



2014-2015

GRATITUDE REPORT

## Highlights from Our 2014-2015 Fiscal Year

Dear Friends and Supporters,

It has been an amazing 13 years since I started First Coast No More Homeless Pets (FCNMHP) with the goal of ending the killing of dogs and cats in area shelters. Most exciting is that **we have reached our goal of making Duval and Nassau Counties no-kill communities**, and many of the surrounding counties are now focusing their efforts to increase the number of animals leaving shelters alive. In 2002 there were 23,000+ shelter deaths in Duval County; last year that number dropped to 781.

In Duval and Nassau our resources must be focused on sustaining the no-kill achievements. In addition, we will continue to help shelters throughout Northeast FL and Southeast GA save more lives. **Your help is needed now more than ever!**

In the process of becoming a no-kill community, FCNMHP has, with your support, achieved some remarkable milestones along the way:

- » **We have become one of the largest animal welfare organizations in Northeast Florida** with a 2015/16 budget of \$7 million, 66 employees and assisting more than 60,000 dogs and cats each year.
- » **We operate the largest spay/neuter clinic in the country**, performing more than 25,000 surgeries each year, with most targeted at pets that are most at risk of ending up in shelters.
- » **We operate the largest veterinary clinic between Orlando and Atlanta**, seeing more than 28,000 patients each year, many of which could not afford regular price clinics.
- » **We host the most successful adoption events in the country** with our MEGA Adoption events, that match between 700 and 1,100 new families with pets.
- » **We will soon open our second low cost veterinary clinic**, where we expect to assist up to 300 people daily with their pets.
- » We have collaborated with local animal welfare groups and have formed the **Northeast Florida No-Kill Coalition** covering 12 Florida counties, and next year we will form a **Southeast Georgia No-Kill Coalition**.

Both the progress we have made in changing animal welfare in Northeast Florida and the growth of our organization has been amazing, and **your support has made it all possible. THANK YOU** for what we have accomplished together.

Although we have made great progress, there is still so much work to be done, with animals still dying in shelters across the country. We cannot rest until all of them are safe. **With your continued support we will accomplish even more in the next thirteen years!**

Sincerely,

Rick DuCharme  
Founder/Executive Director  
904.520.7910

### 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

First Coast No More Homeless Pets takes does not take our partners for granted. No community can become no-kill or even start down that road without a strong collaborative effort. We are blessed to have that in Northeast Florida and surrounding communities and work closely with many partner groups. This collaborative effort has become a model for the nation and will continue to reach further, saving even more lives.

We want to thank the following partners over this past year who have shown a tremendous amount of support for our lifesaving efforts. They include: Petco Foundation, CSX Corporation, Autoline Preowned, Citi Group, PetSupermarket, Publix Supermarkets, Best Friends Animal Society, Snyder Heating & Air, PetSmart Charities, Pet Paradise, Culligan of Jacksonville, 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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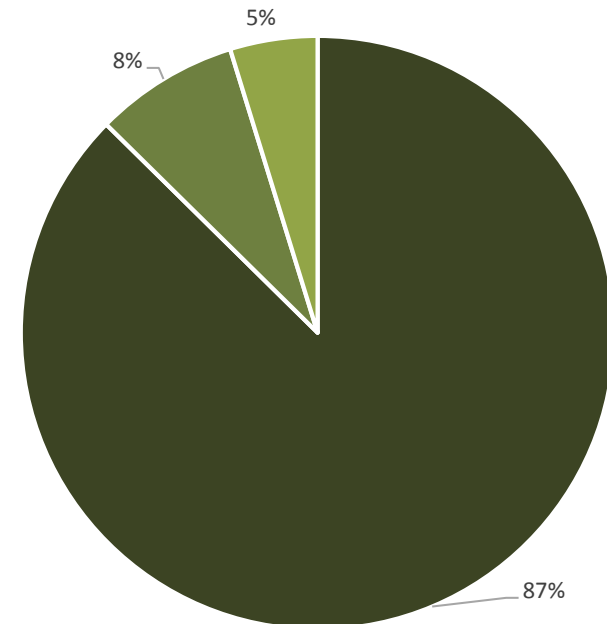
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## Our Budget

This year we made a significant push to open our new clinic. **As we increase our reach 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	\$1,772,960
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
2014-2015	\$4,938,042	\$443,838	\$269,048	\$5,650,928
	87%	8%	5%	

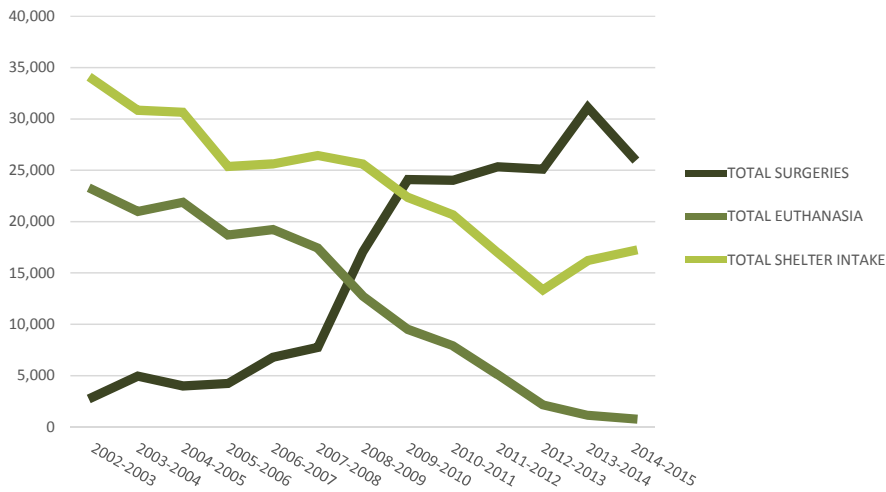


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## Our Mission Progress

This year, we performed 26,272 spay and neuter surgeries. While shelter intake increased this year, **euthanasia hit an all time low of 781**. Jacksonville and Nassau counties were, for the second year in a row, no-kill (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	1,118	16,193
2014-2015	26,272	781	17,163



## 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 Cinderella.

My memory is fuzzy, but I remember being thrown out of the car and another one running over my hind legs. I was crying with pain, but luckily some people stopped and took me to FCNMHP.



The friendly people at the vet clinic showed me love and told me I was going to be OK. They assured me that even with no owner to pay for my extensive surgeries, they would not let me down.


I was told I would never be able to walk again with my hind legs, but I was so HAPPY to be alive. I was sure to show everyone around me how affectionate and thankful I was. Now all I needed was a home and a family to call my own.

A man came and got me a wheelchair so I could scoot around, and a nice lady took me to a specialist to see if I could walk again. It was a good month, but I was really ready to find my happily ever after.



Then I met Monica. She works here at FCNMHP and she and I had an instant bond. Monica is able to take care of me during the day at work and at night, I can run around the house in my wheels like a racing terrier. We all deserve a second chance in life, and I could not be happier with how mine turned out.

Forever grateful,

*Cinderella* 

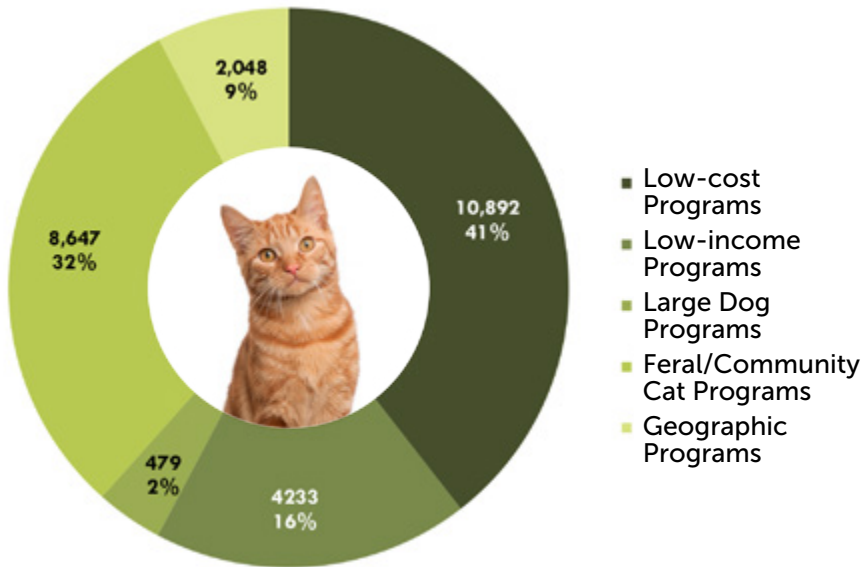
This past year, we provided **more than \$70,000** of free or reduced care to suffering animals in need like Cinderella. We are so thankful for the pet lovers who make this possible by contributing to our **Angel Fund**. To support our **Angel Fund** and animals who need our help, please visit [fcnmp.org](http://fcnmp.org).

## Our Targeted Spay/Neuter Programs

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

These programs also include **Feral Freedom**, a trap-neuter-return (TNR) program for feral cats from Duval, Nassau and Clay county shelters. This program has been emulated in communities across the nation.

### Spay/Neuter Surgeries



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



## Programs and Projects

### 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 developed a program placing hard-to-adopt shelter dogs in four Florida prisons.

The inmates train, socialize and care for the dogs for approximately 10 weeks to ready them for their new forever homes. These programs were so successful that we were able to hand them off to two

well-qualified organizations, Pit Sisters and Lake City Humane Society.

We are grateful to the **Tony Stewart Foundation** and all of our individual **TAILS Sponsors** for their support of this program!

"It is because of the generous and caring people like you that these dogs as well as the men like me in this program get a second chance at life."



### The Mary Lou Russell Animal Welfare Complex Including the Joseph A. Strasser Veterinary Medical Center

Our new low-cost veterinary clinic is in the final stages! Once open in 2016, we eventually hope to see **250 to 300 clients a day**.

It will be a full service clinic open seven days a week located at 464 Cassat Avenue in Jacksonville—an underserved area of town.

Not only will this clinic provide the same high-quality, low-cost care as our current clinic, but the revenues for the clinic will help support our other lifesaving programs.

**There are still naming, sponsorship, and memorial tile opportunities available for the new clinic.**



# FCNMHP Pet Adoption Events



## MEGA: 9,863 Lives Saved Since July 2012

- July 2012: **946** adoptions
- Dec. 2012: **839** adoptions
- July 2013: **1,007** adoptions
- Oct. 2013: **924** adoptions
- Dec. 2013: **839** adoptions
- April 2014: **819** adoptions
- July 2014: **1,165** adoptions
- Oct. 2014: **894** adoptions
- Dec. 2014: **845** adoptions
- April 2015: **750** adoptions
- July 2015: **835** adoptions



As of the end of this fiscal year, FCNMHP held **11 MEGA Adoption events**, bringing together homeless pets from shelters across NE Florida and numerous other rescue groups.

These are among the largest weekend adoption events in the country and have saved the lives of more than 9,800 homeless dogs and cats since 2012!



“ We must have walked every aisle looking and discussing different dogs. And then there was Oliver - a 10 year old Beagle. Knowing what we just went through with Scruffy, we were unsure, but my heart kept being drawn back to him. When I finally asked to see him, we sat on the floor with him and I was brought to tears. We made a connection instantly! The staff at the event made the adoption process so easy for us and even shared a few hugs when they knew how emotional I was about moving on and starting over.

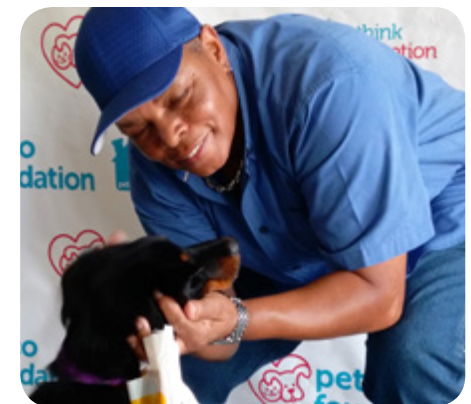
– Paula Thornton, Owner PJT Photography



This year we also added three weekend **SUPER** Adoption events, which were smaller and held at local PetSmart Stores throughout the NE Florida. They are focused on helping shelters better manage their populations between MEGA events. Our combined adoption events have saved more than 10,000 lives!

## 🏠 SUPER: 492 lives saved over three events this year.

Adoption events sponsored by: **Petco Foundation, PetSmart Charities, PetSmart Stores, the Laura J. Niles Foundation, and Best Friends Animal Society.**



“She is so sweet. We are about to grow old together.”

- 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 1,000,000 pounds of pet food to more than 10,000 pets!

The food bank relies almost solely on community donations and volunteers. 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](http://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 and medical 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

Last year we saw **28,025** clients at our veterinary clinic located in the Joseph A. Strasser Animal Health and Welfare Building. Since 2009, we have treated more than 100,000 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 our new clinic, opening soon in 2016, will have the capability to serve three times as many animals.**



“Sir Charles, our newest family member, needed to get fixed. Not only was First Coast No More Homeless Pets the most affordable option, but we are huge supporters of what they are doing in the community.”

- Owner of Sir Charles //

## LOW COST VET CARE FOR ALL

## 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!

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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@fcnmp.org](mailto:bbarrett@fcnmp.org).



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