



**Annual Impact
Report 2022** 





A few words from our CEO

Dear HSSA Supporters,

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the Annual Report for fiscal year 2022. This past year has, in many ways, been a challenging one for us all, but I am proud to report that we have overcome those headwinds to make significant progress in our mission to improve the lives of pets and the people who love them in our community.

Throughout the year, we have continued to provide high-quality shelter and care for thousands of pets in need. We have worked tirelessly to find loving homes for these animals, and we are grateful to the many adopters who have opened their hearts and homes to a new furry family member.

In addition to our work on the ground in our urban Tucson base, we have also made strides to expand our compassionate mission to rural and underserved communities as we assist overcrowded local shelters throughout southern Arizona.

Looking to the future we remain committed to our mission and to the well-being of all pets and their people as we seek more and better opportunities to save lives. There's a preview of coming attractions at the end of this report.

I am deeply grateful for your continued support. We quite literally cannot do this vitally important work without you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Farley". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Steve Farley
CEO, Humane Society of Southern Arizona



Mission: Compassionately serving
pets and the people who love them.

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Adoptions ❤️ Building forever families

Adoptions are central to the work that we do at the Humane Society of Southern Arizona. Our goal is not simply to provide temporary shelter and care for animals in need, but to find them loving and permanent homes.

In 2022, we facilitated the adoption of thousands of animals. This includes cats, dogs, rabbits, guinea pigs, and even a few chickens and roosters! We have worked hard to match each pet with the perfect family, taking into consideration their needs and personalities to ensure that the adoption is a success.

Branching out from the westside, we have taken our adoptable pets to the eastside PAWSH at Park Place Mall and the HSSA Thrift Store (through our volunteer-driven Special Dogs of Tucson (S-DOT) program), where we have been able to reach even more people looking to add a new furry friend to their family. Our dedicated team of adoption counselors and volunteers have made this visibility possible.

Our organizational strategy aims to find homes for all of the animals in our care. We know that every adoption makes a difference, not only in the life of the animal, but also in the life of the family who adopts them.

Thank you to all of our adopters for choosing to adopt and for opening your hearts and homes to an animal in need. We are grateful for your support and will seek new ways to help even more pets find their forever homes.





Clinic A healthy pet is a happy pet

One of the key services that we offer at the Humane Society of Southern Arizona is our low-cost clinic. HSSA's Clinic is staffed by a team of highly skilled veterinarians and technicians who provide medical services to the homeless animals in our care, as well as to owned pets in the community.

In 2022, HSSA's Clinic saw a significant increase in the number of animals we treat, thanks in part to the hiring of three new veterinarians. We provided essential care such as spay and neuter surgeries, vaccinations, and dental work, as well as more

complex medical procedures and affordable care for pets in low-income families. No one should be deprived of the joy that comes with a pet because of lack of resources to care for that pet.

As part of our medical services we offer a low-cost spay and neuter program to help reduce the number of unwanted pets in our community. Shelter animals, public pets, and community cats have all benefited from this service, which we can only offer with the support of our donors.



Intake ❤️ Help for pets when they need us most

Our intake department receives animals who are brought to our shelter, whether they are stray, surrendered, or rescued from a situation of abuse or neglect. In 2022, we admitted and provided care for thousands of at-risk pets – cats, dogs, rabbits, guinea pigs, and more. We work hard to ensure that each and every one of these animals receive the best possible care while they are with us, including medical treatment, behavior modification, and socialization to maximize their chances of finding a forever home.

In the past year, HSSA has made a concerted effort to bring more homeless pets to our shelter from local shelters like the Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) and across Cochise County. This was part of our ongoing effort to help these shelters reduce overcrowding and suffering among their animal populations. By bringing in more animals from these shelters, we were able to provide them with the care and attention they needed while we worked to find them loving homes. We know that overcrowding in shelters can lead to increased stress and illness among animals, and we are committed to doing our part to alleviate this problem.



Education and Outreach Together we can make a more humane world for all



HSSA's Education and Outreach efforts include our Hand in Paw Kids program, youth camps, dog training classes, pet safety classes and more. These initiatives have been instrumental in promoting the humane treatment of animals in our community and educating the next generation of animal advocates.

The Hand in Paw Kids club is designed to teach children the importance of responsible pet ownership and animal welfare. Through interactive activities, children learn about the proper care of animals, the impact of pet overpopulation, and the importance of compassion and empathy. The program has been very successful, with many children expressing a newfound love and appreciation for animals.

Our youth camps provide children with hands-on experiences working with animals and learning

about animal welfare. The campers learn about the importance of spay and neuter, animal behavior, and humane training methods. They also get to interact with a variety of animals, including dogs, cats, and small mammals, and learn how to care for them properly.

We also offer pet safety classes, such as rattlesnake avoidance training and pet first aid, to help keep pets safe in our community. These classes provide pet guardians with the knowledge and skills they need to protect their pets from potential hazards and provide emergency care when needed.

In March of 2023, we will move our dedicated Education team into the Freeman Education and Behavioral Center. This center will give us numerous opportunities to expand our educational services to the community in 2023 and beyond.

Eastside

Expanding our services to eastside residents

In 2022, the Humane Society of Southern Arizona continued expanding our services to pet lovers on the east side of Tucson. Our award-winning Thrift Store at 22nd and Wilmot allows us to reach even more members of our community and provide them with high-quality and low-cost thrift items while raising vital financial support for our core programs.

Another exciting opportunity we began offering this past year at HSSA's Thrift Store is Special Dogs of Tucson (S-DOT). This program is run by a dedicated team of volunteers who are committed to finding homes for long-term shelter dogs. They show off some of our longest-term residents to match them with loving families, and are ready to help you find your new best friend at the thrift store four days a week.

In addition to adoptions, we also offer low-cost vaccinations every Wednesday at this location. Our veterinarians provide these essential services to public pets because we believe that preventative care is an important part of responsible pet ownership and the cost should be within reach of everyone.



HSSA in Cochise County

Late last summer, the Humane Society of Southern Arizona was proud to launch our Shelter Collaborative program in partnership with Best Friends Animal Society. We improve the lives of animals in rural shelters by providing them with the resources and support they need to save more lives. As part of this program, we hired a full-time staffer whose primary focus is to help rural shelters in Douglas, Willcox, Benson, and Nogales through weekly visits to each location. This individual works closely with these shelters to identify areas where the shelters need assistance and provides them with the guidance and tools necessary to improve their operations. The results of this program have been significant. Our Shelter Collaborative program has already helped rural

shelters save hundreds of animals who might have otherwise been euthanized. We are proud of the impact that this program has had and are committed to continuing to support rural shelters in their efforts to save lives.

We are grateful to Best Friends Animal Society for their partnership in this program and to our donors and supporters who have made it possible. We believe that every life is worth saving, and we are committed to doing our part to make a difference in the lives of animals throughout all of southern Arizona.



PetSmart Charities' *Vets for Pets* Grant

In 2022, the Humane Society of Southern Arizona was grateful to receive a PetSmart Charities Vets for Pets grant that allowed us to increase our community veterinary services. This grant provided the funding we needed to hire a full complement of talented veterinarians, vet techs, and surgeons who have made a significant impact on the quality of care we are able to provide to the animals in our care and to pets in the community.

Thanks to this grant, we have been able to expand the range of services that we offer – including providing essential care such as spay and neuter surgeries, vaccinations, and dental work, as well as performing more complex medical procedures

and offering specialized care to animals with specific needs.

Deepest thanks to PetSmart Charities for their support and for their commitment to improving the lives of animals. We are also thankful to our talented veterinary team for their hard work and dedication, and to our donors and supporters who have made it possible for us to expand our community



SB1271 Veterinary Loan Assistance Bill

The Humane Society of Southern Arizona played a key role in helping to ease the shortage of veterinarians in Arizona, which has affected every pet family in the state. Leveraging the experience of CEO Steve Farley, who is also a former legislator, we were able to get a bill passed in the Arizona Legislature that aimed to address this issue.

The bill, which gained support from both parties in the Legislature and Governor Doug Ducey, included provisions to increase the number of veterinarians in the state by offering to pay outstanding student

debt to those who agreed to practice in nonprofit, county, and municipal shelters, or in underserved rural areas. It was funded in the state budget to a level that can bring as many as 57 new vets to Arizona in the coming year.

We believe that this will have a significant impact on the availability of veterinary care in the state and will help to ensure that all pets have access to the medical care they need. By working together with leaders from across the state, we celebrate together a victory for pets and their caregivers.

Community Cats Stewardship

In 2022, the Humane Society of Southern Arizona made a significant effort to reduce the suffering of community cats by increasing the number of Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) surgeries we performed. TNR is a humane and effective approach to managing the population of community and stray cats in our community. It involves trapping cats, spaying or neutering them, and then returning them to their outdoor homes with the help of volunteer colony feeders.

By increasing the number of TNR surgeries we performed, we are able to humanely reduce the population of community cats, which in turn helps to reduce the suffering of these animals.

Community and stray cats often face a number of challenges, including malnutrition, exposure to the elements, and the risk of injury or illness. By providing them with the medical care they need, we were able to improve their lives and make a difference in our community.



Looking ahead to a bright future

It has been a transformative year for the Humane Society of Southern Arizona, but you ain't seen nothing yet! In the coming year, we have several exciting projects in the works that we believe will have a significant impact on the lives of pets and people in our community.

In January, we will be starting the planning process for a OneHealth clinic in Douglas. This groundbreaking concept will offer low-cost veterinary services and low-cost human health services at the same time, helping pets and their people who might otherwise fall through the cracks.

In February, with the support of Best Friends Animal Society, we will kick off our first monthly TNR clinic for Douglas, which will spay or neuter more than 60 cats per month in order to save hundreds of community cat lives in the Douglas area as we start a new Community Cat program in the border town.

One of the highlights of the year will be the opening of our new Freeman Education and Behavioral Center in the spring of 2023. This state-of-the-art facility will offer a full complement of new community pet training classes, kids' programs, pet grief counseling, the Canine Cognition Institute, and so much more. Education is an essential part of our mission to improve the lives of animals, and this new facility will maximize our outreach.

This spring, we will also be opening our Silva Community Cat Center, which will provide a range of innovative programs, including a Kitten Kindergarten, Working Cat training, and a safe space for feral cats to recover after their spay-neuter surgeries. We are excited about the potential of this new center to make a real difference in the lives of community cats.

One of the most exciting projects on the horizon for the Humane Society of Southern Arizona is the construction of a new shelter and clinic in Bisbee. This new facility, which is being built in collaboration with Cochise County and the federal government, will bring desperately needed services to pets and people across southeastern Arizona. This new shelter and clinic will provide a safe and welcoming space for pets in need, offering medical care, adoption services, and other essential resources. It will also serve as a hub for community outreach and education, helping to promote responsible pet ownership and the importance of animal welfare.

We are grateful to Cochise County and the federal government for their support of this project and are excited to see it come to fruition. This new shelter and clinic will make a real difference in the lives of pets and people in southeastern Arizona and are committed to doing everything we can to ensure its success.

Stay tuned, and keep supporting HSSA as, with your help, we keep finding new ways to save lives in 2023.

HSSA's Financials

Income

Public Support	\$5,539,517
Paycheck Protection Program	\$721,704
Animal & Education Services Revenue	\$1,307,966
Special Events	\$424,958
Investment and other	(\$1,594,878)

\$6,399,267

Expenditures

Program Services	\$6,233,977
Fundraising and Development	\$1,467,996
Management and General	\$435,328
	\$8,137,301

Net Loss (\$1,738,034)

Capital Purchases \$1,393,533

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