

SASF

2024

IMPACT REPORT



SOUTHAMPTON **animal shelter** FOUNDATION

TIGER

ABIGAIL

A Message from **CHRIS TEAKLE, Executive Director**



Dear Friends and Supporters,

As I step into the role of Executive Director at the Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation, I am filled with immense gratitude and excitement. I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for the vital role you play in our community and in the lives of the animals we serve.

2024 has been a year of profound change and growth for our organization. Together, we have achieved incredible milestones that have allowed us to continue our mission of saving lives and finding loving homes for countless animals. From heartwarming adoption stories to successful community outreach initiatives, your support has made all the difference.

One of our greatest accomplishments this year has been the expansion of our programs aimed at fostering education and awareness about responsible pet ownership. Our Pet Ambassador Program has engaged students and families, helping to instill a sense of compassion and responsibility towards animal welfare in the next generation.

In addition to expanding our outreach, I am proud to report that we have successfully sheltered and found homes for close to 800 pets this year. Each adoption represents a second chance at life — not just for the animals but for the families who gain a loyal companion.

None of this would be possible without the tireless dedication of our volunteers, the unwavering support of our donors, and the collaboration with our community partners. Your belief in our mission drives us forward, and for that, I am deeply thankful.

As we look ahead, I am excited to build upon this foundation and explore new opportunities to enhance our services further. Together, we can continue to create a world where every pet is valued and given the chance to thrive.

Thank you for being an essential part of our journey. Let us continue making a meaningful impact in the lives of animals and our community together!

With heartfelt appreciation,

Chris Teakle
Executive Director
Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation 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.

WHAT SETS SASF APART?

The Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation is dedicated to animal welfare and is proud to be one of the few open-admission non-profit private shelters in the country. Although we are contracted with the township to accept strays from Animal Control Services, **we operate independently as a non-municipal shelter.** Unlike many shelters that can choose which animals to accept, we are committed to welcoming every animal that arrives at our facility, regardless of breed, age, or health status. This policy reflects our belief that every animal deserves a second chance, ensuring that even the most overlooked pets find refuge.

However, operating as an open-admission shelter presents challenges, requiring significant resources and strong community support. We view this as an opportunity to engage with and educate the public about responsible pet ownership, the importance of spaying and neutering, and the ethical treatment of all animals.

Our unique position embodies core values of compassion and acceptance, offering hope and new beginnings for countless pets. At SASF, we strive for a more humane world where every animal's life is cherished and valued.



2024 STATS

768
pets adopted



453
pets fostered



1,112
spay/neuter
surgeries performed



**Our Wellness Clinic
served
1,775
pets**



7,624
volunteer hours
donated



**Community pets
vaccinated
1,225**



1,574
animals
sheltered



ADOPTIONS

Abigail's Heartwarming Journey

Meet Abigail, a spirited and affectionate lab mix whose remarkable journey reminds us all of the healing power of love and the importance of giving second chances.

Abigail's story begins on the streets of a Caribbean island, where she survived the hardships of outdoor life. Rescued by SASF in 2020, she arrived at the shelter initially shy and fearful of strangers, but gradually blossomed, capturing the hearts of everyone she met.

Her journey took a touching turn when she was briefly adopted by an elderly woman. However, this adoption would be short-lived due to unforeseen circumstances. One day, during a fall, her guardian was severely injured. Sensing her human's distress, Abigail stayed by her side for over an hour until help arrived — a true testament to her unwavering loyalty. Sadly, due to her guardian's injuries, Abigail had to return to the shelter.

Despite these ups and downs, Abigail's gentle heart remained hopeful, and in the summer of 2024, she found her happily-ever-after. Abigail was adopted by a loving family who enjoy her bright personality and joyful energy. She now spends her days between the beautiful Hamptons and sunny Florida, happily sharing her life with a new dog sibling and a family that showers her with love and care.

Abigail's story is one of strength, patience, and boundless love. She demonstrates that even through life's toughest moments, kindness and hope can lead to a brighter tomorrow.



About our cover cat, Tiger

Tiger has called the shelter her home since she was just 3 months old and is now 5 years old. Being at the shelter for most of her life, she has slowly learned to trust new people, but still remains independent and has a mind of her own. She adores her feline friends and is passionate about play, displaying a silly and loving nature. Tiger is ready for the next chapter in her life and is in need of a patient, loving home where she can continue to flourish and find happiness.



PET ADOPTIONS BY SPECIES

409
CATS

324
DOGS

15
RABBITS

11
SMALL ANIMALS

9
BIRDS/FOWL

COMMUNITY

SASF hosted **56 outreach events** to promote pet adoption, raise awareness about responsible pet ownership, and gather community support. These events help find loving homes for animals, educate the public on animal welfare, and build strong community relationships to ensure better care and support for animals in need.



Join Our *Pet Ambassador Program*

Become a Pet Ambassador and advocate for adoptable pets, helping raise awareness and giving them a better chance at finding their forever home. Our program offers a unique opportunity for those who may not be able to foster or adopt, but still want to make a difference.



How it works:

- Choose a shelter animal to sponsor and promote for adoption
- Donate \$50 or more to help cover their care
- Schedule an appointment to meet your chosen animal (*approval required*)
- Take photos and videos to showcase their personality
- Share their story on social media and other platforms to boost their visibility
- Together, we can increase their chances of finding a loving family. **Become a Pet Ambassador today and help save a life!**

SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS

Help Fund Vital Shelter Renovations

The Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation will undergo a major renovation in Fall 2025 and needs your help to ensure we can continue caring for homeless animals. Our facility, over 25 years old, requires critical upgrades including new flooring and a septic system.

The renovation will revamp furnishings, kennels, and amenities throughout the entire shelter — covering public spaces, the clinic, and cat areas. To complete these improvements, the shelter will close for approximately three months, requiring us to relocate all animals and staff.

We urgently need donations to cover relocation costs, repairs, and facility updates. Your support is vital to keep our mission alive and provide the best possible care for vulnerable animals.

Act now — your generosity makes all the difference. For more information, contact Executive Director Chris Teakle at cteakle@sasf.org.



Consider Fostering

Provide a temporary home for a shelter animal during this challenging time for SASF.

Become a Volunteer!

We offer a variety of ways to support our animal shelter, including walking dogs, socializing and enriching animals, bottle-feeding kittens, cleaning, administrative tasks, photography, fundraising, education, and outreach. Your efforts also help raise awareness and inspire the next generation of animal lovers. **Join us today and make a difference in the lives of our animals!**

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Award-winning Animal Advocate Jill Rappaport's annual **"Home For The Holidays"** Adoption Campaign sponsored by The Brady Hunter Foundation

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!

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Actor, Director & Founder of Eastwood Ranch Foundation Animal Rescue

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presented by **Christie Brinkley** to **Jayni and Chevy Chase**

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