



# 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.

This year, shelter deaths were cut by more than half from last year—almost a 90% reduction from our founding 11 years ago! Shelter admissions have also been cut in half since 2002. We are fast approaching our goal to make Duval County no kill, and we are expanding that goal to all of Florida and the rest of the country.

With the support of the community, FCNMHP has created effective and humane programs designed to combat overpopulation and the needless killing of pets. These programs are now being replicated nationwide.

Our programs are comprehensive. We have one of the nation's largest spay/neuter programs. We also have programs that reduce the number of shelter deaths with innovative adoption programs and programs designed to keep pets in homes and out of shelters.

We are proud to present our Annual Report for the period from October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013.



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# Message from Rick DuCharme

Dear Friends and Supporters,

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. This year we are truly seeing results from our hard work. Shelter deaths were cut by more than half from last year!

We continue to emphasize our spay/neuter programs, performing more than 25,000 surgeries each year. Our adoption programs find homes for thousands of dogs, cats, kittens and puppies. Struggling families have been able to keep their pets with our help. We are saving lives.

This year we have started innovative new programs, such as our new program providing socialization and obedience skills for hard-to-adopt shelter dogs. We have expanded our capacity with additional kennels and transport vans. We have broadened our reach in neighboring counties and across the country.

In recognition of the progress this community has made, Best Friends Animal Society held its annual No More Homeless Pets Conference in Jacksonville this year. Animal welfare groups from all over the U.S. toured our facilities and learned about our programs. These programs are being replicated nationwide by other organizations and communities, as well as through our Target Zero Institute.

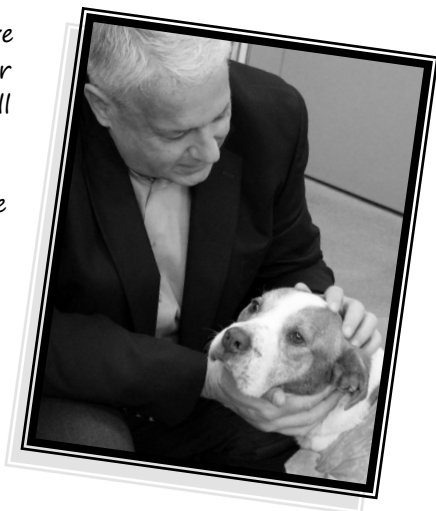
We are proud of the work we have done. We have ambitious goals for the future. With your help, we will achieve them.

Thank you for your support of the animals!

With heartfelt gratitude,



Rick DuCharme  
Founder/Executive Director



# Community Collaboration

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 TAILS program, 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!

## THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS

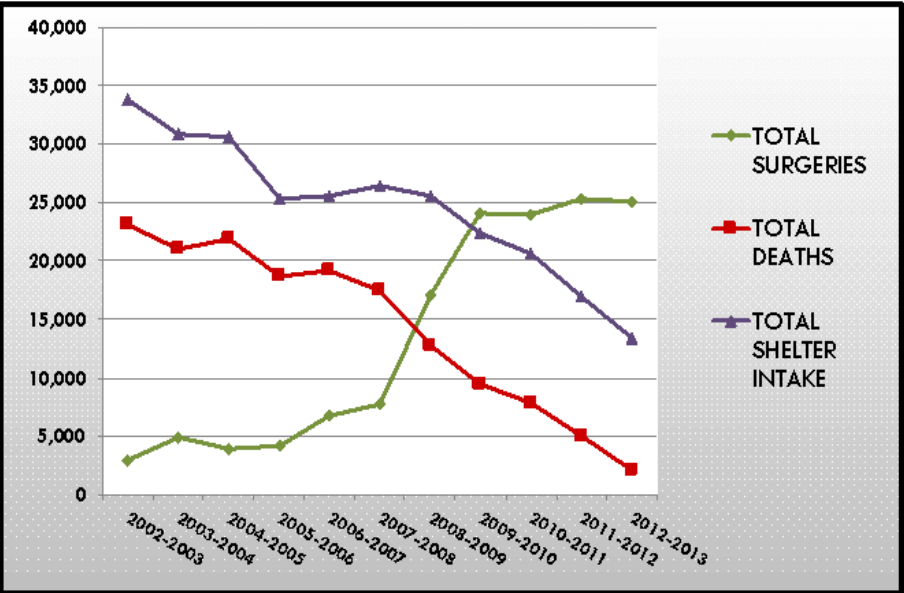
- Best Friends Animal Society
- PetSmart Charities
- PetSmart stores
- Petco
- PetSupermarket
- Jacksonville Animal Care & Protective Services
- Jacksonville Humane Society
- Friends of Jacksonville Animals



# Mission Progress

**As surgery numbers increase, 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
2011-2012	25,332	5,090	16,976
2012-2013	25,105	2,150	13,345





# Helping Animals in Need

FCNMHP believes that no animal should suffer simply because its owner cannot afford medical care or they are homeless. With the help of our generous donors, we created the **Angel Fund** to help cover these life-saving costs.

Laila Ali is just one of the many dogs and cats that are beneficiaries of the **Angel Fund**. Laila was picked up by officers from Jacksonville Animal Care and Protective Services (JACPS). She was one of the worst cases of animal neglect they had ever seen. She was covered with maggots and fleas and was so emaciated that her muscles had atrophied. The officers rushed Laila to our facility for a blood transfusion and other much-needed treatment.

No one knew whether she would make it through the night. But Laila Ali is a fighter—hence her name. And, in spite of the



*Laila's first day at our clinic.*

neglect and abuse she had suffered, she was loving and trusting.

Laila needed in-depth care the shelter could not afford. Thanks to our **Angel Fund**, we provided Laila's care free of cost. In two weeks, she was twelve pounds heavier and has now more than doubled her weight from the day she was found. She is now on the road to recovery and has found her forever home!

This past year, we provided more than \$40,000 of free or reduced care to suffering animals in need like Laila. We are so thankful for the animal lovers who make this possible by contributing to our **Angel Fund**. To support our **Angel Fund** and animals who need our help, please visit [www.fcnmhp.org](http://www.fcnmhp.org).



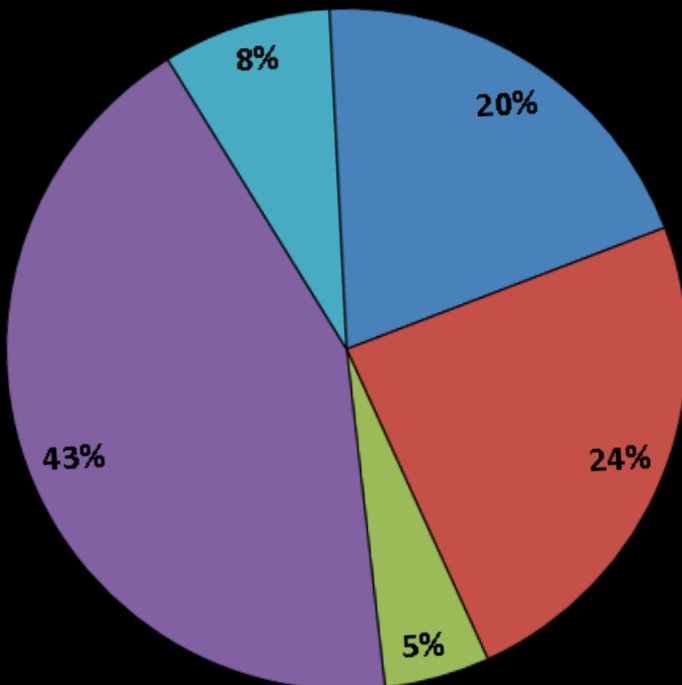
*Laila now, with her foster dad.*

# 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



- LOW-COST PROGRAMS
- LOW-INCOME PROGRAMS
- PIT BULL & PIT BULL MIX PROGRAMS
- FERAL/COMMUNITY CATS
- GEOGRAPHIC PROGRAMS





Our Feral Freedom trap-neuter-return program is having increasing impact across the nation. More and more communities are adopting it, and this fall, hundreds of people from across the country attended our conference “Face-to-Face with Feral Freedom” and toured our facilities.

This year, in addition to the 3,074 cats coming through Feral Freedom, we sterilized 7,477 feral cats trapped and brought to us by cat lovers. Thanks to a generous grant from Best Friends Animal Society, we have a trapper on staff who not only traps large feral cat colonies, but also traps cats for people unable to do it on their own.

The Duval Cat Fix program entitled any resident of Duval County to have cats (whether owned or feral) sterilized for free. Last year, 2,067 cats were spayed or neutered through this program.

## Locations Engaged in Feral Freedom/Community Cat Programs

### Cities:

Albuquerque, NM  
Atlanta, GA (partial)  
Austin, TX  
Baltimore, MD  
Charleston, SC  
Chattanooga, TN  
Derry Township, PA  
Flagler Beach, FL  
Gainesville, FL  
Highspire Borough,  
PA  
Indianapolis, IN  
Jacksonville, FL  
King County, WA  
Nassau County, FL

Orange County, CA  
Philadelphia, PA  
Pinellas County, FL  
Port Orange, FL  
Richmond, VA  
Sacramento, CA  
San Antonio, TX  
San Jose, CA  
Sonoma, CA  
Steelton Borough,  
PA  
Swatara Township,  
PA  
Waco, TX  
Washington, DC

### States:

Connecticut  
Maine  
New Hampshire  
Nevada



# Targeted Spay/Neuter Programs:

## TARGETED LOW-INCOME PROGRAMS

Free pet spay/neuter surgeries for anyone qualifying as low-income or on government assistance in the specified county.

### SPAYJAX (Duval County)

- **\$320,000** annual budget funded by the City of Jacksonville
- **4,594** total surgeries in **FY 12-13**
- **37,953** total surgeries **since 2002**

### SPAYCLAY (Clay County)

- **1,201** total surgeries in **FY 12-13**

### SPAYNASSAU (Nassau County)

- **293** total surgeries in **FY 12-13**
- **2,296** total surgeries **since 2004**

## FERAL FREEDOM

Trap, neuter, vaccinate and return program for feral cats brought to Jacksonville Animal Care and Protective Services and Nassau County Animal Services. Program funded by FCNMHP and grants from the Bernice Barbour Foundation, the Bissell Pet Foundation, the Elinor Patterson Baker Foundation and the Glide Foundation.

- **3,237** total surgeries in **FY 12-13**
- **21,508** total surgeries **since 2008**



# The solution to pet overpopulation.

## TARGETED ZIP CODE PROGRAMS

Free surgeries for residents in zip codes with high shelter admissions.

### DUVAL COUNTY

PetSmart Charities granted \$200,000 to Animal Care & Protective Services for zip code 32210. Grant ended 12/31/12. New grant of \$100,000 for dogs located in 32206 and 32254 codes.

- **962** total surgeries in **FY 12-13**
- **4,058** total surgeries **since 2010**

### SPAYWEST

Nassau County residents in the 32009, 32011, 32046 and 32097 zip code areas (grant ended in 2013).

- **1,058** total surgeries in **FY 12-13**
- **2,848** total surgeries **since 2011**

## FREE PIT BULL & PIT BULL MIX PROGRAM

Free pit bull and pit mix spay/neuter surgeries for Duval, Nassau St. Johns and Clay County residents, funded by the Animal Farm Foundation.

- **1,191** total surgeries in **FY 12-13**
- **3,089** total surgeries **since 2010**



# MEGA Adoption Events

To date, we have held 4 MEGA Adoption events, bringing together the animal controls of Duval, Clay and Nassau counties, Jacksonville Humane Society and numerous rescue groups.

These are the largest weekend adoption events in the country and have saved the lives of more than 3,700 homeless dogs and cats since 2012!



- ♥ July 2012: **946** adoptions
- ♥ December 2012: **838** adoptions
- ♥ July 2013: **1,007** adoptions (our record!)
- ♥ October 2013: **924** adoptions



The MEGA adoption events are promoted throughout the community and raise awareness about shelter pets and adoption.

These events are sponsored by PetSmart Charities, PetSmart stores and Best Friends Animal Society.

# Adoption Programs



## **Saving Them All & Safety Net 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. Another one of our

employees counsels and provides alternative resources for people seeking to surrender their pets at the shelter.

**PETSUPERMARKET®**

## **Cat & 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. 432 adoptions occurred this year.

More than 1,100 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 700,000 pounds of pet food to more than 7,500 pets!



The 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. Visit [www.jaxpetfoodbank.org](http://www.jaxpetfoodbank.org) for details.

### **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**

**Vet 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 67,000 animals in need of veterinary services.

Vaccinations, flea/heartworm treatment and preventatives, microchipping, dental cleaning, x-rays and a variety of tests are available.

In addition to these standard veterinary services, we have been able to expand the scope of our care with new x-ray machines and oxygen units. We are able to treat life-threatening issues at a reasonable price.



**The money raised from the low-cost veterinary clinic helps subsidize funding for our other programs.**





# Saving Lives Nationwide



**Established to assist communities to design and implement comprehensive plans to end the killing of dogs and cats in shelters!**

After years of informally mentoring animal welfare groups across the country, Target Zero Institute (TZI) was created in 2012. TZI's goal is to make the nation no kill in 12 years by focusing on a targeted and systemic approach to create



positive change for animal welfare in communities across the country. TZI assists these communities in the design and implementation of a comprehensive plan to decrease shelter admissions and increase live release rates.

Animal control agencies and other animal welfare organizations apply to become TZI Fellows. If chosen, expert assessments, including medical and ordinance review, program design and other resources will be invested by TZI in that community. In turn, the Fellows will then mentor neighboring communities to further increase the path to a no-kill nation.

TZI is actively working with Indianapolis, IN; East Parish Baton Rouge, LA; McClennan County, TX; Brevard County, FL; Cincinnati, OH; and has conducted special workshops and/or informational presentations in Kansas City, MO; Dayton, OH; Pensacola, FL; Gulfport, MS; Miami-Dade, FL; and Manhattan, NY. The goal for 2014 is to add one community a month as a Fellow.



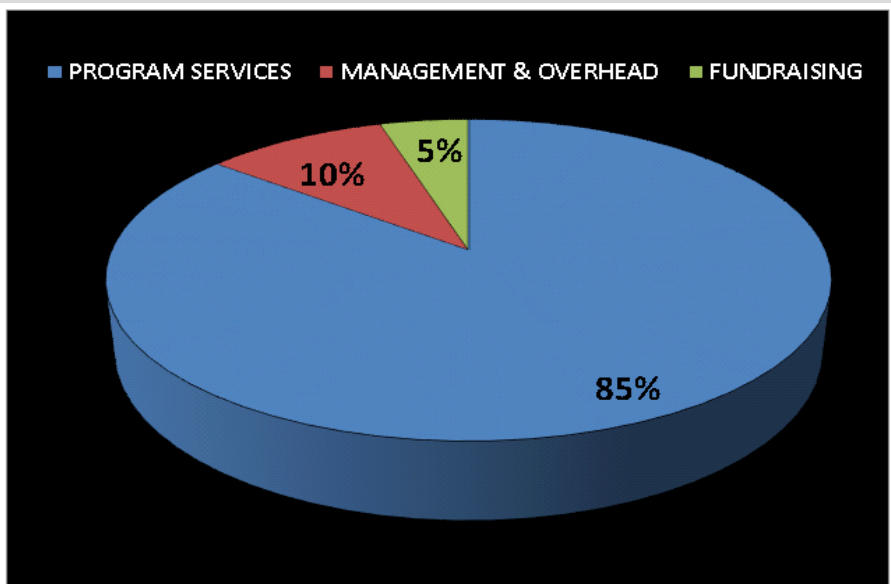
For more information, visit [TargetZeroInstitute.org](http://TargetZeroInstitute.org).

# 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	\$284,765	\$189,754	\$2,926,761
2011-2012	\$3,693,662	\$242,321	\$210,634	\$4,146,617
2012-2013	\$3,581,237 85%	\$405,328 10%	\$196,615 5%	\$4,183,180



# Plans for the Future & Second Chances

This is an exciting time for the no-kill movement! We have ambitious goals for next year, which include:

## Locally

- Performing 32,000 spay/neuter surgeries in our clinic
- Creating an outreach team to seek out pet owners in underserved areas
- Opening a second spay/neuter facility in Jacksonville, if funding is available
- Increasing the number of Mega Adoption events



## Florida

- Implementing Feral Freedom in other neighboring counties
- Operating a spay/neuter facility in Miami-Dade

## Nationally

- Expanding Target Zero
- Organizing Mega Adoption events in 40 communities across the country

**We hope you will join us in our efforts  
to make these goals a reality.**

## Teaching Animals and Inmates Life Skills (TAILS)

This exciting new program is a partnership with Jacksonville Animal Care and Protective Services, the Jacksonville Humane Society and the Florida Department of Corrections. We take difficult to adopt dogs from the city shelter and place them in three Florida prisons.

Each dog is placed with three prisoners who have been trained to care for, socialize and teach the dogs obedience skills. Best Friends Animal Society and the Laura J. Niles Foundation have helped to fund this lifesaving program.



# We couldn't do this without you.

**This community loves its animals!** Tens of thousands of people attend our record-breaking adoption events, hundreds of volunteers help to distribute hundreds of thousands of pounds of pet food to low-income households, and animal welfare groups partner to save lives. First Coast No More Homeless Pets and this community are a model for the nation! We are grateful for all our partners in this effort.

**But most of all, we could not do this without you.** You have helped in so many ways:

Attending one of our events	Sharing our stories on social media
Volunteering	Using our clinic
Giving to our Angel Fund	Including us in your will
Trapping feral cats	Donating to the Pet Food Bank
Fostering	Supporting our thrift store
Adopting a homeless pet	Contributing financially

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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