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Butterbean, adopted June



Rocky, adopted October



Shakespeare, adopted June



Trigger, adopted June



Gail, adopted August



Chase, adopted November



Hero, adopted August



Sparks, adopted November



A Message From Our President

Dear Shelter Friends,

Last year was very successful in many ways due in large part to our tireless employees and volunteers. We placed 440 animals in their forever homes, well above the 383 in 2014. Additionally, our community programs provided services to a record level of animals, including the low cost spay/neuter program, the Mary Hooper elder pet care (HELP) program, vaccination clinics and the trap/neuter/release (TNR) program that helps control the local feral cat population to name a few. Our team is proud of our increased positive impact, but we cannot rest on our past successes, so continue to work hard on behalf of the many cats, dogs, and other four-legged friends that come through our doors.

In addition to the many specific accomplishments in 2015, the Shelter is expanding our service area through increased outreach, public relations and educational programs. As described in our mission, we view the dual goals of providing care for animals in our charge until they can find permanent homes and community education on the responsibility of having pets as part of families as equally important.

I am pleased to also report that the Shelter remains on a stable financial footing due to our generous supporters. In 2015 we hosted the inaugural gala — **Tails at Twilight** — that was a great success in terms of raising visibility of the Shelter and fundraising, which we expect to repeat in the future. As a local non-profit organization that receives no public assistance, we rely heavily on our donors to meet the ongoing operational needs of running an animal shelter.

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, thank you again for your generous time, energy and financial support to make the Scituate Animal Shelter great.

— **Tom Poppey, President**



2015 Accomplishments



We cultivated partnerships with veterinary care providers throughout the state, allowing us to help more animals at reduced costs. Thanks to generous friends at Driftway Animal Hospital (Scituate), Crazy Paws Veterinary Hospital (Cohasset), The Animal

Rescue League's Spay Waggin' (Boston), and the Luke and Lily Lerner Clinic at Cummings Medical Center (North Grafton), we were able to provide excellent medical care for the wide range of conditions, illness and injuries that our animals present with.

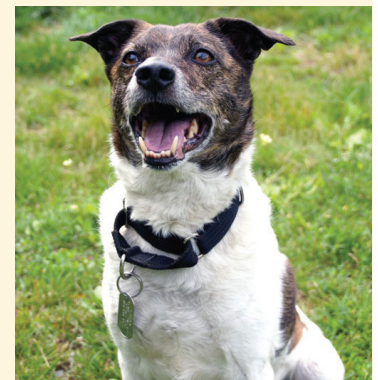
We found homes for more animals than ever before, adopting out a record 440 animals. Adoption numbers have increased dramatically each year for three years running, despite the fact that we now accept greater numbers of senior and special needs pets.

We undertook a successful campaign to raise our profile in the community.

Our adoptable shelter pets are now profiled weekly or biweekly in 5 newspapers. Our social media and public relations campaigns have resulted in a tremendous increase in community awareness, allowing us to spread our core message while attracting more donors, volunteers and adopters.

We hosted our first ever Gala fundraiser in November.

This successful event raised nearly triple the amount of any of our previous fundraising undertakings and is slated to become an annual event.



Our Mission:

To improve the quality of life for both the companion animals and people of our community by providing shelter and placement for homeless animals and support through community service and education.



Our Vision:

At the Scituate Animal Shelter, we are working towards a day when all the animals of our community live happy, fulfilled lives, and all adoptable pets have proper, loving homes. To that end, since our beginnings in 1992, close to 6,000 pets have come through our doors for care.

Our Hero: Aiko

He may look like a typical tennis-ball chasing family dog, but 2-year-old Aiko's life became extraordinary in 2015, when he was chosen by the Norfolk County Sheriff's Department to undergo police dog training.

Aiko was surrendered to us because, like many young, energetic dogs, he was proving to be more than his family had bargained for. As luck would have it, a few days later, the Norfolk County Sheriff's Department visited the Shelter in search of a young and energetic dog to be trained as a scent K9. A good detection dog must be intelligent, active, easily instructed, and possess an extremely keen sense of smell.

Although Aiko "desperately needed work on his manners," according to the Shelter's Kim Hallisey, it took only moments for the police handlers to decide that the young lab fit the bill perfectly.

Aiko is now undergoing extensive police training while living at home with handler Paul Collins who reports, "He is doing great and adjusted quickly to his new home and job responsibilities." If all goes to plan, by 2017 he will be a full fledged K9 hero with a very important mission: to help protect the people of Massachusetts.



Animals Served in 2015

Did you know that many no-kill shelters refuse animals they deem too difficult or expensive? We strive to help animals that many others would turn away.

We are different.

Seniors: We believe that elderly pets deserve to live out their lives in a loving home. Dogs like 10-year-old Lex, who stayed with us for close to a year before he found his forever home with a New Hampshire family.

Behavior issues: We don't give up on animals with behavior issues. Our Canine Training Coordinator develops training plans for canine volunteers and works with our troubled dogs, giving them a chance to find a happy home.

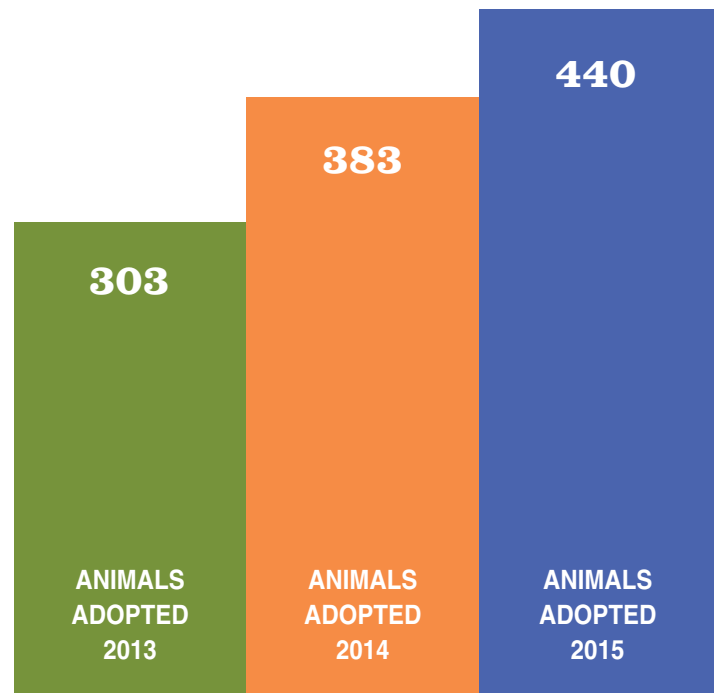
Pets with medical issues: Some pets come to us needing very expensive medical care. Pets like Winnie, an elderly Pit Bull mix in need of surgery for a severe infection and malignant tumor. Despite her age and difficult prognosis, we were able to find her a loving home. Or cats like Sylene and her mother Rainee, diagnosed with Feline Leukemia. Not only did we find them a home, we made sure they were adopted together.

More than 20% of our animals are senior or "special needs" pets.



Animals & Adoption

Last year, our Shelter found homes for 440 pets. We are a true resource for all the region's animals, caring for more than 700 animals in 2015 through a diverse variety of community programs, such as low cost spay/neuter and vaccination clinics, aid to struggling pet owners, and feral cat trap/neuter/release programs.



Financial Data

The Scituate Animal Shelter enjoyed a strong financial year in 2015. Thanks to our dedicated supporters, one very generous bequest, and a fantastic fundraising committee, we achieved our financial goals both in terms of fundraising and managing our operations within budget expectations, while increasing the number of animals adopted and served. Our first ever gala fundraiser, **Tails at Twilight**, was a huge success, and along with generous bequests, loyal donors, and corporate sponsorships, helped to successfully propel us into our third decade.

The Shelter enjoyed positive net income for the year which will be reinvested into new and expanded services for the animals and communities we serve.

Thank you to everyone who helped us make 2015 a successful financial year, and thanks to our wonderful foster families and adopters for helping us place so many deserving animals in their forever homes.

Karen McKenna
SAS Board of Directors
Treasurer

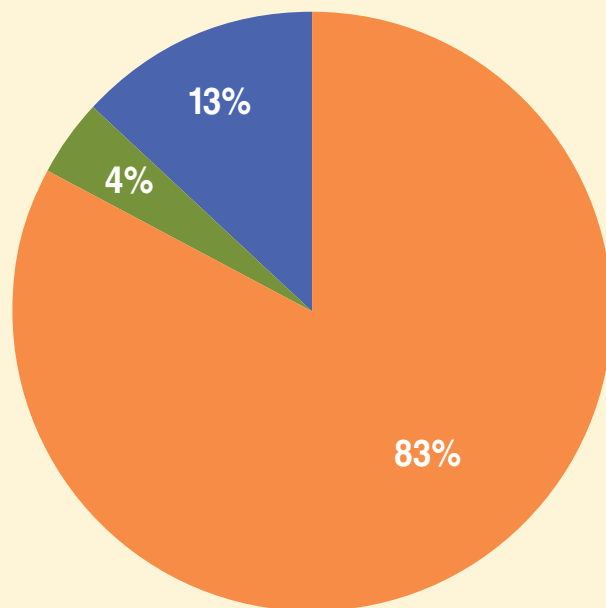
REVENUE	2015	2014
Adoption Fees & Programs	\$ 69,010	\$ 55,553
Contributions	\$ 493,711	\$ 258,309
Fundraising & Events	\$ 110,493	\$ 134,542
Other Income	-\$ 3,990	\$ 13,944
Total Income	\$ 669,224	\$ 462,348

EXPENSES	2015	2014
Animal Care & Programs	\$ 302,885	\$ 355,712
Administrative	\$ 13,687	\$ 10,278
Fundraising & Events	\$ 47,361	\$ 49,362
Other Expenses	\$ 312	\$ 382
Total Expenses	\$ 364,245	\$ 415,696

NET INCOME	2015	2014
	\$ 304,979	\$ 46,651

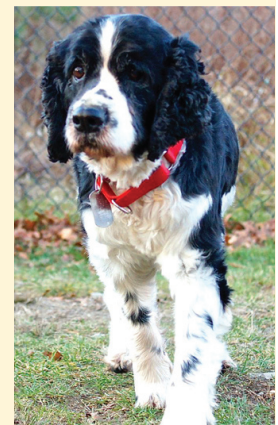
2015 EXPENSES:

- Animal Care & Programs
- Administrative
- Fundraising & Events



2015 BY THE NUMBERS:

- 2,000** lbs. pet food donated to needy families
- 440** total adoptions
- 193** cat adoptions
- 160** volunteers
- 153** kitten adoptions
- 131** rabies shots given
- 71** dog adoptions
- 59** low cost spay and neuters
- 54** cats TNR'd
- 40** clients for HELP
- 38** cats low cost spay and neutered
- 21** dogs low cost spay and neutered
- 13** small animal adoptions
- 10** puppy adoptions



Our Values at Work in the Community

We are truly one of the most important resources for Massachusetts animals South of Boston.

Our animals come from all over the state, and we are committed to being the region's top resource for animals.

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**Volunteers:
the #1 reason
we are able to do
all that we do.**

We have close to 200 volunteers that care for our shelter animals 365 days a year. They staff our clinics and outreach programs, conduct humane education with local youth groups, and fundraise tirelessly all year long.



Compassionate care for feral and stray cat populations.

Our Trap/Neuter/Release programs are helping cats across the state to live better lives. In 2015, we homed 153 feral kittens and neutered 54 adult cats, a vital intervention, given that statistics show that just two young un-neutered cats can lead to a population of 2,201 in four years.



**Finding homes for
more animals each year.**

We are 100% committed to ending homelessness for the region's adoptable pets.



**Low cost
medical clinics
for the South
Shore.**

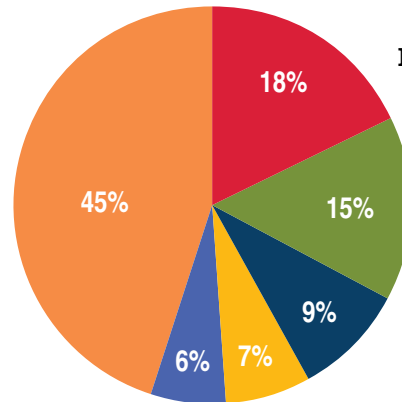
In 2015, we vaccinated 131 community pets against rabies, and performed 59 low cost spay and neutering operations for local cats and dogs. Our programs enable people to keep their animals healthy, happy, and in their own homes.



Your Support Does a World of Good

The Scituate Animal Shelter relies 100% on donations. These gifts translate directly to better lives for the animals of the South Shore of Massachusetts. Your support makes all the difference in the world to them!

DONOR CATEGORY	NO. PER CATEGORY	DONATION VALUE
Platinum	4	\$ 61,495.85
Gold (\$2,500 – \$9,999)	16	\$ 68,005.57
Silver (\$1,000 – \$2,499)	38	\$ 53,332.77
Bronze (\$500 – \$999)	58	\$ 33,309.10
Friend	1071	\$ 92,264.95
In-Kind	89	Donations of tangibles/intangibles
GRAND TOTAL	1276	\$308,408.24



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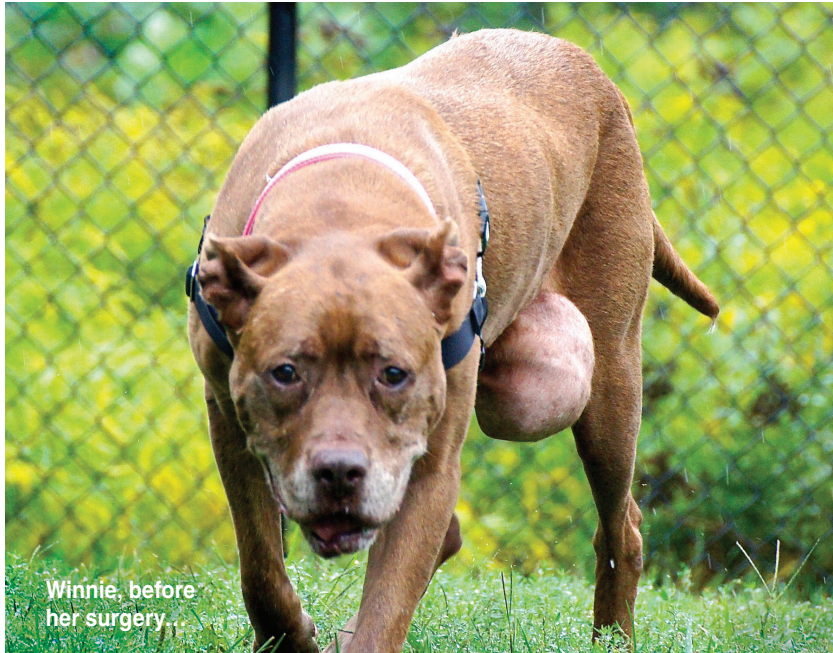
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Your Donations at Work



Winnie, before her surgery...



...and after, with new mom Riann

A Second Chance for a Senior Dog

One of our most shared stories of 2015 was that of Winnie, an extremely sweet and elderly Pit Bull mix. Winnie was found abandoned and suffering from multiple complex medical issues, including a very large tumor on her abdomen. We rescued her, got her the best medical care, and, despite her advanced age and an uncertain prognosis, found her a loving home.

Helen K. Frank: A True Angel for Animals



Helen K. Frank's niece Seana Cahoon, seated center, with Shelter staff and Board members

It is with deep gratitude that we recognize the Helen K. Frank Trust for its extremely generous bequest in 2015.

Helen Frank was a lifelong animal lover with deep family roots in Scituate. Animals were always a big part of her life and seemed to instinctively trust her, from a roaming peacock in Maryland who befriended her and roosted in one of her trees nightly, to the skittish feral cats who lived on her property and allowed her to take them to the vet when needed (no small feat as anyone with knowledge of undomesticated cats can attest to).

Helen was introduced to the Shelter by her animal-loving nieces, Seana Cahoon and Marilyn Raben. With her bequest, she ensured that her estate would make a real difference in the health and welfare of animals long after she was gone. We are indebted to her generosity, and to that of her family.

(The Platinum gift numbers on page 6 do not reflect this most generous gift.)

Board of Directors



President Thomas Poppey has been a supporter of the Scituate Animal Shelter for many years and joined the Board of Directors in 2013. Tom is now serving his first term as President of the Board, and also serves as Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee. Tom is employed at Brown Brothers Harriman as Senior Vice President and resides in Cohasset with his wife, Elissa, and their two dogs and three cats, including Hemingway, an alumnus of the shelter.



Vice President Lisey Good has been a dog care volunteer since 2013, joined the Board in 2015, and serves as the Chair of the Communications and Marketing Committee. Her animal volunteer experience includes work with dogs, chimps, monkeys, seals and sea lions, and a stint manning a canine and feline behavior hotline for a Boston-based animal organization. Lisey also serves on the Board of international animal welfare organization, The Harmony Fund. A practicing interior designer since 2002, her previous work experience was in the field of communications and marketing, including working as Director of Marketing for one of the largest television marketing companies in the world. Lisey and her husband Lenny live with rescue dogs Goose and Cooper in Cohasset.



Treasurer Karen McKenna has been volunteering at the shelter since 2002, as a dog and cat care provider, adoption counselor, customer care representative, and has also served as shift leader, animal care trainer, and on various Shelter committees. She is a member of the Board's Finance and Audit Committee.

Before entering practice as an estate planning attorney with a mid-sized Boston firm, she worked as an accounting and operations manager for several small Boston-area businesses. Born and raised in Scituate, Karen resides there with her husband, Brian, as well as 4 cats and 2 dogs, all adopted from the Shelter.



Secretary Charlene McHale has been involved with the shelter since she moved to the area from Connecticut in 1998. She began as a Saturday morning cat care provider, served on the Board from 2001 to 2011 and has assisted in many Shelter activities including house tours, fashion shows, St. Patrick Day parades, and golf tournaments. She currently serves on the Communications and Marketing Committee, and oversees the Shelter's Educational and Outreach Program. Charlene is employed as an Office Manager at a venture capital group in Boston, and lives in Scituate with her cat Lacey (a shelter alum) and dog Griffin. In her spare time, she loves to travel and enjoys taking yoga and Zumba classes.



Karen Borgelt has been a volunteer at the Shelter since 2011, serving as a cat care provider and adoption counselor. As a Board Member, she is Chair of the Fundraising Committee. She is a graduate of Wilkes College and earned her Masters Degree in Social Work at Our Lady of the Lake University. A former Hospital and Clinical Research Administrator, she also worked as an Oncology Social Worker in Philadelphia, where she met her husband, Bruce. She redirected her energies to raising two sons, Alex and Nate, while serving on many fund raising committees at The Meadows School in Las Vegas. She was Secretary and a Board Member of the Assistance League of Las Vegas, participating in numerous philanthropic endeavors and serving on its Fundraising Committee and as chair of its major fundraiser, *An Evening to Treasure*, and a Board Member for the Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Las Vegas. In addition to the Shelter's animals, she nurtures a rescue dog and cat and lives with her husband in Hanover.



Treasa Downey worked at the Shelter from 2007 until 2013 as Director of Operations and now serves on the Board of Directors. Treasa serves on the Human Resources and Nominating Committee, overseeing the staff and Shelter operations. Prior to joining the Shelter, Treasa worked at the Salem Animal Rescue League in New Hampshire, and also volunteered at the Quincy Animal Shelter for 7 years. She is on the Advisory Board for the New England Federation of Humane Societies and is an operations member for the Massachusetts Animal Coalition's AniMatch Program. Outside of work, Treasa can be found in her garden. She also enjoys cooking, reading and traveling back to her native Ireland to visit her family. Most of all, she enjoys spending time with her husband, John, and their two black cats, Digger and Fionn, who she happily acquired by "failing" fostering 12 years ago!



Susan Hart has been a Scituate resident for 33 years, working for the Town of Scituate School Department since 1988. She has been active with the Shelter since 1997, over the years serving as a cat care volunteer, a co-chair of the annual yard sale, Outreach Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator, shift-leader, Feral Cat Committee Member and on the Board of Directors from 1998-2010, before rejoining the Board in 2014. She is a member of the Fundraising Committee. She lives with husband John, and two black cats, Kona (a former feral) and Keira, both adopted from the Shelter. Sue has two adult daughters who live in Quincy. When not fulfilling one of her many roles at the Shelter, Sue enjoys travel, shopping, reading and crafting.



Diane St. Ours, a past Chairman of the Board, began volunteering with the Shelter in 1998 as a dog walker, a commitment she held for 17 years until hanging up her sneakers to concentrate on community relations. Now Diane serves as Community and Public Relations Director working with the Communications and Marketing Committee, heading up Outreach Programs and maintaining the organization's Facebook page, among (many) other duties. She is the mother of two grown daughters and a grandmother of six, so she particularly loves sharing the Shelter experience with children's groups, and frequently hosts group tours for scout groups, as well as retirement homes and other organizations. She serves as an adoption counselor, helping pets find their forever families, and coordinates "meet and greet" events with the community. Diane lives in Norwell with two pets adopted from the Shelter, Mercy the cat and Dusty the dog.



Bob Ryan is an author and sportswriter who worked for the Boston Globe for over 40 years, retiring in 2012. Bob is the current Board Chairman of the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association, and is past president of the United States Basketball Writers Association and the NBA Writers Association. He became interested in the Shelter through his wife's volunteer efforts there, joining the Board of Directors in 2015. Bob is a member of the Communications and Marketing Committee and writes highly popular adoptable animal profiles for the Shelter which appear in 5 local newspapers several times per month. He and wife Elaine live in Hingham.



Debra Squires-Lee is a litigation partner at the law firm of Sherin and Lodgen in Boston and joined the Board of Directors in 2014, where she serves as a member of our Human Resources and Nominating Committee. Debra has always been active in the community, including serving on the Board of Trustees of Old Ship Church and Wilder Memorial Nursery School, and she is also a member of the Massachusetts Board of Bar Examiners, which evaluates the qualifications of persons seeking admission to the bar in Massachusetts. Debra lives in Hingham with her husband, three children, an eight-year-old Beagle, and four cats, three of whom were fostered and adopted from the Shelter: Sherlock Holmes, Samwise Gamgee and Silica Stone.



Director Emeritus Kim Stewart, a lifelong resident of Scituate, began volunteering with the Shelter in 1994. Her mother, Loretta Darian, was one of the founding members of the Shelter. Kim has served as President and Vice President of the Board, volunteered as both a cat care and dog care volunteer, and has served on multiple Board committees. Currently Kim is a member of the Shelter's Human Resources and Nominating Committee. She is a Certified Animal Control Officer for the Town of Scituate, a member of SMART (State of Massachusetts Animal Response Team), and serves on the founding Board of Directors for SANDS (Scituate Alliance for Natural Disaster Services). She is a Director Emeritus for Scituate Community Christmas. Kim and her husband, Mike, live in Scituate with their adopted Shelter dog, Howard, and have an adult son, Ryan, who lives on Cape Cod. Kim describes the Shelter as a place that is "near and dear" to her heart.

