



2023

ANNUAL REPORT



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Our Mission Statement: 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.

A Letter from our Executive Director

Hello RCHS Community!

When I think about 2023, I remember, once again, how very fortunate we are. When we needed supplies for caring for the 1,110 animals in 2023, **you** were there for us, providing everything we needed. When we had wonderful animals waiting to meet their forever families, **you** came in, adopted and gave them bright futures. When we needed help, **you** came and volunteered and made a difference in the lives of the animals in our care. When we had an opportunity to go over and above our fundraising goals, **you** generously donated and helped us get there. There is a reason we have been helping homeless animals since 1959, and it's because of **you**. To our adopters, volunteers, donors, and all who enable us to continue with our mission, we thank **you**.

All my best to each and every one of **you**.



Beth Saradarian
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Beth with alumni, Tomas
at the PEG-TV Studio while taping Pet Partners

2023

Board of Directors

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Shannon Bertrand, Kay Jones, Brian Kerns,
and Cathy Sommer



Mei Mei with alumni, Ghost



Cathy with Caverly Pre School



Kay accepting donations on behalf of RCHS



Shannon accepting a donation on behalf of RCHS



Board members and volunteers during an RCHS clean-up day

Thank you to our 2023 Corporate Sponsors

Platinum Puppy



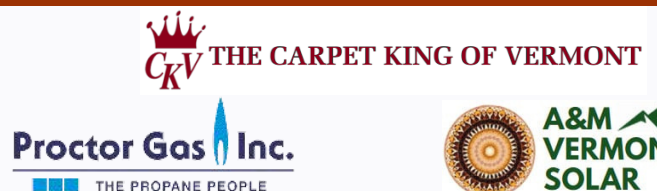
Golden Tail Wagger



Silver Sleepy Cat



Bronze Bunny



2023 Impact Stories



Mits

This adorable kitty, Mits, arrived at RCHS on October 3rd as a stray. He came to us with a broken back leg, a dull coat, live fleas, and an empty tummy. We had his leg immediately repaired, but he needed to spend several weeks in a cast so that it could heal properly. Mits spent this recovery time with a lovely foster, soaking up the love and affection. Once healed, he had the cast removed and then returned to RCHS to quickly find his family.

Nova

Sweet Nova and her nine 10-week-old puppies were surrendered to RCHS on December 1. Nova was a gem the minute she walked in our doors, quickly becoming a staff favorite. Since her pups were all old enough to be alone, Nova needed to leave motherhood behind. She had still been nursing her pups when she came to us, so she needed a quiet place to dry up, recover, relax, and gain some needed weight. She quickly found herself in a loving foster where she could do just that. Her nine pups spent a few months at RCHS getting their vaccines, getting spayed/neutered, and regular socializing and handling by staff and volunteers. Nova and her fabulous puppies are living their best lives with their excellent new families.





Stuart

Little Stuart arrived at RCHS on October 9th as a stray. He was around four months old when he came to us; he had a fractured front leg and was underweight. We had his leg quickly repaired, and the surgery went great, but he would need to be in a cast for several weeks to allow his leg to heal properly. Stuart spent his recovery time in a foster home where he could recover while learning how to be a dog. Once he was healed, he had his cast removed and is now enjoying his adventure-filled life with his new family.



Abby

This sweet girl, Abby, arrived at RCHS on June 20 as a stray with a nasty and infected injury to her side. She also had live fleas and was underweight. We cleaned and treated her injury, gave her a warm place to recover, and helped her slowly gain weight. The staff got to know her, and she was wonderful throughout her entire stay with us. Once her injury healed, she received vaccines, was dewormed, and spayed, and shortly after, she was happily adopted into a loving home.



Community Programs

SPAY THE MOM

RCHS spayed over 30 moms through this program

Our Spay the Mom Program is offered to Rutland County residents at no charge. If you're a Rutland County resident and have a mom dog or cat with babies, you can bring the whole litter of kittens or puppies to us. In exchange, RCHS will schedule an appointment to "Spay The Mom," and get her updated on rabies and distemper vaccines, all at no cost to the owner. Then, the mom will go right back to her family. The kittens and puppies will be adopted into new homes after being spayed/neutered and receiving age-appropriate vaccines.

TRAP-NEUTER-RELEASE (TNR)

RCHS returned 69 cats to families/fields in 2023

Our TNR Program is offered to Rutland County residents who care for stray, feral, and other loosely owned cats in Rutland County. This program is to help manage the feral/un-owned cat population. Cats who cannot be acclimated into a home are returned to their familiar habitat under the lifelong care of volunteers. Any friendly cats will be adopted into loving homes.

COMMUNITY PET FOOD PROGRAM

RCHS is very appreciative of the donations made to the shelter from our caring community. If we receive any food, treats, or other pet supplies that we can't use at the shelter, we will work with local food shelves to distribute them to those in need within the community.

HUMANE EDUCATION

RCCHS takes pride in educating our community about the humane treatment of animals, and the resources and programs available to the community. If you have a group of students, scouts, seniors, or staff interested in learning more about RCCHS, we would love to come talk to you!



Beth and Yoo Hoo during a school visit

LOST AND FOUND

379 strays were brought to RCCHS, and 85 were reunited with their families in 2023

RCCHS accepts stray domestic animals brought to us by citizens or designated Animal Control Officers within Rutland County. We will check our lost reports, post the animal online, and scan for a microchip or tags the animal may have. RCCHS is happy to go over tips for finding a lost animal or safely catching a found animal.

SURRENDERING

495 animals were surrendered by their owners in 2023

RCCHS accepts owned domestic animals who are surrendered to us by the residents of Rutland County. We do require appointments to ensure we have the available space. We understand that life happens, and there are circumstances where you are unable to keep your animals.

CRUELTY AND NEGLECT

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

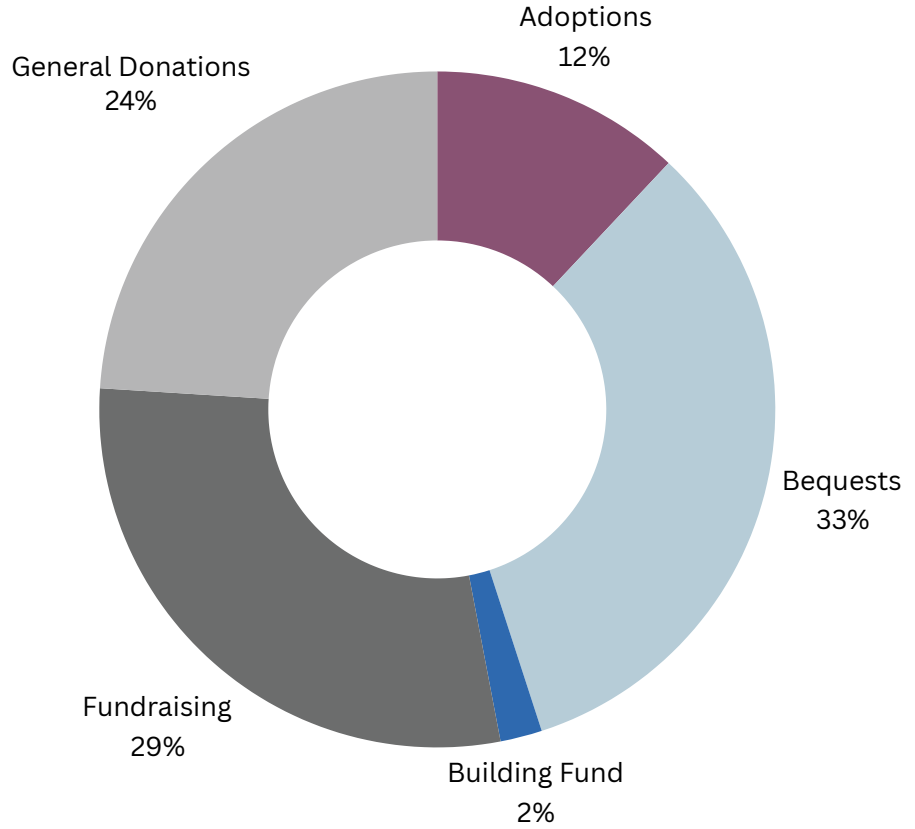
HAVE-A-HEART TRAP LOAN PROGRAM

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, cats, and dogs. RCCHS staff will happily go over how to set up, and use the traps.

2023 Financials

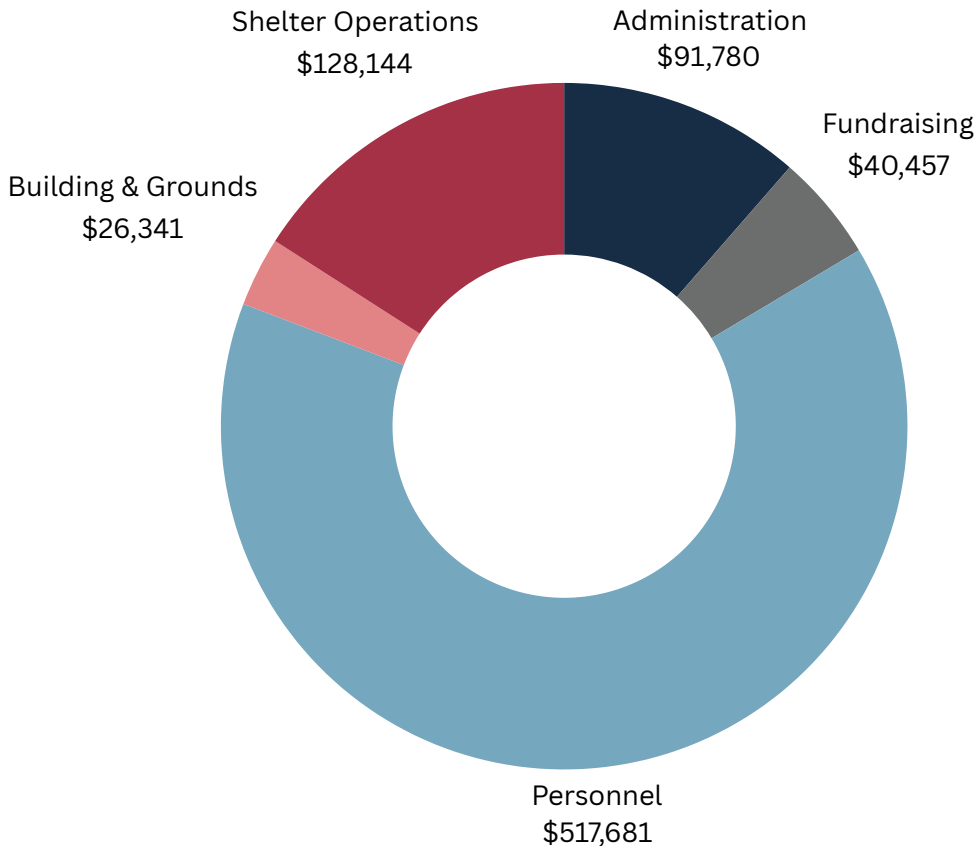
Funding Sources

Where our funding came from:



Funding Allocation

Where we used these funds:



Total Expenses:
\$804,403

2023 Animal Statistics

RCCHS cared for a total of **1,110** animals

677 Cats and Kittens

365 Dogs and Puppies

68 Small Animals (rabbits, guinea pigs, ferrets, rats, parakeets and more)

Animals entering the Shelter:

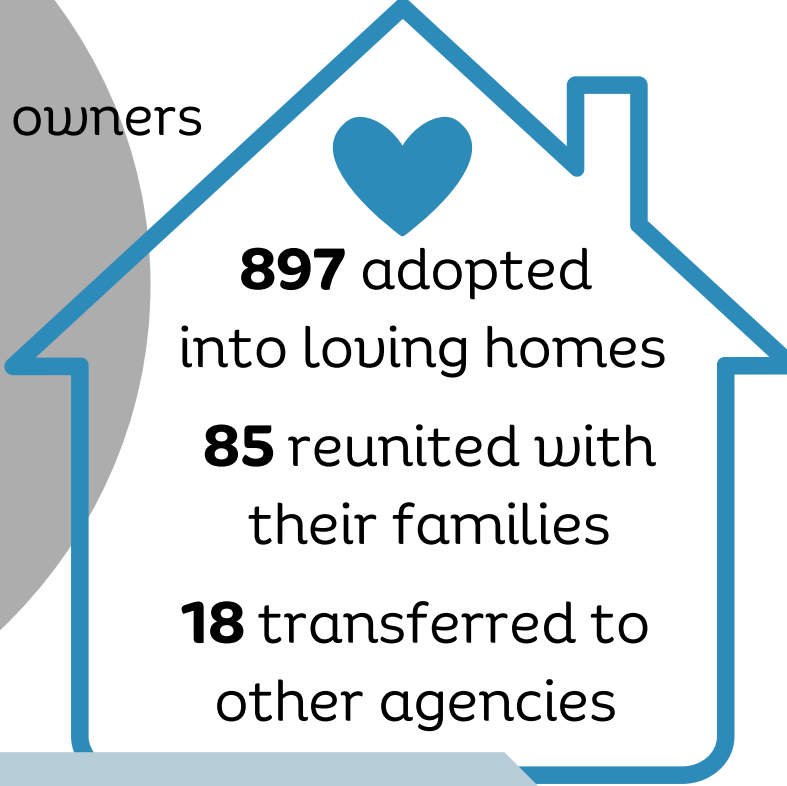
495 were surrendered by their owners

379 arrived as strays

236 were transferred to RCCHS from other overpopulated agencies across the country



Animals leaving the Shelter:



897 adopted into loving homes

85 reunited with their families

18 transferred to other agencies

620 dogs and cats in our care were spayed and neutered by local vets

320 RCCHS animals spent time in foster homes

Thank You

TO OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS

Our incredible volunteers give their time and energy to help us accomplish our mission. Some of these tasks include:

- Enriching the lives of the animals in our care
- Walking dogs
- Cleaning cat rooms
- Socializing animals
- Transporting animals to and from vet appointments
- Cleaning dishes
- Folding laundry
- Carrying in and organizing donations
- Fostering
- Keeping the shelter grounds clean

We would not be able to provide the level of care we do, without all of our volunteers.

120 volunteers gave 39,620 hours of their time to RCHS, saving RCHS \$594,300



Low-cost cat spay/neuter clinic



2023 Duck Derby



Cat Room Cleaning

2023 Alumni



Bubba



Arya Spot (Iris) & sister



Couscous (Willow) & sister



Isabella



Malachi (Cleo)



Wubby



Regina



Oliver

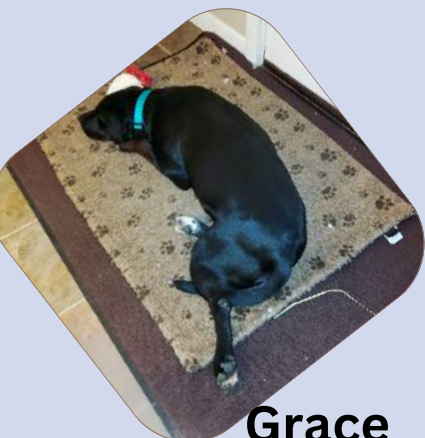
Radcliff & friends



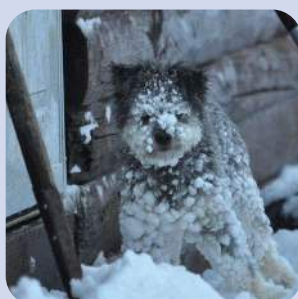
Cauliflower



Ava



Grace



Bernie P. (Rip)