

Annual Report FY 2015



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By the Numbers

- 10,104 visitors welcomed to the NHES Campus
- 205 volunteers
- 15,113 children and adults received first-hand our educational message of fostering a sentiment of kindness to animals
- 2,389,652 appeals calling for individuals to spay/neuter, adopt, volunteer or otherwise take action to help create a more humane world
- 15,555 humane guides, educational brochures and informative posters distributed to individuals, service agencies, veterinary offices, schools, and animal rescue groups
- 399,574 e-newsletters advocating for the humane treatment of animals via myriad issues on the national and state levels
- 27,002 emails spotlighting animal rescue and adoption related stories and topics.
- 202 average number of cats and dogs cared for on a daily basis at our rescue & adoption center—The Briggs Animal Adoption Center
- 4,458 dogs, cats, and rabbits sterilized through Spay Today, our reduced-cost spay/neuter program
- 1,559 vaccines provided to rescued animals at our rescue & adoption center
- 53 humane societies and rescue groups from New York to California provided with educational materials, spay/neuter and informational assistance
- 527 animals rehabilitated and placed in their “forever homes”
- 13,073 pounds of cat and dog food distributed from our Food Bank
- 5,194 pounds of cat litter distributed locally to those in need

NHES funding helped its Alliance Partners achieve the following:

Network for Endangered Sea Turtles

- 153 volunteers providing 9,899 hours of service
- 51,555 miles traveled on ATVs patrolling beaches
- 91 turtles rescued—the majority rehabilitated and released back to the sea

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Operation Catnip

- 210 veterinary students were provided with service learning during monthly spay/neuter clinics
- 1,561 cat spay/neuter procedures performed
- 612 volunteer shifts filled by students

Friends of Felines

- 4 community cat spay/neuter clinics helping 240 cats
- 190 feral cats being fed and monitored at managed care sites
- 250 community cats receiving food

Mission and History



Kindness in Action - 1957

Anna C Briggs – Washington, D.C.

In 1948, in response to our Nation’s constant killing of stray and abandoned companion animals, Mrs. Anna C. Briggs founded The National Humane Education Society (NHES) as a private, nonprofit animal welfare organization with a central mission “to foster a sentiment of kindness to animals in children and adults...” This mission stemmed from Mrs. Briggs’ philosophical belief system that “Animals have intrinsic value and are deserving of our protection.”

Then, in 1963, Alice Morgan Wright, NHES board member and benefactress, wrote 12 Guiding Principles to serve as a simple blueprint for the creation of a more humane world:

1. To oppose cruelty in all its forms.
2. To strive for an end to bullfighting, rodeo and all cruel sports whenever performed and wherever represented as art or as entertainment.
3. To strive to abolish cruel trapping.
4. To discourage hunting, especially as a sport.
5. To oppose all poisoning of wildlife.
6. To protect and conserve wildlife for its own sake and not as a resource for Man’s exploitation.
7. To aid or initiate programs for slaughter reform.
8. To teach humane handling and care of work animals and food animals.
9. To advance programs in the humane sterilization of cats and dogs in order to reduce their overpopulation.
10. To provide for the rescue, housing and feeding of lost, stray or abandoned animals until suitable homes are found.
11. To urge that when it is necessary to put any tame animal to death, unless some better method of euthanasia is available, it be so arranged that the animal be held in the arms of some human friend while it is being given a painless preliminary anesthetic, to be stroked and comforted with reassuring words until it loses consciousness after which the lethal agent should be quickly administered.
12. To recognize in animals their capacity for friendship and their need for friends. To Befriend all Earth’s creatures of the land, the sea and the air—to defend them against ravages by mankind, and to inspire in human beings compassion for all.

Now, more than sixty-seven years after its founding, without financial operating assistance from local, state, or federal governments, NHES continues to grow and to decrease animal suffering through its humane education & advocacy and animal care programs. Today, NHES is still guided by Mrs. Briggs’ philosophical belief system, and is committed to the implementation of Alice Morgan Wright’s 12 Guiding Principles as a blueprint for the creation of a more humane world.

Message from The President

Each year, I am filled with a sense of pride in you—our supporters—who give so generously to help achieve our mission of “fostering a sentiment of kindness to animals in children and adults,” and this year is no different. In fact, if anything, I feel an even greater sense of pride because The National Humane Education Society (NHES) faced some significant challenges in 2015, and it was only because of your continued support that we were able to overcome our challenges, spread our humane message to more people, and to help more animals than ever before—and to you, we are forever grateful.

We were pleased to welcome 10,104 visitors to the NHES Campus consisting of 24 acres and located just 64 miles west of Washington, D.C. in the gently rolling hills of historic Jefferson County, West Virginia. Some came to view animals for adoption, others came to obtain reduced-cost spay neuter assistance and still others—many of them children—came to hear our humane message, “it’s cool to be kind”, by enjoying one of the many educational activities provided throughout the year or by attending one of the Cool to Care summer camp sessions. It gave us great joy to welcome all visitors—but especially the children. To see the sheer joy that fills their hearts and the smiles that spread across their faces make us believe that their experiences with us might last a lifetime. Indeed, as a person who has lived well beyond the half century mark, it gives me great pleasure to meet a young person working in one of the local shops or restaurants who, once they learn where I am employed, have frequently commented, “I love that place. I went to camp there when I was little.” Of course, to our humane educators and to me, they’re still little and their enthusiastic memories are rewarding to hear and also give us hope for building a more humane world in the future.

Our humane education efforts, however, reached far beyond the NHES Campus, as our educators traveled the country introducing the concept of kindness to animals to yet thousands more children in places like Mountain City, Tennessee; Tupelo, Mississippi; or Santa Fe, New Mexico—and more. Here again, in each venue, our educators presented to enthusiastic children and left them with smiling faces and love in their hearts for animals. Teaching kindness is synonymous with decreasing suffering and this is just what we do each and every day through our direct animal care programs.

At our standard-setting adoption center, The Briggs Animal Adoption Center (BAAC), we welcomed animals ranging from injured cats and abandoned litters of kittens who had been “dumped” on the roadside to emaciated dogs who had only known life at the end of a chain and all the hardships that come with it; to the many dogs and puppies who trembled with fear because all they had known were tyrannical rants and, yes, even beatings from persons who have no humanity. Animal neglect and abuse is still rampant in our country, but so too is the kindness of loving human hands—and the BAAC is filled with loving hands that belong to staff and volunteers. This past year, hundreds of animals came to know this loving touch for what may have been the first time in their lives. With this healing touch, these deserving cats, dogs, puppies, and kittens recovered from their neglect and abuse, and found belonging and love in their new forever homes. You—our supporters—made these miracles possible.

With our Spay Today program, we continued our focus on preventing animal neglect and abuse by humanely preventing the births of tens of thousands more homeless animals through the humane solution of spaying and neutering. This past year, with 24 participating veterinarians and spay/neuter clinics, Spay Today provided 4,458 reduced-cost spay/neuter procedures for persons living in 5 states and Washington, D.C.

We further supported spay/neuter efforts through our long-standing alliance partnership with Operation Catnip of Gainesville, Florida, which has distinguished itself as a leader in the humane sterilization of feral cats whose lives, when un-sterilized and unmanaged, are characterized by endless suffering, starvation and death. Under the watchful eyes of experienced veterinarians who volunteer their time, hundreds of volunteer students from the University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine, performed spay/neuter surgeries for community cats.

We also continued our alliance partnership with Friends of Felines—Hatteras Island (FOFHI), a small volunteer group worthy of recognition for dedicating itself to the humane management of island cats by microchipping, spaying and neutering, and then returning them to managed colony sites—complete with shelters and feeding stations. NHES began assisting the unwanted cats of Hatteras Island in the early 1980's and, in more recent times, has delivered donated cat food and funded a microchip program to help FOFHI identify and return feral cats to their managed colonies after coastal storms. This past year, FOFHI assisted hundreds of community cats.

In 2015, we were proud to join with our newest alliance partner, The Network for Endangered Sea Turtles (N.E.S.T.), an all-volunteer group worthy of distinction for its dedication to the protection and conservation of sea turtles and other marine wildlife on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, as well as their significant efforts to educate the public about the need to assist these deserving creatures of the sea. This past year, N.E.S.T. volunteers provided nearly 10,000 hours of service and NHES funding helped N.E.S.T. to provide further public outreach and continue their efforts for sea turtle rescue and recovery.

Once again, without you—our supporters—none of this meaningful work could have been accomplished, and on behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank you. Also, if you ever find yourself in the Washington, D.C. area, I invite you to come visit us. I think you will like what you find.

Best regards,



Jim Taylor
President



Humane Education & Advocacy

In 1954, Alice Morgan Wright, NHES board member, wrote of NHES, “*In 1948 we incorporated, a small group of us, to carry on what we think is one of the urgent needs of our time, Humane Education.*” Today, this urgent need is still with us and, with your generous support, our **Humane Education & Advocacy Program** is addressing this need by educating children and adults about responsible animal stewardship by:



Alice M. Wright, Benefactress

1. Creating and providing humane education programs nationwide



2. Providing informational services to supporters and the general public

3. Networking with other humane organizations

4. Creating and distributing humane education materials, nationally and internationally

5. Creating, maintaining, and disseminating relevant information through the NHES website, social networking sites and e-newsletters

6. Advocating for animals by encouraging private companies, law enforcement, regulatory agencies, lawmakers, and other groups, nationally and internationally, to adopt policies

and practices that support the humane treatment of animals

Advocacy

We can never speak frequently or loudly enough on behalf of the humane treatment of animals.

A number of years ago, prior to her death at 101 years of age, NHES founder, Anna C. Briggs wrote an open letter addressed to “Friends.” Within the body of the letter, she wrote, “*I love America and I do believe that it is the greatest country in the world with the greatest governing political system in the world. And because of its greatness, I also believe that America can do much more to care for its homeless companion animals. In doing so, we (America) can become an even greater country; a truly humane nation.*”

With Anna C. Briggs’ words to move us forward, we spoke out for the humane care of animals on a daily basis and worked to decrease their suffering. The following is a very small sampling of these advocacy efforts:

On the national level, we informed and encouraged all humane minded people to:

- Contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and to ask the agency **to broaden protection for Gray Wolves.**
- Support H.R. 223 also known as the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative **to protect wildlife in the Great Lakes Region of the U.S.**
- Support H.R. 5267, The Pet and Women's Safety Act, which would **give companion pets of victims of domestic violence greater legal protection.**



- Participate in the USDA's public comment period to consider **listing the Monarch Butterfly as an endangered species.**

On the state level, we informed and urged:

- **Massachusetts** residents to support HB 1275, which would place further restrictions on the import of ivory and rhinoceros horns in Massachusetts.





Pugsly Before Rescue

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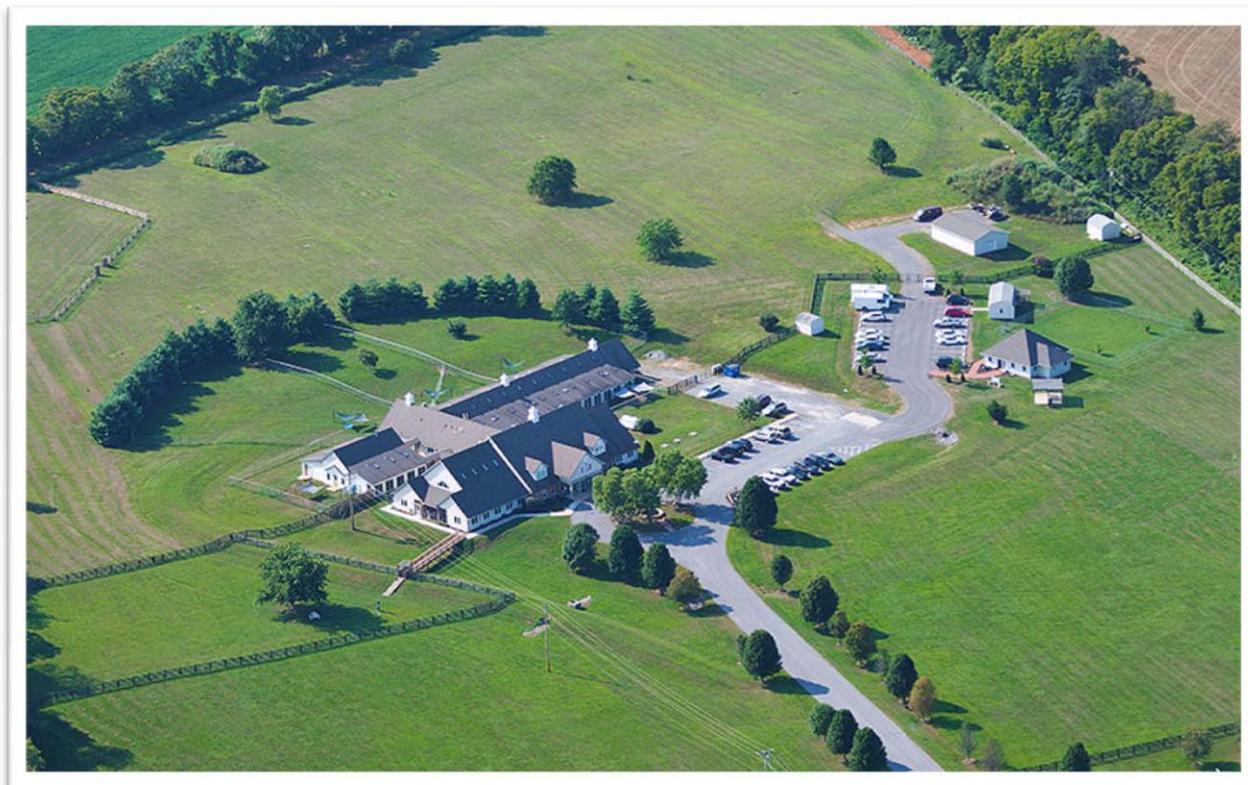
- **Ohio** residents to support HB 95 to restrict outdoor tethering of companion animals.

- **Kentucky** residents to support HB 154 which would make the breeding, sale, and transport of dogs for fighting purposes a Class D felony in the state.
- **Texas** residents to support HB 235 to create a felony animal abuser registry.
- **New Jersey** residents to support S738 to make dog fighting a form of organized crime under the state's RICO Act.
- **Arkansas** residents to pass HB 147 to hold animal cruelty offenders financially responsible for the veterinary care and rehabilitation of their animal victims.

Humane Education

“Our troop very much enjoyed our tour and learning activities. The learning center was wonderful. Thank you ... for such a wonderful experience for the girls. They talked about the experience at our last meeting with such smiles.”
Ann Basham, Girl Scout Leader

Located 64 miles west of Washington, D.C., the 24-acre NHES Campus serves as the base of operations for our educational programs. This past year, your support allowed us to welcome 10,104 visitors—children and adults—to our Campus and we strived to educate all of them about the actions that each of us can take to help create a more humane world for our animal friends.



The National Humane Education Society Campus

Your support also enabled us to provide educational presentations to thousands of children including Head Start groups, homeschool groups, scout troops, children in after-school programs, public and private school students, as well as the public at large.

Below are just a few of the places where our presentations, and the occasional ambassador dog who accompanied us, were welcomed by hundreds of smiling school children who were eager to hear our humane message:

- New Mexico—1,219 students in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Los Alamos, and Tijeras





- Mississippi—800 students in Tupelo
- Virginia—150 students in Purcellville, Lovettsville, Berryville, and Chantilly
- Tennessee--675 students in Mountain City and Bloomery
- West Virginia—2,165 students in Charles Town, Martinsburg, Harpers Ferry, Shepherdstown, and Poca

“The educators have a wonderful child-friendly presentation that addresses not only kindness but ways to stay safe when first meeting an animal. They also explore the many different career choices one can make that help animals. The educators elicit lively discussions, and have a variety of props used by class participants to enhance their teachings. The students and staff loved it! I highly recommend other schools and programs serving youth to take advantage of this event!”
Mary Brittingham, School Counselor

We also created new ways to engage more middle school students with humane education by:

- Partnering with the cheerleaders of Hedgesville Middle School (HMS), West Virginia, to help homeless animals through service learning. HMS cheerleaders visited the NHES campus to learn about animal rescue and adoption at our on-site center. At a later date, NHES humane educators spoke at Spirt Day, which was well attended by community members, and hosted by HMS cheerleaders to raise awareness about pet overpopulation and donations for homeless animals.
- Co-leading “Pet Day” with the students of Lunsford Middle School, Virginia, to create original skits performed by middle school volunteers for large audiences on topics of dog chaining and the need to spay and neuter companion animals.
- Engaging students at Poca Middle School, West Virginia, to raise awareness about animal cruelty and the steps that we can all take to help create a more humane world.

“Wonderful, I loved the use of costumes!”—Mary Browning, Teacher

Spreading the Word

This past year was filled with accomplishments for our education department. We were proud to announce the creation of our newly redesigned 85-page humane education guide, *Teaching Kindness: A Handbook for Offering Humane Education Programs (Teaching Kindness)*. *Teaching Kindness* is for teachers, parents, and all humane-minded people who want to instill within our nation's youth a greater understanding and appreciation for our stewardship responsibilities toward all animals. *Teaching Kindness* has been circulated nationwide and was well-received by all.

In addition, our educators met the department's long-standing goal to improve and update education materials including a brand-new brochure library addressing 21 animal welfare topics. The new brochure library features an attractive new design with updated statistics and contemporary information.

With your help, we spread NHES' messages of advocacy and kindness to animals to millions of Americans through direct calls to action and distribution of our humane education guide, brochures, posters, educational videos/DVD's and through our social media venues. We provided these materials via our website and at the request of humane societies, service agencies, veterinary offices, schools, and animal rescue groups such as:

Alaska Sea Life Center, Seward, **Alaska**

CSUSB Animal Rights Network, Riverside, **California**

Longmont Humane Society, Longmont, **Colorado**

St. Augustine Humane Society, St. Augustine, **Florida**

Urbana Police Department, Urbana, **Illinois**

4 Precious Paws, Kokomo, **Indiana**

Friends Underwriting Rescues, Opelousas, **Louisiana**

Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve, Rochester, **Michigan**

PAWS, Santa Fe, **New Mexico**

North Fork Animal Welfare, Southhold, **New York**

Speak for Animals, Greenville, **South Carolina**

Castroville Animal Control, Castroville, **Texas**

Unity of Nashville Animal Ministry, **Tennessee**

Women's Resource Center, Hinton, **West Virginia**

Hug A Pug AZ Rescue, Tucson, **Arizona**

YCAS—STARS, Olivehurst, **California**

Northglenn Elks 2438, Northglenn, **Colorado**

Good Dog! Augusta, **Georgia**

Pulaski Animal Center, Winamac, **Indiana**

Fort Leavenworth Stray Facility, **Kansas**

The Inner Pup, New Orleans, **Louisiana**

Gratiot Animals in Need (GAIN) Ithaca, **Michigan**

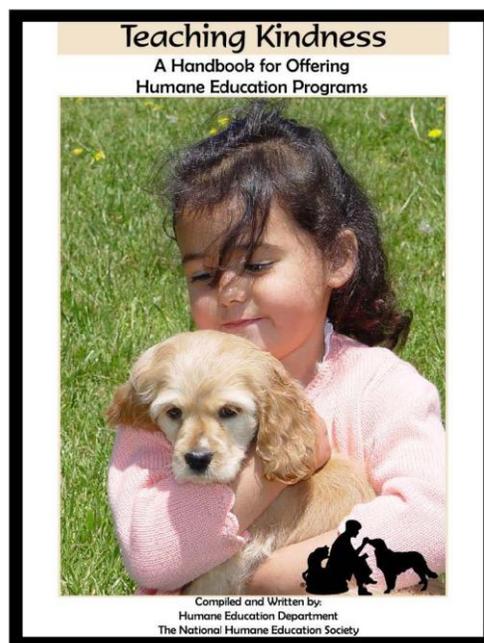
4PetSake Food Pantry, Mowhawk, **New York**

Humane Society of Allen County, Lima, **Ohio**

Helotes Humane Society, Helotes, **Texas**

Brownsville Spay & Neuter, Brownsville, **Texas**

Willard CERT, Willard, **Utah**



Cool to Care Camp

As with previous years, our humane educators facilitated three successful, “Cool to Care Camp” sessions for youth entering the 1st through 9th grades. Each 30-hour camp is packed with cooperative activities, creative projects, thematic crafts, volunteer projects and hands-on guided interactions with animals.



Through these activities, Cool to Care Camp teaches responsible care of companion pets, the fundamentals of animal advocacy, and wildlife education. The following highlights a few special projects completed at Cool to Care Camp:

- Our oldest campers planted trees in one of the dogs’ play yards to provide shade in the future.
- All campers learned about the dangers of leaving a dog in a car during times of extreme heat by baking biscuits and measuring rising temperatures in a parked car.

- Local professionals served as guest speakers to teach campers how animals and people can come together to accomplish great things. Guest speakers included a local K-9 Unit; an accelerant detection dog trained by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms, & Explosives; an expert in clicker training and her therapy dog, and wildlife rehabilitators.
- Campers worked cooperatively to film training and adoption videos featuring adoptable dogs and cats from by our on-site adoption center.



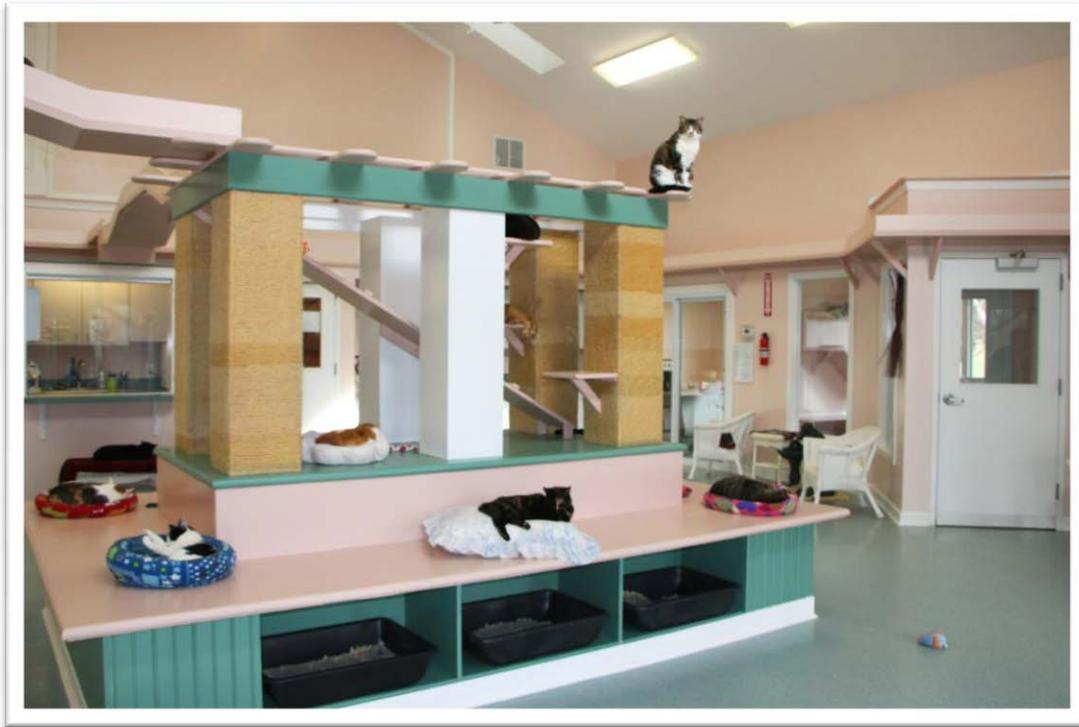
- Campers thoroughly delighted in filling Kongs for the dogs.

To learn more about our Humane Education & Advocacy Program, arrange for an education program in your area, or request resource material, please call 304-725-0506, or visit our website at www.nhes.org.

The Briggs Animal Adoption Center

Also located on the NHES Campus, The Briggs Animal Adoption Center (BAAC) is a truly special place.

As NHES' flagship animal care facility—BAAC is a place of healing and learning—a haven where many a neglected or abused animal has come to know their first gentle touch from a human hand. It is a place where animal care workers and the general public can come to see a reverence for animal life and learn all they care to learn about proper animal stewardship.



The Briggs Animal Adoption Center Cattery

“Wonderful place that really cares where the animals go and that the right match is made!”
Dana West Sacco

Animal Rescue & Adoption

BAAC continued its standard-setting hands-on care for animals this past year by rescuing dogs and cats who had been abandoned or otherwise discarded by their human companions, providing them with loving rehabilitation and ultimately placing these deserving animals in quality adoptive homes where they will never again be forgotten, but rather where they will only know love and kindness until end of their days.



Gifford When Rescued

Gifford in his Adopted Home

More specifically, we accepted animals from Virginia, West Virginia, and Maryland via networking with animal rescue groups, SPCA's and animal control authorities. Since becoming operational in October 2000 through 2015, the BAAC has rescued, rehabilitated, and placed 7,319 cats and dogs in their "forever homes" for an average annual placement rate of 488 animals.

"Excellent, caring staff! Very Knowledgeable and great adoption process. The facility is beautiful and they take excellent care of the animals"
Linzy French

This past year, your support enabled us to place a total of 527 cats, dogs, horses and 1 sheep in their "forever homes." The BAAC is unique in that we deliver all dogs to their new homes. This past year, we delivered dogs to:

- Maryland
- Virginia
- West Virginia
- Pennsylvania
- North Carolina



River When Rescued

River in His Adopted Home

Food Bank

Donations of pet food and litter from Walmart, Weis and Pet Smart filled the shelves of our Food Bank. In these difficult economic times, when a large percentage of America's school children live in poverty and their parents and others on fixed incomes often struggle to feed themselves, we were thankful to be able to help some of these deserving individuals and families by providing them with free food to feed their companion animals via working with such entities as:

- Jefferson County Ministries, West Virginia
- Christ Church in Millwood, Virginia
- Congregational Community Action Project, consisting of 45 area churches and one synagogue serving Winchester and Frederick County in Virginia.

We also distributed needed food and litter to such animal-related organizations as:



- Potomac Highlands Animal Rescue, which serves animals in the tristate of Virginia, Maryland and West Virginia
- SPCA of Winchester, Virginia
- Friends of Felines, Hatters Island, North Carolina
- Animal Friends of Barbour County, West Virginia
- Animal Welfare Society of Jefferson County, West Virginia
- Berkeley County Humane Society, West Virginia
- The Humane Society of Morgan County, West Virginia

Birthday Parties!



This past year, the BAAC began serving as the host site for part of the NHES Humane Education and Advocacy Program's expanded educational efforts, which debuted "BAAC Birthday Parties." When hosting Birthday Parties for children, families and friends gathered to celebrate at our Humane Education & Training Center on the NHES Campus. Inclusive in their celebration was a guided tour of BAAC for all party attendees where they learned about the importance of animal adoption, made treats for the animals, and participated in an interactive dog-safety program before having the chance to meet a shelter-dog ambassador from BAAC.

Wonderful Volunteers!

NHES is very thankful for our generous volunteers who give so freely of their time and resources to help us create a more humane world. While 205 volunteers helped with all NHES programs this year, a majority chose to spend their time working directly with the animals. It is their gentle touch and quiet voices that also help heal the wounds of the many neglected and abused animals who have found their way to our door.



In addition to spending time directly with the animals, this past year, volunteers provided significant help at such events as:



- Tails on Trails in March
- Pedal for Pooches in April
- Adoption Alumni in October
- Footin' for Animals in November
- Pet Photos with Santa in December

At these events, volunteers assisted with setting up, food preparation, event registration, dog handling, timing races, directing traffic/parking, selling raffle and 50/50 tickets, taking photographs, crowd control, monitoring dog interactions, driving vehicles, cleaning up and more.

Volunteers helped at BAAC on a daily basis by assisting with guided tours, walking dogs, socializing extremely shy/abused dogs and cats, bathing dogs, brushing cats & dogs, stuffing Kong—a welcome treat for the dogs, washing dishes, folding laundry, washing windows in the cattery, light cleaning and assisting with landscaping.

Volunteers also lent helping hands at our Buried Treasures Thrift Shop by greeting the public, sorting mounds of donations, pricing items, moving new items to the floor, creating displays, cleaning and occasionally assisting with direct sales.

Last—and certainly not least—we have a dedicated nucleus of volunteers who consistently took animals to 70 offsite adoption events at a variety of locations throughout the tristate region of Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland. The following is just a small sampling of these off-site events:

- Suns Stadium, Bark in the Park, Hagerstown, Maryland
- Dog Gone Natural, Leesburg, Virginia
- Morgans Grove Market, Shepherdstown, West Virginia
- Pet Valu, Frederick, Maryland
- Happy Hounds, Landsdowne, Virginia
- Sears, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia
- Long Branch Plantation, Dog Day, Millwood, Virginia
- Charles Town Farmers Market, Charles Town, West Virginia



To all our volunteers, we extend a resounding:

Thank you!

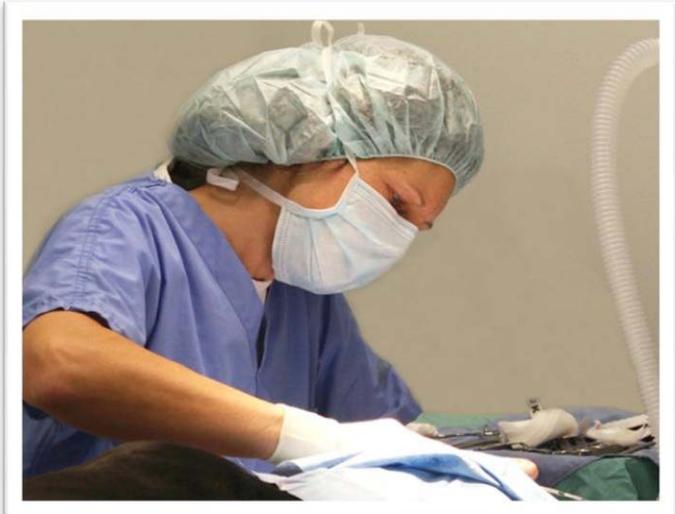
To learn more about Briggs Animal Adoption Center, please call 304-724-6558, or visit online at www.baacs.org.

Spay Today

Spay Today plays a very important role in preventing animal suffering in the future through the humane solution of spaying and neutering.

Originally founded in 1994, Spay Today became a program of NHES In 2001. Since that time, with an ever-increasing network of participating veterinary hospitals, Spay Today has provided 57,131 reduced-cost spay/neuter procedures for companion animal owners who understood the need to have their companion animals spayed or neutered but who could not afford the normative fees charged for these procedures.

This past year, Spay Today's accomplishments included:

- Providing 4,458 reduced-cost spay/neuter procedures through its network of 24 participating veterinarians and nonprofit spay/neuter clinics.
 - Spay Today's patrons spanned 34 counties in 5 states (Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia), and Washington, D.C.
 - Spay Today also served as a national referral service for people in need by helping them to locate reduced-cost spay/neuter services and rabies clinics across the country.
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- Continued its work with the Charles Town Horseman's Benevolent & Protective Association to provide reduced-cost spay/neuter services for free-roaming cats at the local racetrack. This continues to be a winning relationship for the homeless cats and serves as a model for managing free-roaming cat populations at racetracks across the country.
 - Providing humane traps to volunteers who participated in lifesaving Trap, Neuter, Return programs in their communities.
 - Participating in National Feral Cat Day by providing even greater discounts to persons trying to humanely manage feral cat populations.
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Spay Today assisted a variety of animal rescue organizations to obtain reduced-cost spay/neuter services for animals in their care and included such organizations as:

- Blue Ridge Great Pyrenees
- Forever Love
- Heart of the Earth
- Jefferson County Animal Control
- Keystone Bull Dog Rescue
- North Mount Small Dog Rescue
- Open Hearts
- Owens Rescue
- Pet Connect
- Pound Puppies Big Dreams
- Promises Animal
- Love a Cat
- Shirley's Angel Boxers
- Wilde Whiskers
- Willing Heart Dalmatians
- Animal Welfare Society of Jefferson County
- Winchester SPCA
- Save all Doggies
- Rainbow Tails

To learn more about Spay Today, please call 304-728-8330, or visit online at www.nhes.org, click on Animal Programs, and then Spay Today.

Alliance Partnerships

Rather than trying to do everything alone, NHES believes it is important to build working relationships with other reputable nonprofits to achieve an optimum reduction in animal suffering. To do so, NHES created an Alliance Partnership program to work cooperatively with and provide funding to select humane organizations whose work embodies the successful implementation of one of NHES' 12 Guiding Principles. This year, we expanded our Alliance Partners and we're pleased to share with you all of their accomplishments on behalf of animals:

“It means quite a bit for N.E.S.T., a fairly small, all-volunteer, non-profit to receive continued support from a national organization such as yours. Certainly, the most recent donation will enable us to further our public outreach and continue our efforts for sea turtle rescue and recovery.”
Karen Gregory, President, N.E.S.T.

1. The Network for Endangered Sea Turtles (N.E.S.T.) of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, is our newest partner and embodies NHES' 12th Guiding Principle, "To recognize in animals their capacity for friendship and their need for friends. To befriend all Earth's creatures of the land, the sea and the air—to defend them against ravages by mankind, and to inspire in human beings compassion for all."

N.E.S.T is worthy of distinction as an all-volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and conservation of sea turtles and other marine wildlife on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. N.E.S.T. is committed to contributing to the preservation of these species through research and rescue efforts and to fostering understanding and appreciation of these species and their habitat through education and enhanced public awareness. N.E.S.T. volunteer services include turtle rescue and rehabilitation, identifying turtle nests via ATV patrol and protecting those nests, sitting on turtle nests awaiting hatching, and educating the public.



This past year, 153 N.E.S.T. volunteers worked to protect and conserve sea turtles and marine life by:

- Providing nearly 10,000 hours of volunteer service
- Traveling 51,555 miles to patrol the beaches from the Virginia Line to South Nagshead, North Carolina,
- Rescuing and working to rehabilitate 91 turtles, primarily Green Turtles and Kemp's Ridleys; the majority of which were released back to the ocean.
- Providing myriad educational presentations to the public.



To learn more about N.E.S.T., please visit them by going to www.nhes.org and click on Alliance Partnership Program.

2. Operation Catnip of Gainesville, Florida, is our longest tenured alliance partner and embodies NHES' 9th Guiding Principle, "To advance programs for the humane sterilization of cats and dogs in order to reduce their population." NHES first partnered with Operation Catnip in the early 1990's and will simply reiterate our past assessment of Operation Catnip, because it is as appropriate today as it was then: "Operation Catnip is worthy of distinction not simply because of the increasing number of feral cats that it has spayed and neutered each year, but also because of Operation Catnip's emphasis on education, the public and private sector support that it has gained and, most encouraging—Operation Catnip's volunteer base that includes veterinary students. NHES believes that these veterinary students will take their first-hand experiences with Operation Catnip and the feral population that it serves with them into their professional veterinary careers where they will further decrease the killing of healthy animals through, as yet, unknown humane spay/neuter endeavors in the future."

This past year, Operation Catnip volunteers worked to decrease the overpopulation of community cats by:

- Admitting 2,930 cats
- Staffing 612 volunteer shifts with students from the University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine.
- Providing 210 veterinary students with service learning
- Enabling 90 veterinary students to hone their surgical skills while performing 1,561 spay/neuter surgeries under the watchful eye of skilled surgeon supervisors.



"It is with the long-standing support of The National Humane Education Society that makes this impact possible. We thank you for your commitment to the students and the future of animal welfare."

Audrey Garrison, Executive Director, Operation Catnip

To learn more about Operation Catnip, please visit them by going to www.nhes.org and click on Alliance Partnership Program.

3. Friends of Felines, Hatteras Island (FOFHI), North Carolina, also exemplifies NHES' 9th Guiding Principle, "To advance programs for the humane sterilization of cats and dogs in order to reduce their population." NHES has partnered with FOFHI for a number of years and as noted in previous years, FOFHI offers a truly distinct model of an effective Trap, Neuter & Return (TNR) Program for stray, feral, and free-roaming cats (community cats) on a coastal barrier island. FOFHI is worthy of distinction because it is a small all-volunteer group that painstakingly works to better the lives of community cats.



This past year, FOFHI volunteers worked to decrease the overpopulation of community cats and provide managed care by:

- Sponsoring 4 TNR Community Cat spay/neuter clinics helping a total of 240 cats. In addition, each cat was vaccinated for rabies and FVRCP, micro-chipped, and ear tipped for identification.
- Providing direct care for approximately 190 community cats at managed care sites via the distribution of food to feeding station and maintenance of shelters.
- Providing food to island residents who oversee additional managed care sites for an estimated 250 community cats.

*"Words cannot express how much we appreciate the continued funding from NHES and the opportunity to work with and learn from you organization."
Debbie Martin, Director, FOFHI*

To learn more about FOFHI, please visit them by going to www.nhes.org and click on Alliance Partnership Program.

This past year, we also provided support to a variety of other organizations that primarily embodied NHES' 10th Guiding Principle, "To provide for the rescue, housing and feeding of lost, stray or abandoned animals until suitable homes are found."

2015 Financials

Statement of Financial Position for the Year Ending June 30, 2015

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash	\$ 232,810
Accounts receivable	45,720
Estates and bequests receivable	508,809
Prepaid Expenses	22,841
Inventory	<u>2,429</u>
Total current assets	812,609

Investments	<u>726,822</u>
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Property and Equipment

Land	185,109
Buildings and improvements	3,328,238
Furniture and equipment	501,857
Vehicles	82,242
Construction in progress	<u>76,797</u>
	4,174,243
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>1,893,765</u>
	<u>2,280,478</u>

TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,819,909
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ 274,163
Accrued salaries	28,093
Compensated Absences	35,498
Other current liabilities	300
Current portion of long-term debt	<u>48,480</u>
Total current liabilities	386,534

Long-Term Debt , less current maturities	<u>1,313,505</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>1,700,039</u>
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Net Assets

Unrestricted	2,110,169
Temporarily restricted	9,701
Total net assets	<u>2,119,870</u>

TOTAL LIABILITES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$3,819,909</u>
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2015 Financials

Statement of Activities for the Year Ending June 30, 2015

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Revenue and Net Gains (Losses):			
Contributions	\$2,249,213	\$ 3,144	\$2,252,357
Estate and bequests	1,059,568		1,059,568
Foundations and trusts	69,054		69,054
Loss on sale of property and equipment	(453)		(453)
Mailing list rental income	151,554		151,554
Interest and dividends	25,157		25,157
Merchandise sales, net of cost of goods	376		376
Thrift store, net of expenses	(29,843)		(29,843)
Net realized and unrealized gains on long-term investments	2,272		2,272
Other	190,448		190,448
Special events, net	44,959		44,959
Service fees	563,262		563,262
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>1,706</u>	<u>(1,706)</u>	<u>---</u>
Total unrestricted revenues and net gains	4,327,273	1,438	4,328,711
 <u>EXPENSES</u>			
Program services	3,284,064		3,284,064
Management and general	336,134		336,134
Fundraising/membership acquisition	<u>391,633</u>		<u>391,633</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,011,831		4,011,831
Change in net assets	<u>315,442</u>	<u>1,438</u>	<u>316,880</u>
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>1,794,727</u>	<u>8,263</u>	<u>1,802,990</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$2,110,169</u>	<u>\$9,701</u>	<u>\$2,119,870</u>