

2023

IMPACT REPORT



SOUTHAMPTON **animal shelter** FOUNDATION

BRIE

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Letter from the Executive Director

Making a Difference in the Lives of Animals in Need

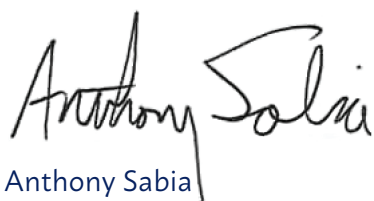
The Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation continues to be a vital organization dedicated to providing food, shelter, training, and medical care to stray and surrendered animals in the Southampton area. As a beloved community resource, we are proud to share our impact and the difference we've made in the lives of animals and people alike.

In 2023, we rehomed over 600 dogs, cats and other small animals and returned 198 animals to their owners. Additionally, in the past year — we served 10,000+ meals to animals in need — provided 500+ hours of training and socialization to enhance adoptability — and treated over 1,100 animals with medical procedures performed to ensure health and well-being.

Southampton Animal Shelter is dedicated to creating a compassionate community where animals receive the care and love they deserve. With your support, we can continue making a meaningful impact on the lives of animals and those who love them.

Please join us in our mission to provide a safe haven for animals in need. Donate, volunteer, or adopt today and help us create a brighter future for our furry friends.

Sincerely,



Anthony Sabia

WHO WE ARE

The Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation (SASF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization devoted to the well-being of all homeless pets in our community. We are committed to finding permanent, loving homes for them. As an open admission, no-kill shelter, SASF accepts stray animals of all ages, breeds, and health conditions, offering them compassionate care, nourishment, medical treatment, and training. Our mission is to ensure that every pet finds a forever home — **No Animals Left Behind!**

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to nurture the bond between humans and companion animals through education, advocacy, and adoption. We enrich the lives of the animals in our care through training, affection, and veterinary services, ultimately placing them in a loving forever home.

OUR VISION

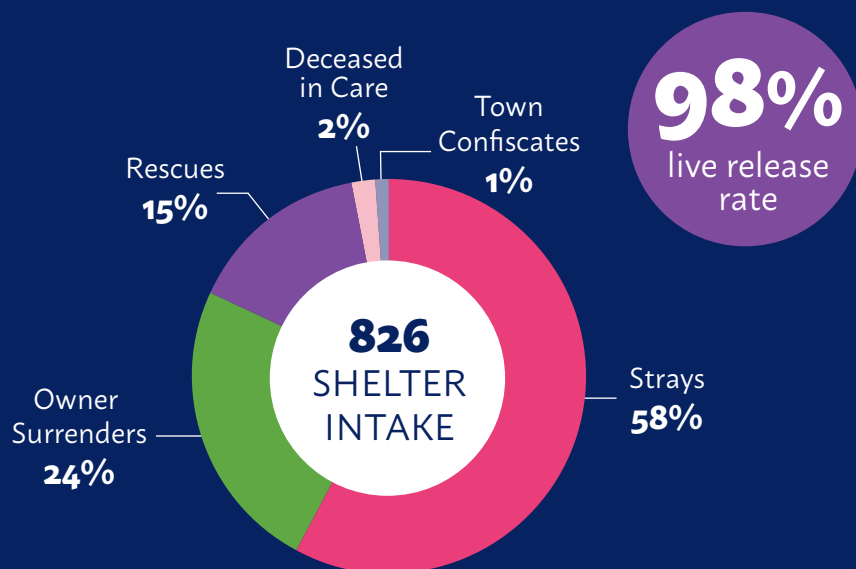
As New York's leading shelter for all companion animals, we desire the ability to save more lives by expanding our capacity to care for a greater number of animals in need.

SAVING LIVES EVERY DAY

Helping those in need

OPEN ADMISSIONS

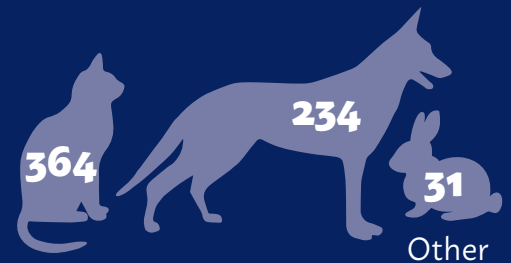
Our doors are always open to any animal in need. We do not discriminate. We function as an animal shelter, taking in strays and owner surrenders regardless of age, breed, and medical concerns.



98%
live release rate

HOMEWARD BOUND

Our adoption center helped



629 shelter pets **find** their **forever homes**

and **reunited**
198 strays **with** their **families**



ADOPTIONS

Our Adoption Counselors and trainers work hand in hand to set each animal up for success. Through our “match-making” process we are proud of our success rate in finding our rescues their forever homes.

2023 STATISTICS

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FOREVER FRIENDS



WORTH THE WAIT

RUSSELL the cat spent nine quiet and unassuming years at the shelter. He was selective about his companions, which often led him to be overlooked due to his reserved demeanor and black fur. However, everything changed in September 2023 when he met his forever family. Despite his shy nature, they decided to take a chance on him and offer their unconditional love. Having never known the comforts of a home, Russell needed time to adjust and learn to trust his new family. Now, after a year filled with love and patience, Russell is beginning to feel at home and has embraced his caring family with an open heart.



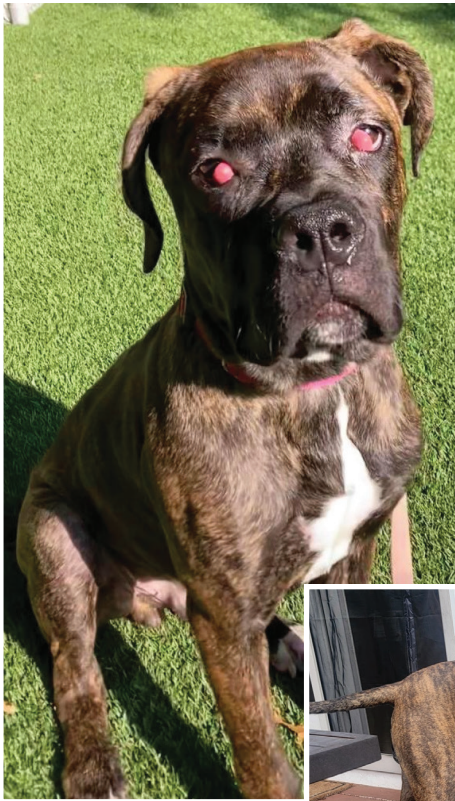
DOZER was surrendered to us in June 2022 after his owner, who deeply loved him, became homeless during the pandemic. With a true heart of gold, Dozer adores every person he meets. Unfortunately, being a black pit bull, he was overlooked for too long. However, after 617 days in the shelter, he found his forever home and hasn't looked back since! We are so happy for our sweet Dozer.



MEDICAL CARE

Providing the best care for our pets

Every pet that comes through our doors, whether a stray, rescue, or owner surrender, is seen by our veterinarian and receives compassionate, comprehensive care from our medical team. Each pet undergoes a thorough evaluation to identify any medical issues requiring observation or treatment. Before being made available for adoption, all pets are spayed or neutered, microchipped, and updated with their vaccinations. Thanks to the training and expertise of our medical staff, we can care for many special needs pets in our shelter, providing all necessary medical attention.



WALLACE


Wallace was just a 10-month-old puppy when we rescued him from NY ACC upon discovering he had double cherry eye and was in desperate need of medical care. Thanks to the donations made to our Emergency Medical Fund, Wallace underwent surgery to correct this condition and continued to receive follow-up care and attention from our Clinic and specialists. Wallace went for a second round of eye surgery and recuperated comfortably in a loving foster home. It turned out to be a foster fail, and we are so happy to say that this sweet pup has found his forever home!




ANIMAL CARE

We create a caring environment to improve the lives of pets as they wait for their forever homes.

FEEDING



- Average dog population: **50**
- Cost to feed a dog per month: **\$70**

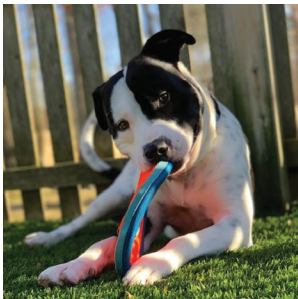


- Average cat population: **120**
- Cost to feed a cat per month: **\$65**

HOUSING

- Dogs are provided with Kuranda beds and comfortable bedding
- Dog enrichment programs promote the mental and physical well-being of our dogs
- Enrichment activities for dogs include engaging mind games, puzzles, and toys

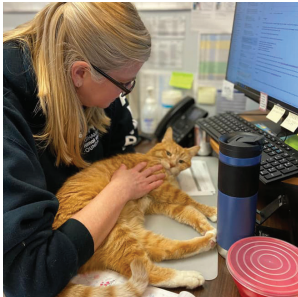
- Many of our offices host cats and dogs to enhance their socialization
- Cats enjoy roaming freely in our “catios,” while others can be found in our lobby or designated cat rooms
- Cat enrichment involves socialization, interactive toys, and utilizing vertical spaces for exploration



Good at doing good!
We've earned a



★ FOUR-STAR RATING ★
from
Charity Navigator



TRAINING, BEHAVIOR & ENRICHMENT

Changing the lives of shelter dogs

Every dog that comes to SASF receives a comprehensive behavioral evaluation carried out by our training team, who are on campus seven days a week. During this assessment, dogs are evaluated for their sociability with people, cats, and other dogs, as well as their trainability, body handling, and resource guarding. After the evaluation, each dog's training commences. Our program is more extensive than what most animal shelters offer, ensuring that dogs receive the training and support necessary for a successful transition to life outside the shelter, ultimately enhancing their chances of adoption.



OUR SHELTER DOGS

- **Our dogs spend a significant amount of time outside of their kennels. They can be found in playgroups, on walks or hikes, yard rotations, training, or socializing in our offices or front lobby on a daily basis. Dogs enjoy outings with training staff such as trips to pet friendly stores, local events, or the beach for an additional level of training and enrichment.**
- **Each dog receives an individual training program based on an evaluation of multiple major behavioral traits. Training starts with basic obedience and manners, along with teaching proper leash skills using a variety of techniques catered to each individual dog. Residents are given the opportunity to learn advanced obedience, trick training, and even agility foundations!**
- **Our comprehensive training programs also address our dogs' behavior around other dogs, offering expertly curated playgroups to expand the social skills and improve adoptability for our residents.**



TRAINING PARTNERSHIPS

We are proud to continue our partnership with nationally recognized Dogs Playing For Life founded by Aimee Sadler right here at SASF over 15 years ago! DPFL and SASF share the mission to enrich the physical and mental health of dogs through play! Learn more at dogsplayingforlife.com



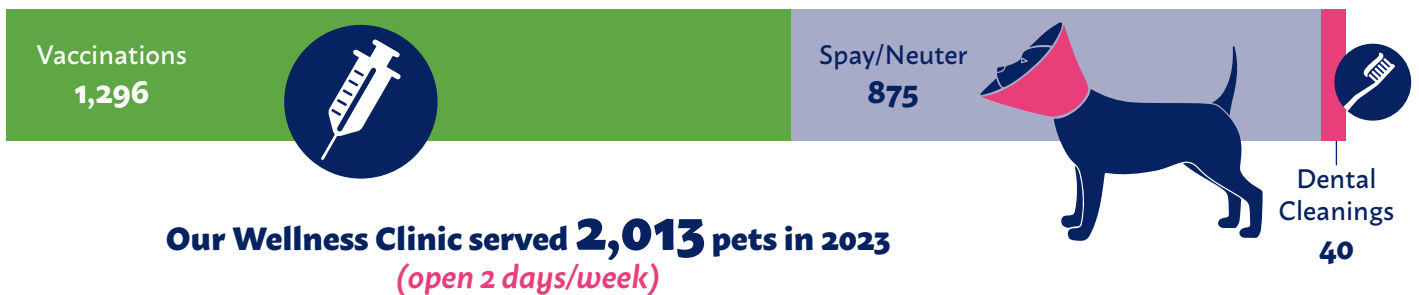
OUTREACH

Programs and services for our community

PUBLIC VETERINARY WELLNESS CLINIC

We understand that your pets are part of your family, and we recognize that their care can be costly. Our mission is to offer exceptional veterinary wellness services for your pet at an affordable price.

Wellness Clinic Visits 2023



TRAP, NEUTER, AND RETURN (TNR)

Helping the feral cat population

TNR programs are the most humane and effective way to help stop the overpopulation of feral cats. An unaltered cat and her offspring can produce hundreds, if not thousands, of kittens in just three years, with the number rapidly escalating due to the ability to breed as early as 6 months and have multiple litters per year; highlighting the importance of spaying and neutering to control pet population growth.

Our TNR Program assisted in trapping, altering, and returning
599 cats
in the surrounding communities.



Our free Advo-Cats Program offered to residents in the Township of Southampton is run solely on donations and with the help of volunteers.

PET PANTRY

Providing support for families in need

Through our community outreach program, we are able to provide food and supplies for pets belonging to struggling owners, support caregivers of feral cat colonies, and supplement the food inventory for our shelter animals. Low-income families and home-bound individuals can access our pet pantry, ensuring they can keep and care for the pets they love, even during financial hardships.

JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

“There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer.”

In **2023** ...



320
new volunteers

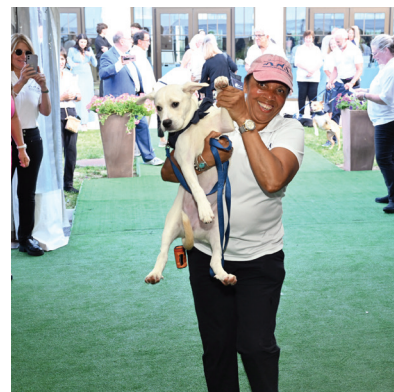


3,900
hours



\$124,180
value

Our volunteers help us run adoption events, socialize cats, walk dogs, and provide pet enrichment, transports, shelter housekeeping and maintenance, administrative work, community outreach, fostering and so much more!



Volunteer Spotlight

Claire Spettell, SASF's Volunteer of the Year for 2023, has been an invaluable extended team member since 2020, helping to support events, Operations, the Training and Behavior Department and Animal Care initiatives. She is a familiar face at the front desk and in the kennels, always willing to jump in when the team is short-staffed or in need of experienced fosters. This past year, she has been instrumental in applying for and securing valuable grants from organizations including the ASPCA and Subaru. Claire is currently a loving, adoptive Mom to two of our wonderful rescues, Holly and Roxy.

Claire, we are truly grateful for your hard work and dedication. SASF cannot do what we do without amazing volunteers like you!

JOIN OUR FOSTER PROGRAM

More than 355 pets went into foster homes!

Fostering provides animals with time away from the shelter, helps us reassess any behavioral and training needs before adoption, and provides insight for adopters to assist in a smooth transition.



MEET BRIE — FEATURED ON OUR COVER

We first met Brie at a local, overcrowded municipal shelter where she had just given birth to a litter of nine puppies! At only four years old, Brie was emaciated, exhausted, and in desperate need of love and care for herself and her newborns. Recognizing the urgency of the situation, we knew we had to step in and take this new family. One of our dog trainers graciously opened her heart and home, offering to foster Brie and her little ones. For almost two months, Brie and her puppies were given the time, space, and nurturing they needed to grow strong and healthy. We're happy to say that Brie and all her puppies have since been adopted! Brie's story is a beautiful reminder of the incredible difference a foster home can make, providing not just shelter, but the care and unconditional love that every animal truly deserves.



THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!

As we reflect on the past year, we're reminded of the unwavering support you've provided to our animals. We're thrilled to share that your contributions have enabled us to achieve remarkable milestones, none of which would have been possible without your dedication. Every donation, no matter the size, has made a tangible difference in the lives of our furry friends. We're honored to share some of the highlights from the past year, made possible by your generosity and commitment to Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation (SASF). Thank you for being a steadfast champion for our animals!

14TH ANNUAL UNCONDITIONAL LOVE GALA

The UL Gala generates a significant percentage of our operating budget and raised more than \$750,000 for the shelter. This event was hosted at The Muses and honored Co-Owner of New York Islanders Jon Ledecky and Matt Meeker Co-Founder & CEO of BARK.



From left to right: Matt Meeker, Jean Shafiroff and Jon Ledecky

SASF INVITATIONAL AT SEBONACK GOLF CLUB

We had such a blast at Sebonack Golf Club, hosting our very first Invitational! This sold-out event raised \$88,575 for our rescues.

CHANGE FOR GOOD



SPARE CHANGE
DONATIONS

\$7,100

*thanks to the generosity
of our local community.*

Our donation jars, placed in 35 local businesses throughout the Township, have become an important source of funding for the Shelter. These contributions enable us to provide essential care and resources for the animals in our community, covering needs such as food, medical care, and shelter.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the local businesses that continue to support us in this important mission.

We also invite other businesses to join us by hosting donation jars in their establishments. Email donations@sasf.org if interested.





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FINDING FUREVER HOMES FOR THE UNDERDOGS

SENIORS | PITTS | SPECIAL NEEDS

Award-winning Animal Advocate Jill Rappaport
launches “**Home For The Holidays**” Adoption Campaign
for the Southampton Animal Shelter



PLEASE SUPPORT US

*There are many ways to help SASF's animals in need.
It's easy and can often provide tax benefits as well. We hope you will give today!*

ONLINE: www.sasf.org

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Include us in your financial planning with gifts of stock,
retirement funds, or in your wills or other estate plans.

Join us at one of our fun events!

Thank you for helping us, help them.