DEAR FRIENDS OF THE ANIMALS,

Every January, the Humane Society of Utah (HSU) tallies final numbers and assesses our progress from the prior year. We thoughtfully set new goals for the next year to continually meet our mission and change the world for animals. As a nonprofit organization that relies on the generosity of donors, we release a formal annual report to show our commitment for complete transparency with our records, financials, and goals.

However, it is important to remember that an annual report is only a snapshot of activity. Behind the numbers, there are thousands of stories of beautiful and precious animals that received new loving homes. Throughout this report, we have shared pictures and stories from 2017 to display the care and love that happens every day behind the scenes at HSU.

As the largest private open-admission shelter in the state of Utah, we receive any companion animal that we can legally accept. Last year, 12,213 animals came through HSU’s doors as owner surrenders and transfers from other shelters. With the support of donors like you, HSU’s staff, volunteers, foster parents and Board of Directors worked hard to ensure that every healthy and treatable pet who entered our facility received a positive outcome with 11,141 lives saved in 2017. The Humane Society of Utah also maintained “no-kill” standards for dogs and cats combined for the third year in a row.

Our work would not be possible, nor would we be able to report these numbers and share these heartwarming pictures and stories with you, if we did not receive the incredible support from the community year after year. We will continue to ask for your support to make our lifesaving work possible. You can rest assured that every level of our organization is committed to the animals who rely on us for help.

With gratitude,

Gene Baierschmidt
Executive Director
Humane Society of Utah
Our MISSION

The Humane Society of Utah is dedicated to the elimination of pain, fear, and suffering in all animals.

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2018 GOALS

SAVE OVER 11,000 LIVES

ADVOCATE FOR IMPROVED ANIMAL WELFARE IN UTAH

PERFORM OVER 10,000 SPAYS AND NEUTERS
2018 Goals

MICROCHIP
100%
of dogs & cats
prior to adoption

TRANSFER OVER
3,000
at-risk animals
to HSU from
other shelters

CONTINUE TO DEVELOP POSITIVE
COMMUNITY RELATIONS
to benefit animals in need

EDUCATE OVER
10,000
children & teens
Since its founding in 1960, the Humane Society of Utah (HSU) has always been an open-admission shelter. Being open-admissions means that no pet in need is ever turned away regardless age, breed, health, behavior, or aggressive tendencies. In contrast, limited-admission shelters pick and choose which animals and how many they will accept, meaning that receiving highly adoptable animals is often the norm. This very distinguishable difference is just one of the reasons why the work of HSU is so remarkable.

In line with “no-kill” standards, HSU never puts a time limit on how long a pet can remain in our care. Every treatable animal entering our shelter will have the opportunity for a new chance at life. Our live-release rate in 2017 for dogs and cats combined was 90.54%. We also achieved a live-release rate of 93.44% for our other furry companion animals, including rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, rats, ferrets and more. The end result for 2017 is 11,141 dogs, cats and other pets’ lives saved through adoption, returns to owners and rescue placements.

As animal intakes have soared over the last ten years (from 2008 through 2017, the HSU saw a 34% increase in dogs and cats received), saving over 11,000 lives and maintaining “no-kill” standards each year since 2015 is an accomplishment for which all of our supporters -- adopters, volunteers, foster parents and donors -- should be incredibly proud.
The opportunity to treat homeless animals with serious injuries and illnesses is a recent development in the animal sheltering industry. As recently as five to ten years ago, finding homes for healthy and highly adoptable animals was the only recourse for most shelters around the country. Facing overcrowded kennels and lacking necessary funding, euthanasia for simple illnesses was commonplace, and pets with broken limbs, skin diseases, severe dental issues, lumps and tumors, and other ailments were almost certainly immediately euthanized.

However, as animal welfare issues surrounding the homeless pet population and euthanasia within shelters has become more common knowledge in many communities, shelters have seen significant increases in support and funding in the last decade. The Humane Society of Utah’s Development Team has worked hard to procure financial support for medical treatments for our shelter pets, and we are extremely grateful for the many donors in our community who are allowing us save more lives. Doug and Odette are just two of the pets who received a new lease on life thanks to medical funding in 2017.

**ADOPTION HIGHLIGHTS**

**ODETTE,** a strikingly beautiful 2-year-old British Shorthair cat, came to our shelter in October because her owner could not afford medical treatment for her fractured hip. Thanks to our generous donors, HSU was able to get Odette a hip surgery at Advanced Veterinary Care -- one of our community medical partners that gives significant discounts for our homeless pets. For several months post-surgery, Odette recovered in a foster care home while receiving free physical therapy from another incredible community partner, Utah Pet Rehab & Acupuncture Center. After a full recovery, Odette was adopted by a loving couple.

**DOUG** arrived at HSU in September as an owner surrender with a broken leg. Our veterinarians quickly X-rayed his leg and determined that an amputation was not necessary, and the fresh break was fixable with an orthopedic surgery. Medical funding allowed us to utilize our generous veterinary parter, Dr. Dale Smith, DVM, for a discounted bone plating surgery to save the young pup's leg. Like Odette, while in a foster care home, Doug benefitted from weeks of free underwater physical therapy from the same rehabilitation partner. Following his recovery, Doug was adopted into a family with an energetic canine sister for him to spend his days with running and jumping.
Transfer & RESCUE

Transfer and Rescue remains one of the most critical programs at the Humane Society of Utah. The concept behind transporting animals between shelters and rescue groups, and even between different states, is as simple as supply and demand.

The HSU Transfer and Rescue program partnered with 126 other animal organizations in 2017, and successfully saved 2,616 animals at risk of euthanasia to reduce the burden on other smaller shelters and rescue groups across Utah and in neighboring western states.

STANLEY WAS RECEIVED AT HSU as an owner surrender in 2017. Our staff worked hard with this 2-year-old Lhasa Apso mix to turn him from a complete “don’t touch me” personality into a loving cuddle bug. Because Stanley was special needs, we sought out a local Rescue Partner to continue working with him outside of a shelter environment until a new loving family could be found.

TOP TEN in Utah Transfer Partners:

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2017 HSU TRANSFER INTAKE PROGRAM
The HSU Clinic is open to the public six days a week for many affordable services, including spay/neuter surgeries, vaccinations, microchipping, nail clipping and more. Although our clinic is not a full-service veterinary hospital for the public, we certainly are for the homeless pets in our care.

HSU’s veterinarians perform a multitude of surgeries and medical procedures on the homeless animals in our care, including many lifesaving and emergency surgeries. All of the procedures performed, from lump removals to dental cleanings, ensure the long-term health of our adoptable dogs, cats and small animals. We also continue to spay and neuter all unsterilized dogs, cats and rabbits prior to adoption to prevent unplanned litters from happening.

LECHE WAS BROUGHT TO HSU pregnant with five deceased babies inside her. According to her owner, she had been in labor for a day. Our Veterinarians performed an emergency surgery to remove the babies and the tissue that threatened Leche’s life. Through the surgery, we also determined that it was likely several days to one week that the poor cat had been in pain and unable to give birth. After a few months of foster care, Leche was as good as new and adopted into a loving new home.

MAVERIK WAS A 6-MONTH OLD PUPPY who was surrendered to us by his owner. After the pup was hit by a car, Maverick’s owner tried to treat his broken leg at home. Sadly, when Maverick arrived at HSU, he had chewed his own paw down to the bone and had a severe infection. Although our vets were unable to save his leg, we successfully amputated the leg and gave him a new chance at life as an adorable tri-pawd.
Continually breaking their own records, HSU's Foster Care Department dealt with more pets in 2017 than the previous year. Throughout the year, 2,734 pets passed through this lifesaving program. On a typical day, anywhere from 100 to 300 pets were being cared for in 50 to 100 different volunteer's homes.

Because HSU was able to utilize significant funding for specialty veterinary services in 2017, foster care volunteers handled more serious medical cases than ever before, including orthopedic surgeries, dermatological treatments, and physical therapy. Additionally, with thousands of animals transferred in from other shelters, socializing timid and shy pets in foster care homes continues to be a critical need.

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LITTERS OF PUPPIES flooded the shelter during 2017, many of whom were bottlefeeders without mothers. As with the thousands of kittens entering HSU every year, the dedication and TLC of our foster care volunteers makes all of this lifesaving work possible.
BEHAVIOR

The Humane Society of Utah’s Pets in Progress (PIPs) and Behavior Consults programs use positive reinforcement techniques, time and patience to work with a variety of behavioral challenges. Dogs and cats with shy, fearful and defensive behaviors receive dedicated time from our Behavior staff to help them become loving, trusting animals that can be available for adoption. Furthering their special care, our staff interviews and educates potential adopters of PIPs and Behavior Consult cases to ensure successful matches for these pets with unique needs.

2017 BEHAVIOR CONSULT PROGRAM DOGS AND CATS

TOTAL ADOPTIONS 241

8 BEHAVIOR CONSULT ANIMALS TRANSFERRED TO RESCUE GROUPS TO BETTER HANDLE THEIR CARE

2017 PETS IN PROGRESS PROGRAM DOGS AND CATS

TOTAL ADOPTIONS 129

5 PIPS TRANSFERRED TO RESCUE GROUPS TO BETTER HANDLE THEIR CARE

GORDO was originally surrendered by his owner in November 2016. After several adoptions that did not work out, our Behavior Team helped Gordo to finally find a new loving home in September 2017. Our entire staff and Volunteer Team wished him the best of luck as he headed out on his new adventure in life.

CROWLY was one of our longest resident cats during 2017. As a PIP, our Behavior Department needed to find a home that was willing to love this sassy girl on her own terms. As the end of 2017 quickly approached, Crowly had spent nine months at HSU. Finally, on December 30, our entire staff was thrilled when she found the perfect family for her.
The Humane Society of Utah's Humane Education Team uses age-appropriate lessons about the importance of proper pet care, spay/neuter to control the pet population, choosing adoption first, and how to properly interact with animals. Year after year, HSU remains the education leader among animal welfare organizations in Utah as we educate children and teens about humane values such as respect and responsibility. Our educators work hard to ensure that the next generation of pet owners and animal lovers will be knowledgeable, competent, and most importantly, compassionate.

After expanding the number of children reached by 340% in 2016, our humane education program educated even more children and teens in 2017. Additionally, our second year of H.E.R.O. Summer Camp, made possible by the George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation, expanded to four total weeks of camp educating students 1st through 9th grades.

Humane EDUCATION

ONE OF OUR ENTIRE STAFF’S FAVORITE DAYS of H.E.R.O. Summer Camp is career day. While teaching the children about animal-related careers, seeing their faces light up with excitement at the thought of working with animals in their future careers is always heartwarming and inspiring.

10,703 STUDENTS EDUCATED IN 2017
INVESTIGATIONS

The Humane Society of Utah strives to educate and empower the community with animal advocacy information. The HSU provides the only full-time animal cruelty investigator in our state. Our investigator covers tens of thousands of miles each year responding to reports of animal neglect and abuse. And, although we do not have the legal authority to enforce the law, our investigator prepares thorough case records of each incident, and encourages prosecution in court when the situation warrants such action. The HSU’s investigator also performs routine inspections of zoos, pet stores, animal control shelters and other facilities where animals are kept to ensure their health and well-being.

215 INSPECTIONS OF ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITIES

350 INSPECTIONS OF PET STORES

657 INQUIRIES RESULTING IN 177 COMMUNITY-REQUESTED INVESTIGATIONS OF NEGLECT OR ABUSE

ADVOCACY

During the 2017 Utah State Legislative session, HSU advocated to ban gas chamber euthanasia and define shelter for dogs in extreme weather. Both bills, unfortunately, did not pass and will be supported again in 2018. We are grateful for the many people in Utah’s communities who support our ongoing efforts to make a lasting impact for animals year after year.
VOLUNTEERS

Every minute that is donated to the Humane Society of Utah keeps tails wagging and voices purring. You can tell in the furry faces of every animal that volunteers are making a difference in their lives. HSU volunteers devote their time to helping pets in almost every single aspect of our shelter, and we truly could not function without their dedication.

During 2017, 2,235 volunteers donated time for the animals. These volunteers worked 37,032 hours to assist in adoptions, fostering, events and fundraisers, cleaning and maintenance, animal care and enrichment, photography, and other services as needed. This amount of hours would have taken at least 20 full-time employees to do the work performed by HSU volunteers.

Community INVOLVEMENT

The HSU’s social media networks continue to grow as remarkable tools for promoting adoptable animals, events, fundraising and information about our programs and services.

Print, television and radio media remain invaluable in reaching the community on a day-to-day basis. The HSU staff visits TV and radio every week with adoptable pets, including Fox 13 News five days per week, and Alt 101.9 radio every Tuesday. Additionally, issuing media alerts and press releases are another tool utilized throughout the year to inform the community of important topics. As HSU enhances our community presence for the animals more and more each year, we achieved 232 media mentions in 2017, which represents a 45.9% increase over 2016.
These are preliminary figures pending an independent audit of fiscal year 2017. Detailed audited financial statements are available at www.utahhumane.org. The HSU fiscal year is January 1 to December 31. HSU receives no tax dollars and is not affiliated with any national or regional organization.
The Humane Society of Utah (HSU) is a community-supported 501(c)(3) nonprofit animal shelter (EIN #87-0256350). We rely on private donations from individuals, businesses and foundations to save helpless and homeless animals. The HSU receives no tax dollars from federal, state, or local government funding, nor are we a chapter of any national organizations (such as the Humane Society of the United States, American Humane Association, Best Friends Animal Society or the ASPCA). When you donate to the HSU, you are helping the over 12,000 pets that enter our doors each year.

Made POSSIBLE BY...

The Humane Society of Utah is dedicated to being transparent and accountable with our financial documents. The HSU is in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and nationally recognized nonprofit standard organizations, such as Guidestar, Charity Navigator and the Better Business Bureau.

The privacy of our donors is also very important to us. We are committed to protecting the personal information of our donors, and ensuring the confidentiality of personal information is protected and maintained.

BUSINESS AND FOUNDATION PARTNERS

The following generous businesses and foundations have made significant financial contributions to the Humane Society of Utah in 2017.

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