



Henrico Humane Society

FALL 2006/WINTER 2007

Letter from the President

Henrico Humane Society has had a great year. We elected a new board in January at the annual meeting, and had the most successful Pet Expo to date. In 2005, the Henrico Humane Society found permanent loving homes for 399 cats and dogs! Many more were helped through sponsorship and medical assistance. As of October 1, we've adopted out 122 cats and 275 dogs. One of our cats with special needs, Bogey, was transferred to Best Friends animal sanctuary in Utah!

Every day, I am struck by what an amazing group of volunteers we have for HHS. Everyone, from the once-a-year special-event volunteers to our board members, contributes something special to the organization. We truly couldn't help save as many lives as we do without every one of our volunteers. Keep up the great work! Check out our special Volunteer Profile on page 5.

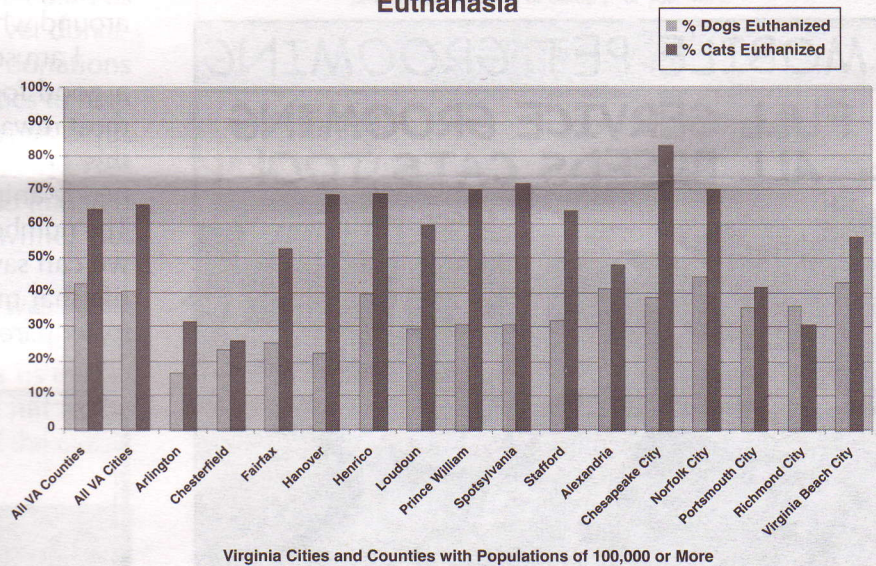
I'd also like to thank all of the veterinary offices that consistently provide excellent care and attention to the countless animals we bring to them. We're always impressed at your kindness and professionalism. In particular, we would like to thank the staff at Countryside Veterinary Clinic, Manakin-Sabot Veterinary Clinic, Church Hill Animal Hospital, Farmer's Veterinary Hospital, Quioccasin Veterinary Hospital, and Three Chopt Animal Hospital.

Ever wonder why HHS and their supporters do what they do? Check out the chart on the right for some statistics that might help explain our motivation.

As you can see from this chart, Virginia is euthanizing a tremendous amount of animals each year. Pet overpopulation and lack of owner responsibility are the main reasons animals end up in shelters. HHS works within the greater Richmond community to end animal overpopulation and ensure that all animals receive proper care.

—Courtney Morano

Euthanasia



Smartbox to the Rescue

Smartbox USA came to the rescue of the HHS Cat Adoption stand this summer when it donated the use of a Smartbox. It's installed behind the Short Pump PetSmart and holds all of the cages, tables, and paperwork needed for the adoption stand.



All of the equipment fits on a cart that rolls out of the Smartbox and into the store for adoption stand setup.

In July, the Merchant's Walk

PetSmart, which had been the home for the Sunday HHS cat adoption stand for years, closed for good. PetSmart arranged for a new location in Short Pump, but there was one big problem—the new store had no room for storage. Another vehicle would be needed to store equipment, or fosters would have to store their cages and haul them with their animals to PetSmart each week. This challenge seemed insurmountable until Daphne Patterson

of Smartbox USA contacted HHS and donated the use of a Smartbox.

On July 25, the Smartbox was delivered to the loading dock at the Short Pump PetSmart. The cages and equipment were moved in, and the Cat Adoption Team was ready in its new home. Everything the Cat team needs for adoptions (except the cats) fits right in the Smart Box. Thanks to Daphne, there have been more than 30 adoptions at Short Pump since July 28.