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Dear Friends,

In 2019, we broadened our work on behalf of the animals and people in our community by adding new and expanded programs. We made progress on our strategic plan, and thanks to generous donations, laid the foundation for long-term financial security with the creation of the Susan A. Phippen Endowment Fund.

Due to the tireless efforts of our staff and volunteers, more than 500 animals embarked on a better life in new homes, with many more avoiding future homelessness through our neutering programs. We added a new Volunteer Coordinator and programs for kids, including animal-welfare oriented internships and positions. With a grant from singer Miranda Lambert's MuttNation, we were able to offer fee-waived adoptions, resulting in many happy matches. All of us from SAS including my Marco, adopted in 2007, salute those who make it possible for so many of our animals and humans to feel safe, comfortable, and well-loved. — **Sincerely, Stacey Weaver**

A FAMOUS SINGER USES HER STAR POWER TO HELP OUR PETS

Singer Miranda
Lambert may be
famous for her
music, but her love
for animals is also
well documented...
and this is one
celebrity who puts
her money where
her heart is.



The MultiNation Foundation donates to only one animal charity per state; SAS was honored to be chosen.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019



Helping community pet owners

When a government shutdown left many local neighbors struggling to pay their bills, we held a free pet food and supplies clinic for all impacted workers.



Creative community fundraising

We expanded our fundraising efforts with community initiatives like the Dine Out for Dogs & Cats event partnering with local restaurants and a Boston Marathon run, spearheaded by a dedicated volunteer, that netted over \$16,000 for our pets.



Spreading our message

We steadily increased our media presence to help find homes for our pets—and to highlight the many reasons that dogs and cats become homeless. Our pets were featured in *Reader's Digest*, and on CNN, CBS News and Fox News.



Increased aid for cats

We found homes for 300 cats in 2019, including 44 kittens born stray. As part of our humane feral cat initiatives, we neutered 59 street cats, helping to reduce unwanted litters—and ensuring better lives for these vulnerable



Our communications team paired the gift with waived adoption fees, resulting in a story that was picked up by 60+ news outlets. IN THE SPRING OF 2019, SAS was delighted to receive a generous check from the megastar's MuttNation foundation. The gift was a complete surprise, and was especially welcome given that it was a de facto stamp of approval of our work: MuttNation researches animal charities nationwide and chooses only one charity per state to support. Given our small size, and the collection of the high-profile rescue organizations in Massachusetts, we were thrilled.

To maximize the publicity from the gift, we decided to use it to waive adoption fees during the slowest

time of the year for us: summer. On July 10, we announced the gift—and the no-fee promotion—via social media, stating: "There is a reason that dogs love country music." The post went 'viral,' being shared more than 10,000 times in the first few minutes.

As a result, our staff was interviewed by *The Boston Globe* and three major Boston-area television networks, and the story was picked up by CNN, Fox News, TMZ, national country music radio stations, and over 60 local television news outlets across the country. The resulting publicity meant that, for the first time in our history, we had a line of more than 15 potential adopters waiting to enter our building the next day, and all of our animals were in new homes within 14 days of the announcement.

Delilah was one of the pets who found a home as a result of the Miranda Lambert gift and promotion.



The Scituate Animal Shelter 2019

STEADY PROGRESS: Big gains for the region's pets



7.000 pounds of pet food distributed to owners in need

2.000 pounds of pet food distributed to owners in need

1,200+ animals helped via our programs

+008 animals helped via our programs

509 animals adopted 440

animals adopted

280 volunteers

160 volunteers

300

193 cats adopted

cats & kittens adopted

81

134 dogs & puppies adopted

dogs & puppies adopted

75 small mammals & birds adopted

13 small mammals & birds adopted

59

feral cats neutered

54

feral cats neutered

PET FOOD DONATIONS TO PET OWNERS FACING FINANCIAL NEED Part of our initiatives to keep pets from being surrendered

due to financial hardship, our pet food pantry outreach increased 350% over 5 years.

2015

2016

2017

2018

2019

55 lost South Shore pets were reunited with their owners in 2019.



Reuniting lost pets with their grateful owners

IF A PET IS FOUND STRAY on the South Shore, it is likely that he or she will end up at our shelter. Over the years, we've taken in countless stray dogs, cats, rabbits...and even a snake! Once animals come to us, we spring into action, posting bulletins in the area where they were found and spreading identifying info through our extensive social media networks. If no owner comes forth, we find a home for the pet. But happily, we were able to reunite 55 pets in 2019 with their very thankful owners.





e are so lucky to have the support of our community. You, our supporters, made 2019 another successful year, and

enabled us to care for over a thousand animals in different ways, from finding adoptive homes, to providing low cost medical care, to supporting the vulnerable feral cats of our region. With your help, our programs aided local pets and even reduced the number of Massachusetts animals who will end up in shelters in the future. We are incredibly grateful for our community's help and we at SAS look forward to continuing to work together to better the lives of pets and the people who love them.

- Maryann Regan, Executive Director



Bad cats?

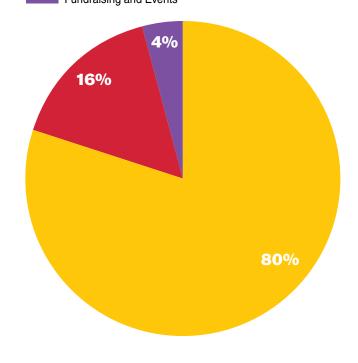
IZZY WAS A TOTAL DIVA: absolutely gorgeous, but boy did she know it. Gladys was so shy she wouldn't let potential adopters near enough to get a look. Midnight was friendly but needed daily insulin shots. And Alice? There was nothing wrong with her, except that she was a "run-of-the-mill" black cat, so she was routinely overlooked. In September of 2019, SAS launched a successful (and tongue-in-cheek) campaign to find homes for so-called 'bad cats' by waiving fees for them. The humorous promotion was made possible by two generous supporters who agreed to subsidize the successful effort. All of the cats were quickly adopted.

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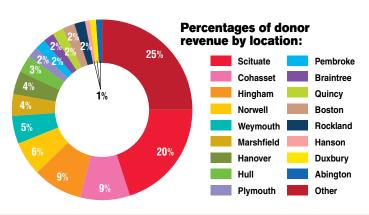
REVENUE		2018		2019
Adoption Fees and Programs	\$	96,150	\$	72,704
Donations	\$	383,840	\$	622,289
Fundraising Events	\$	97,682	\$	102,575
Grants	\$	19,000	\$	24,000
Endowment Income	\$	_	\$	20,328
Other	\$	2,802	\$	2,069
Total Income	\$	599,474	\$	843,965
EXPENSES		2018		2019
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Animal Care and Programs Administrative Fundraising and Events Other Expenses	\$ \$ \$	421,272 131,202 18,102 0	\$ \$	468,135 95,249 20,297 0

2019 EXPENSES:

Animal Care and Humane Welfare Programs Administrative and Staffing Fundraising and Events



The Scituate Animal Shelter relies 100% on donations. These gifts translate directly to better lives for the animals of our region, and the people who love them. Your support does a world of good!



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SPOTLIGHT:

From severe neglect to a happy new life



ONE OF OUR FAVORITE 2019 STORIES involved two foxhound littermates named Ray

and Morty. These young dogs came to us after a rough start in life, which included severe neglect. Ray, in particular, presented with such extreme anxiety that he had to be separated from his brother completely. He was too fearful to handle, and could not be walked on a leash for weeks.

Happily, Morty, a more confident dog, was quickly adopted and thrived in his new home where he was renamed Sam. But Ray's severe issues meant that despite our intensive training protocols, it was months before we deemed him ready to be shown to potential adopters.

That's where the story gets interesting. We reached out to the woman who had adopted Morty/Sam to see if she'd be willing to re-introduce the brothers under our close supervision, and

to consider fostering Ray if the intro went well. She agreed, the introduction went spectacularly well, and she ended up adopting Ray!

Today, the brothers are now permanently reunited and inseparable.

They live a happy life full of ocean swims, muddy hikes and exhausted naps. We couldn't have wished for a better family or a life for them.

Ray was so fearful that he needed months of patient training before he could be reunited with his brother.

It was a big year for birds at SAS

While we are best known for services for cats, dogs and rabbits, in 2019 we found homes for a record 17 birds.

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STACEY WEAVER President

Stacey Weaver began volunteering at the Scituate Animal Shelter after retirement from the investment business. A longtime cat owner and current mother of two rescued cats, she was impressed by SAS's mission to help both animals and people, its success in finding homes and the hard work and positive attitude of the staff and volunteers. She worked on the capital campaign to build the new facility that opened in 2009, and currently is a member of the Finance and Audit and Strategic Planning Committees. For the past 27 years she has lived in Cohasset with her cat-loving husband, John Beck.



ROBERT KARLIS

Bob Karlis joined the Board of SAS in fall of 2019. Previously a director for many years with the Abigail Adams Historical Society, he has an MBA from Northeastern and an entrepreneurial background in business with both corporate and small business development. He and his wife are ardent dog lovers and have adopted six dogs over the years, including Finnegan, shown at left.



MARIA KENNEDY Vice President

Maria Kennedy was a long-time supporter of SAS prior to becoming a Canine Care Volunteer in March 2017. She serves on the Gala Committee. Maria joined the Board of Directors in November 2017. Parents of two grown sons. Maria and her husband live in Cohasset with their rescue dog Mayerick. In 2019. Maria served as Chair of SAS's largest fundraiser, the Tails at Twilight Gala.



SHANE HUNTER

Shane is a dog lover and has had numerous pets over the years, with Brady being the latest. He has previously served on the board of CONNECT (a startup incubator in San Diego, CA) and on the advisory board for the Adventure Guides program of the YMCA in Encinitas, CA. A patent lawyer, he is co-founder of Hunter Clark LLC and general counsel of restor-Vault LLC.



PETER MAKI Treasurer

Peter has been a supporter of the Scituate
Animal Shelter for many years, and currently serves as the Chair for the Finance and Audit Committee. Presently he is the CFO of Rockland-based Polymer Corporation. Peter resides in Scituate with his wife, and two cats adopted from SAS, Nemo and Casper.



LISEY GOOD

Lisey Good's past experience includes serving as Director of Marketing for a global television marketing firm as well as extensive non-profit public relations work. A lifelong animal lover, she previously volunteered with seals, sea lions, dogs and chimpanzees, and began involvement with SAS as a Canine Care Volunteer. At SAS, she chairs the Communications Committee. Lisey and her husband live with two rescue dogs including SAS alum Phoebe, right.



JIMMY KARAS Clerk

Jimmy Karas joined the Board of Directors in 2017. His professional experience includes a role at Boston Private Wealth, as well as serving as a member of the New England Broker Dealer/ Investment Adviser Association. At SAS, he is the serves on the Fundraising Committee. Jimmy resides in West Bridgewater with wife and daughter and two rescue dogs, Winston and Roxie.



DIANE ESSLINGER

Diane Esslinger spent over 35 years in law firm administration as Executive Director, and as Director of Human Resources at two Boston law firms. Now retired, she is pursuing her interests in travel, gardening, birding and other outdoor activities. She first volunteered at SAS in the mid-90s and currently serves on the HR & Nominating Committee. Over the years she has been adopted by a number of both sheltered and feral kitties, each of whom has added much to her quality of life.



HEIDI CONDON

Heidi Condon is the principal of HC Designs, a Scituate-based design firm founded in 1998 that is one the best known residential design firms in the region. She holds two degrees from the Rhode Island School of Design in both fine arts and architecture. A longtime supporter of SAS. Heidi joined the Board in 2019. She lives with husband Rick and three doas.



CARLA POULSON

Carla Poulson is currently Vice President of Human Resources for a Boston-based pharmaceutical company and joined the Board in 2018 after training as a Cat Care Volunteer. She is passionate about animals and their positive impact on our lives and communities and seeks to help SAS continue to educate the community about issues relative to animal welfare. Carla lives in Hingham, MA with her husband, two children, a labradoodle and rescue cat Magnolia, adopted from SAS.



MICHELLE COX

Michelle Cox began volunteering with SAS as a dog walker in 2014, and she and her partner Kerrie have been very strong supporters since that time. Michelle is a realtor with Jack Conway & Company in Hingham, and her career in real estate takes her all over the South Shore. Michelle and Kerrie lived in Hingham for many years but recently relocated to Hull. They have three rescue dogs: Palo, Sadie and Lady.



BOB RYAN

Bob Ryan is one of the best-known sports writers in America. He worked for The Boston Globe for 40+ years, and is the current Board Chairman of the **National Sportscasters** and Sportswriters Association. Bob previously served as president of the United States Basketball Writers Association and the NBA Writers Association. A longtime animal lover, his interest in the Shelter began with his wife's volunteer efforts there, joining the Board in 2015. He serves on the Communications Committee.

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