

Let Love Live...



SPCA Volunteer, Susan Cohen with Superman



Annual Report 2016

From the CEO...

The cover of this year's annual report is a particularly poignant one for those of us here on staff and for those of you who know Susan Cohen and her special friend 'Superman'. Members of our Dog Park frequently see them enjoying the day or walking the trails of our 13 acres here on Willow Run Road.

We chose this cover because Superman may not be with us much longer. He came to us from the Saluda County Sheriff's Department who found him chained to a stake, starving, barely able to walk, and not far from his two dead friends who had starved on their chains. At the Sheriff's Department request we sent two Veterinary Technicians to set him free and bring him to our Veterinary Care Center. His prognosis was dim. Not only was he starved to the point of a bag of bones, but he had an advanced case of heartworm.

Our team went to work and a miracle occurred. He lived! In tribute to his spirit we named him Superman. That was two and half years ago and he is still with us. However, his heart can't go on pumping much longer. He has been loved and pampered by Susan and all of us who know him. I am convinced that LOVE is what has kept him alive. It is what we do here at the Albrecht Center and with your help it is what we will keep doing.

Annual Reports are traditionally about the accomplishments of the past year and a vision of what lies ahead. In this report, you will see our financials and all the people and events that defined the Albrecht Center for the past year..... the usual stuff. But Superman's story shows who we really are as an organization, and lays out the vision of what we WILL KEEP doing foreverProtecting animals and improving the human-animal bond.

We do that through our Adoption Center, Education and Training Center, and our public Veterinary Care Center. We work with legislators, law enforcement, prosecutors offices, veterinary professionals, rescue organizations, state departments, and our community to improve abuse and neglect laws and form strategies to reduce the homeless pet population.

We believe in excellence in all things. We believe in YOU, our supporters. Through excellence in the stewardship of your gifts, the wealth of experience from our Board of Directors, and the dedication of our staff and volunteers, our small, but mighty SPCA accomplishes BIG things!

We are grateful to YOU for helping us!!

P.S. Superman's abuser was convicted of a felony, sent to prison, and is paying retribution.

Barbara Nelson



President and CEO

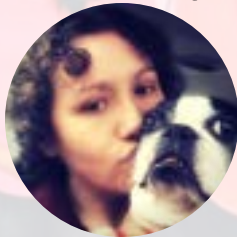


Our Leadership - *Management Staff*

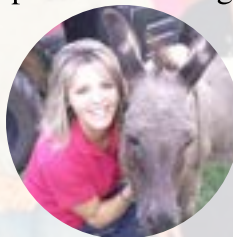
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President/CEO



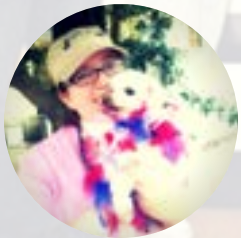
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Shelter Manager



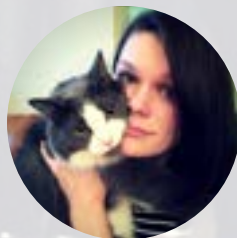
Michelle Floyd
Operations Manager



Ann Kinney
Director of Training



Sarah Neikam
Marketing Director



Claire Roberson
Community Outreach Director



Herb Curry
Facility Manager



Jason Wright, DVM
Associate Veterinarian

Established in 1935, the SPCA Albrecht Center for Animal Welfare is a private, limited admission Adoption Facility, Education and Training Center, Full-service Veterinary Care Center, and Dog Park.

It is Our Mission to provide for the welfare of animals by:

Providing shelter for adoptable pets in our care,

Providing quality, affordable veterinary care to the public,

Educating the public about the proper care & treatment of animals,

Supporting the efforts to combat animal abuse,

Cultivating partnerships with rescue & animal control entities,

And sharing Our Vision with the community:

to help animals that are homeless find homes, provide animals that are abused, sick, or in need with shelter and medical care, and promote the ideal that the unflinching love and devotion from an animal should be valued by all.

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Our Guides - *Board of Directors*

The guidance and support that our Board of Directors provides keeps our organization focused on our

mission and dedicated to the cause; despite the obstacles and challenges that come our way.

Thank you!

In 2016...

We Joined Forces

Along with several other animal shelters and rescues across the state, as a Key Resource

Center in Charleston Animal Society's No Kill South Carolina initiative.



Together, we will work to inspire, coach and train each other and smaller shelters in life-saving methods, including Charleston Animal Society's own 10-point No Kill strategy which led to Charleston County becoming the first No-Kill community in the Southeast. All in an effort to save every healthy and treatable animal in the state, by using proven, research-based strategies to build safer and stronger communities for all pets.

We Demanded Change

Animal welfare administrators, including our own Barbara Nelson, and Kim Kelly, SC State Director of the Humane Society of the United States, joined forces with State Senator Vincent Sheheen and State Representative Steve Moss, along with many other hardworking, passionate delegates; including private veterinarians, breeders, the SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, the SC Department of Agriculture, and the Association of Counties to form the SC Legislative Pet Care and Humane Treatment Study Committee.

Key issues they plan to tackle include standards of care in animal shelters, reducing shelter admissions and statewide microchip requirements. The committee has already heard testimony and suggestions from shelter operators, law enforcement and concerned citizens and they are optimistic about the future and the difference they believe they can make for South Carolina's companion animals.

We Grew



The former SPCA Albrecht Center Spay/Neuter Clinic was designed for high volume, high quality, low-cost spay/neuter and vaccinations with a small lobby, exam prep room and state-of-the-art surgery suite. That model served our organization and community well for over three years, performing 10,000+ spay/neuter surgeries and countless vaccinations.



Now, as a full-service Veterinary Care Center, we saw the need for more space in order to accommodate clients and their pets, so we added three separate exam rooms to provide more privacy and allow for better communication with the pet owner, and room for thorough exams and procedures.

And We Granted Second Chances

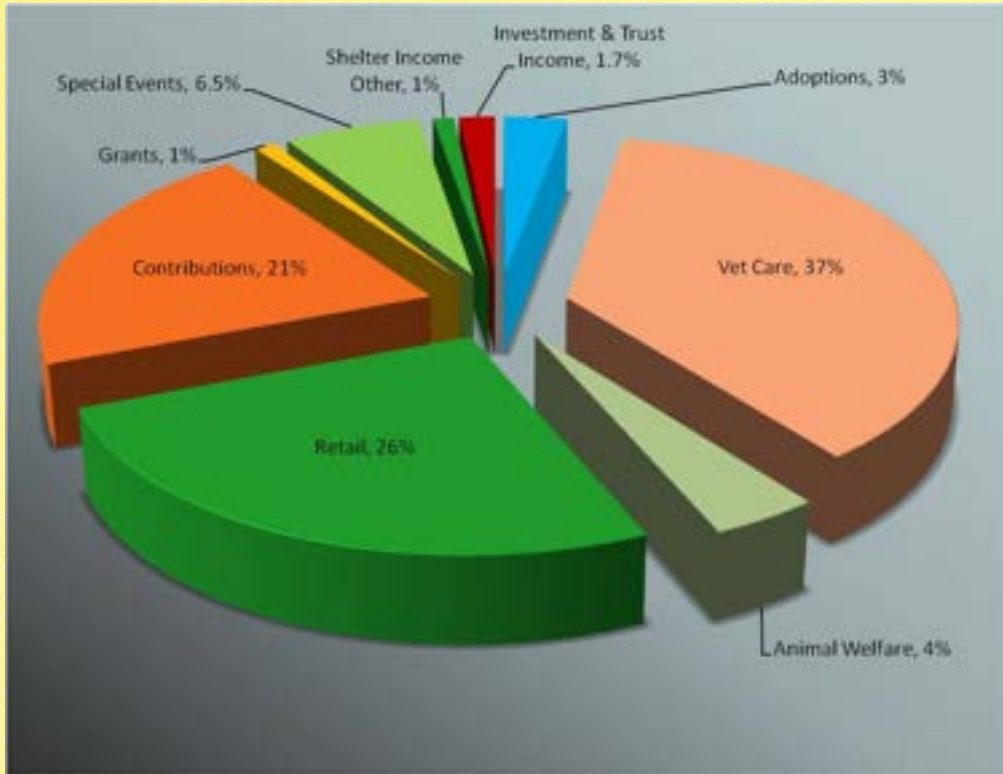
Though not in the majority, some pets make their way to our shelter in terrible condition, needing rescue from a life more horrible than we can imagine. Three Shih-Tzus, for example, were discovered living in a deplorable environment, wearing pounds of filthy, matted fur so thick that they could barely walk or see. Our Veterinary team spent hours removing over 12lbs of fur in total, revealing three happy, otherwise healthy dogs. All three quickly found themselves in loving homes.



2016 Financials

**Numbers compiled prior to annual audit.*

Sources of Support



Veterinary Care \$700,353

Retail \$489,969

Contributions \$388,904

Special Events \$124,256

Animal Welfare \$74,653

Adoptions \$58,783

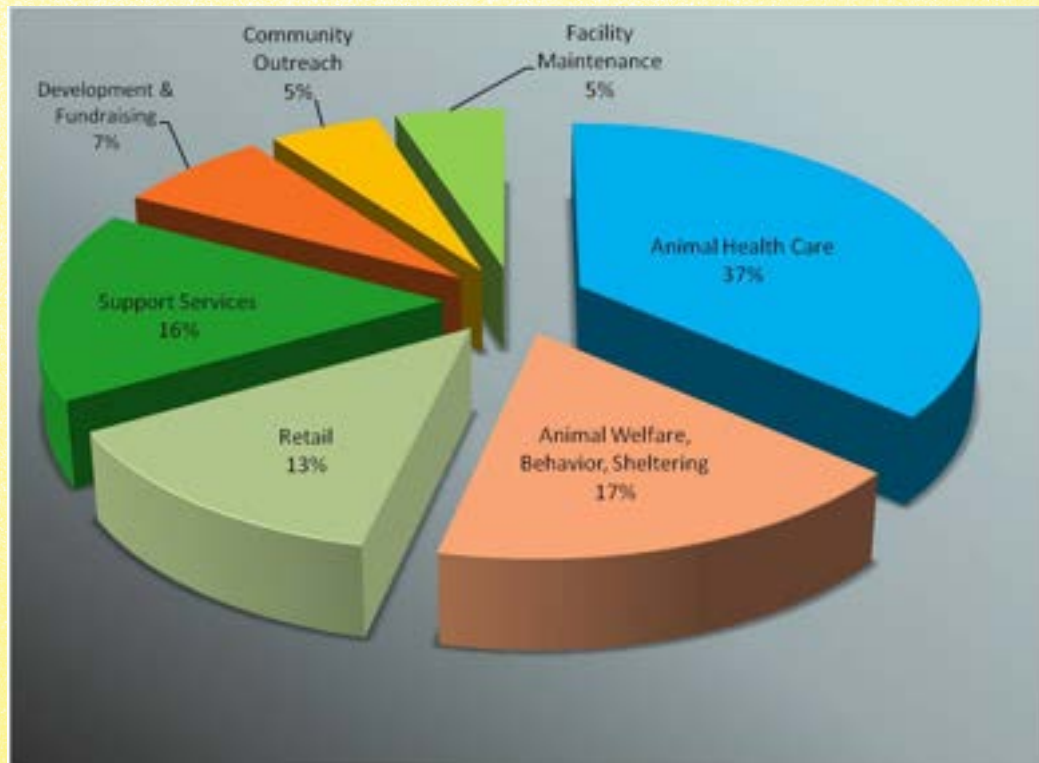
Investment & Trust \$33,671

Shelter Income Other \$14,563

Grants \$4,000

Total \$1,889,152

Expenses



Animal Health Care \$604,769

Animal Welfare, Behavior & Sheltering \$294,415

Support Services \$275,544

Retail \$221,225

Development & Fundraising \$119,984

Community Outreach \$90,058

Facility Maintenance \$87,969

Total \$1,693,964

Volunteerism

In 2016, SPCA Volunteers gave over 8,800 hours of their time!



Pets & People Served in 2016

900
Adoptions

3,364
Spay/Neuter Surgeries

104
Training Consultations

135
HAPPY
REUNIONS

7,014
Pets Medically
Treated



Legacy Society

The SPCA Legacy Society honors those who have made documented bequests in their wills, or other planned gifts in support of the SPCA Albrecht Center for Animal Welfare. Joining the Legacy Society insures the long-term viability of the SPCA by adding a stable stream of endowment income dedicated to meeting the needs of our community's companion animals. Find out how you can provide for the care and welfare of your surviving pets through the SPCA's "Let Love Live On" program. Contact Barbara Nelson, President/CEO to learn more! ceo@letlovelive.org.



We are so grateful to these Legacy Society members:

Renee Alexander Angela Bari Sharon Brown
Blair & Ted Cummings Randy Georgemiller Nico Gozal
Mary Guynn & Justin Pimsner Andrea Hippley Bob Johnson
Jeff & Betsy Minton Lynn & David Smith Cynthia Steinmetz
Art Stremm Jack Wetzel Tom & Arlene Weyl Rae Helen Walsh

Looking Ahead

2017 brings a continued focus on our Veterinary Care Center which not only provides medical care to the hundreds of homeless, lost or abandoned pets who end up in our shelter each year, but also provides a full range of veterinary care to pet-owning citizens and families in our community; many of whom were previously not able to afford veterinary care or who were simply uninformed as to the need for spay/neuter, wellness and preventative care.

We will be adding an additional veterinarian to our staff, as well as a Veterinary Practice Manager who will manage staff and oversee all aspects of our veterinary office operations.

