

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25



DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

On behalf of the Humane Society of Manatee County (HSMC), I extend my deepest gratitude to our community, staff, volunteers, supporters, and Board of Directors. Your continued commitment to our mission makes it possible for us to protect, care for, and advocate for animals in need. Every success we achieve is the direct result of your generosity, dedication, and belief in the work we do.

This past year was one of meaningful progress and important investment in our facilities and programs. We completed several capital improvement projects that directly enhance animal care and operational efficiency. These included the construction of a new air-conditioned laundry room equipped with modern laundry equipment, the installation of sidewalks connecting the main shelter building to our Cat Cottage, and the replacement of the shelter's main entrance door. In addition, we completed landscaping improvements in both the shelter courtyard and the front entrance, creating a more welcoming environment for visitors, adopters, and volunteers. An emergency generator was installed, capable of powering the entire shelter building, ensuring uninterrupted care for our animals during power outages and severe weather events.

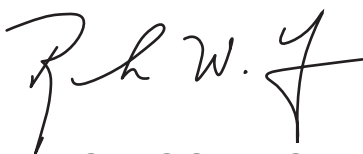
During the year, 280 cats and 122 dogs found loving homes through adoption. Our Pet Food Pantry distributed an impressive 7,200 pounds of pet food to financially challenged residents, helping families keep their beloved pets during difficult times. These programs reflect our commitment to supporting both animals and the people who care for them.

Volunteers remain the heart of our organization. We are incredibly grateful for the 5,955 hours of service donated this year. Whether providing animal care, assisting with adoptions, supporting events, or offering administrative help, our volunteers play a vital role in every aspect of our operation.

Our veterinary clinic achieved remarkable outcomes as well. The clinic performed 4,940 spay and neuter surgeries, 1177 Trap/Neuter/Return surgeries for community cats and administered 11,099 vaccines. We served 5,397 wellness patients and completed 582 dental procedures. These services improve the health and quality of life for individual animals and strengthen community-wide animal welfare and public health.

We are thankful to the Golisano Foundation for awarding HSMC a grant to replace all 28 cat kennels and condos in our Cat Cottage. These new stainless steel kennels will significantly improve sanitation, durability, and comfort for the cats in our care.

As we look to the future, I am proud to announce that HSMC is now fully funded to construct a new, state-of-the-art shelter and office facility. The new facility will be designed to be storm-resilient and built to serve our community for decades to come. This transformative project is made possible by a recent generous gift and the strong financial position of our organization. Together, we are building a brighter future for animals and the people who love them. We don't just adopt out animals. We create families.



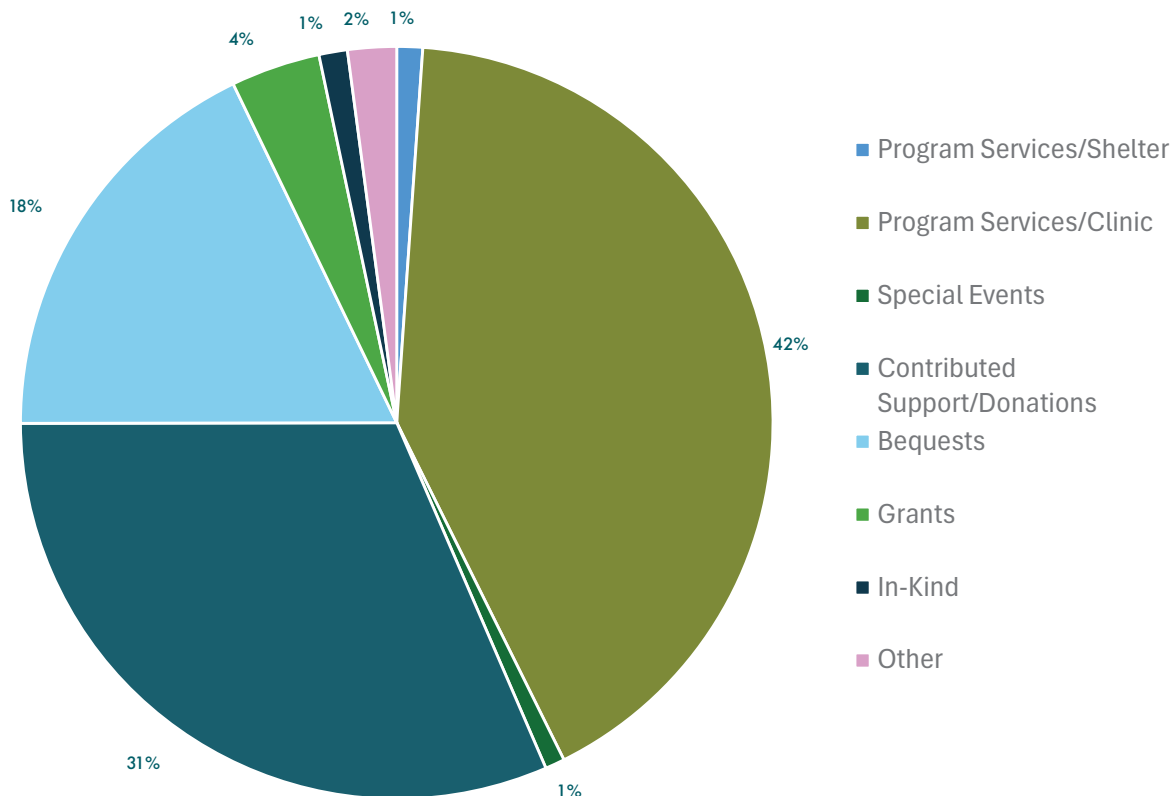
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Executive Director



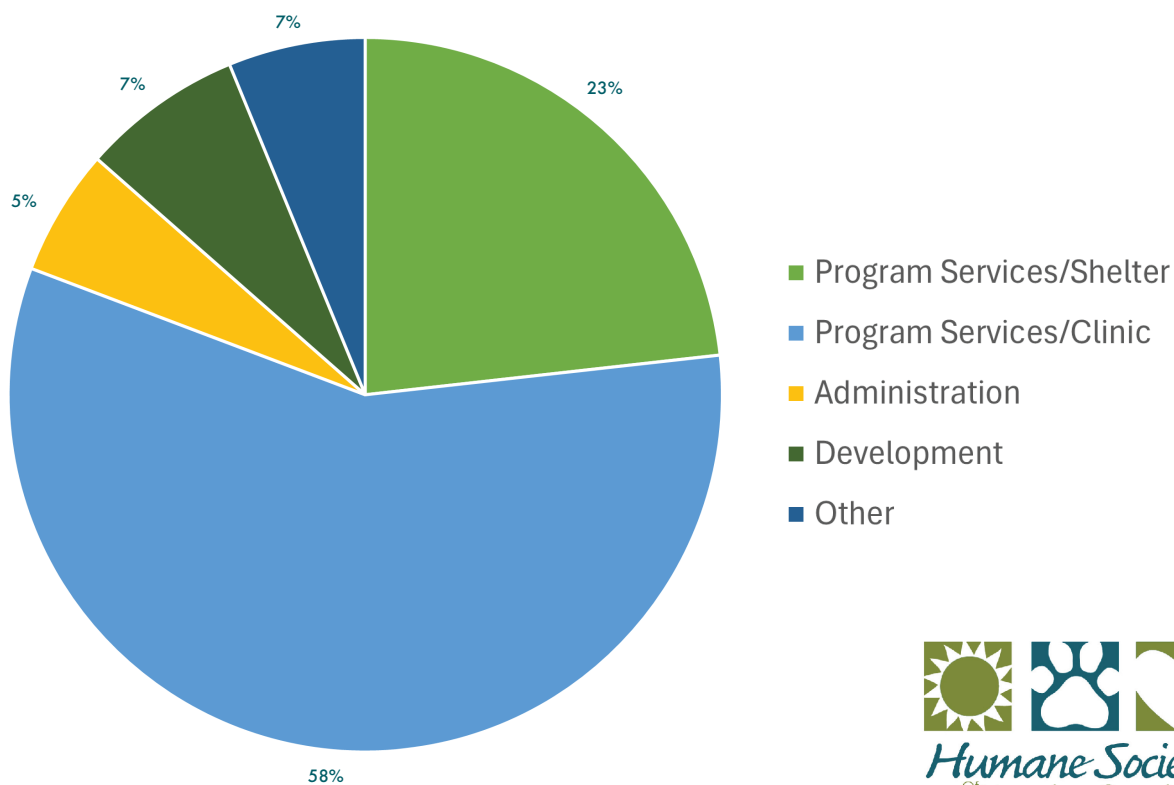
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or sign up for our eblasts... more
great things are in the works in
our current fiscal year because
of your support

REVENUE & EXPENSES

Revenue - \$4,647,764



Expenses - \$3,362,679



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CLINIC SERVICES IN 2024-25



Dr. Lindsay Rollend
HSMC Wellness Director

Spay & Neuter Surgery

4,940

Cats/Kittens - 3,190
Dogs/Puppies - 1,750



Mittens
Clinic Office Manager

Vaccines Given

11,099

TNR Surgeries

1,177

Heartworm Tests

3,891

Wellness Patients

5,397

Microchips

1,710

Dentals

582

Dogs - 500
Cats - 82



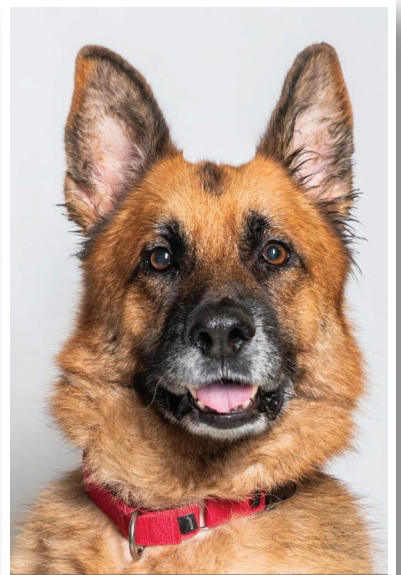
SECOND CHANCE ADOPTION CENTER



Lisa Zalewski
Shelter Manager



2024-25 Adoptions
Cats/Kittens - 280
Dogs/Puppies - 122



Thor has a new family
after 390 days in the
shelter



Pet Food Provided
7,200 lbs.



Smiley has been waiting
more than 550 days for
someone to love her



INTAKE
Dogs - 136
Cats - 323



Tiger waited 256 days for a
loving new mom



Volunteer Hours
5,955



Average Length
of Stay
48 days



MEET THE BOARD

Michael Maddaloni, *President*

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At Large Members:

Andy Churchill

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Lucky Durmaz

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LEGACY DONORS

Our legacy donors are made up of special friends who wish to leave a legacy of their love for animals by including HSMC in their estate plans.

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SAVING LIVES FOUR PAWS AT A TIME!

Bagera - In May 2025, a black cat was trapped and brought to one of our Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR) days. On these busy days, anywhere from 30–50 community cats arrive thanks to the dedication of volunteers whose mission is to spay and neuter as many cats as possible to help slow overpopulation. As with every TNR cat, this handsome black kitty was evaluated for adoptability—and it was immediately clear that he was no stranger to human love. He had all the signs of having once been someone's pet. We named him Lenny and moved him into adoptions, where he was scanned for a microchip.

Lenny did have a microchip, and our shelter manager was able to contact the person listed on it. That's when we learned his real name was Bagera—and that he had been missing for two and a half years. His owner had never stopped looking for him, even though somehow Bagera had ended up 2.5 hours away from home. When she received the call that her beloved cat had been found, she didn't hesitate. She immediately drove to the shelter to be reunited with her long-lost companion. After years apart, Bagera was finally home where he belonged.



After 2.5 years, Bagera is finally home



Three lucky puppies were saved

Winterberry - While a beloved family pet was giving birth, one of the puppies became stuck during delivery, turning what should have been a joyful moment into a medical emergency. The mother required an emergency spay, and heartbreakingly, a second puppy was lost.

Determined to help, the owner bottle-fed the remaining three puppies around the clock for a week, doing their best under incredibly difficult circumstances. When the puppies arrived at our shelter, they were only one week old—tiny, cold, and dangerously fragile. They were struggling to breathe, and their symptoms were consistent with aspiration pneumonia, likely caused by improper feeding. These vulnerable babies required immediate, intensive care, including three courses of antibiotics, warmth, and constant monitoring. Thanks to that lifesaving treatment and the dedication of our medical and shelter team, the puppies began to grow stronger each day. Winterberry and his littermates, Fern and Elwood, not only survived but thrived and were adopted into loving homes.

Gary - Gary is only six months old, but he's already fought harder than most animals ever should have to. A kind passerby found the tiny kitten in heartbreaking condition and rushed him straight to us. Gary was emaciated and ghostly pale, struggling to breathe through a severe upper respiratory infection and suffering from life-threatening anemia. To be honest, we didn't think he would make it through lunchtime. Our medical team moved quickly—warming him, starting fluids, running tests, and doing everything possible to stabilize him. It was truly touch and go but Gary wasn't ready to give up and he made it through.

His story is a powerful reminder of why we're here—and how quickly a life can be saved when help arrives in time.



Gary never gave up!



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Saturday, March 14th 2026
452 3rd Ave. W., Bradenton

**Bradenton Riverwalk
Pavilion @ Rossi Park**

Registration 9am ■ One mile walk 10am

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