

FIRST COAST NO MORE HOMELESS PETS
GRATITUDE REPORT
2013-2014



Highlights from Our 2013-2014 Fiscal Year

Dear Friends & Supporters,

This year, we have renamed our annual report a Gratitude Report because we are so grateful to our supporters who make our work possible. In this report you will discover our many accomplishments this year. Let me share some of the highlights:

- **Both Duval and Nassau county shelters were no-kill this year!**
- **Our highly-trained veterinarians performed a record-breaking 31,125 spay and neuter surgeries!**
- **We expanded our Feral Freedom program to Nassau and Clay counties.**
- **Our cat trapper brought in 2,414 cats to be spayed or neutered.**
- **23,457 animals were treated in our low-cost veterinary clinic.**
- **Our volunteers distributed approximately 200,000 pounds of pet food to low-income pet owners this year.**
- **3,547 dogs and cats found forever homes this year at our Mega Adoption Events, making them the largest in the nation!**
- **100% of the hard-to-adopt shelter dogs trained through our prison program, TAILS, found forever homes.**

We have exciting plans for the future, including **opening a new clinic** in an underserved area of town, expanding our services to more Northeast Florida counties and working with animal welfare communities across Florida and the nation. We won't stop until the nation is considered no-kill.

We know that we could not do this life-saving work without your help.

We are most grateful for your support. We hope you'll stop by for a tour so you can see for yourself all you are helping to achieve. Thank you for your support this year, here's to a great 2014-2015 fiscal year!

Sincerely,



Rick DuCharme
Founder/Executive Director
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OUR MISSION:

The mission of First Coast No More Homeless Pets (FCNMHP) is to end the killing of dogs and cats in shelters, in our community, Northeast Florida and the nation.

FCNMHP & Our Partners

A community cannot become no-kill without a strong collaborative effort. We are lucky to have that in Northeast Florida. We work very closely with **Jacksonville Animal Care and Protective Services, Animal Care and Control from Clay and Nassau counties, Jacksonville Humane Society** and numerous other rescue groups. This collaborative effort has become a model for the nation!

In addition, we thank our many partners in this effort, including **Best Friends Animal Society, PetSmart Charities, PetSmart Stores, Petco, PetSupermarket, CSX Corporation, Subaru of Jacksonville, Culligan of Jacksonville, Snyder Heating and Air, the Alhambra Theatre, Jacksonville Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram, Pet Paradise, Joseph A. Strasser, Mary Lou Russell, Richard & Mary Ashley, Steve & Jane Horn** and all of our corporate, foundation and individual donors.

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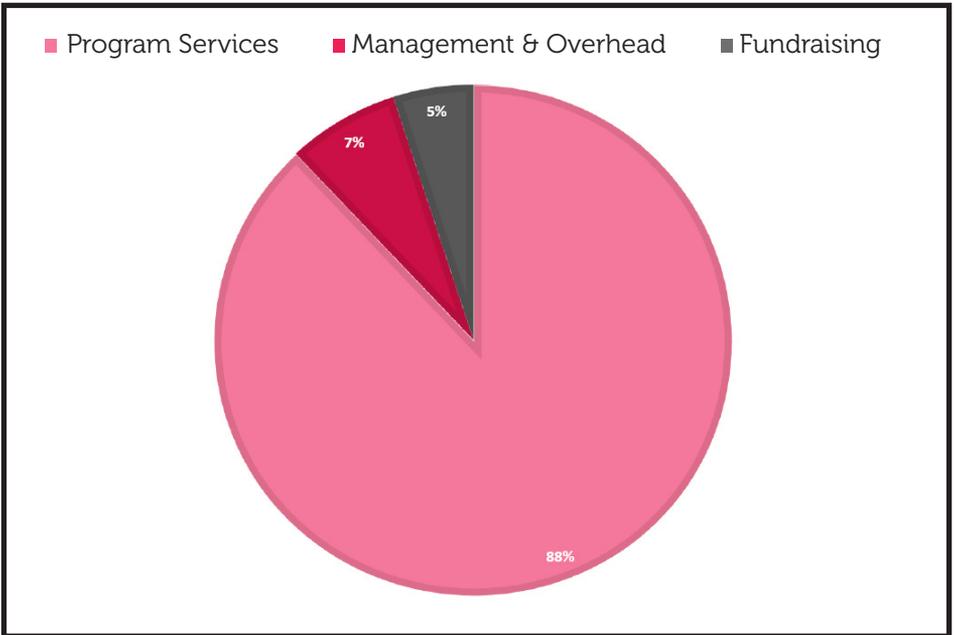
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Our Budget

This year we increased dollars going to our vital programs and services. **As we increase our programs and scope to save even more lives, your support and funding become even more important.**

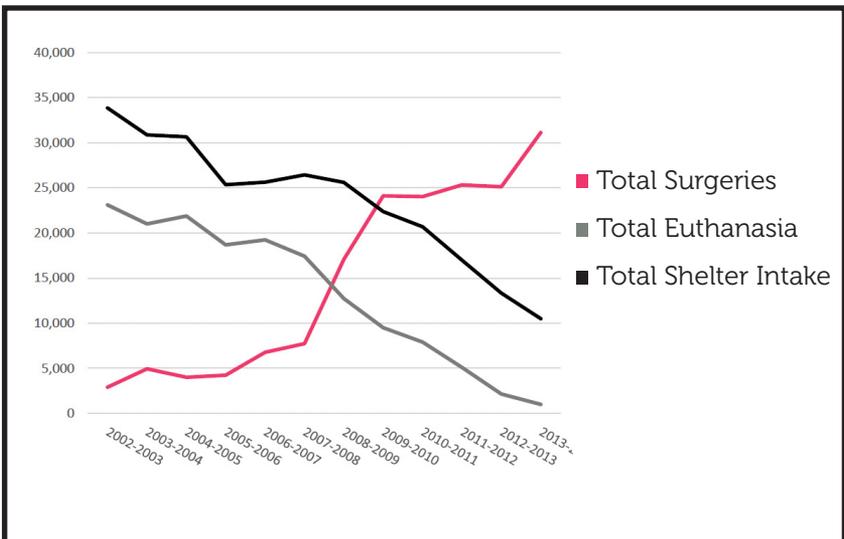
YEAR	PROGRAM SERVICES	MANAGEMENT & OVERHEAD	FUNDRAISING	TOTAL EXPENSES
2007-2008	\$811,890	\$40,191	\$85,547	\$937,628
2008-2009	\$1,496,037	\$138,709	\$138,214	\$1,722,960
2009-2010	\$1,732,424	\$161,348	\$140,976	\$2,034,748
2010-2011	\$2,452,242	\$284,765	\$189,754	\$2,926,761
2011-2012	\$3,693,662	\$242,321	\$210,634	\$4,146,617
2012-2013	\$3,581,237	\$405,328	\$196,615	\$4,183,180
2013-2014	\$5,401,934	\$395,015	\$288,030	\$6,084,979
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Our Mission Progress

This year, we performed a record 31,125 spay and neuter surgeries. As those numbers increase, shelter intake and euthanasia numbers decrease. Jacksonville and Nassau counties were, for the first time, no-kill for the year (defined as a 90% or better live release rate).

YEAR	TOTAL SURGERIES	TOTAL EUTHANASIA	TOTAL SHELTER INTAKE
2002-2003	2,910	23,104	33,847
2003-2004	4,937	21,004	30,862
2004-2005	4,000	21,886	30,658
2005-2006	4,232	18,690	25,355
2006-2007	6,775	19,242	25,616
2007-2008	7,744	17,430	26,443
2008-2009	17,062	12,744	25,603
2009-2010	24,111	9,500	22,359
2010-2011	24,025	7,912	20,675
2011-2012	25,332	5,090	16,976
2012-2013	25,105	2,150	13,345
2013-2014	31,125	1,002	10,504



Helping Animals in Need

At First Coast No More Homeless Pets, we believe that no animal should suffer simply because it's homeless or its owner cannot afford medical care. With the support of our generous donors, we created the **Angel Fund** to help cover these life-saving costs.

Please take the time to read the story from one of our **Angel Fund** cases:

My name is Momma.

I used to have owners. They played with me and loved me, but never got me spayed. One day, they discovered I was pregnant. I guess one dog was too much to handle, because my owners put me outside after I had my litter - ten puppies.



Yes, I was pretty young when I had my ten little pups, and I had never lived outside before. We were cold, hungry and sick.

One particularly cold and rainy day, the team at FCNMHP found us and gave us a ride to a dry, warm place with food and friendly people. They gave us a medical exam and treated us for severe infections and worms. They even got all of us fixed!

Not too long after that, they took us to a kind-hearted lady with a happy family. The family took care of us while the team at FCNMHP brought us in for check-ups to make sure we were on the track to better health. They also searched for forever homes.



Several weeks later, we were all adopted! My beautiful puppies are growing up quickly with their new, loving families. FCNMHP worked so hard to make sure we were all taken care of!

Forever grateful,



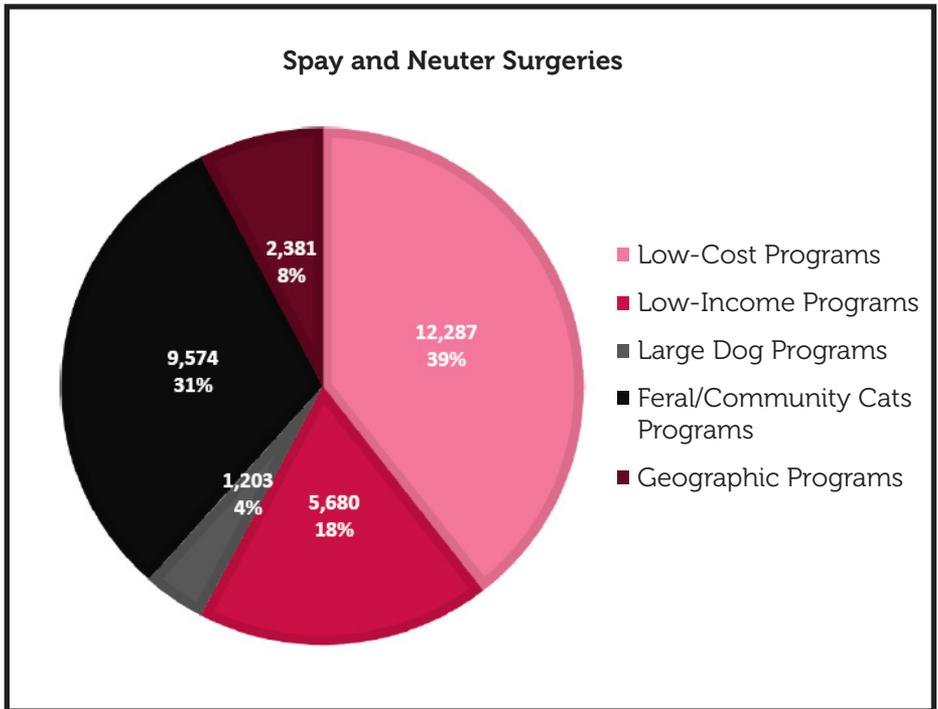
Momma & Pups

This past year, we provided **more than \$70,000** of free or reduced care to suffering animals in need like Momma. We are so thankful for the pet lovers who make this possible by contributing to our **Angel Fund**. To support our **Angel Fund** and animals who need our help, please visit fcmhp.org.

Our Targeted Spay/Neuter Programs

This year, we performed a record 31,125 spay and neuter surgeries. These included feral cats from Duval, Nassau and Clay county shelters as part of our **Feral Freedom**, a trap-neuter-return program for feral cats.

Our targeted spay and neuter programs identify segments of the community (geographic, demographic or animal specific) that have a critical need for free and low-cost spay and neuter services, based on factors such as shelter intake and euthanasia data.



Special thanks to **Best Friends Animal Society**, the **Bernice Barbour Foundation**, **Florida Animal Friends**, the **Summerlee Foundation**, the **BISSELL Pet Foundation**, the **Emily Vernon Foundation**, the **Glide Foundation**, the **Animal Farm Foundation** and **Jane and Steve Horn** for helping to fund our spay and neuter programs.

// **"Thank you FCNMHP for your AWESOME services with our ferals. You guys rock!"**

- Local Feral Cat Trapper //

Mega Pet Adoption Events

6,338 Lives Saved Since July 2012

- July 2012: **946 adoptions**
- Dec. 2012: **838 adoptions**
- July 2013: **1,007 adoptions**
- Oct. 2013: **924 adoptions**
- Dec. 2013: **638 adoptions**
- April 2014: **819 adoptions**
- July 2014: **1,166 adoptions**

As of the end of this fiscal year, we have held seven Mega Adoption events, bringing together the animal controls of Duval, Clay and Nassau counties, Jacksonville Humane Society and numerous rescue groups.

These weekend-long events are the largest adoption events in the country and have saved the lives of 6,338 homeless dogs and cats since 2012.

The Mega Adoption events are promoted throughout

the community, Northeast Florida and the nation, raising much needed awareness about shelter pets and the importance of adoption due to the reality of full shelters.

This year, these events were sponsored, in part, by **PetSmart Charities**, **PetSmart Stores** and **Best Friends Animal Society**.



Mega Pet Adoption Events



“For several years now I have followed with admiration the innovative life-saving work done by First Coast No More Homeless Pets in Northeast Florida, and Best Friends Animal Society has been proud to support their programs. The reduction in shelter deaths in Jacksonville has been spectacular and an example to many other communities.”

– Gregory Castle, CEO of Best Friends Animal Society



“You are safe with me and we will be best friends forever!”

– New Pet Owner (Above)

Keeping Pets in the Home...

Jacksonville Pet Food Bank

Since March 2010, the **Jacksonville Pet Food Bank** has given out more than 800,000 pounds of pet food to more than 7,500 pets!



The food bank is run by volunteers and relies almost solely on community donations. Pet food is distributed several times a year to qualified, low-income families whose pets are spayed or neutered. Families who qualify for free food also qualify for free spay and neuter surgeries. This program helps keep pets out of shelters.

Visit jaxpetfoodbank.org for details.

Sulzbacher Center Partnership

We partner with the **Sulzbacher Center**, which houses more than 330 homeless people, many of whom have children and pets.

We arrange for temporary foster care for their pets while they are getting back on their feet.

Pet Haven

Pet Haven is a program for pets whose owners predecease them.

Should the need arise, we will take in the pets enrolled in this program, and nourish and care for them until we find them a new loving home.

Pets for Life

Our **Pets for Life** program is funded through the generosity of the **Elinor Patterson Baker Foundation**. It is a Humane Society of the United States program. We are working in low-income neighborhoods in Jacksonville, through outreach events and door-to-door visits. Our professional team advises people of resources available for their pets, including spay and neuter services. When transportation is a barrier to care, we provide it for families.



...and Out of Shelters

LOW-COST VETERINARY CARE OPEN TO EVERYONE

Last year we saw **23,457** clients at our veterinary clinic located in the Joseph A. Strasser Animal Health and Welfare Building. Since 2009, we have treated more than 90,000 animals in need of veterinary services.

We provide standard veterinary care as well as emergency care at discounted prices. **Our veterinary service cost is approximately 40% less than normal prices.**

The money raised from the low-cost veterinary clinic helps to subsidize our other programs. **We are excited that in the coming year we will open a new clinic in an underserved area of town that will have the capability of serving three times as many animals.**



"I didn't think he was going to make it – I thought he might have to be put down. Someone at another vet's office told me to bring him to FCNMHP and luckily I did."

- Buster's Owner

"Thanks for saving Yogi's life. Best place I've ever been to. He was on his last leg and two other vet hospitals wanted us to put him down, but you guys believed in him."

- Yogi's Owner

Adoption Programs

Teaching Animals and Inmates Life Skills (TAILS)



In partnership with **Jacksonville Animal Care and Protective Services**, the **Florida Department of Corrections** and the **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office**, FCNMHP places hard-to-adopt shelter dogs in four Florida prisons where the inmates train, socialize and care for the dogs for approximately 10 weeks.

As a result, our **TAILS** dogs have not only found forever homes, but the prisoners have told us that the dogs have taught them love and given them a chance to heal old wounds. Many lives—both canine and human—are saved through this program.

We are grateful to the **Laura J. Niles Foundation** and our individual **TAILS Sponsors** for their support of this program!

“Thank you for this program and the opportunity you have given these dogs and inmates. My husband is so thrilled to be in your program. It gives him something to look forward to every day. Your program has been a blessing to our family.”

- TAILS Inmate Family Member

“They [the dogs] are never judgmental and they never fail to fill our days with hope for a brighter future and they give us the strength to continue to better ourselves in not only our training abilities, but in our daily lives.”

- TAILS Inmate



Adoption Programs

Cat & Kitten Adoptions

Since 2010, **more than 1,600** cats and kittens have found their forever homes through our partnership with **PetSupermarket**. Five stores house and facilitate the adoption of community felines from **Animal Care & Protective Services** who are too young, declawed, very social or otherwise not fit to be re-released back to their home territory.



Saving Them All & Safety Net



Thanks to a grant from **Best Friends Animal Society**, our employees were able to work directly with **Jacksonville Animal Care and Protective Services** to evaluate and rehabilitate dogs and cats that, for medical or behavioral reasons, might otherwise have been euthanized. We also offered counseling and alternatives for people seeking to surrender their pets at a shelter.



First Coast Family

We are so grateful to the members of our **First Coast Family**, who are making monthly gifts to help support our life-saving programs.

Elizabeth Adams

Roni Adams

Thomas and Sharon Joel Albright

Shonda Allemand

Lauren Alleva

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Dana Awatta

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Tasha Doster

Ruth Drye

Suzette Ferguson

Carol Fliess

Crystal Floyd

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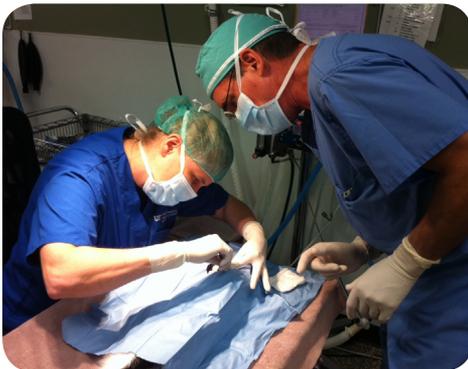
Kevin and Nancy Williams

Christa Wilson

Paige Woodall

Brenda Wray

Barbara Wray-Flowers



Circle of Forever Friends

Our **Circle of Forever Friends** is made up of our special friends who want to leave a legacy of their love of animals by including FCNMHP in their estate plans. We are so grateful for their support!

Elaine and Robert Anderson
Barbara Barrett
Anne Betchkal
Gary and Nicole Brose
Linda Camnetar
Margaret Costa
Anne Craig and Richard Pena
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Jan and Ed Williams

If you have included us in your estate plans, we'd love to include you in our **Circle of Forever Friends!** Please contact Barbara Barrett at 904.520.7901 or email her at bbarrett@fcnrmhp.org.

We mourn the loss of the following persons who remembered us in their wills:

Frank A. Spreccace
Mary C. Thomas



Thank you to our loyal and generous supporters! Jacksonville is now considered a no-kill community. Let's fight hard to keep it this way. With your support, we can continue to assist surrounding areas to reach and maintain a no-kill status.



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