



**FIRST COAST
NO MORE HOMELESS PETS**

Working towards a day when there are truly no more homeless pets

ANNUAL REPORT

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About First Coast No More Homeless Pets



Our Mission: The mission of First Coast No More Homeless Pets (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, more than 23,000 animals were dying in our local shelters. That number is down to 5,090, a reduction of 78%!



For ten years, FCNMHP has provided low-cost and expert care to hundreds of thousands of animals in need. With the support of the community, FCNMHP has created effective and humane programs to combat overpopulation and the needless killing of pets.

We use a multifaceted approach, employing not only the nation's largest spay/neuter programs, but also reducing the number of shelter deaths with adoption programs and programs designed to keep pets in homes and out of shelters.

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

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Message from Rick DuCharme

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We have just finished our first ten years and what a decade it has been! When we started, we had a few volunteers meeting around my kitchen table. Now we have 60 employees working in the nation's largest spay/neuter facility and an adoption center. In 2002, more than 23,000 animals were dying in our city shelter. That figure has been reduced by 78%. Ten years ago, feral cats were euthanized. As a result of our efforts, in 2008 Jacksonville became the first city in the nation to adopt a Feral Freedom program, proclaiming that cats could not be killed just because they are feral.

In this Annual Report, you will read about our many programs that have one goal in mind: to end the killing of dogs, cats, kittens and puppies. We are working locally, state-wide and nationally to achieve this goal.

With enough resources, Jacksonville could be no-kill within a year. Surrounding areas are showing significant progress. Clay County shelter admissions are down by 50%. We are also working with Florida groups to extend the no-kill goal throughout the state.

In addition, we mentor animal welfare groups across the nation. Because of our work, other communities have adopted a form of our Feral Freedom, saving more than 20,000 cats each year. Our brand-new Target Zero Institute means that even more organizations across the country can model our work and eliminate the killing of dogs and cats.

We know we have come a long way in ten years. We know we still have a long way to go. But with your help, we can get there. Thank you for your support of the animals!

With heartfelt gratitude,



Partnerships are Important

To become a no-kill community, we all have to work together. FCNMHP partners with many local and national groups to help us reach our mission. The cooperation that is shown among Jacksonville Animal Care and Protective Services (JACPS), Jacksonville Humane Society (JHS) and other local rescues and groups is unheard of anywhere else in the country. JACPS, FCNMHP, and JHS held joint adoption events, partnered in the K-Paws Nursery, and worked together to save animals that needed medical and behavioral help to get adopted. These groups have worked seamlessly and as one team to save more lives this past year!



Animal Welfare Group Partners

Best Friends Animal Society
ASPCA
PetSmart Charities
PetSupermarket
PETCO Foundation
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
Pit Sisters

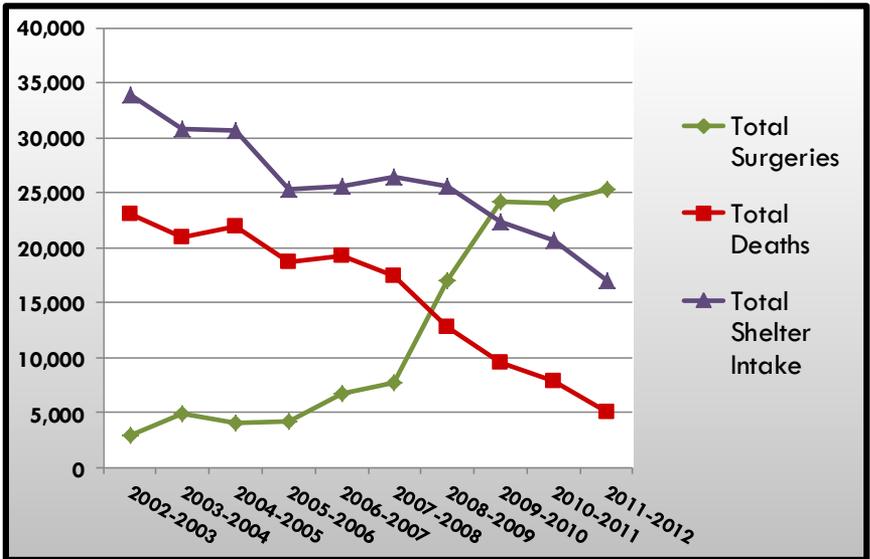
Animal Care & Protective Services
Friends of Jacksonville Animals
Jacksonville Humane Society
Clay County Animal Care & Control
Humane Society of Northeast Florida
Cat Bugs Pet Rescue, Inc.
Lucky Cat Adoptions, Inc.
Someone Cares Rescue, Inc.
Nassau County Animal Services
Nassau Humane Society
Second 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	FCNMHP 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
2011-2012	25,332	5,090	16,976

DONATE. SHOP. SAVE LIVES.

The FCNMHP Thrift Store is now open!

In February 2012, FCNMHP opened a thrift store next door to the clinic.

Not only is the FCNMHP thrift store a resource for the community, but it is another way that animal lovers can support us. All proceeds from the thrift store help support our programs.



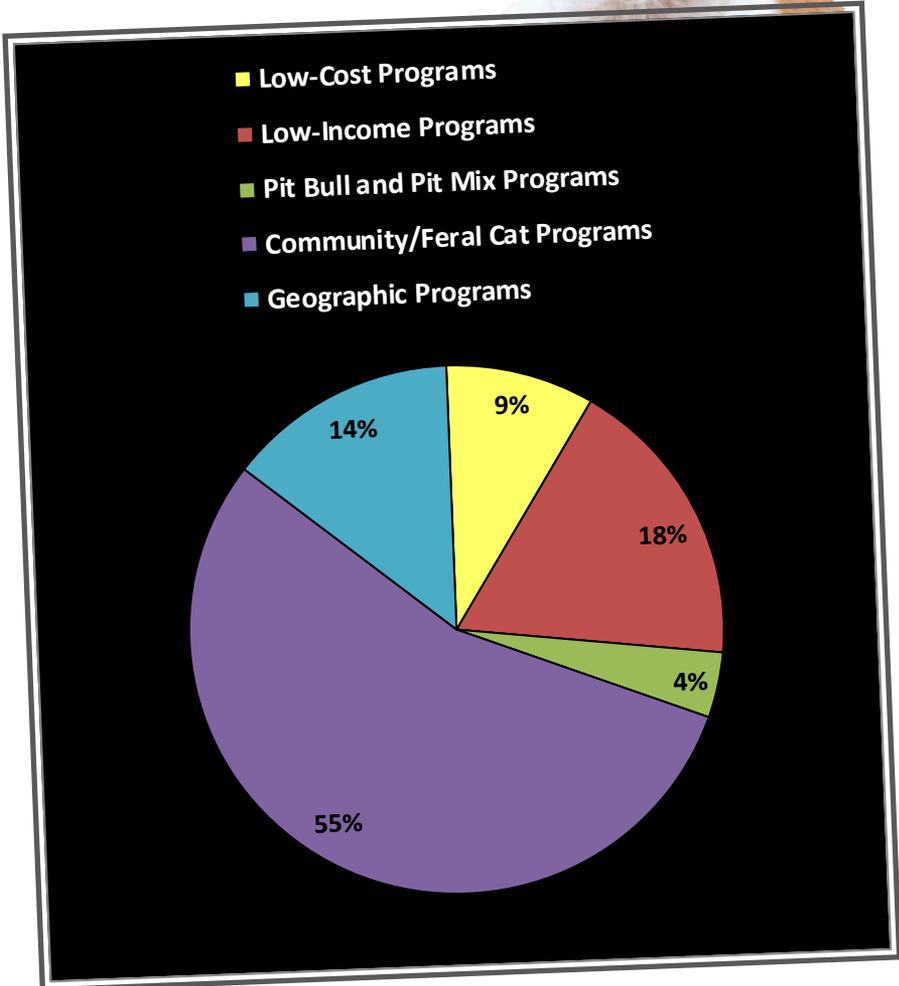
FCNMHP Transport Fleet



Thanks to a grant from Best Friends Animal Society, we were able to add a box truck to our transport fleet of three vans. This truck has made a huge difference in our ability to help the animals. Our three vans and box truck transport Feral Freedom cats, as well as dogs and cats to adoption events, our clinic, and our adoption center. Thank you, Best Friends Animal Society!

Targeted Programs

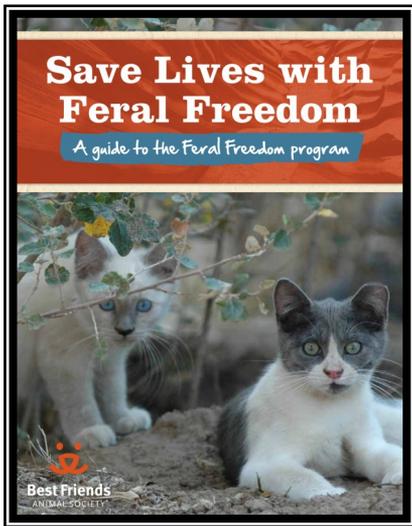
Our targeted spay/neuter programs identify segments of the community (geographic, demographic or animal specific) that have a critical need for free and low-cost spay/neuter services, based on factors such as shelter intake and euthanasia data.



Feral Freedom Results

Save Lives with Feral Freedom

This year Best Friends Animal Society published a guide to establishing a feral freedom program for communities across the country. The guide was written by our director and founder, Rick DuCharme, and is based on our very successful program. This is another example of how the work of FCNMHP has become a model across the nation for saving lives.



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
11-12	4,143	254



Since the start of the Feral Freedom program we have performed more than 18,100 Feral Freedom community cat surgeries.

FCNMHP also mentors other groups on how to start programs like Feral Freedom. We estimate an additional 20,000 lives have been saved as a result of these similar programs across the country.

Spay/Neuter Programs:

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

Annual Program Budget Funded by the City of Jacksonville	\$301,000
Total Surgeries in FY 11-12	4,092
Total Surgeries since 2002	33,359
Projected Surgeries for 12-13	4,500



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

PetSmart Charities awarded Clay County Animal Services a \$200,000 grant to support the program beginning in April of 2012.

Total Surgeries in FY 11-12	365
Projected Surgeries for 12-13	2,000

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 11-12	240
Total Surgeries since 2004	2,003
Projected Surgeries for 11-12	200



SpayWest: Targeted free spay/neuter surgeries for Nassau County residents in the 32009, 32011, 32046 & 32097 zip code areas.

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

Total Surgeries in FY 11-12	1,698
Total Surgeries since August 2011	1,790
Projected Surgeries for 12-13	1,600

Designed to reduce pet overpopulation.

Feral Freedom: Trap, neuter, vaccinate and return program for feral cats brought to Jacksonville Animal Care and Protective Services.	
Program funded by FCNMHP/\$5,000 of budget funded by Ryan Newman Foundation	\$318,000
Total Surgeries in FY 11-12	3,889
Total Surgeries since August 2008	18,171
Projected Surgeries for 11-12	3,500



Target 32210: Free surgeries for Duval County residents in the 32210 zip code.	
PetSmart Charities granted \$200,000 to Animal Care & Protective Services. Grant ends 12/31/12	
Total Surgeries in FY 10-11	1,751
Total Surgeries since 2010	3,096
Projected Surgeries for 12-13	500

Free Pit Bull & Pit Mix Surgeries: Free Pit Bull & Pit Mix spay/neuter surgeries for Duval, Nassau and Clay County Residents.	
Animal Farm Foundation and Florida Animal Friend grants fund this program.	\$57,500
Total Surgeries in FY 11-12	1,076
Total Surgeries since September 2010	1,898
Projected Surgeries for 12-13	1,200



Adoption Programs

FCNMHP Adoption Center sponsored by Best Friends Animal Society



First Coast No More Homeless Pets took over the Mandarin Adoption Center October 2011, which had been in danger of closing due to city budget cuts. In its first full year of operation, 1,011 dogs, cats, kittens and puppies have found new homes through the Adoption Center!

Large Adoption Events

These events are held throughout the year. Over the weekend of July 13-15, we organized a Mega Adoption event, which was sponsored in part by PetSmart Charities. We partnered with animal controls of Duval, Clay and Nassau counties, Jacksonville Humane Society and numerous rescue groups.



946 dogs, cats, kittens and puppies found new homes, making this the largest adoption event in the nation and the largest event ever sponsored by PetSmart Charities!





Best Friends
ANIMAL SOCIETY

Saving Them All Program

Thanks to a generous grant from Best Friends Animal Society, we are able to work directly at Jacksonville Animal Care and Protective Services to prevent the needless killing of animals. Our employees evaluate and rehabilitate dogs and cats that, for medical or behavioral reasons, might otherwise have been euthanized.



More than 800 lives were saved through the K-Paws Nursery, a kitten and puppy nursery funded by FCNMHP and coordinated by the Jacksonville Humane Society. This nursery took in puppies and kittens during the busy summer season, saving them from potential euthanasia.

PET SUPERMARKET

Cat and Kitten Adoptions

FCNMHP Partners with PetSupermarket to find homes for the many homeless cats and kittens in our community. Five stores house the cats and facilitate the adoptions. The cats come from Animal Care & Protective Services. Many are Feral Freedom cats/kittens that are too young, declawed, very social, or otherwise not fit to be re-released back to their home territory. More than 675 cats and kittens in need have found their forever homes since 2010 through this partnership!



Keeping Pets in the Home

Jacksonville Pet Food Bank

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



Jacksonville Pet Food Bank is run by volunteers and relies almost 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

Pet Haven

Pet Haven is a program for pets whose owners predecease them. Should the need arise, FCNMHP will take in the pets enrolled in this program, and nourish and care for them until we find them a new loving home.

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.

LOW-COST VETERINARY CARE

OPEN TO EVERYONE!

**Veterinary
services cost
about 40% less
than normal
prices!**

The FCNMHP Low-Cost Veterinary Clinic is located in The Joseph A. Strasser Animal Health and Welfare Building. Since 2009 the low-cost veterinary clinic has treated more than 50,000 animals in need of veterinary services. The clinic has proved to be yet another life saving FCNMHP program, especially since we recently added x-rays to our services. We are able to treat life threatening issues at a reasonable price. FCNMHP does not want to see any animal go without the medical attention they need. Vaccinations, flea/heartworm treatment and preventatives, microchipping, dental cleaning, x-rays and a variety of testing available.

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



King Richard was found as a stray and brought to FCNMHP by a good Samaritan. He could barely walk he was so sick. After months of treatment, he is a healthy, happy dog again and no longer homeless!

Ending Pet Overpopulation Nationwide!

The team at FCNMHP mentors dozens of groups across the country each year to learn about our programs such as Feral Freedom, SpayJax, Pet Food Bank and to see our high volume spay/neuter clinic in operation. FCNMHP has become known for putting together innovative model programs that are very effective at reaching their goals.



In August of this year, FCNMHP received funding to start **The Target Zero Institute (TZI)**. TZI believes that putting homeless cats and dogs to death to make room for other homeless animals isn't just bad, it's wrong. Therefore TZI's mission isn't just to reduce overpopulation in shelters, it's to end it nationwide. That's what we mean by Target Zero.

It has now become apparent that communities achieving No Kill status are not just a possibility, but a reality. Therefore, TZI is developing an integrated and comprehensive set of road maps to No Kill using the experiences of the Institute's co-founders and other leaders in the field. These road maps of best practices will allow TZI to effectively mentor Fellow organizations in designing their own comprehensive plans to bring their communities to Zero.

TZI's leaders, Rick DuCharme, Program Director, and Cameron Moore, Assistant Program Director, in partnership with Peter Marsh, will select the first 10 Fellow Organizations in early 2013. Over a 3-year period, each Fellow Organization will receive extensive training and direct technical assistance in program design and implementation, fundraising and revenue generation, partnership-building, board development, government affairs, and fiscal management.

The goal for each organization is to create and implement a Target Zero plan for its community. Fellows will also become part of an active and growing Fellowship Network. By 2014, TZI anticipates having a robust online learning platform in order to scale the number of Fellows going through the program.



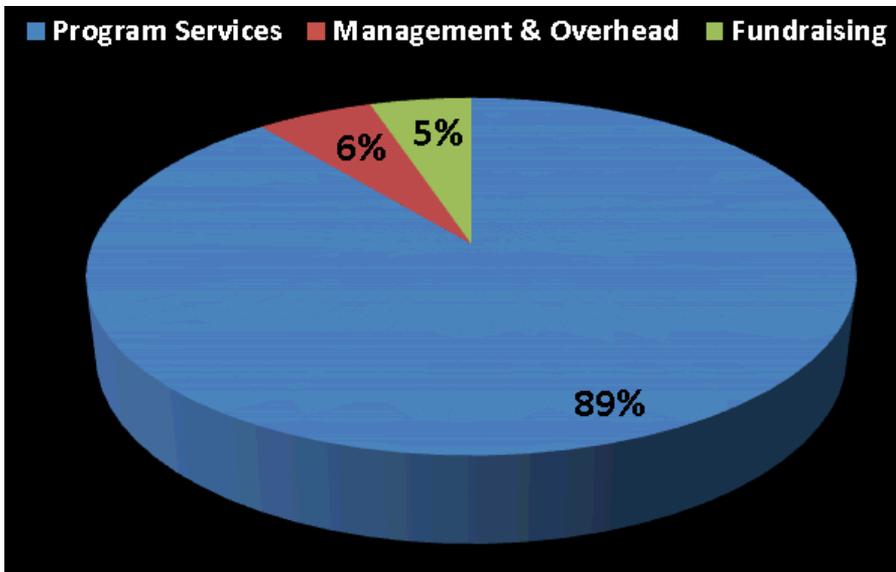
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FCNMHP Budget

FCNMHP had an increase in budgetary dollars going to our vital programs and services. There was also a reduction in management, overhead and fundraising expenses. As we increase our programs and scope to save even more lives, 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 84%	\$284,765 10%	\$189,754 6%	\$2,926,761
2011-2012	\$3,240,930 86%	\$337,427 9%	\$186,519 5%	\$3,764,876



Looking Forward

The future of animal welfare in Northeast Florida is certainly looking brighter. We will not rest until we reach our goals.

We plan to make all of Northeast Florida no kill within 5 years by expanding Feral Freedom and spay/neuter programs.

We will also expand our adoption programs with the help of our partners by increasing behavior modification training, medical funding and staff to make sure every animal that enters our shelters gets a second chance.

We will host Jacksonville Week for the Animals, including smaller meetings and training, in conjunction with the Best Friends Animal Society conference coming to Jacksonville in October 2013.



We also hope to use the Miami-Dade Pets' Trust as an example for other areas of the state. The citizens of Miami-Dade have shown support for a small tax increase that will fund the Trust to help homeless pets.

The Target Zero Institute will continue to grow until we have made the entire nation no kill.

THANK YOU!

This has been a remarkable year! From **record adoption events** to over **25,000 spay/neuter surgeries** to **hundreds of thousands pounds of pet food** distributed to low-income households, our programs are working! Shelter deaths decreased by **35%** from last year and **78%** from our beginning ten years ago! Pet overpopulation is down and lives have been saved. First Coast No More Homeless Pets is truly a model for the rest of the nation.

We couldn't do this without you. We have had the support of our local cities and counties, animal charities like Best Friends Animal Society, ASPCA and, Animal Farm, pet stores, including PetSupermarket, Petco and PetSmart, large companies such as CSX , organizations like Rogers Towers P.A., and small businesses including Bayview Collision Center, and thousands of individual donors—large and small.

You help in so many ways:

- Attending one of our 2012 events—Espeto Brazilian Dinner, artUnleashed or Dogtoberfest
- Volunteering at our clinic or adoption center
- Trapping feral cats
- Fostering dogs and cats who require special assistance
- Adopting a homeless pet in need of love
- Contributing to or buying from our thrift store
- Using our clinic to care for your pets
- Providing funds for a matching grant
- Including us in your will
- Donating food to the Pet Food Bank

You have made a **huge** difference to the animals and families in our community. Your love of animals shines through. On behalf of the animals, **thank you** from the FCNMHP Family.





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