



# Annual Report

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR AND PRESIDENT

2011 was a unique year in the history of the Aiken SPCA. We experienced highs and lows unlike in any other of the 76 years since we began helping animals in Aiken County in 1935.

On February 4<sup>th</sup> our shelter caught fire, which then caused pipes to burst in the ceiling, flooding the entire shelter in minutes. Fortunately, we were able to save all of the animals, but the rebuilding took three months to complete.

We were overwhelmed by the support we received from the community, both near and far. Many people came forward and fostered and adopted from us, so almost all of the dogs and cats that went through the fire found new homes by the time we moved back in at the end of April.

2011 was also a year of adoption promotions aimed at finding more homes for pets.

We began our Long Term Resident program, with a \$25 adoption fee for any animal that has been at the shelter over six months. Seniors for Seniors is a new program that if the animal is at least 6 years old and the adopter is at least 60, then the adoption fee is only \$6! Add to this, Ain't Nuthin' Better than a Hound Dog, Beagle Mania, Black Friday specials, Founders Day special and the Home-Free for the Holidays promotion, 2011 was a great year for adoption specials.

Finally, we celebrated our ground breaking in May and saw the building come up out of the ground all year long. The construction is scheduled to be complete sometime in June and we'll start moving in over the summer. We couldn't be more excited and couldn't be more thankful to all of you that helped this vision become a reality.

Barbara Nelson, Chair, Aiken SPCA Board of Directors

Gary Willoughby, President and CEO, Aiken SPCA

## A D O P T I O N S



Adoptions were strong with a total of 753 for the year. This includes dogs, cats, horses, rabbits, ducks, other birds, just about anything someone could have as a pet.

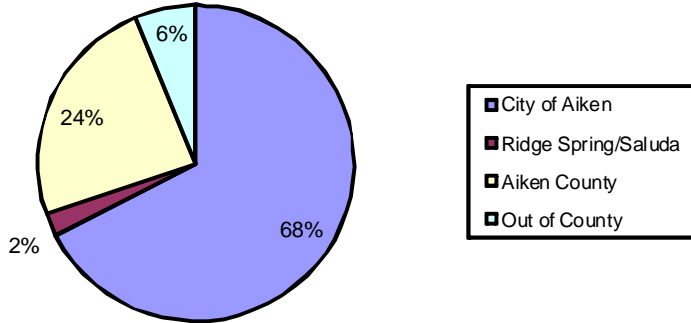
Add to that, 22 animals transferred to other shelters and 60 more returned to their owners; 835 animals that came to the Aiken SPCA in 2011 were saved, our best total in over five years, in spite of the shelter being closed for 3 months.

## L I V E S S A V E D



**A D M I S S I O N S**

**Where Our Animals Come From**



Our partnership with the City of Aiken in housing their stray animals accounts for more than two-thirds of the animals we have for adoption.

Our next main source are animals from the rest of Aiken County that either we transfer from the county shelter or accept directly into our shelter for adoption.

The last eight percent come from Allendale, Barnwell, Saluda, and Edgefield Counties and Augusta, Georgia.

**F I N A N C I A L S**

Thanks to the generosity of our great supporters, strong years at our two Treasure Chest Locations, great special events, and by working hard to keep our expenses low, we had a strong year financially in 2011.

This allowed us to do things for the first time such as provide 200 FREE Spay and Neuter surgeries and provide over 400 FREE rabies shots and vaccinations for low income pet owners in the CSRA in 2011!



**Income**

Donations	\$100,677
Fund Raisers	\$39,650
Special Projects	\$109,253
Shelter Income	\$126,599
Supplies for Resale	\$17,618
City of Aiken-annex	\$54,020
Treasure Chests	\$254,845
Trust Income	\$56,435
Other Income	\$2,960
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$762,057</b>

**Expenses**

Advertising	\$3,964
Dues and Subscriptions	\$3,007
Insurance	\$11,808
Maintenance & Repairs	\$2,685
Telephone	\$9,561
Utilities	\$24,120
Office Supplies	\$1,591
Payroll	\$345,138
Contract Labor-Clinic	\$88,091
Dog Park Expenses	\$6,988
Shelter Supplies	\$14,776
Veterinary & Surgery Supplies	\$63,222
Treasure Chest Expenses	\$58,064
Fundraising Expenses	\$12,827
Special Project Expenses	\$26,059
All other Expenses	\$35,969
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$707,870</b>

**Net Operating Income \$54,187**

### SPAY AND NEUTER SURGERIES



Whether it is on our own animals before they get adopted, for other rescue groups, or the general public, performing spay and neuter surgeries is a huge part of the Aiken SPCA's work each year.

This year, even with our clinic being out of commission after our shelter fire, we still provided 2,009 surgeries, helping to reduce the numbers of animals coming into shelters in 2012 and beyond.



### HUMANE EDUCATION



Our program entered its sixth year in 2011 with the continuing goal of providing a quality program that has a lasting, positive impact on Aiken County students and their pets.

Approximately 50 volunteers teach in 32 classrooms in six Aiken County elementary schools: Aiken, Belvedere, Byrd, Clearwater, North Aiken, and Oakwood-Windsor. We estimate the total number of children participating at about 915.

We also participate in a variety of fairs and assemblies at schools, host birthday parties, field trips and other events at the shelter and our Jr. SPCA program for students 12-18, helps to better prepare the next generation of pet owners for the responsibilities they will encounter.

Our Paws for Reading program expanded to accommodate 8 classrooms at Millbrook Elementary between February and May 2011. Approximately, 184 students benefitted from this service.





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**Let Love Live**

Established in 1935, the Aiken SPCA has placed thousands of needy animals into loving homes. This success was achieved through the dedicated efforts of numerous Aiken SPCA employees and volunteers. It also hinges upon commitment, support and responsibility from our community.

The Aiken SPCA is a non-profit organization operating under IRS Section 501(c)(3). The organization receives no funding or support from state or federal agencies or from the ASPCA. They depend upon local donations to support efforts to save the lives of homeless dogs and cats in the Aiken community.

The Board of Directors has taken on the long-term goal of reducing pet overpopulation in the CSRA by providing affordable spay and neuter services, and teaching values through humane education.

**G R O U N D B R E A K I N G F O R T H E A L B R E C H T  
C E N T E R F O R A N I M A L W E L F A R E**

In May, after years of planning and thanks to the support of our dedicated board of directors and generous donors, we broke ground on our new regional spay/neuter clinic, Marr Humane Education Center and our adoption facility on Willow Run Road.

The new facility is scheduled to open this summer and will allow us to help even more animals in 2012 and beyond.

