



SAS ANNUAL REPORT 2023



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

2023 was another successful year delivering on our mission to improve the lives of animals and the people who love them. SAS found homes for 492 cats, dogs, and other small animals while contributing in many other ways, such as low-cost spay/neuter programs, providing food and supplies to families that need a helping hand, and reuniting lost pets to their families.

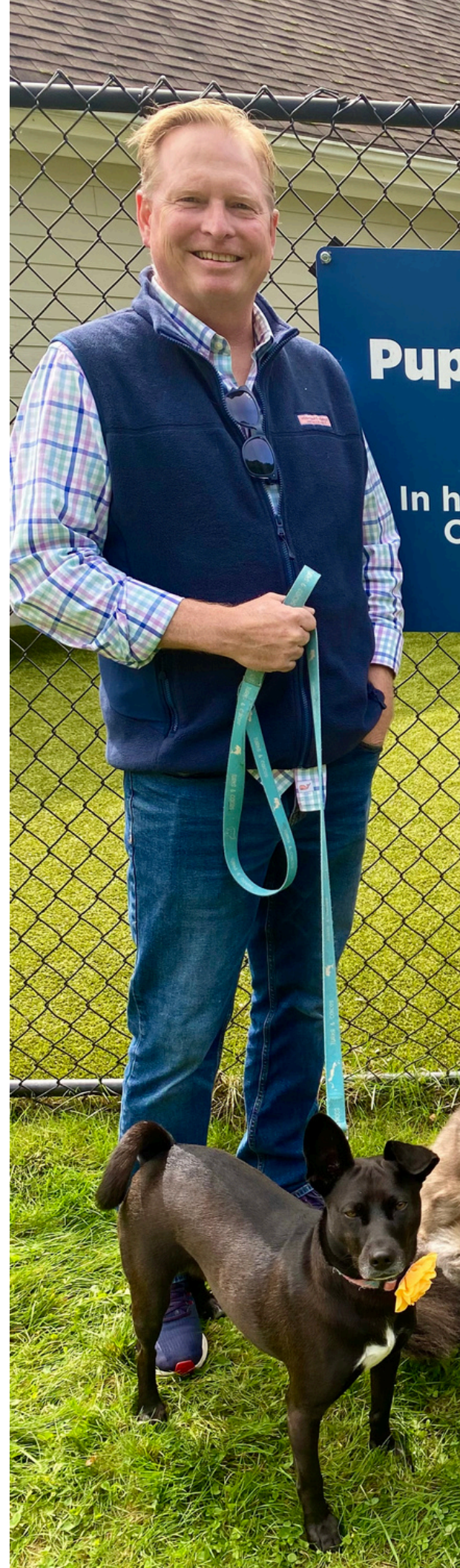
An exciting development was the addition of an in-house veterinary care team this year. On a related note, we started construction on a veterinary care center, made possible through the generosity of many including Fox Rock Foundation and the Shirley S. Windsor Charitable Trust. Once complete, SAS will be able to provide timely and expert medical services for the animals in our care.

Such measurable positive impact for animals doesn't happen without sound planning and hard work. We are fortunate to have talented staff and tireless volunteers that contribute their time and energy to all aspects of our work. I am constantly grateful for the dedication of our extended team.

We completed our 31st year of operations in 2023, standing on the shoulders of giants that had the foresight to establish the Scituate Animal Shelter in 1992. It is amazing and rewarding to consider the positive impact we've had on countless animals over the years. Thank you for all you do to make SAS thrive!

On behalf of the Scituate Animal Shelter Board of Directors,

Tom Poppey, President



THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

50,000+ lbs pet food donated to owners in need
492 homeless animals adopted to loving homes
330 dedicated volunteers who work 365 days
292 homes found for shelter cats & kittens
173 homes found for shelter dogs & pups
148 senior or special needs pets homed
73 neuters for feral/community cats
34 lost pets reunited with owners
27 homes for rabbits & small pets
1 homeless duck adopted



492 pet
adoptions
in 2023



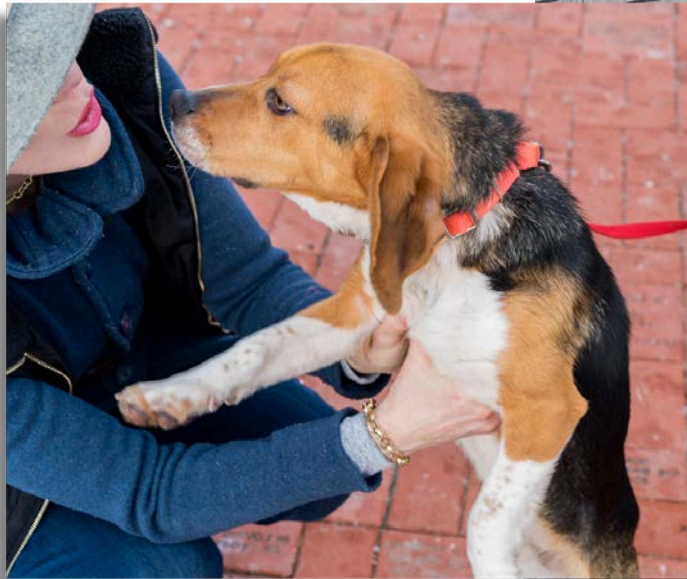
Feral or
community cats
awaiting transport
after surgery



Adoptions have
increased 62%
since 2013

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers are highly trained, highly dedicated...and one reason we are able to have an outsized impact on our region's pets while maintaining a lean organization.





Our volunteer programs are vital to animal care, community outreach, messaging and fundraising.

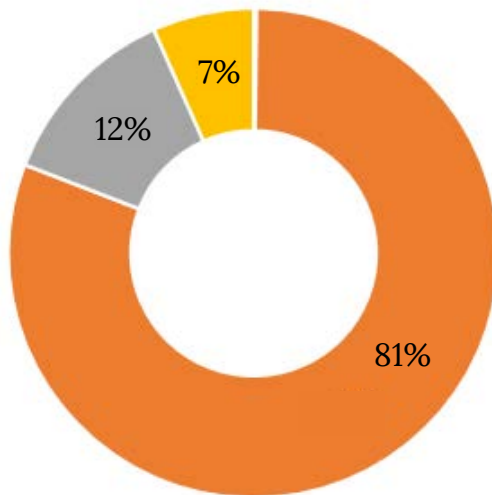
- Dog walking & enrichment
- Cat care & enrichment
- Facilities maintenance
- Fostering
- Cleaning
- Fundraising
- Events staffing
- Communications
- Transportation
- Adoption counseling



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Our financial transparency & low administrative / fundraising costs relative to program expenditures earned us a “Gold” rating on GuideStar, the world’s largest independent charity rater & database.

BREAKDOWN OF EXPENSES



Animal care
& programs

Management
& General

Fundraising

QUICK STATISTICS:

Progress, by the numbers:

2013	vs	2023
303 ▶	Adoptions	◀ 492
57 ▶	Feral neuters	◀ 73
150 lbs ▶	Pet food donated	◀ 50,000+ lbs
16 ▶	Lost pets reunited	◀ 34



81%

spent on direct animal
care & humane
programs



REVENUE & EXPENSES

Independent charity rater Charity Navigator upgraded the Scituate Animal Shelter in 2023, assigning a rating of 88% out of 100.

REVENUE	2022	2023
Adoption fees	\$ 79,361	\$ 129,562
Donations	\$ 538,562	\$ 355,531
Investment Return	\$ (278,562)	\$ 227,750
Fundraising Events	\$ 226,419	\$ 224,274
Grants	\$ 99,265	\$ 32,650
Interest & Other	\$ 3,506	\$ 32,439
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 668,551	\$1,002,206

EXPENSES	2022	2023
Animal care/programs	\$ 659,552	\$ 805,770
Management/general	\$ 98,983	\$ 124,269
Fundraising	\$ 72,688	\$ 66,622
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 831,223	\$ 996,661

NET INCOME	2022	2023
	\$ (162,672)	\$ 5,545

19%

spent on fundraising &
administrative costs



SHELTER HIGHLIGHTS

Our very busy shelter finds homes for a diverse group of Massachusetts animals who come to us from nearly every part of the Commonwealth.

Freddie

Like many neglected or abandoned pets, this elderly, blind & deaf dog arrived at SAS in rough shape. Fostered and then quickly adopted, today he is healthy, loved and thriving.

Special needs pets

In 2023, 30% of our shelter pets were senior or “special needs” with many residents classified as both. In fact, we find homes for animals other shelters might hesitate to accept.



Freddie
at intake



Freddie, after



Freddie was adopted
by an SAS volunteer



Hospice Pets

When animals arrive with terminal illnesses, we adopt them to families who pledge to give them excellent quality of life for the time they have left. 15-year-old Daisy was one such “hospice” pet, loved and spoiled for the nine months she lived after her adoption in 2023.

Shy kittens

Why two is better than one.

Kittens born stray miss out on critical early human socialization and are often very fearful. We strive to re-home them in pairs which helps them to adapt to their new homes and families more quickly, with less stress.



We adopted
292 kittens
& cats in 2023

Adopting bonded pets together

Choosing the humane option, not the easy option.

Most animals who come to SAS arrive alone. When a pair of animals arrives together, we assess if they have a bond, and if they do, we try to honor what we believe to be their preference to stay together. Finding one home for two (or more) animals is not the most expedient nor cost effective choice, but we believe it to be the right one. We continued this humane practice often in 2023 with some notable successes.



It would have been easy to find homes for each of these three pets individually. Instead, we conducted a widespread publicity campaign that enabled us to adopt bonded family members Sammy, London & Roman, above, together.



Astro & Papi had been neglected & were fearful when they arrived (above).

We gave them much needed attention & grooming (right) & found a loving home for them together in December.



VETERINARY CARE CENTER

Breaking ground on a dream

In-house
care to
improve
quality of life
for pets

The cost of veterinary care has increased 60% in ten years. In 2023, we started construction on an in-house veterinary care center to allow for cost-effective routine surgeries and wellness care.

The facility, funded by generous grants & gifts from individual donors, will do more than simply reduce costs and save staff/ volunteer time; it should speed up medical care, neutering & other common surgeries and lessen the time it takes for a pet to be ready for adoption.



The most common surgeries performed on our pets: spay/neuters, dental extractions, mass removals, and eye procedures such as entropion or cherry eye surgeries.

Grateful thanks to:



Shirley S. Windsor
Charitable Trust

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FUNDRAISING

Putt For Pets SAS Golf Classic

The tournament took place at Scituate's Hatherly Country Club. It raised revenue via entrance fees, event sponsorships, individual hole sponsorships, a helicopter ball drop raffle, and a silent auction.



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Dine Out for Cats & Dogs

This event, a promotion undertaken with South Shore restaurants, took place on Wednesday August 30, 2023.

Conceived as a fundraiser that also helps SAS to maintain a high profile in our region, the annual event receives widespread press & attracts large numbers of diners each year.

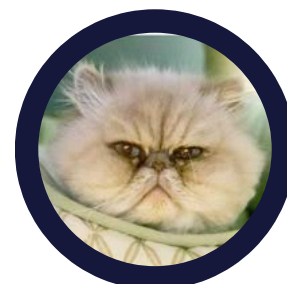
Restaurants pay a donation to participate and in turn are publicized extensively. A “canine ambassador,” a formerly homeless dog happily adopted through SAS, greets diners at each venue.



OUR GENEROUS DONORS

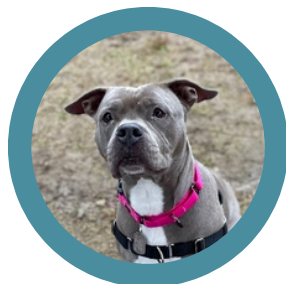
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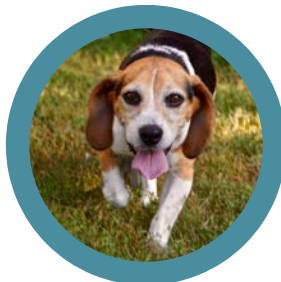
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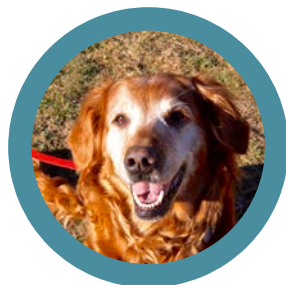
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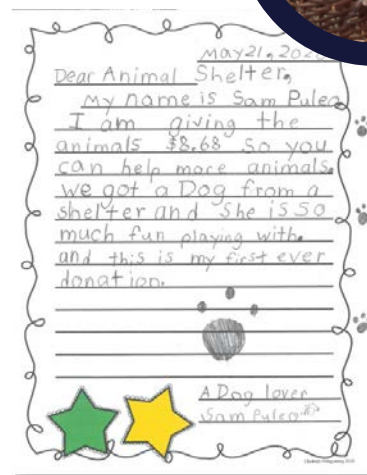


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