

# HUMANE SOCIETY FOR SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON

Presentation to Clark County

March 15, 2017



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# mission

(WHAT WE DO TO GET WHERE WE WANT TO BE)

The Humane Society for Southwest Washington enriches the lives of people, pets and our community through adoption and outreach, and serves as a resource for companion animal services and education.

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} 2016-2018 Strategic Plan Goals

# 2013-2018 Strategic Plan Goals

- Efficient, effective and compassionate care and services for animals
- High awareness and preference for HSSW and its services
- Consistent, sustainable funding
- Engaged, trained and fulfilled staff and volunteers
- Consistent stewardship and recognition for all donors and their gifts
- Thriving, successful thrift stores
- Efficient, effective operations

**Teamwork. Excellence. Service. Attitude. Leadership.**

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## } 2016/2017 HSSW Initiatives

- Puppy Foster Program
- Larch Corrections Center Dog Foster and Training Program
- Expand Youth Education Programs
- Expand Workforce Partner Engagement
  - Partner in Careers (PIC)
  - Developmentally Disabled
  - Community Service Workers
  - Larch Corrections Worker Program
- Update HVAC Systems
- Implement a TNR program for feral and community cats
- Expand off-site cat adoption facility at ReTails Thrift Store
- Identify ways to ensure affordable medical services are available to pets of low-income owners.



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## } Community Programs

- Larch Mountain Cat Foster & Dog Training Program
- Waste Connections Usable Materials Program
- Youth Education & Volunteer Programs
- CHOW! Low-Income Food Program - 22 Pantries
- Spay & Save - Low Income Spay & Neuter Program
- HELPI - Emergency Medical Services Grants For Low-Income Families
- Safe Haven - Boarding for Families in Crisis



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} Increasing Save Rates

<b>2007</b>	<b>50%</b>	6,783/13,656
<b>2011</b>	<b>64%</b>	5,875/9,141
<b>2014</b>	<b>87%</b>	5,162/5,938
<b>2016</b>	<b>92.4%</b>	5,916/6,403

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} Community Programs

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**Spay & Save**  
(984 cats)

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**HELP!**  
(Food and medical care  
for low-income families)

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**Larch Corrections  
Foster Program**  
(65 cats, 8 dogs adopted)

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**Safe Haven**  
(22 animals)

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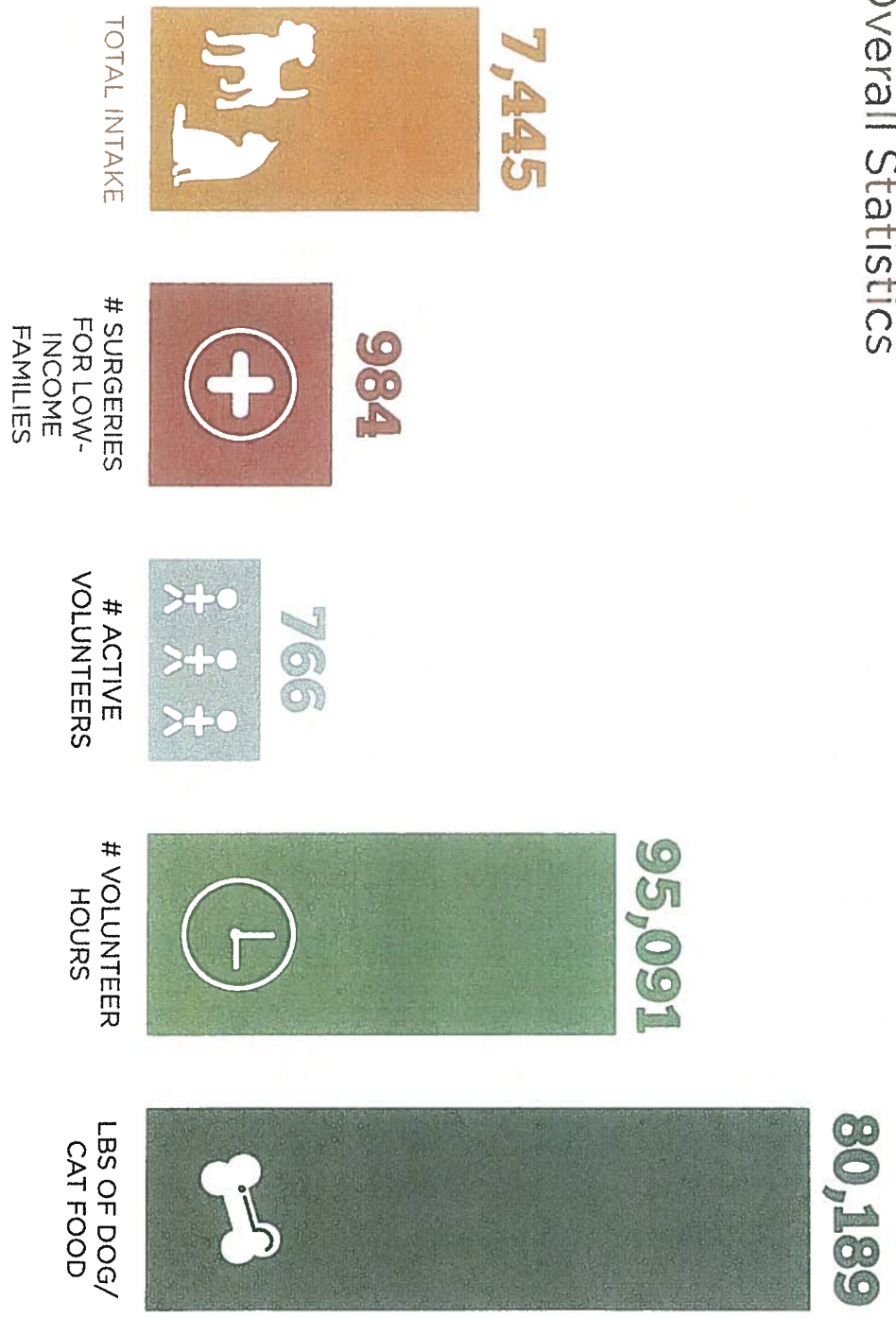
**Kitten Foster  
Program**  
(529 kittens/99% live release rate)

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# } 2016 Overall Statistics

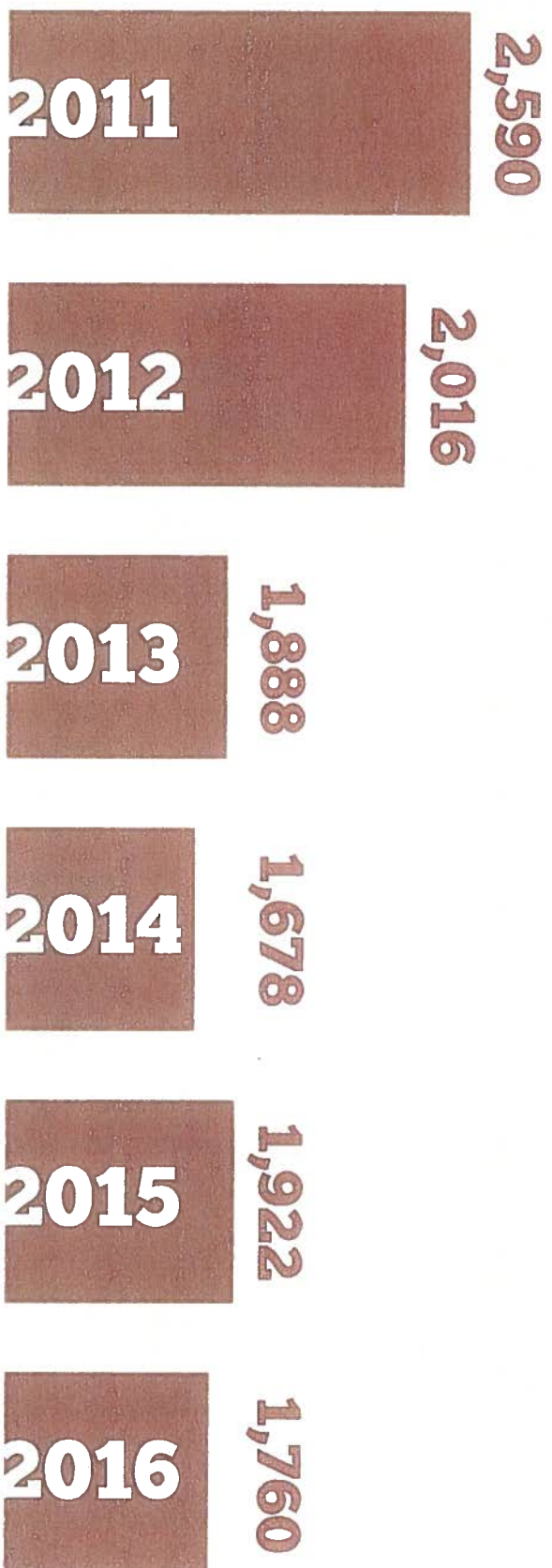


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} Animal Intake Clark County



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} 2016 Clark County-Specific Stats

**Stray Animals - 1,760**



**Returned to Owners**



**341 dogs (54%)**

**43 Cats (4%)**

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} Clark County Fees

} Actual Cost to HSSW\*

<b>2016</b>	<b>\$215</b>	<b>\$295**</b>
	Dog/Cat Only	
	Small Animals - \$50	
	Wildlife - \$15	
<b>2014</b>	<b>\$170</b>	<b>\$276</b>
<b>2013</b>	<b>\$132.50</b>	<b>\$271</b>
<b>2010</b>	<b>\$70</b>	<b>\$171</b>

\* Direct animal care expenses only

\*\* Includes newly added state B&O tax on contract fees

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} What **is** Included In Per-Animal Cost?

- Admitting to shelter
- Physical exam
- Vaccinations, de-wormer, flea treatment
- Medical stabilization
- Lost & found services
- Redemption services (including lost and found animal posting)
- Minimum 3-5 day stay for every stray animal
- Financial reconciliation



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} **HSSW Absorbs These Costs** - What Is **Not** Included In Per-Animal Cost

- Length of stay beyond 3-5 days
- Re-homing/adoption services
- Spay/neuter surgery
- Medical care beyond immediate stabilization
- Microchip implantation
- Facility costs
- Large scale hoarding/contagious disease management
- Behavioral enrichment and training
- Consulting and counseling to keep animals in homes
- Euthanasia services and grief support
- Disaster response (training, supplies, staffing)
- Community education and resources

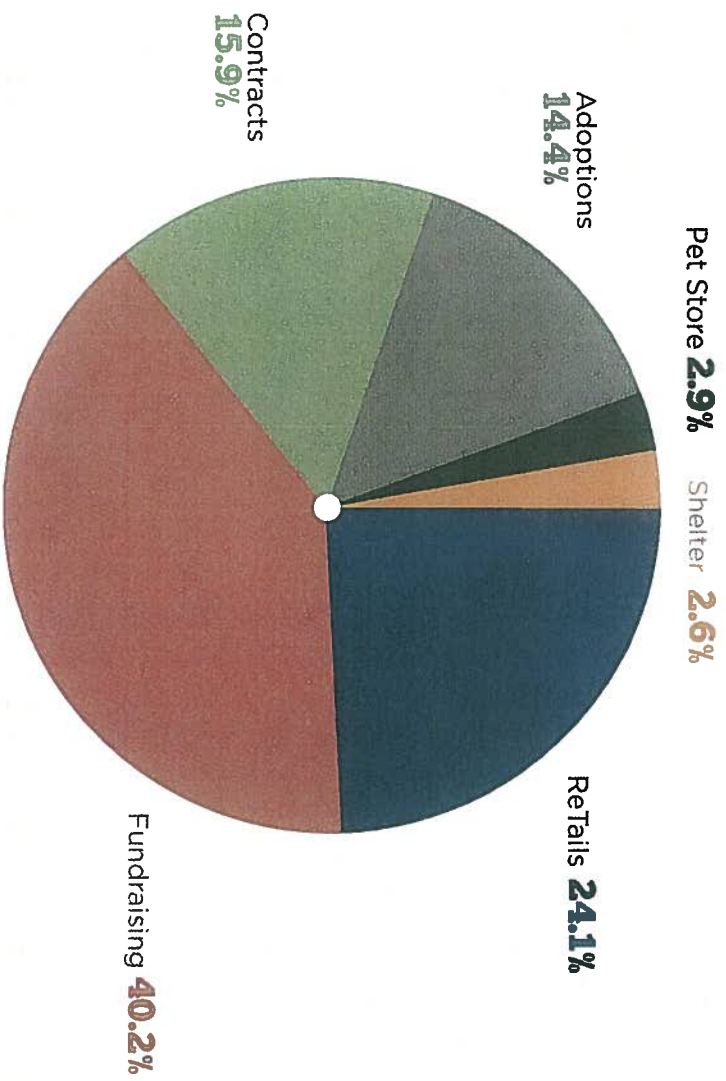
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} Humane Society for Southwest Washington - 2016 Revenue



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} Vancouver/Clark County Community & Feral Cat Program

**FACTS**

- 60-70,000 feral and community cats in Clark County
- 2,810 cats entered HSSW in 2016. Less than 3% redeemed by owners
- 80%+ of cats euthanized at HSSW are feral/community cats



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} Vancouver/Clark County Community & Feral Cat Program

**WHY DOES CLARK COUNTY NEED A COMMUNITY/FERAL CAT PROGRAM?**

- Great results in other public/private Trap/Neuter/Release (TNR) programs around the country Jacksonville FL | San Jose CA | Indianapolis IN
- Provides an alternative to euthanasia for feral and unsocial cats
- Removing these cats from their “established territory” doesn’t work
- TNR works – improves health, reduces population, eliminates nuisance behaviors
- Public concerns are addressed individually; alternative locations option

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**HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?**

- Feral/Community cats assessed at intake – About 200/year
- Accepted for TNR services only
- Invoice at a lower TNR rate - \$150
- Altered, vaccinated, ear-tipped, then released back into original neighborhood
- Community education and assistance developing managing colonies

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## } Vancouver/Clark County Community & Feral Cat Program

### CODE CHANGES REQUIRED

- Current ordinance requires minimum 3-5 day stray holds. TNR can be interpreted as abandonment.
- Minor revisions to Clark County Code Section 8
- Community Cat Program definition
  - Sponsored by animal control or designated agent
  - Feral and community cats to be sterilized
  - Rabies vaccination
  - Ear-tipped
  - Returned to original location
- City of Vancouver approved the program and is ready to initiate.



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