



# ANNUAL REPORT 2015



NASSAU HUMANE SOCIETY

BRINGING PETS & PEOPLE TOGETHER

## MISSION STATEMENT

Nassau Humane Society is dedicated to the humane treatment of all animals; to alleviating their suffering and neglect; to supporting the human-animal bond; and to fostering an environment in which people respect all living creatures.

# HOW DO WE ACCOMPLISH OUR MISSION?

Nassau Humane Society built and supports the operations of the Chardonnay Animal Rescue Center on Airport Road. The Rescue Center is a no-kill operation, meaning no animal is euthanized unless it is too sick or injured to survive. The Rescue Center staff and volunteers provide shelter, food, medical care and, importantly, love and compassion for the homeless animals (1) brought in through the center's animal control function under its agreement with the City of Fernandina Beach, (2) surrendered by owners who cannot or will not take care of their pets anymore, and (3) transferred from other agencies. The Rescue Center also engages in community outreach, educates children about pet ownership, provides pet food to low-income families and makes low- or no-cost medical services available to low-income pet owners.

## SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Set forth below is summary financial information about FY 2015 operating results.

### ANIMAL RESCUE OPERATIONS

Income (1)	\$184,094
Expenses (2)	<u>\$(444,840)</u>
Total	<u>\$(260,746)</u>

(1) Primarily includes \$121,200 for providing animal control for the city of Fernandina Beach and adoption fees.

(2) Primarily includes expense for personnel, veterinary services, medical food and kennel supplies, building and vehicle maintenance, depreciation, utilities, insurance and other expenses.

### Net Contributions \$346,091

Net contributions consists of the donations from supporters, funds from fundraising events such as Pasta for Paws, Craft Beer Fest, the Gala, Taste and Toast and other events, merchandise sales, net income from the Second Chance store, dog park net income, less expenses related to fundraising events, personnel, mortgage interest and other overhead costs.

### Net Result

Net loss from animal rescue operation	\$(260,746)
Net Contributions	<u>\$346,091</u>
Total	<u>\$85,345</u>

### MORTGAGE LOAN ON CHARDONNAY ANIMAL RESCUE CENTER

The total cost of the Animal Rescue Center was approximately \$2.3 million. Through the generous donations of the Chardonnay Foundation, the city of Fernandina Beach and many, many individual supporters, all but \$579,850 was paid by the time we opened the Animal Rescue Center last fall. Our initial mortgage of \$579,850 has been reduced to \$490,278 as of September 30, 2015 as we continue to apply funds donated to pay the mortgage down and make prepayments out of available cash.

### LOOKING FORWARD

We will continue to manage in a fiscally responsible manner while at the same time strive to help as many homeless animals as possible. To that end we have opened 22 more kennels, increased transfers from shelters that do not follow a no-kill policy and expanded community outreach and pet owner education efforts.

Thank you for your continuing support of our mission.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS







Nassau Humane Society accomplished some great things in our fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2015. Here are some highlights:

-  Opened the Chardonay Animal Rescue Center in November 2014.
-  Paid down our mortgage.
-  Operated one of the top-rated dog parks in the United States, primarily with volunteers.
-  Expanded our Second Chance resale store, thanks to community support and merchandise donations, and our staff and volunteers.
-  Treated 21 dogs for heartworm disease.
-  Provided 37 animals with much-needed special surgeries.
-  Transferred 180 animals to the Rescue Center from other shelters, including animals facing possible euthanization for lack of space or length of stay.
-  Fed an average of 302 animals per month through our Food Bank for low- or fixed-income families.
-  Walked adoption-ready dogs 3 days a week, thanks to our volunteers, with daily outdoor time.
-  Found **781** animals FURever homes!!!





## FUREVER HOME READY

At Nassau Humane Society, finding FURever homes for each of our animals is our highest mission. Our dedicated staff and volunteers work with and treat every animal as if each pet were their own. We feel this time creates animals that are “FURever Home Ready”.




Our animals not only receive important health and wellness procedures like spay/neuter, heartworm testing and treatments, and specialized medical procedures and surgeries, but also:

-  Socialization with other cats and/or dogs
-  Walking and play groups
-  Behavior training in public places – cars, the beach, farmer’s markets, and parks
-  Animal specific behavior training or physical therapy
-  House training
-  Overnight stays with dedicated volunteers

### ANIMALS SPAYED/NEUTERED

FISCAL		
2012		393
2013		337
2014		407
2015		452

### FUREVER HOMES FOUND

FISCAL		
2012		507
2013		485
2014		748
2015		781

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Tom Christenson

## TRUSTEES

### PRESIDENT

Beth Hughes

### VICE PRESIDENT

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### SECRETARY

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Amanda Pelletier

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Pat Gass



Dear Animal Lovers,

Over this past year Nassau Humane Society has made great progress in achieving its mission. We opened the Chardonnay Animal Rescue Center which is a state-of-the-art shelter for homeless dogs and cats. It was a record year for adoptions with 781 homeless animals adopted! Volunteer efforts at the Rescue Center, the Adoption Waggin', the Dog Park, Second Chance, fundraising events and dog walking exceeded 25,000 hours! We reduced our mortgage loan on the Rescue Center by almost \$90,000.

Our staff at the Center has done an outstanding job. Their dedication and compassion in their care of the animals and preparing them for adoption is boundless. They do everything they can to make life better for these homeless animals and that's what it all about.

In short it was a good year and we owe it to all to our dedicated staff, volunteers and donors. Without you, it couldn't happen.

Let's build on our success and make this year even better. With your help we can save even more homeless animals and find them loving homes.

Thank you for your support.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom Christenson', is written over a white background.

Tom Christenson  
Executive Director

November 2, 2015



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