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Thank You from CEO and Board Chair

The 2015 Fiscal Year was one of significant investment in the growth of the VBSPCA thanks to your support.

In January we had a ribbon cutting for our new Pet Supplies and Adoption Center in Kempsville. The center has enabled us to expand our footprint, house more animals at any one time, and reach a new audience of adopters who might not typically visit a shelter. Thanks in part to the addition of the new center, we increased our number of adoptions by 24% over the previous year.

This means everyone was working harder as we helped more pets find their forever homes. We reached out to assist other shelters near and far by accepting transfers of animals who likely would have been euthanized without our help. We established formal transfer partnerships with the ASPCA and The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), and we were named one of HSUS's Top 10 Emergency Placement Partners in the country.

Our clinic was working harder to meet the medical needs of all the animals in our shelter. We also expanded services in our public clinic, treating more animals who would likely go without proper care if it were not for our reduced rates for low-to-moderate income families. We served over 10,000 patients in our public clinic, and our number of spay neuter surgeries reached an all-time high.

As the only shelter in Virginia licensed to rehabilitate injured wildlife, we cared for 1655 injured wild animals, an increase of 13% over the previous year.

Our Humane Education department partnered with more schools than ever before with a 20% increase in the number of schools reached by our Compassion

Classroom program. The program was honored with a Virginia Beach Public Schools Model Partnership Award. We were one of only 10 programs selected out of 270 nominations to receive this award.

Our Volunteer program was also award winning, with our adult volunteers receiving a Volunteer Hampton Roads Achievement Award. We added over 500 new adult volunteers and had 150 new junior volunteer applications, bringing our total number of active volunteers to over 3000.

In April we had another ribbon cutting at Happy Paws, our new Humane Pet Training Center established in collaboration with the Norfolk SPCA and the Chesapeake Humane Society. The center is open to the public with a goal of providing high-quality training and consultation to help more people learn to appropriately manage animal behavior and create happy, lasting homes for pets.

As you read more about our accomplishments from Fiscal Year 2015, please know that 2016 is sure to be another banner year. We will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the VBSPCA! This is a huge milestone that would not be possible without YOU and your commitment to our mission.

We are truly thankful for you. The VBSPCA is a community of compassion comprised of you and other generous and caring people like you. Whether you are a donor, a volunteer, a staff member or someone who has opened your heart and home to a shelter pet, you have alleviated suffering and saved lives.

With appreciation,

Dia DuVernet *Trish Blue*

Dia DuVernet
President & CEO

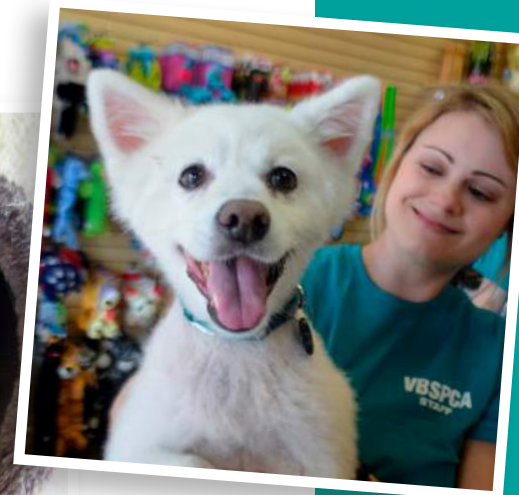
Trish Blue
Chair, Board of Directors

Expanding our Reach

Pet Supplies & Adoption Center

In January 2015 we held the grand opening for an exciting new venture that's revolutionizing the Hampton Roads animal shelter community. The Virginia Beach SPCA Pet Supplies & Adoption Center, located in the Providence Square Shopping Center in the Kempsville area of Virginia Beach, pairs a boutique-style retail store with adoptable shelter animals. Since our grand opening, over 600 animals have been adopted from this location! The feedback from the community has been overwhelmingly positive, and we were pleasantly surprised to learn that even animals with special needs are quickly adopted in this environment. We've also got just what new adopters (and veteran pet owners!) need for their four-legged friends, from treats to toys and everything in between. If you haven't stopped by for a visit yet, we invite you to come see what all the fuss is about!

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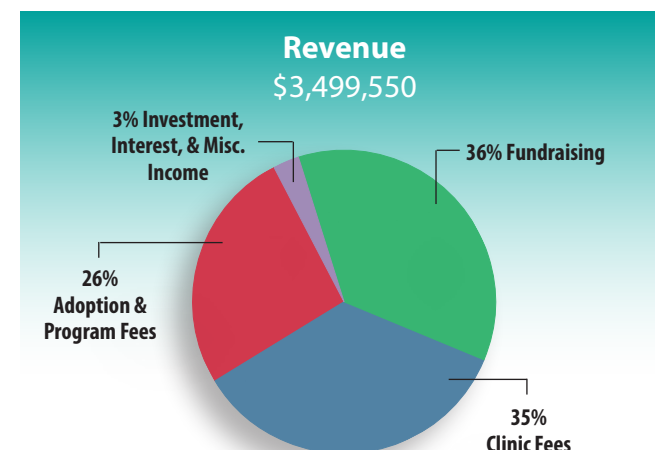
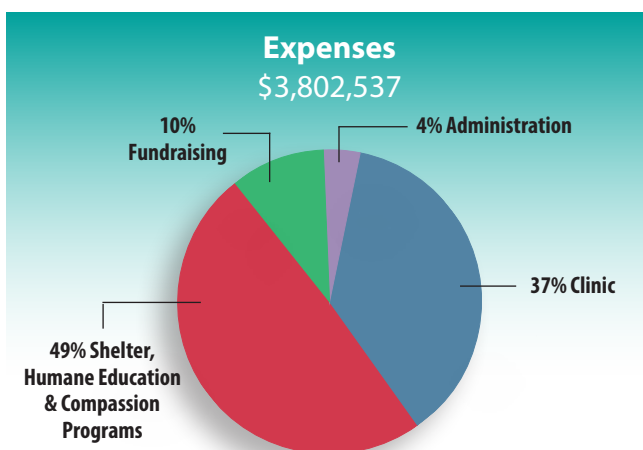
Happy Paws Training Center

April saw the opening of Happy Paws, a new Humane Pet Training Center that we've established in collaboration with Chesapeake Humane Society and the Norfolk SPCA. The training center is providing a wide range of training, from the basics like puppy training and obedience, to more advanced lessons like agility and those for shy or reactive dogs. Our goal is to strengthen the bond between pets and their families to help more people learn to manage animal behavior. Our hope is that educating the public, and giving them the skills necessary to live in harmony with their pets, will result in more pets remaining in their forever homes.



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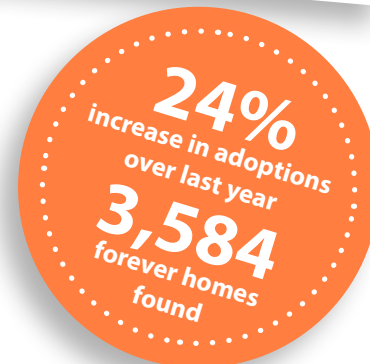
Support the animals today! Visit www.vbspca.com



Providing Shelter

This was a year of sweeping improvement for the animals in our care. Our adoption numbers soared to over 3500 animals, an increase of 680 animals over the previous year.

As part of our commitment to continuous self-improvement, we set out to make thoughtful, well-planned changes to our organizational structure, animal care protocols, and transfer partnerships. These adjustments, coupled with the hard work of our staff and volunteers, allowed us to attain a 90% adoption rate. In order to offer our adopters the best possible experience, we increased our evening hours and began including a physical exam by a licensed veterinarian with each adoption. By ensuring that each animal in our care is seen by a veterinarian, we are able to identify possible medical issues early, so that they can be addressed fully with potential adopters.



This year, we expanded our transfer network to 56 organizations, taking in 314 more transfer animals than last fiscal year. We are proud to have established formal transfer partnerships with the ASPCA and The Humane Society of the United States, and accepted transfers from shelters and hoarding situations near and far. In January we were named one of HSUS's Top Ten Emergency Placement Partners.

Annual Stats

Fiscal Year 2015

	Dogs	Cats	Other
Received	1939	1643	209
Adopted	1807	1465	312
Spay/Neuter	1157	1074	68
Euthanized*	130	142	11

*NOTE: All of the animals euthanized by the Virginia Beach SPCA were either ill, aggressive or otherwise unadoptable.

Providing Care

Low Cost Medical Clinic

10,000+
Public Patient Visits

5,450
Spay/Neuter
Surgeries Performed



Wildlife Program

- Provided care for 1,655 injured, orphaned, and displaced wildlife.
- Performed radiographs, wound repair, fracture repair, and administered injectable fluids on over 1,000 of those taken in.
- Completed construction of an outdoor duck pen, providing housing for over 75 birds while preparing for their release.
- Purchased IT equipment thanks to the Anne E. Grandy Animal Care and Education Fund, allowing children to connect with wildlife in a new way. Critter Campers are now able to see wildlife and watch medical procedures in real time without adding any stress to the animals.
- Gained the ability to perform visual exams offsite thanks to the new IT equipment, providing life-saving care when it's needed most.



Celebrating 50 Years of Compassion

We're More Than a Shelter.

We're a Community of Compassion.

These are words that you will hear over and over again as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Virginia Beach SPCA...a community of compassion. This year, we will be sharing stories that highlight just a few of the many animals and people who are part of our efforts to create a more humane and compassionate community. Because of you, we accomplish miracles every day. **You are the Virginia Beach SPCA.**



We are proud to call **Stephanie Taylor** our friend! The Eagle 97 DJ has emceed our annual 5k & Walk for the Animals for the past three years, and never misses the opportunity to educate others on the importance of adopting shelter pets. Stephanie says: "Working with the VBSPCA has brought me so much joy personally and professionally. My husband and I adopted our cat Louie 7 years ago from the VBSPCA and he is part of our family now forever! As an animal lover, I want to rescue them all! I created my Pet of the Week feature on 97.3 The Eagle to share the wonderful work being done at the SPCA and all of the shelter pets that are waiting to be adopted. I hope by lending my voice to our homeless animals that can't speak for themselves we can find them all fur-ever homes!"

Betty Boop is a former bait dog. Before coming to the VBSPCA, she spent her entire life outside with no human interaction. Her skin was infected, her teeth were filed down, and she was heartworm positive. Luckily for Betty, she had a team of staff, volunteers, and donors who were rooting for her, and they worked tirelessly to make sure that she received the second chance she deserved. Despite her sad past, Betty embraced human affection like she'd been waiting for it her entire life. She now lives with her loving family, who recently adopted her new best friend, Skylar. You may remember Skylar as the 4-month-old puppy who came to us covered in chemical burns last summer. Our hope is that every animal that comes through our doors will know the joy of human kindness and compassion. We are proud to count Betty Boop in our long list of success stories. She is living proof that when we all work together, amazing things can happen.



Ysabel Wells is a true inspiration for everyone at the Virginia Beach SPCA. We first met her several years ago as a Critter Camper. Our Humane Education department hosts week-long camps which aim to teach children lessons of compassion while giving them a fun and unique behind-the-scenes look at our shelter. One day, Ysabel met Dolly, a heartworm positive dog whose treatment would cost her adopters \$400. Ysabel decided to donate her savings toward Dolly's medical care, and encouraged her fellow campers to do the same. Since then, Ysabel has raised and donated hundreds of dollars to help pay for the heartworm treatment of VBSPCA dogs. When asked why she supports the VBSPCA, Ysabel says: "Because I love dogs and the Virginia Beach SPCA saves dogs. When you save a dog, you save a life." With children like Ysabel by our side, there's no limit to the number of lives we can save together!

Dawson arrived at the VBSPCA in July of 2015 as part of our transfer partnership with The Humane Society of the United States. He is one of more than 100 animals taken from a hoarding situation, where he lived in deplorable conditions without access to fresh food, water, toys, or clean litter. It took a village to help Dawson—a village made up of animal welfare organizations, volunteers, and generous donors. We are proud of our community for working together to ensure that he found a loving, healthy, forever home where he has the opportunity to shine.



Julie Taylor is a familiar face in our clinic. "Having inherited my parents' animals after their deaths, I don't know how I could have made it without the help of the VBSPCA...The doctors and techs and office staff are amazing, and have pulled me and these animals and others through too many diseases and infections to list here...my unfortunate medical luck is greatly mitigated by their care and expertise!!! Bravo to those wonderful souls who work such long hours and so hard to keep their animals alive and the humans emotionally sound." Through our low-cost veterinary clinic, we aim to make it easier for our clients with low or fixed incomes to provide much-needed medical care for their pets, thus keeping these pets in their loving homes. It brings us joy to know that the services we provide help to increase the quality of life of thousands of pets just like Julie's.

Building a Community

Award Winning Volunteers

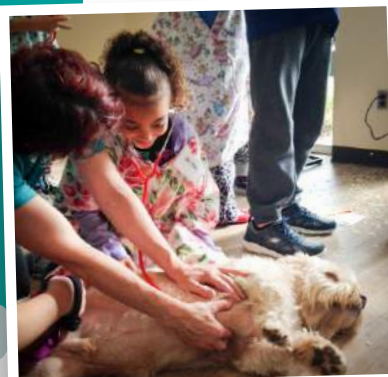


This year our volunteers were honored to have been awarded a Volunteer Achievement Award by Volunteer Hampton Roads. We were recognized for our excellence in community involvement and volunteer support. We welcomed over 500 new faces to our volunteer family, hosted 121 volunteer groups, and attended 187 offsite events. We introduced a new hands-on style orientation for kennel volunteers, leading to an increase in engagement. Our volunteers continue to provide Pet Therapy to 27 locations in Hampton Roads. For the first time ever, we offered a Family Volunteer Day, allowing families with young children who are not old enough to participate

as Junior Volunteers the opportunity to get involved in a fun and exciting way. One family of volunteers even adopted one of our longest kennel residents, Midnight!

Award Winning Humane Education

- Our Humane Education Program won a Virginia Beach Public Schools Model Partnership Award for our work with Providence Elementary School. Of the 270 organizations nominated, we were among 10 award recipients.
- Thanks to a \$15,000 grant from the Joshua P. and Elizabeth D. Darden Foundation, our Listening Ears program served 21 local elementary schools.
- Our Compassion Classroom program expanded to 48 schools, offering lessons of compassion to children in Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, and Norfolk Public Schools. We measured students' knowledge, attitudes, and self-reported behavior, related to compassion towards people and animals. Average pre- and post-assessment scores increased 10 points on a 100 point scale.



Tribute Gifts

Birthdays

Ava Dove
Kenneth Rand
Jillian Stanley

Beale Wilhoit
Tierney Ratti

Bob Mortell
Jack & Barbara Stehlik

Clara Murphy
Alisa Frenck

Cooper Cutchins
Jocelyn Altmeyer

Cynthia Stanoulis
Georgia Christie

Lana Sakhel
Samar Sakhel

Marilyn
Bernadette McCabe

Michael Sikorski
Denise Hickman

Morris Fine
Mary Reid Barrow

Rose Steingold
Richard Dodge

Teagan Nelson
Amy Murphy

Honors
"Bam Bam" & "Mufti"
Berta Lull

"Becca"
Rod and Billie Edwards

"Bogey"
Mary Hamm

"Brandy"
Vardell Nesmith

"Brinkley"
Nancy Doumar

"Cocoa"
Phillipe & Barbara
Daugherty

"Dakota"
Deborah Jordan

"Datson" & "Itchy"
James and Jane
Hoffmeister

"Frosty" and "Rosie" Rowe
Megan Rowe

"Ginger Elizabeth"
Kelly Anne Foley

"Ginger"
Janice Mohr

"Ginger"
Harry Entenberg

"Heidi"
Edward and Sandra
Marangoni

"Holly"
Earl & Edith Waddicar

"Huckleberry"
Robin Scrimshaw

"Kiki"
Mike & Elaine Eason

"Kitty Angel"
Cher Wynkoop

"Lulu"
Jean Neubauer

"Maggie"
Carole & Richard Palma

"Mickey"
Karen McGilvray

"Molly" & "Maddie"
Harry & Phyllis Scarberry

"Molly", "Muffin", "JoJo", and
"Termite"
Harry & Phyllis Scarberry

"Murphy"
Jeffrey & Karin Barrett

"Packer"
Terry and Connie Bodkin

"Peanut" and "Hershey"
Kenneth and Elise Adcock

"Rex"
Artem & Anna Nagorniuk

"Rusty"
Rick and Jill Rowe

"Sable" and "Mollie"
Katherine & Monte Bryant

"Sheba"
Shirley Hunt

"Skipper", "Rascal", & "Baby"
Carol Santana

Adele Cassidy
Rob & Lynda Parker

Andrew and Lisa Kirby
Mike and Arlene Ney

Anna Belle
Sylvia Evans

Baby Conner H. Frank
John Steward

Barbara Gipson
Dia DuVernet

Betty Hall
Ann Moore

Carol Van Gilder & "Fletcher"
Shirlene Imperial

Darlene & Phil Davenport
Marilynn Anton
Frances Pileggi
Ernie Houston

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Frank & Cynthia Clements
Ann Moore

Janna Goliff
Jayne Goliff

Jeff and Janet Biggs
Jamie McAllister

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Sharon Elliott

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Bobby & Amy Sasser

Kathy Shambo
Gillian Hatch Carlsen

Laura Craddock
Anne Agnew

Lindsay & Miguel Guesford
Cherie Martin

Lon & Judy Scofield
Clarke Armentrout

Maria Wilde
Suzanne Genz

Mark Aulds & Garry Baker
Susan Creech
Krista Gaydos
Chandler & Sheryl Wright
Mike & Susan Anders

Joseph Rule
AG Mays
Nancy Sossia
Jodi Bowman
Marlene Rossen
Robert Denzer
Stacy Oosterink
Josephine Teister
Loretta Pridgen

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Best Friends Honor Roll

\$10,000+

Banfield Charitable Trust
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City Of Virginia Beach
The Franklin Johnston Group
Walt Grandy
Hampton Roads Community
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Darden Foundation
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Toyota Dealer Match Program
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McKinstry Investments, Inc.
Samuel & Anna McMillan
McWaters Family Foundation
The Phase Foundation
Princess Anne Middle School
Target Corporation
Troutman Sanders LLP
Virginia Legends Walk
Foundation

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Trish Blue
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Cavalier Associates LLC
Crushfest LLC
Tim & Penelope Dishaw
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Jeanne Field
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Jay Livingood
Herbert Meisenbacher
Rebekah Monteith
Oceanfront Investments LLC
Old Point National Bank
Petsmart Charities
Porsche Club of America

Corinne & Loren Powers
Princess Anne Elementary
School
Roger Prunier
Thomas Robinson
Edward & Frances Roehm
Jeremy Shulman
Brenda & Thomas Staab
Dave & Deborah Stephens
Stihl Inc.
SunTrust
Towne Bank
Elizabeth Walker
Waverton Associates
Wheeler Real Estate
William M. Camp Foundation
Dix & Jane Wolcott

\$1,000-2,499

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Edward & Debbie Amorosso
Atlantic Heating & Cooling
Atlas Systems Inc
AutoTrader
Avalon Bay Communities, Inc
Bank Of America
Belfor USA Group Inc
Tom Briggum
Randolph & Elizabeth Browne
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Busch LLC
Allen Cheek
Chemistry
Dick & Mary Clarke
Scot & Patricia Creech
Creech Insurance
Davenport Asset
Management
Jerry Davis
Davis & Company
DaVita
Peter Decker
Wilbur DeLoatche
Douglas & Marianne
Dickerson
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Natalie Eden
Elizabeth River Lawn &
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Carl Ellmer
Emily Munn PC
Estate of Lois Mahaun
Matt Francis
Jim Gasser
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Hospital
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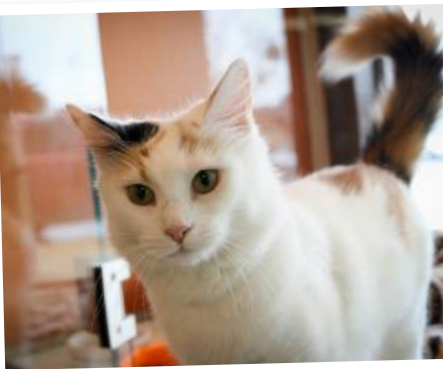
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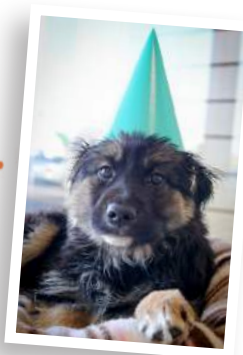
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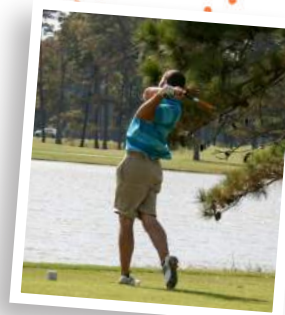
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