

# 2014 Annual Report



**HUMANE  
SOCIETY**  
of Southern Arizona

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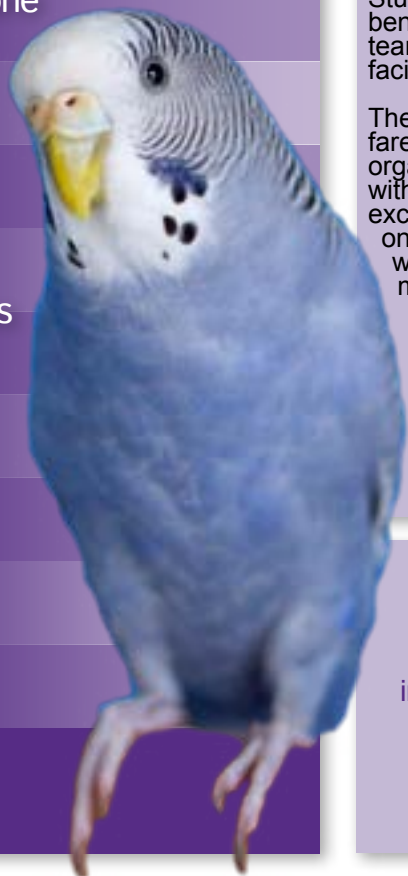
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## A Message from the Board Chair

The Humane Society of Southern Arizona continues to make great strides in serving the pets and people of Southern Arizona, and fiscal 2013-14 was no exception. Our sheltering and adoption, prevention, and education and outreach efforts impacted hundreds of thousands of lives (both human and animal) in the Tucson area this year, and we continue to find innovative ways to partner with other organizations and lead our community toward a place where all animals are cared for and loved.

The fiscal year began with both challenges and opportunities for our sheltering and adoption efforts. After facing several confirmed cases of canine distemper virus in some animals transferred from elsewhere in the community, which forced us to halt intake for a period of time to protect the animals in our care, the shelter and veterinary staff were able to halt the spread of the virus and resume taking in dogs. With the opening of our community cat room – “Meowtropolis” – many cats who had fared poorly in the traditional shelter environment found a place to thrive while they awaited adoption. At the end of the summer, a group of over fifty cats being treated for ringworm – something that would have led to their euthanasia only a few years ago – not only romped happily in Meowtropolis, but also found forever homes later in the year. Despite nearby road construction that inhibited public access to the shelter, our adoption numbers remained strong, and our offsite adoption locations continued to expand opportunities to place pets in loving homes. Over 50% of our adoptions now happen at locations other than our main campus. And the HSSA continues to be a leader in the No-Kill community with a live release rate of 96% for fiscal 2013-14.

Our prevention efforts continue to save lives throughout the region. Thanks to a grant from PetSmart Charities, the HSSA targeted the 85705 zip code, a traditionally underserved area of the community, and to date has spayed and neutered more than 1,000 dogs. Our free and low-cost vaccination clinics have protected thousands of pets against distemper, parvo, and other devastating diseases. We continue to offer low-cost spay and neuter services to the community in our clinic, serving nearly 19,000 pets a year.

Our education and outreach programs touch every stage of life throughout the Southern Arizona community. From our summer camps to the Hand-in-Paw kids club to “Movie and a Cuddle” nights at the Companions for Life Center, our campus hosts dozens of kids’ events each year to reach the youngest members of our community and build a community of compassion at its earliest stage. Innovative programs like the Autism Study, in partnership with The University of Arizona, explore the many benefits of the human-animal bond. At the other end of life, our Pet VIP teams volunteer tens of thousands of hours a year at hospices and other facilities, bringing comfort to patients and their families.

The organization continues to evolve and thrive. This fiscal year, we bid farewell to our CEO and welcomed dynamic new personnel across the organization. The future holds more synergistic partnerships, including one with The University of Arizona’s new Veterinary Medicine Program, and exciting new opportunities for innovation. The HSSA plans to break ground on its new Animal Welfare Center in the spring of 2016. With your help, we look forward to serving the pets of people in Southern Arizona even more effectively in the years to come.

**Susie Salmon**  
Board of Directors Chair

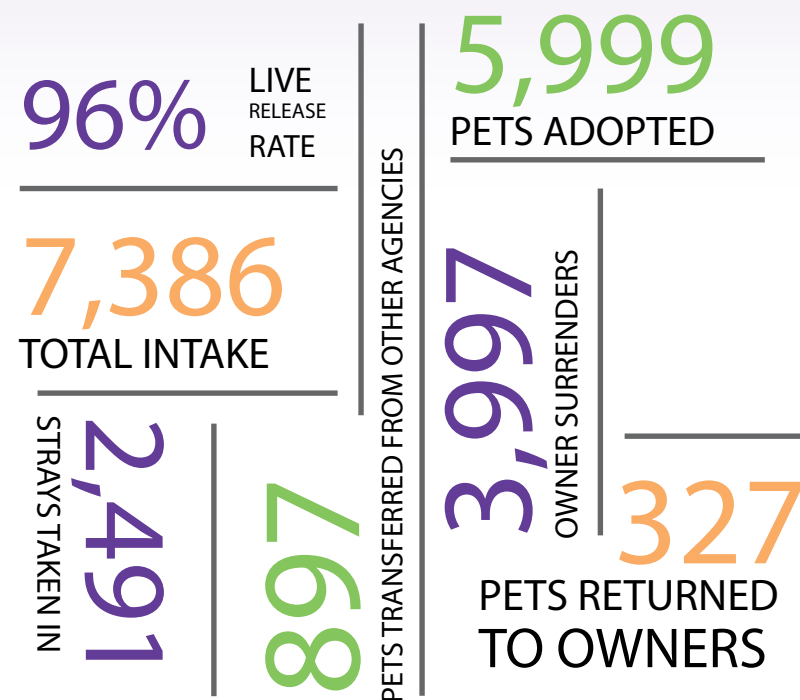
### Our Mission

Acting with compassion and responsible stewardship through innovative programs that serve pets and the people who love them.

### Our Vision

A community in which all pets are cared for and loved.

## VITAL Statistics



The Humane Society of Southern Arizona found homes for nearly 6,000 pets this fiscal year, from kittens and birds to puppies and ferrets. We take pride in our efforts to ensure each pet finds the perfect home, and we’ve had some incredible success stories.

Our dedication to the No-Kill movement resulted in a 96% live release rate, up an incredible seven percentage points from FY 12-13.



**Hero**

ADOPTED:  
December  
23, 2013

We continue our leadership in the No-Kill movement through the efforts of our dedicated staff, and the donors to our Second Chance fund.

Stevie arrived at HSSA in July in terrible shape. He was found wandering, with swollen eyes and no vision. To make matters worse, Stevie’s teeth were rotten and falling out. Our veterinarians determined that Stevie’s eyes were irreversibly damaged and painful. Stevie underwent surgery to remove his sore eyes, clean and fix his teeth and get neutered. When he awoke, all Stevie wanted was to be held. He went into foster care, and it didn’t take long for a family in California to see little Stevie on our Facebook page and fall in love. He is now enjoying the life he’s always deserved! With caring people, successful outreach and dedication, it’s amazing what we can do together to get animals like Stevie their forever home.



**Stevie** ADOPTED:  
July 26, 2013

# CLINIC Statistics



An FeLV-positive cat explores the playground in Meowtropolis.

**8,225**  
SPAY/NEUTER  
SURGERIES

**2,693** SPONSORED  
or reduced-cost

**3,083**  
SURGERIES OF  
SHELTER PETS

**2,241**  
MICROCHIPS

**18,167** ANIMALS  
SEEN

**3,507**  
SURGERIES OF  
OWNED PETS

**8,961**  
VACCINATIONS  
GIVEN WITH  
SURGERY

**10,144**  
VACCINATIONS GIVEN

**1,398**  
DIAGNOSTIC  
TESTS

**TRAP  
NEUTER  
RETURN  
surgeries**

**1,179**

The Humane Society of Southern Arizona's Trap Neuter Return program is dedicated to reducing feral cat overpopulation and improving feral cats' quality of life. HSSA provides information and education to the community about humane colony management. Our low-cost Spay & Neuter Clinic offers appointment-free spay/neuter surgeries and vaccination of feral cats.

Partnerships with local organizations resulted in targeted TNR initiatives. Our partnership with Tucson Cares alone resulted in 80 feral cats receiving this life-saving surgery.

HSSA is the ONLY local animal welfare organization offering a comprehensive TNR program.



**James** ADOPTED  
June 3, 2013

# EDUCATION Statistics

**9,450**  
CHILDREN  
REACHED

**1,580** ADULTS  
REACHED

**115**  
EDUCATIONAL  
PRESENTATIONS



HSSA's Humane Education & Outreach Program includes free school-based classroom presentations, youth-oriented community service projects, a kids club, teen internships, weekend workshops, Summer Camps, kids special events, collaborations with the U of A, Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Children's Museum Tucson and court-mandated animal cruelty prevention classes for adults.

In 2014, the Humane Society of Arizona reached more than 3,450 school children through group and school visits with our school-based Humane Education classes. We additionally reached more than 6,000 other school-aged children through numerous Community Outreach Events like the Tucson Festival of Books, Ted Walker Youth Day, University of Arizona Children's Festival and Bookstore events, Summer Camp Fairs, Fox Theatre Movie event, and our Hand-in-Paw Kids Club activities.

We participated in 8 adult and child fairs / booths at local festivals and fairs for children, adults and families – such as educational booths at the Ted Walker Day at Old Tucson Studios, Cox Movie Nights, Bear Essentials Camp Fair, and U of A Bookstore Children's Story Time, school based literacy programs, and more. Our Humane Education programs in schools, Pet VIP partnerships, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona and Tu Nidito continue to expand our messages and reach.

# VOLUNTEER Statistics

Volunteers are truly the backbone of our organization. Our employees work hard to help every pet that comes through our doors, but without our volunteers we would never be able to do everything we do. In FY 13-14, more than 1,000 dedicated volunteers gave more than 145,000 hours of their time! Our volunteers help in all aspects of our work, from filing, to working events, to socializing and training cats and dogs. Our tireless foster care volunteers take in animals who are too small, sick or shy for adoption and work with them to become healthier, happier and find their forever homes.

**146,773**  
VOLUNTEER HOURS

**129,930** Community Program Hours  
**15,275** Offsite Service Hours  
**1,566** Special Event Hours

**1,342**  
VOLUNTEERS

## Pet VIP Therapy & Visitation Program

The HSSA's Pet VIP teams are incredible ambassadors for the importance of the human-animal bond. These specially trained people and pets donated more than 7,195 hours during FY 2013-14, visiting children, hospitals, retirement homes and hospices, bringing them the unconditional love we feel every day with our pets.

We are incredibly proud of our Pet VIP program, and are working to expand this program to reach even more people.



**7,195**  
PET VIP HOURS

# Your money saves homeless pets!

The Humane Society of Southern Arizona is a local, independent, private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization (tax identification number 86-0112798) that is governed by a volunteer board of directors. HSSA is autonomous, is not a division of any national organization, nor is it a United Way check-off agency. Although we work closely with many organizations to accomplish our mission, we are private and independent. We are 100% community supported, and your support helps pets locally.

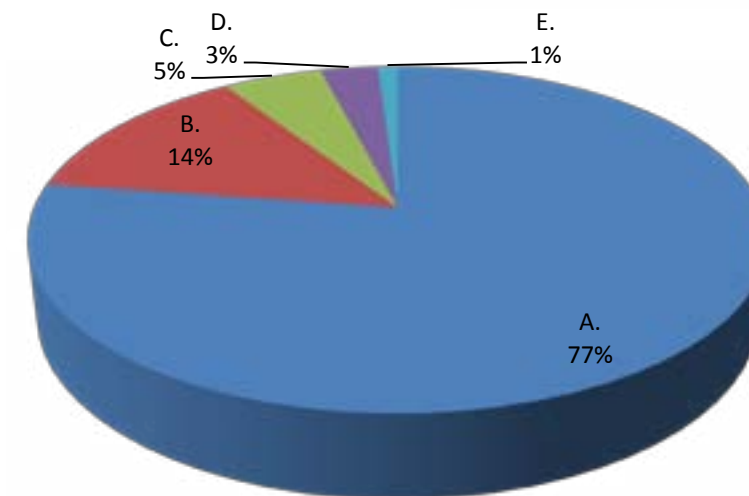
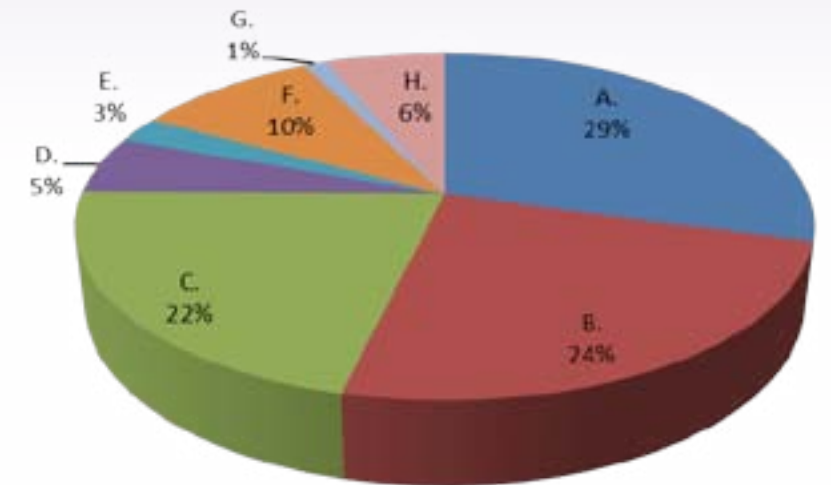
The HSSA prides itself on exceptional data administration and sound fiscal management. The following data are reflective of independently audited financial statements for Fiscal Year 2013-14.

We are proud that our efforts at transparency and efficiency have earned us the recognition of both the Better Business Bureau and the GuideStar Exchange.



How the money was raised:  
Audit FYE 6/30/2014  
\$5,842,341

A. Contributions	\$1,714,605
B. Animal Services	\$1,425,440
C. Bequests	\$1,260,626
D. Special Events	\$305,390
F. Thrift Store, Net	\$140,758
G. Investment Income	\$559,002
H. Other	\$71,313
I. Released from Restrictions	\$365,207



How the money was spent:  
Audit FYE 6/30/2014  
\$5,635,174

A. Animal Services	\$4,355,058
B. Fundraising	\$760,606
C. Education & Cruelty	\$291,575
D. Admin/Exec	\$169,434
E. Special Events	\$58,501

The above is a statement of unrestricted operating fund activities. HSSA also received money not available to current operations, restricted for its capital campaign and future years operations. See independent auditors' report for complete financial information and notes.



**Mungo**

**ADOPTED:**  
June 23,  
2015

The Humane Society of Southern Arizona is the oldest and largest nonprofit animal welfare organization in southern Arizona helping pets and the people who love them.

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