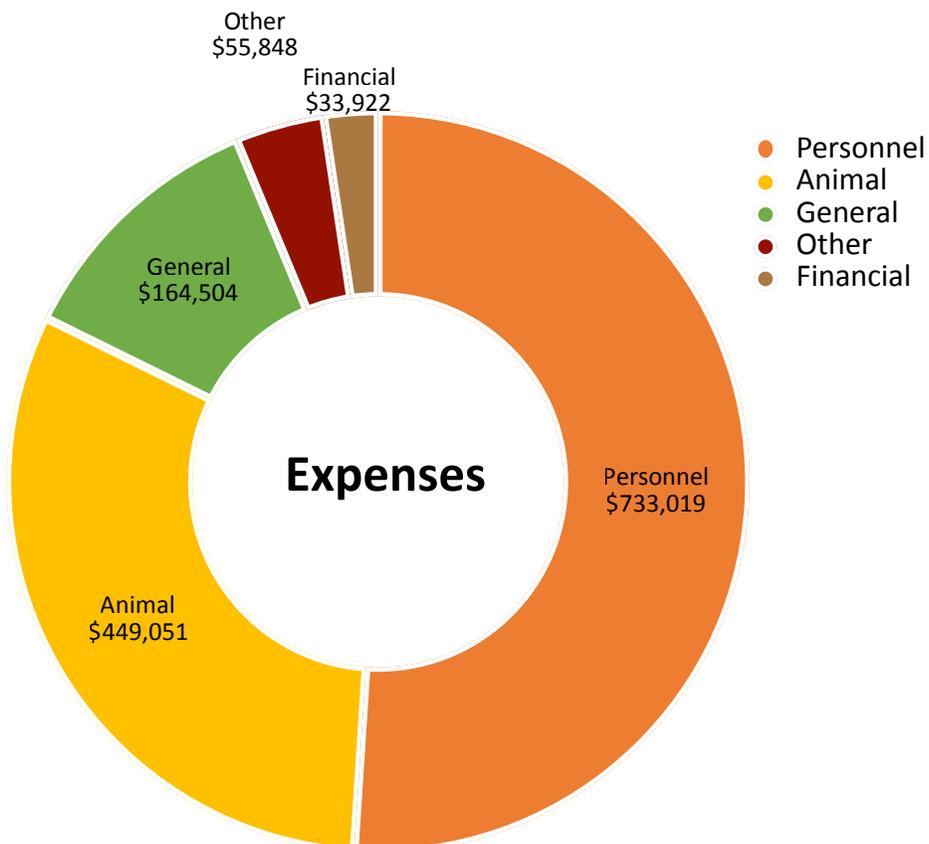
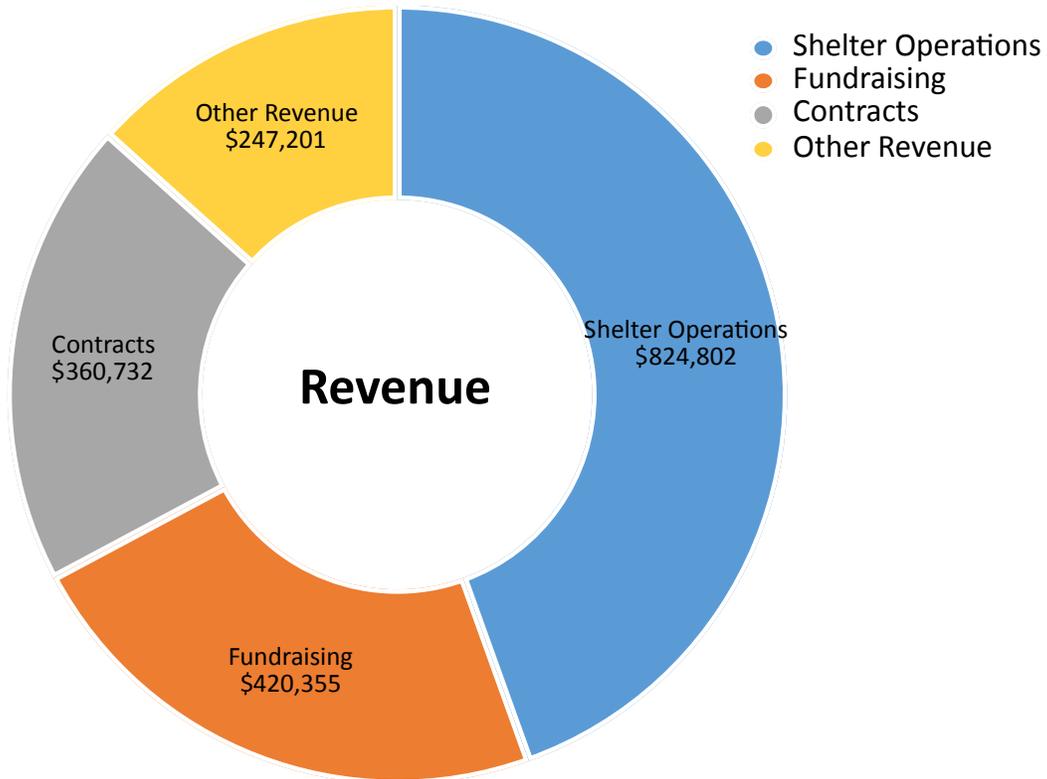
Dakota: One lucky dog

It's safe to say that the stars aligned for Dakota when she happened to cross paths with Amanda and her husband in April 2019. You see, Amanda and her husband were vacationing from California and were passing through the Badlands where they found Dakota - injured and dirty. Dakota spent the night with the couple and by morning was sleeping right next to Amanda.

Still traveling though, Amanda made the decision to bring Dakota to the Humane Society of the Black Hills for care and offered to pay for everything and adopt Dakota when she was ready to travel. In May, Amanda flew to South Dakota, adopted Dakota (pictured here), rented a car and drove the thousands of miles home with her new best friend. "She won the dog lottery," Amanda joked at the time.



2019 Financial Activity



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.

Animal Services and Enforcement officers uphold Rapid City codes, Pennington County ordinances, and the 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.

While AS&E works with area communities to help manage animal populations, the majority of calls for service come from Rapid City. Enforcement rules and regulations for animals in Rapid City can be found in detail in the City of Rapid City Code of Ordinances, Title 6: Animals.



Animal Service and Enforcement Officers Andrew Smith, left, Kelsey Harty, center; ASE dispatcher Ivey Hamilton.

Contact Animal Services & Enforcement

Typical calls for service to Animal Services & Enforcement include barking dog complaints, animal welfare checks, dogs at large, and seasonal concerns such as an animal locked in a vehicle. Animal Services & Enforcement is a community resource for proper animal care and management.

Animal Services and Enforcement Department: (605) 394-4132

Report Animal Cruelty: Call (605) 394-4132 or send an email to animalcontrol@hsbh.org

All calls for service or to report abuse are confidential.

Jacque Harvey leaves humane society in 2019

Jacque Harvey, former Executive Director and a long-time advocate for the Humane Society of the Black Hills (HSBH), retired from the Humane Society in May 2019.

As Executive Director, Harvey was responsible for the operation of the shelter, community relations, and animal care.

During her time here, the Humane Society took in 47,585 an-

imals - cats, dogs, rabbits, birds, reptiles and assorted wildlife.

Harvey's experience, compassion, and commitment helped to make the Humane Society a better place for thousands of animals each year and dozens of employees who keep the whole thing running.

Thank you Jacque, your support and hard work was appreciated and noticed.



Jacque Harvey
HSBH Director
2010 - May 2019

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Humane Society of the Black Hills

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 HSBH currently operates the only major animal shelter west of the Missouri River in South Dakota.

Each year, the humane society rescues more than 4,800 animals. Because of the shortage of shelters, animals are picked up and brought to this shelter from as many as 20 different counties.

We are also an open admissions shelter – We will not turn away any animal, and we do not put a time limit

on an animal's stay at this facility.

We are not affiliated with any other humane societies and rely on public funding and donations from our community to help us keep our doors open. Donations to national groups do not reach the pets that stay with us.

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Shelter Operating Hours

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

Lost and Found Receiving Hours

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

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