



GREENVILLE COUNTY ANIMAL CARE



WHO IS “ANIMAL CARE”?



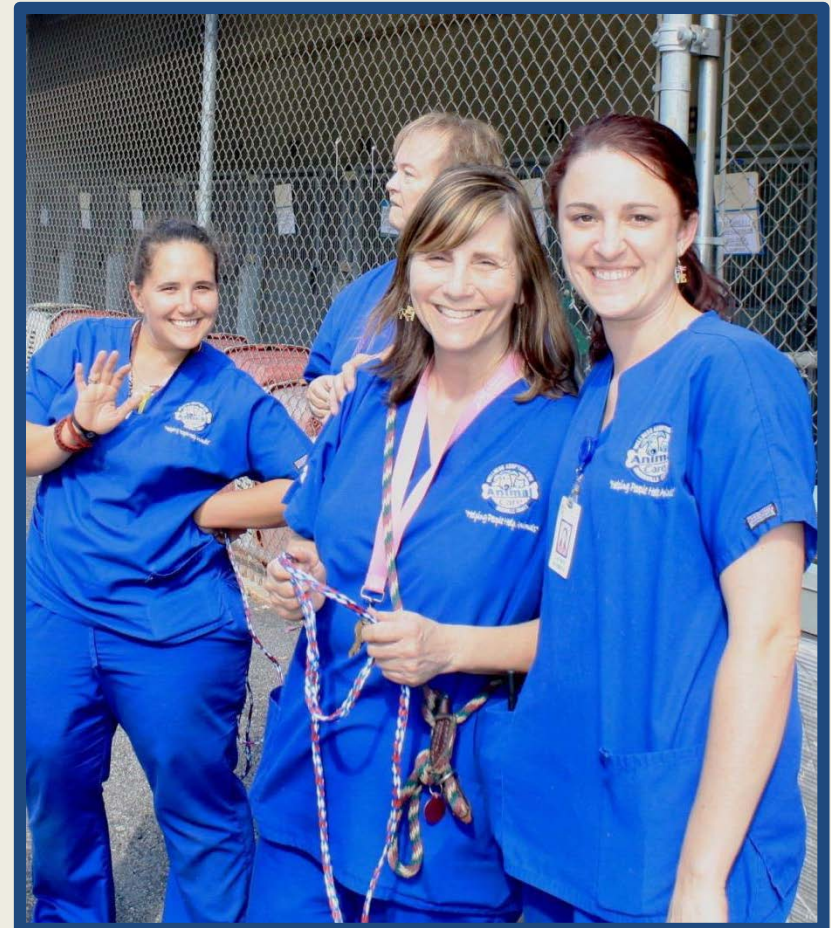
- We are the largest open admission animal shelter in South Carolina, caring for up to 20,000 animals each year.
 - *50-75 animals enter our doors every day.*
 - *Our facility houses @ 200 dogs and 200 cats daily.*
 - *We are NOT a humane society. We are a county agency.*



WHAT IS OUR ROLE IN OUR COMMUNITY?



- Intake, house, and care for stray and unwanted pets
- Decrease shelter intake of homeless pets
 - *Spay/Neuter*
 - *Surrender Prevention*
 - *Education*
- Increase live outcomes of shelter pets
 - *Adoption*
 - *Transfer to Rescue Groups*
 - *Fostering*



OUR CHALLENGES (PAST & PRESENT)



- Animal control impounding feral/community cats.
 - *Unadoptable- the only option once in a shelter is euthanasia.*
 - *“Feral” / “community cat” are not clearly defined in state law.*
 - *Cats are 7-10X more likely to find their way home if left alone.*
 - *4,000+ kittens enter our shelter annually*
 - *85% originate from feral / community cats*
 - *75% are underage / unadoptable*



OUR CHALLENGES (PAST & PRESENT)



- Pet owners in South Carolina are not required to ID their pets.
 - *<1% of stray cats come into the shelter with ID*
 - *<1% of stray cats are reunited with their owners*
 - *3% of stray dogs come into the shelter with ID*
 - *3% of stray dogs are reunited with their owners*



Why Should You Microchip Your Pet?

10 million dogs and cats are lost or stolen in the U.S. every year.

1 in 3 pets will become lost at some point during their life.

With a registered microchip...
a dog is **2.4** times more likely to make it back home.
a cat is **21.4** times more likely to make it back home.

\$10 the cost of a microchip from Animal Care.

Steps for Keeping Your Pet Safe

1. Microchip your pet
2. Get a pet ID tag that lists your contact info and place it on your pet's collar
3. Update your microchip data whenever you move



OUR CHALLENGES (PAST & PRESENT)



- Required stray hold of 5 days overcrowds our shelter and is unnecessary for most animals.
 - *Very low reunification rates despite holding for 5 days*
 - *Most lost pets are reclaimed within 3 days*
 - *Litters of puppies and kittens*
 - *On “stray hold”- why?*

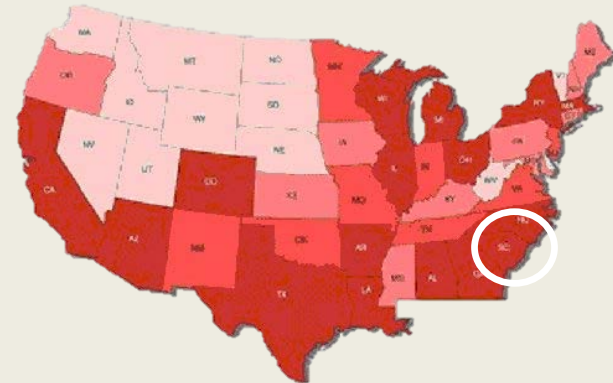


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- 800+ dogs entering our shelter annually are positive for heartworm disease.

- *Average cost to treat = \$550*
- *Time to treat = 3-4 months*



- Expectation for shelters to find positive, live outcomes for every friendly dog and cat that enters our shelter.

- *This requires staff, funding, and resources.*
- *Funding limited to cost of care for a 5-day stray hold period*
- *Average length of stay to a live outcome is 10-15 days*



PROGRAMS THAT WORK FOR US



- Community Cat Diversion / Trap-Neuter-Return
 - *The most life-saving and population reduction program we offer*
- All adoptable pets have a low \$35 adoption fee.
 - *We adopt nearly 6,000 pets each year*
- Fee-waived adoption specials when the shelter is crowded.
 - *“Free” does not change the quality of the adopter*

These programs are primarily supported by fundraising and grants



PROGRAMS THAT WORK FOR US



- Low cost and no-cost spaying and neutering.
 - *Cost is the primary barrier to spaying and neutering*
- Transferring animals to rescue groups in other states.
 - *Greenville County has the largest transfer program in South Carolina*
- Marketing, community relations, and media engagement.
 - *Public image and support from the public is vital to our success*



OUR SUCCESS



- In **2006**, the number of shelter **animals euthanized** in Greenville County was **more than 70%**
- In **2016**, the number of shelter **animals saved** in Greenville County is **70% and climbing**.
- In **10 years**, the programs and services Animal Care has put in place have paved the way for **Greenville County** to become the **largest No-Kill animal community in South Carolina**.
- Animal Care works with many outlets in the State.
 - *Key Resource Center for No Kill South Carolina*
 - *Assisted with pets during flooding 2015 and hurricane 2016*
 - *Visits & hosts other shelters that need guidance on best practices*

QUESTIONS?

