



2021 Annual Report

Our mission is to provide shelter and compassionate care while finding loving families for at-risk and homeless companion animals.

With Gratitude from Our Executive Director



Beth with RCHS mascot and her RCHS alumni Cider, Tildy, and Harper.

Hello RCHS Community!

As I reflect on the year we just closed and all that has gone on around us, I look forward with **gratitude**. **Gratitude** for the animals who come to us needing food and water, warmth, medical care and love. I always learn from them. **Gratitude** for the very hard-working staff and volunteers who help keep our animals happy and healthy as they wait to meet their new families. They exemplify the meaning of the word work. **Gratitude** for our Board of Directors, donors and adopters who make us better at what we do and how we do it. They challenge and support us. **Gratitude** for this fabulous community who is always there for us when we need

something and continues to believe in the work we do for the homeless animals in our care. Their continued support means the world to all of us. I'm hoping in 2022 we can learn and love and grow and improve so we can help even more animals who need us.

With **gratitude**,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth Saradarian".

Beth Saradarian

2021 Impact Stories



Tulip and Flower

Tulip and Flower came to us in rough shape! Both had mange, parasites, infections and more. Both are now in forever and foster homes, looking great!



Tuna

We weren't sure if Tuna was going to make it. Not only was she the runt of her litter, but we also had concerns about her front legs and her future. Tuna is now doing wonderfully in her forever home!



Banana

After a long flight from Texas, we were surprised to see that Ms. Banana was starting to look a little...bigger...after a few weeks at RCHS. Before we knew it, NINE new members of our shelter family were here, and the staff was all feeling like proud parents. All puppies, with no surprise, quickly found their forever homes, and so did mom!



Buddy

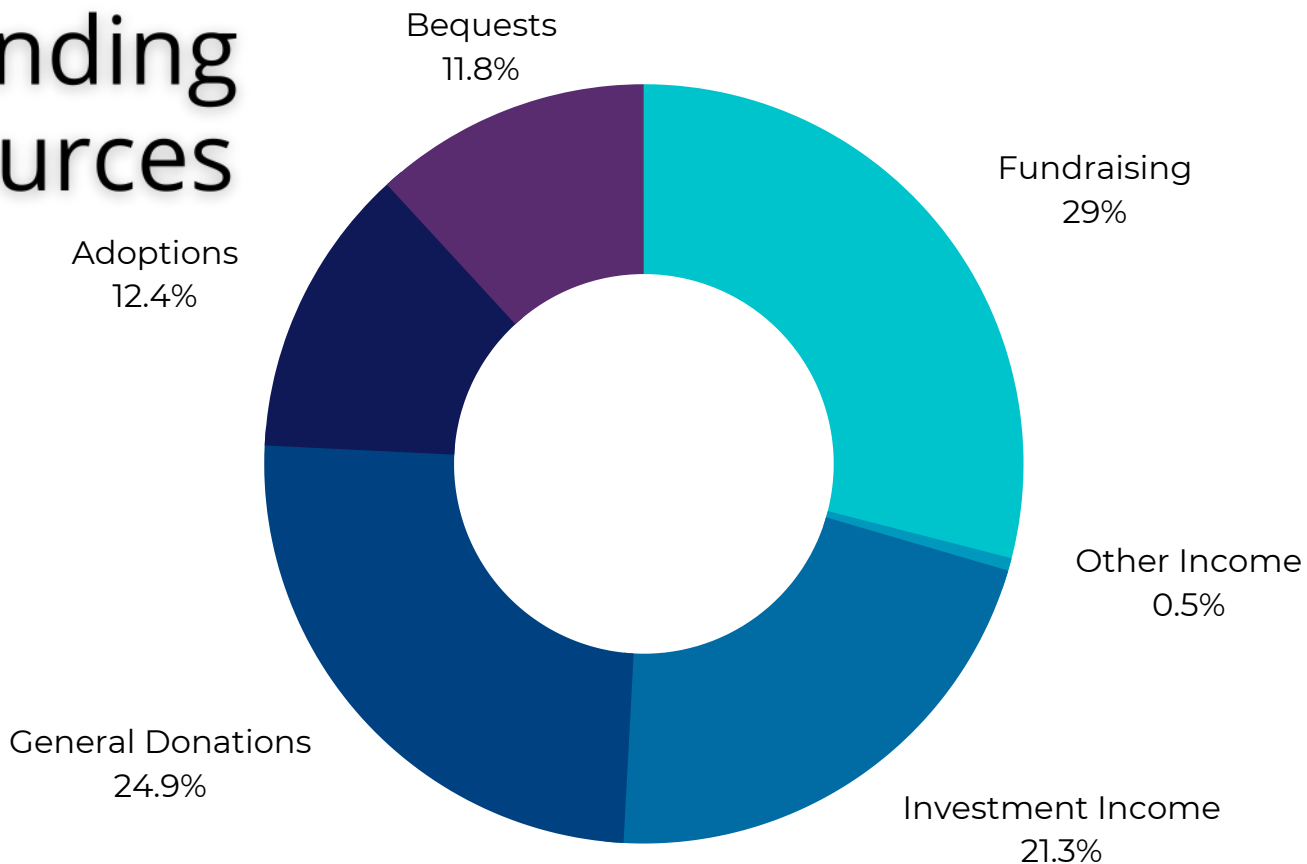
Buddy was blind when he was adopted from RCHS as a kitten, and was later returned to us searching for a new home. He is now in a loving forever home, giving him the time he needs to adjust to his new surroundings and a new life.



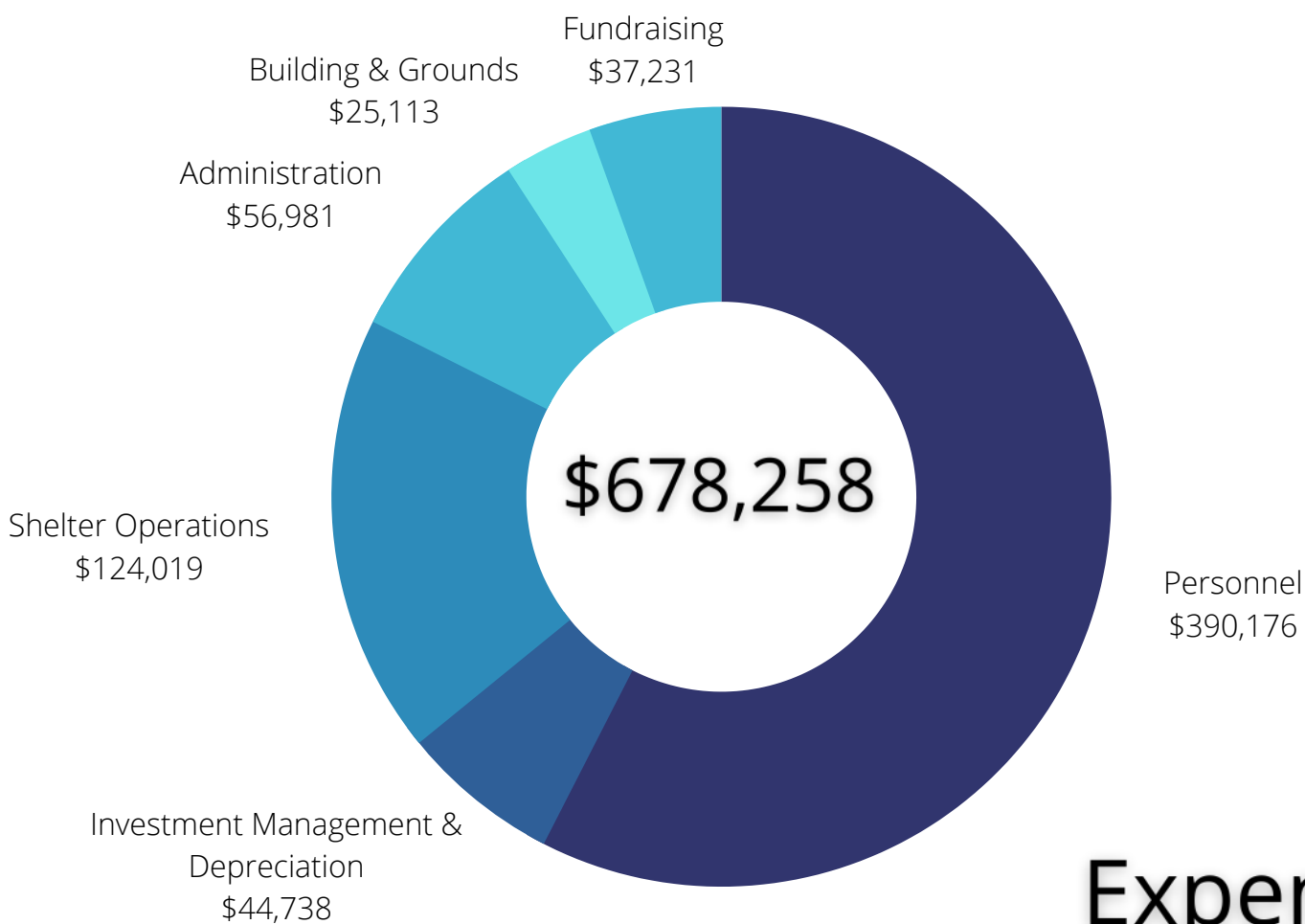
Luna

Sweet Luna. Our 14-year-old senior girl came to us with multiple health issues and was in desperate need of some extra love and care. After a spa day makeover, Luna is spending her golden years with her new forever family.

Funding Sources



2021 Financials In Review



Expenses

2021 Animal Numbers

RCHS cared for 1,071 homeless animals last year:

241 dogs and puppies

785 cats and kittens

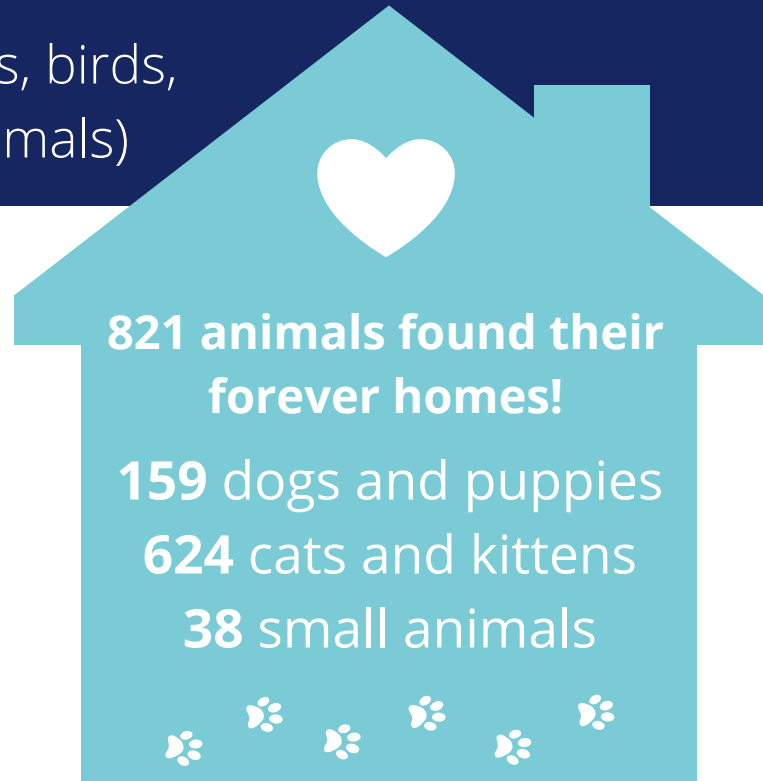
45 small animals (including rabbits, birds, guinea pigs, and other small animals)



172 animals were transferred in from other shelters in overpopulated parts of the country:

89 dogs and puppies

83 cats and kittens



821 animals found their forever homes!

159 dogs and puppies

624 cats and kittens

38 small animals

In 2021

67% Of Stray Dogs **11%** Of Stray Cats were reunited with their owners



313 cats and **32** dogs were lovingly cared for in volunteer foster homes last year

RCHS worked with local veterinarians to spay and neuter **591** animals prior to adoption, totaling

\$24,789



Community Programs

SPAY THE MOM PROGRAM

If you're a Rutland County resident, you can bring any mom cat or dog and all her kittens or puppies to us at no charge. In exchange, the Humane Society will "Spay the Mom" administer rabies and distemper vaccines, and return her to you at no cost. The kittens and puppies will be adopted into loving new homes after being spayed and neutered.



FERAL CAT PROGRAM

RCCHS assists people who are caring for stray, feral and other loosely owned cats in Rutland County. We will also provide support of Rutland County residents who employ TNR to manage local feral cat populations. Young kittens may be adopted into homes and the other healthy cats too wild to be adopted are returned to their familiar habitat under the lifelong care of volunteers.



HAVE-A-HEART TRAP LOAN PROGRAM

RCCHS has a variety of sizes of Have-A-Heart traps which can be loaned out to Rutland County residents. We have traps for small animals, traps for cats and fat cats and three different size traps for dogs.

COMMUNITY PET FOOD PROGRAM

RCCHS is so appreciative of the donations made to the shelter from our compassionate and caring community. If pet food and supplies are donated that we cannot use, we work with many of the food shelves in Rutland County to distribute food and supplies to them. When we have extra, we call the food shelves who come to RCCHS and pick it up. If you need pet food, please visit your local food shelf. Please consider making a donation of pet food to your local food shelf to help those who need it.



Community Programs



SHELTER TOURS

There's a lot to learn here at the shelter! If you are part of a group that would like to learn more about RCHS and what we do, please reach out about setting up a shelter tour.

HUMANE EDUCATION

Educating our community about humane treatment of animals, what RCHS does, our programs and many other topics is important to us. If you have a group of students, scouts, campers, staff, seniors and more, we would love to come talk about RCHS and how we help the animals and people in Rutland County.

ANIMAL SURRENDERS

The Rutland County Humane Society accepts all owned domestic animals who are surrendered to us by residents of Rutland County without fee or discrimination based on potential adoptability. In 2021, 594 animals were surrendered to RCHS by their owners.

LOST & FOUND PETS

RCHS accepts stray domestic animals that are brought to us by citizens or designated Animal Control Officers. All stray animals will be held at the shelter for 5 business days to enable any possible owners to reclaim their animal. In 2021, 305 stray animals were brought to RCHS.



ANIMAL CRUELTY AND NEGLECT

RCHS proudly works as a partner with Rutland County law enforcement on situations involving animal neglect and abuse. RCHS has no law enforcement authority or the resources available to investigate concerns.

Volunteering



Local groups and organizations come to RCHS to help the homeless animals.



(Above) Adoptable pup, Chief, hits the town with an RCHS volunteer!
(Top Right): Two very snuggly RCHS kittens in their foster home.
(Bottom Right) RCHS volunteer greets participants at Trails For Tails.



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Volunteers gave

28,779

hours of their
time to RCHS in
2021, saving
RCHS

\$361,176

2021 RCHS Alumni



Cliff

"It hasn't been very long since I took Cliff the one-eyed wonder kitty home, but it's already hard to imagine our little family without him."



Nala

"We are so happy to have little Nala as part of our family! She is such a (mischievous) sweetheart, and a great companion for our other pup. We love her so much!"



Bruce

"We absolutely just love Bruce! He has everybody's heart! I am so happy that Bruce has his forever home with us!"



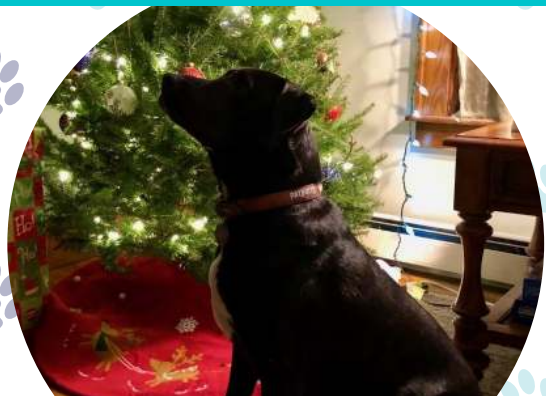
Thumper

"I thought we were just a safe stop on her road to her forever home, but we quickly realized we couldn't let her go. She has brought so much joy into our home and we are so grateful to RCHS for connecting us."



Avocado

"Maggie (previously Avocado- the tuxedo cat) is thriving at home with her new brother Kermit (also 8 months old). Thank you for taking such good care of our girl!"



Rufus

"He is really a good boy! He has been a very good addition to our family and we love him very much."

Thank You!

The Board of Directors, staff, and animals at the Rutland County Humane Society would like to send out a special "thank you" to our community who is so supportive of us! Whether it's volunteering your time and talents, adopting an animal or supporting us with donations, our community continues to always be there for us and we couldn't do what we do without you!



October 2021 staff appreciation fun day

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