

2022 Annual Report



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OUR MISSION: RCHS is dedicated to advocating for and working toward a responsible and humane community. We provide shelter and adoption opportunities for pets that are homeless and promote animal welfare through community programs that benefit both animals and people.

Hello RCHS Community,

Making a difference. It's important to us. Making a difference for animals who need us. For people in the community who need us. If we can help, if we can make a difference, it's important that we do.

We made a difference for 1,074 animals who needed us in 2022. Three hundred fifty-eight stray animals found warmth and love while waiting for their owners to find them. We made a difference for them. Four hundred eighty-two animals came to us because their owners were no longer able to care for them. We know life happens, and we are glad we could make a difference for the animals and their owners. There are events beyond our control. Hurricane Ian comes to mind. We made a difference for four dogs who flew in from a shelter in Sarasota County, Florida. These dogs were already up for adoption when the storm hit. We made a difference for them and the people in Florida as we helped free up four kennels so the many dogs impacted by Hurricane Ian had a dry and comfortable place to go until things settled down. While it was only four dogs, we know it helped them, the shelter, and the people of their community. We made a difference.



Making a difference and celebrating the nearly 1,000 adoptions, animals returned to their owners, and animals transferred to other agencies also brings smiles to our faces. When you think about it, making a difference feels good. That's why we work in this field.

We know in 2023 we can continue to make a difference. For more animals. For more people. And the future is bright.

Executive Director

PLATINUM PUPPY SPONSORS



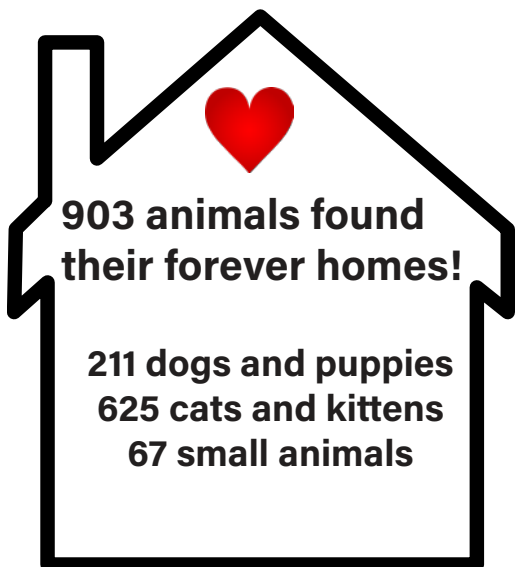
2022 ANIMALS BY THE NUMBERS

1,074 Homeless Animals were cared for by RCHS

304 dogs and puppies

694 cats and kittens

76 small animals: rabbits, birds, guinea pigs, ferrets, rats, and others



234 animals were transferred to RCHS from other shelters in overpopulated parts of the country including four dogs



from Hurricane Ian

91 dogs and puppies 143 cats and kittens



57% of stray dogs and 5% of stray cats were reunited with their owners

510 animals were spayed & neutered by local veterinarians working with RCHS, totaling \$20,700



115 cats and 24 dogs were cared for lovingly by foster volunteers

414 animals were relinquished by owners

111 dogs and puppies

303 cats and kittens



GOLDEN TAIL WAGGER SPONSORS

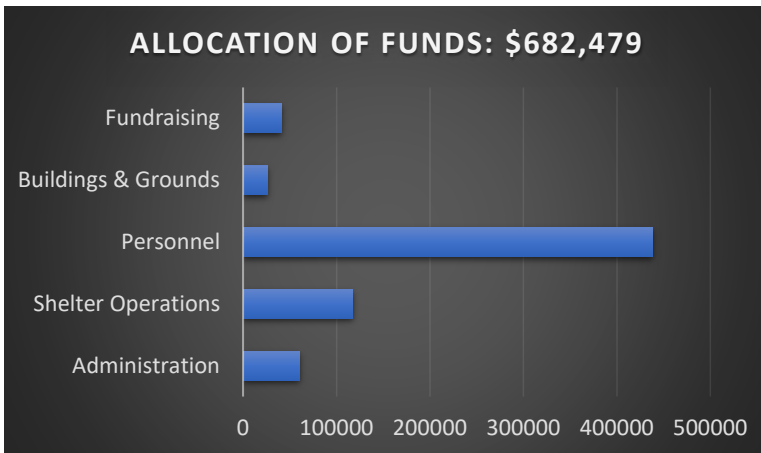
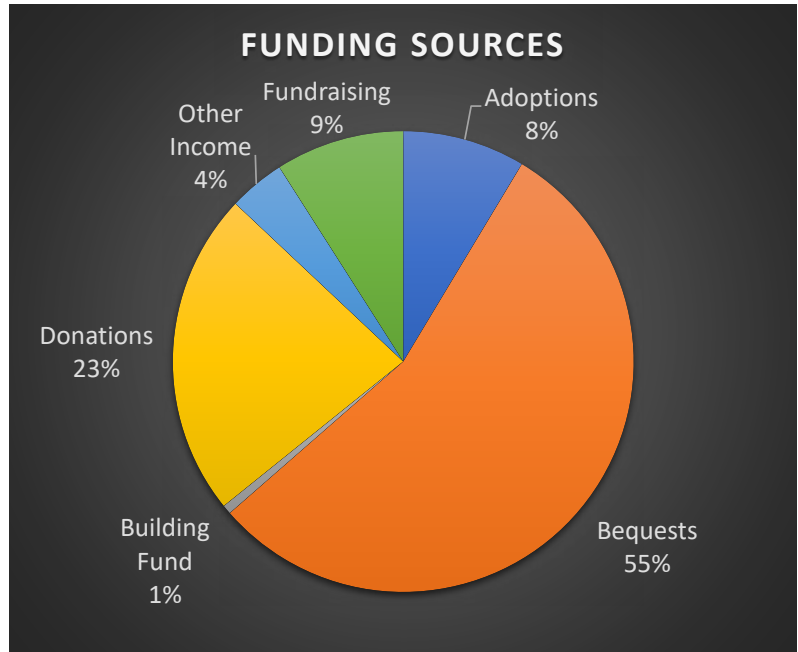


Heritage Family
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

2022 FINANCIALS IN REVIEW



Alumni Chirper & Tweetie



SILVER SLEEPY CAT SPONSORS

BRONZE BUNNY



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

SPAY THE MOM If you are a Rutland County resident, you can bring any mom cat or dog and all their offspring to us at no charge. We will “spay the mom,” give her vaccines, and return her to you at no cost. Her kittens or puppies will be adopted into new homes after spaying or neutering.

FERAL CAT PROGRAM RCHS assists people who are caring for stray, feral, and other loosely owned cats in Rutland County. We support Rutland County residents who employ TNR (trap, neuter, return) to manage 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. **COMMUNITY PET FOOD PROGRAM** If pet food is donated to the Shelter that we cannot use, we distribute food and supplies to local food shelves. We are so appreciative of the donations made to the Shelter by our compassionate community. **HUMANE EDUCATION**

Educating our community about humane treatment of animals is important to us. If you have a group of students, scouts, campers, seniors, staff, and more, we would love to

come talk about RCHS. **LOST AND FOUND PETS** RCHS accepts stray



domestic animals brought to us by citizens or Animal Control Officers. We hold strays for five business days to enable owners to reclaim their animals. In 2022, 358 stray animals were brought to RCHS.

ANIMAL SURRENDERS We accept all owned domestic animals who are surrendered to us by residents of Rutland County without fee or discrimination based on potential adoptability. In 2022, 482 animals were relinquished to

RCHS by their owners. **ANIMAL CRUELTY AND NEGLECT** RCHS proudly works 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. **HAVE-A-HEART TRAP LOAN PROGRAM** RCHS has a variety of sizes of Have-A-Heart traps which can be loaned to Rutland County residents. We have traps for small animals, traps for cats and fat cats, and three different sized traps for dogs.



BRONZE BUNNY SPONSORS



 **Rutland Regional
Medical Center**

 **THE CARPET KING OF VERMONT**

VOLUNTEERS



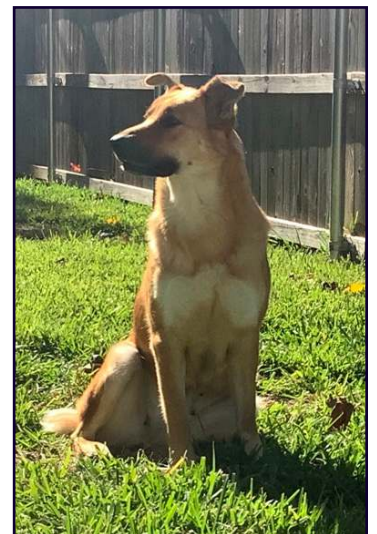
Chittenden Dammers (above) and hundreds of other volunteers, both groups and individuals, give their time and energy to enrich the lives of Shelter animals. RCHS staff depend on volunteers to help clean cat rooms, walk dogs, foster and acclimate new animals, transport animals to the vet and from other shelters, wash and fold laundry, landscape our grounds, keep the Shelter in working condition, and so many other odd jobs. Their volunteer hours number in the tens of thousands saving RCHS hundreds of thousands of dollars each year. To join our volunteer team, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Becky Mandolare at becky@rchsvt.org.



ALUMNI FRIENDS



Every picture tells a story about the lucky animals who found their forever homes. (From top left CW) Abigail, Goose and family, Alexa, Maggie and Avocado, Bo, and Otis. Nine hundred and three animals were adopted in 2022.



"ANIMAL TAILS"



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COCOA

EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD COCOA and her dad, Rob Black, stopped by RCHS for a visit this winter. When Executive Director Beth Saradarian went out to greet them, Rob said, "My wife, Teresa, and I and our son adopted Cocoa 18 years ago, and you did the adoption!" He went on to tell her about what a wonderful addition to the family Cocoa has been for all of these years and that she still has a bit of a spring in her step! She loves to go for car rides, gentle hikes, and get some special, yummy treats. What a treat it was for all of us to know Cocoa has led such a sweet long life.

ONE OF THE BIGGEST SUCCESS STORIES

IN 2022 was about our boy Radcliff. He was surrendered to RCHS because his owner could no longer care for him. At 18-months-old, he was an aggressive undisciplined Arabian Village dog who was very difficult to handle. Radcliff spent almost a year with us, frantically pacing in the outdoor kennels, yanking our staff around, and making us think he was unadoptable. One of our trainer partners agreed to foster him, but gave up. Another trainer attempted to tame his bad behavior, but also threw in the towel. We went to the next step of sending him into foster care with a trainer off-site. Away from the distractions of the Shelter, Radcliff shined. A patron of that training facility fell in love and Radcliff found his forever family. At RCHS, we never give up!



RADCLIFF



BABE

BABE WAS ABANDONED AND THEN RESCUED by a neighbor who brought him to us. At 15-years-old, he had lost most of his teeth and those still in his mouth were very decayed. We feared that Babe would spend awhile with us looking for an adopter who wanted such an old cat. But, instead, his sweet, chill personality won over a young couple within only a few days! Way to go, Babe!