



ANNUAL REPORT

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#### About First Coast No More Homeless Pets

Our Mission: The mission of First Coast No More Homeless Pets, Inc. (FCNMHP) is to eliminate the killing of dogs and cats in our community through free and low-cost spay and neuter programs.

When FCNMHP started our vital programs in 2002, over 23,000 animals were dying in our local shelters. That number is down to 7,912! Entering our 10th year, FCNMHP has provided low-cost and expert care to hundreds of thousands of animals in need. Although we have made a huge impact in the lives of animals here on the First Coast and beyond, we still have a long way to go in becoming a NO KILL community. With the support of the community, FCNMHP has created effective and humane programs to combat the pet overpopulation crisis. All of our projects, whether it is our spay/ neuter services, veterinary clinic, pet food bank or adoptions; these programs are geared at lowering shelter admissions and the euthanasia rate at our local shelters.

This past year has been full of amazing accomplishments. As you review this report, you will see that our dedication is firm and we are working hard to reach our goals.





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## **EUTHANASIA vs. KILL**

as defined on Merriam-Webster.com

#### **Definition of EUTHANASIA**

: the act or practice of killing or permitting the death of hopelessly sick or injured individuals (as persons or domestic animals) in a relatively painless way for reasons of mercy

#### **Definition of KILL**

: to deprive of life : cause the death of

# Message from Rick DuCharme

Dear Friends and Supporters,

In 2002 we started with only a vision of No More Homeless Pets. A vision that was a reality in only a few parts of the country; just San Francisco and New Hampshire at that time could legitimately claim "no-kill" status. Even now as we near the 10th anniversary of our mission there are certainly less than 20 locations nationwide that can claim that status. However, nationwide estimates of shelter deaths have plummeted to 3.5 million dogs and cats from estimated highs of nearly 20 million in the 1970's.



Local results are no less dramatic with huge progress being made over the last decade. Duval County shelter deaths in fiscal year 2010/11 were down to 7,912 dogs and cats, from a high of 23,104 in 2002. There certainly is light at the end of the tunnel, and it is not just a glimmer.

In the past I was often asked, "Is no-kill possible in Jacksonville?" I rarely hear that question now. The question I am most asked now is, "When will we become no-kill?" Duval County can become no-kill in 3 years with adequate, additional funding of our efforts. This is no longer a vision, dream or hope-this is reality. Our plans include Clay and Nassau becoming no-kill within 5 years. We have the plan; we simply need the resources to get us to no more homeless pets.

Now is the time to begin talking about No More Homeless Pets in the terms of a short term goal. Our proactive programs to keep pets out of shelters have had their expected results on shelter admissions and we will continue to grow and improve these. Shelter admissions and killing are down to a number that makes working to save them all not just a real possibility but almost a moral necessity.

These accomplishments are possible only because we have an army of supporters and volunteers working with our dedicated staff and volunteer board to make a real difference. This past year we had three supporters step forward with very generous matching contributions to assist us in our fundraising; Joseph A. Strasser, Michele Mastrean, and the Petway Family Foundation. I would like to extend a real heartfelt THANK YOU to them and to all of our friends and partners who over the last decade have made all of our progress possible through their generous support.

Each surgery and each adoption brings us closer to No More Homeless Pets.

Gratefully,



# Partnerships are Important



October 14, 2011 Ribbon Cutting for Mandarin Adoption Center Rick DuCharme, Founder/Executive Director FCNMHP; City of Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown; Scott Trebatoski, Chief Animal Care & Protective Services; Denise Deisler, Executive Director Jacksonville Humane Society

#### **Animal Welfare Group Partners**

COJ Animal Care & Protective Services
Friends of Jacksonville Animals (FOJA)
Clay County Animal Care and Control
Humane Society of Northeast Florida
Springfield Animal Care Rescue Club
Animal Haven of Hope Society, Inc.
FACT (Feline & Canine Transport)
St. Augustine Humane Society
Long County Animal Control

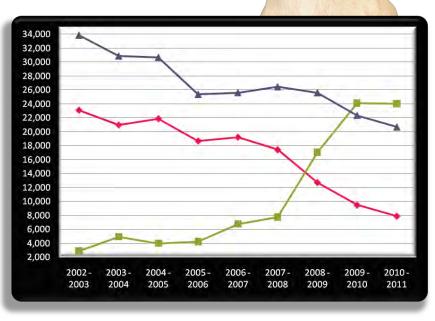
Jacksonville Humane Society

Dolly's Foundation Cats Angels, Inc. Rain Humane Ana's Angels Angel Paws Cat Bugs Pet Rescue, Inc.
Lucky Cat Adoptions, Inc.
Someone Cares Rescue, Inc.
Nassau County Animal Services
Nassau Humane Society
Second Chance Rescue
SAFE Pet Rescue, Inc.



Mission Progress

As surgery numbers increase the shelter intake and euthanasia numbers decrease. High volume spay/neuter programs are the only proven method to end the pet overpopulation problem.



Year	Total Surgeries	Total Deaths	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

# **Program Service Area**



First Coast No More Homeless Pets transports, coordinates transports, and serves the following Florida and Georgia Counties.

### Georgia

Liberty County

#### Florida

- Duval
- Nassau
- St. Johns
- Clay
- Putnam
- Bradford





# **Proactive Programs**

#### SpayJax

Free pet spay/neuter surgeries for anyone qualifying as low-income or on government assistance in Duval County.

Annual Program Budget \$300,000

Program partially funded by the \$150,000

City of Jacksonville

Remainder of budget funded by \$169,400

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Total Surgeries in FY 10-11 4,513

Total Surgeries since 2002 29,267

Projected surgeries for 11-12 4,500



Targeted free spay/neuter surgeries for Nassau County residents in the 32009, 32011 & 32046 areas.

PetSmart Charities granted \$200,000 to Nassau Animal Services.

Total Surgeries in FY 10-11 92

Total Surgeries since August 2011 92

Projected surgeries for 11-12 2,000



#### SpayClay

Free pet spay/neuter surgeries for anyone qualifying as low-income or on government assistance in Clay County.

Program funded by private donations and grants when available. Currently Clay County Animal Services has been awarded a \$200,000 grant to support the program.

Total Surgeries in FY 10-11 24

Total Surgeries since 2009 320

Projected surgeries for 11-12 2,000

#### :designed to keep pets from ever having to enter shelters

#### SpayNassau

Free pet spay/neuter surgeries for anyone qualifying as low-income or on government assistance in Nassau County.

Program funded by private donations and grants when available.

Total Surgeries in FY 10-11 63

Total Surgeries since 2004 1,763

Projected surgeries for 11-12 400



#### Feral Fix

\$10 feral/community cat spay/neuter surgeries was started to increase feral surgery numbers in the community.

Program funded by FCNMHP / \$7,500 of \$105,000 budget funded by Florida Animal Friend Grant

Total Surgeries in FY 10-11 3,311

Total Surgeries since May 2011 3,311

Projected surgeries for 11-12 7,500

#### **Target 32210**

Targeted free surgeries for Duval County residents in the 32210 area.

PetSmart Charities granted \$200,000 to COJ Animal Care & Protective Services.

Total Surgeries in FY 10-11 1,345

Total Surgeries since 2010 1,345

Projected surgeries for 11-12 2,000



#### Free Pit Bull & Pit Mix Surgeries

Free Pit Bull & Pit Mix spay/neuter surgeries for Duval, Nassau and Clay County Residents.

Animal Farm Foundation Grant for \$40,000 serves \$57,500 Duval County and the Florida Animal Friend Grant for

\$17,500 serves Nassau and Clay County.

Total Surgeries in FY 10-11 822

Total Surgeries since September 2010 822

Projected surgeries for 11-12 900

# Keeping People and Pets Together

#### Jacksonville Pet Food Bank

Since March 2010 the Pet Food Bank has given out over 265,000 pounds of pet food to more than 4,000 pets!



Jacksonville Pet Food Bank is run by volunteers and relies solely on community donations. Pet food is distributed to qualified low-income families whose pets are spayed or neutered. Families who qualify for free food also qualify for free spay/neuter surgeries.

www.jaxpetfoodbank.org

# Sulzbacher Center Partnership



FCNMHP partners with the Sulzbacher Center, which houses more than 330 homeless people, many of whom have children and pets. FCNMHP arranges for temporary foster care for their pets while they are getting back on their feet. Skylar's Mom is an Army Veteran, and after several medical issues, became homeless. Skylar is thankful that he is being taken care of and that he did not have to be turned into a local shelter.

# Low-Cost Veterinary Clinic

The FCNMHP Low-Cost Veterinary Clinic is open to everyone and is located in The Joseph A. Strasser Animal Health and Welfare Building, Since 2009 the low-cost veterinary clinic has treated over 60,000 animals in need of veterinary services.

The money raised from the low-cost veterinary clinic helps subsidize funding for the spay/neuter programs.





FIRST COAST NO MORE HOMELESS PETS makes pet health care affordable. Your purchase goes toward helping end the killing of dogs and cats in your community.

Veterinary Clinic Hours No Appointments Needed, Walk Ins Welcome!

Monday - Friday 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Saturday 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

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Sunday 12 P.M. to 5 P.M.

- About 40% less than normal prices for:
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- Microchipping
- Variety of tests including heartworm
- And MORE!

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#### Flea and Heartworm

- Preventative Available!
- . Tri-Heart
- · Advantage Multi
- Comfortis
- . Frontline Plus
- \*Purchase at the clinic or online today.

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Veterinary Services about 40% less than normal prices!

## Reactive Programs



# What is a Community Cat?

A community cat is commonly known as a stray, outdoor or feral cat, but the word 'community' better describes these cats. Not all outdoor cats are feral.

#### Feral Freedom

Community cat spay/neuter surgeries. As of August 1, 2008, any community cat brought to Jacksonville Animal Care & Protective Services, either by the field officers or by the public, are no longer euthanized at the tax payers' expense. Instead, these cats are processed through the Feral Freedom Program. Each cat is vaccinated, spayed or neutered, ear tipped (universal symbol of a sterilized community cat), treated for ear mites and returned to its territory within a matter of a few days.

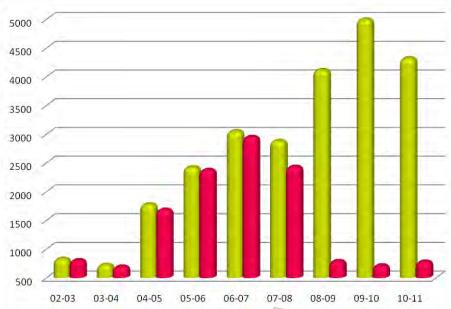
Annual Program Budget	\$300,000
Program partially funded by Best Friends Animal Society	\$100,000
Remainder of budget funded by FCNMHP	\$200,000
Total Surgeries in FY 10-11	4,235
Total Surgeries since 2008	14,266
Projected surgeries for 11-12	4,500

FCNMHP mentors other cities across the United States to help them implement similar Feral Freedom and cat TNR type programs. Combined we are saving over 15,000 cats each year!

- San Jose, CA
- Charleston, SC
- Austin, TX
- DeKalb County, GA
- Marion County, FL
- Salt Lake County, UT



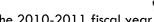
#### :designed to spay, neuter or adopt pets already in a shelter



Year	Feral Intake	Feral Deaths
02-03	835	810
03-04	729	699
04-05	1,781	1,689
05-06	2,427	2,381
06-07	3,054	2,955
07-08	2,885	2,434
08-09	4,118	795
09-10	5,057	719
10-11	4,325	786



Since the start of the Feral Freedom program we have done over 14,200 Feral Freedom community cat surgeries.



In the 2010-2011 fiscal year we have also done over 9,000 community cat surgeries brought directly to us from the general public and supporters like you. These surgeries are in addition to the surgeries done via the Feral Freedom program!

# Finding Homes for Adoptable Pets



# Mandarin Adoption Center

First Coast No More Homeless Pets took over the Mandarin Adoption Center (MAC) October 2011, which had been in danger of closing due to city budget cuts. Michele Mastrean, FCNMHP Board Member, offered a \$50,000

matching donation challenge to help FCNMHP raise the funds needed to take over operations at MAC. \$68,000 was raised and the total of \$118,000 will be enough funding for the first six months.

Keeping the MAC open will help First Coast No More Homeless Pets reach the goal of making Jacksonville a NO KILL city more quickly than originally projected.

#### Adoptions are open daily!

Monday - Friday 1pm to 7pm Saturday 10am to 6pm Sunday 12 pm to 5pm

Located at: 10509-19 San Jose Blvd. behind the PetSupermarket



# PetSupermarket Adoption Partnership

First Coast No More Homeless Pets started an adoption partnership with PetSupermarkets here in Jacksonville. Not all cats and kittens picked up by the FCNMHP Transport Team are feral or fit

to be released back outdoors for a number of

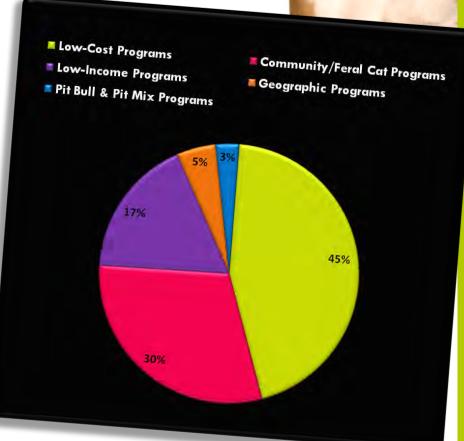
different reasons. Instead of leaving these cats and kittens at Animal Care and Protective Services where they could be euthanized if not adopted, FCNMHP with the help of dedicated volunteers, now transports the felines to five local PetSupermarkets where they go up for adoption. Since

its start in August 2010; over 500 cats have been adopted!



# Targeted Program Totals

Spay/Neuter and Rescue groups have long offered low-cost spay/neuter surgeries. It's hard to measure the effect of these programs, but a new focused initiative is increasing the impact. Comprehensive targeted spay/neuter programs identify a segment of the community (geographic, demographic or animal specific) that have a critical need for free and low-cost spay/neuter services. This critical need is documented by a combination of issues that include shelter intake and/or euthanasia data.



# Mentoring Across the Country

The team at FCNMHP mentors dozens of groups across the country each year. Each month we usually have several groups visiting to learn about our programs such as Feral Freedom and SpayJax, to see our high volume spay/neuter clinic in



operation. Interest is also very high in our Pet

Food Bank and Low Cost Veterinary Care. FCNMHP has become known for putting together innovative model programs that are very effective at reaching their goals.



Rick DuCharme speaking at the Found Animals Forum Spay/Neuter: Past, Present & Future

Planning is underway to formalize our mentoring into a complete training course to assist other organizations in focusing on the goal of No More Homeless Pets.
Once sufficient resources are obtained, we plan to open an Institute of Higher Learning. FCNMHP will assist groups in making their organizations and programs as effective as possible.

There are currently more than two hundred clinics across the country operating at a low cost and high volume. These clinics are producing nearly one million spay/neuters each year. Projections are that these clinics could be producing as many as 2.4 million surgeries annually by 2015. The goal of the Institute would be to aid these organizations in assuring that their surgeries are effective surgeries, surgeries that would not happen without their intervention and assistance. Our goal would be to formally train ten to twenty clinics each year in putting together comprehensive targeted spay/neuter programs that would be effective in decreasing shelter admissions and deaths. In addition to those that receive formal training, we would also assist dozens of clinics each year through online training, webinars and consulting.

# FCNMHP Budget

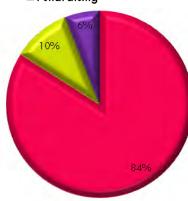




	Program Services	Management & Overhead	Fundraising	Total Expenses
2007 - 2008	\$811,890 87%	\$40,191 4%	\$85,547 9%	\$937,628
2008 - 2009	\$1,496,037 <b>84</b> %	\$138,709 8%	\$138,214 8%	\$1,772,960
2009 - 2010	\$1,732,424 85%	\$161,348 8%	\$140,976 7%	\$2,034,748
2010 - 2011	\$2,452,242 84%	\$284,765 10%	\$189,754 6%	\$2,926,761

2010 - 2011

- Program Services
- Management & Overhead
- Fundraising

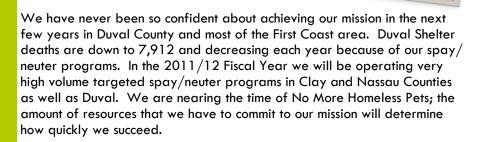




# The Future is Bright!

# CAUTION

We recommend getting your sunglasses to read about our bright future!



Some of the additional resources we will need to reach No More Homeless Pets in the First Coast:

- Three additional transport vehicles added to our existing fleet of three transports.
- One or two additional adoption centers similar to the Mandarin Adoption Center.
- A team of staff members working at county animal control shelters to help prepare pets for their forever homes.
- Additional equipment for our clinic that would allow us to reach our full potential of surgery capacity of 50,000 surgeries annually. This would include adding equipment, caging, staff and surgery subsidies.

# No More Homeless Pets, Everywhere!



The fact that we have made great progress towards reaching our goals in Duval County demonstrates that we have developed the recipe for ending shelter overpopulation. We will use the knowledge gained through our experience here to assist other locations across the country to reach No More Homeless Pets. There will be some locations that won't have clinics that will need our help; we will

have to decide the best way to help these

areas. In our coming 10th Anniversary Year we expect to be able to make an announcement about where we will locate our second clinic.

#### South Florida No More Homeless Pets

Miami-Dade County is currently killing around 9 pets per 1,000 residents in their shelters each year, which is a fairly low number for the southeast and is right on the national average. However the shelter admissions in Miami-Dade County over the last five years have increased from 28,000 to over 37,000 and annual increases are forecasted. It is only a matter of time before shelter deaths increase as dramatically as shelter admissions. It is easy to see a time in the near future when the national average for shelter killing is doubled.

Miami-Dade County has nearly 2.5 million residents and is by far the largest county in Florida by population. There are only 10,000 low cost surgeries available each year in Miami-Dade County and very few of those are targeted at the segments of the population contributing most to shelter overpopulation. With the population the size of Miami-Dade there should be at least 100,000 low cost and free surgeries available and 70,000 of those should be targeted surgeries for

the highest impact. Targeted surgeries are required to be very low cost or free in order to successfully reach the volumes required. In Miami-Dade there are very few low cost veterinary services available.

We will establish a South Florida No More Homeless Pets Development Committee to help find the funding to establish a high volume, high quality spay/neuter and veterinary clinic in Miami-Dade. It is projected in order to reach the volume needed for that large population we will need to establish two clinics with the ability for 50,000 annual surgeries each.



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