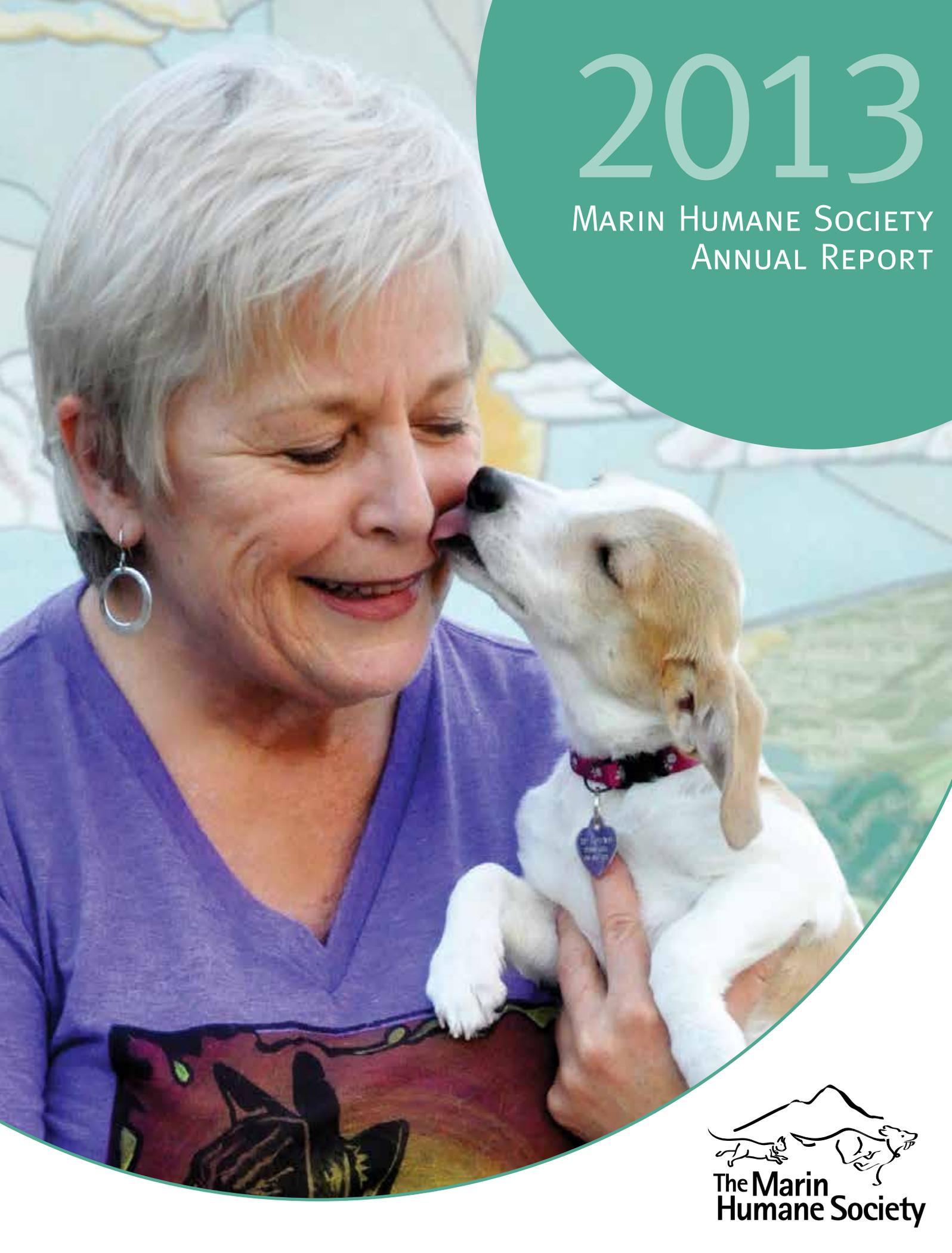


2013

MARIN HUMANE SOCIETY
ANNUAL REPORT



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Dear Friends of MHS,

As we compile a list of our recent accomplishments, it is apparent that our work to improve the lives of both animals and people made a significant difference in 2013. Everyone in the Marin Humane Society family—including our donors, grant makers, staff and board members—shares the success of our life-saving, life-enriching work. Together we helped thousands of animals and people in need last year.

As they have been for 107 years, MHS volunteers continue to be the

fuel in our engine. In 2013 nearly 700 volunteers contributed more than 55,300 hours of their valuable time and abilities—an amazing increase of 10,000 hours over the previous year!

Susie Harper (featured on the cover) is a great example of a donor whose love of animals and volunteer service makes MHS such an inspirational environment. Whether she is volunteering with the Pet Partnership program, evaluating cats, bathing, grooming, fostering, or making special homemade treats for the animals, Susie—and our other volunteers—plays an invaluable role in nurturing our animals and ultimately turning challenges into successful adoptions.

Our volunteers and donors also enabled us to make solid progress in the first full implementation year of our Strategic Plan. Here are some highlights:

- We expanded our capacity in key areas. Our Humane Education Coordinator is now full-time and we created a part-time Volunteer Assistant position.
- We asked attendees at the 2013 *For the Love of Animals* gala to donate in support of our SHARE Side-by-Side pet care assistance program to help people and pets stay together, and they responded

with more than \$30,000 that night!

- We have been more active than ever in local, state and national advocacy efforts that affect the well-being of wild, companion and farm animals.
- Additional adoption promotions were conducted and partnerships formed to maximize our ability to achieve positive outcomes for every animal.

In our effort to reduce our impact on the environment and manage costs, the 2013 Annual Report is significantly smaller. Please visit our website for more complete details about our work and goals. There are already signs that 2014 will see even greater achievements for MHS.

With your support, we will continue to do everything we can to ensure that we make *A World of Difference for Animals*.

In appreciation,

Nancy B. McKenney, MNPL, CAWA
Chief Executive Officer

2013 VOLUNTEERING BY THE NUMBERS

A few of the figures behind the 55,350 hour total

23,430	Times shelter dogs were walked by volunteers
100	Hours spent making special holiday basket deliveries to pets of low-income seniors
320	Volunteer hours devoted to making our Woofstock fundraiser a success
759	Hours committed by members of our unpaid Board of Directors
1,052	Hours worked by the all-volunteer staff of the Marin Humane Society Thrift Shop in San Anselmo, which raised \$78,000 for the MHS Spay Neuter Clinic in 2013
9,180	Hours volunteered in the Behavior and Training department
4,090	Hours Cat Pet Pals spent socializing shelter cats
3,589	Hours Pet Pals spent with rabbits, guinea pigs, rats and other small companion animals

2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John Thompson, *President*
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Lisa Doran Schnitzer, *Treasurer*
Nancy B. McKenney, *Secretary & Chief Executive Officer*
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Among the newer MHS volunteer groups are the Barn volunteers. They cheerfully welcome all who arrive at the barn—whether they have hooves, feathers, or talons. Because it's old and, well, a barn, keeping it clean is a challenge. Volunteers like Sandra Efron of Novato feel a special kinship with barn residents and do everything they can to make their stays comfortable before they are adopted.



Despite a great deal of loving attention, some dogs need a break from the shelter routine. Overnight Foster volunteers step up to provide a home environment. Derek and Donna Holmes of Novato frequently take adoption dogs with special needs for overnight stays—including the pick up and return. They have cajoled depressed dogs, won the trust of frightened dogs, and repeatedly adapt their home and their schedules to accommodate these special guests.



Cat Pet Pal volunteer Dorothy Libby of Novato has been coming to the shelter twice a week for more than 13 years. “I love the kitty cats,” she explains. “You never know how animals will relate to you until you try to earn their confidence. When we can get them to relax, it helps restore their faith in humanity.”

ANIMAL CARE SUMMARY JANUARY–DECEMBER 2013

The Marin Humane Society is Marin County's only open-door shelter. This means that we accept every animal in need of our help, regardless of age, health or temperament. All animals we place for adoption have as much time as necessary to find the right, loving home.

- Our 2013 community live release rate (percentage of animals that left our care through adoptions, return-to-owner, and transfers to other agencies) is greater than 90%
- MHS found homes for 1,045 cats and kittens. Twenty-four percent (169) of the 707 stray cats received were reunited with their guardians.
- 473 small companion and farm animals went to adoptive homes
- MHS placed 705 dogs and puppies in new homes. Of the 786 stray dogs received, seventy-five percent (591) were redeemed by their guardians.

LIVE ANIMALS RECEIVED

Strays	1,639
Transferred from other organizations	861
Wildlife	1,484
Guardian surrenders	999
Guardian requested euthanasia	508
Others (Emergency board or born in shelter)	228

TOTAL LIVE ANIMALS RECEIVED 5,719

Deceased upon arrival 1,843

TOTAL ANIMALS RECEIVED 7,562

OUTCOMES FOR LIVE ANIMALS RECEIVED

Adoptions	2,223
Redeemed/returned to guardian	987
Transferred/wildlife and domestic	1,165
Guardian requested euthanasia	508
Euthanized/wildlife—unable to rehabilitate ¹	424
Euthanized/domestic—unable to rehabilitate ¹	368
Died/lost while in care	44

TOTAL OUTCOMES 5,719

¹MHS provides humane euthanasia only when it is compelled by circumstances including behavioral issues that cannot be rehabilitated, public safety issues, or untreatable pain and suffering. MHS employees are extensively trained and certified to perform euthanasia to ensure the final moments of an animal's life are filled with compassion and care.



For more than 20 years, MHS has been providing support for low-income seniors who need help to keep their cherished companion animals at home. Volunteers in the SHARE program (Special Human-Animal Relationships) deliver pet food and medications, walk dogs, clean litter boxes, assist with grooming, and provide friendship to the pets and their humans. Volunteer David Hunter has been helping Glen of Fairfax and his cat Monti for four years.

For the past few years, Small Companion Animal (SCA) volunteers have set up (and dismantled) Rabbit Romper Room in the MHS Education Room three times a week, because rabbits need enrichment as much as cats and dogs. Volunteer Jeff Kissell of San Rafael who was left unable to speak, read or write by a stroke, has become something of a “rabbit whisperer,” regularly adding professionalism and peacefulness to the program.

13-year-old Nicole Geller of San Rafael was just one of many super-kid volunteers who turbo-charged MHS’ success in 2013. Nicole organized and produced a benefit talent show, held in the MHS auditorium, that showcased Marin youth performers and raised \$800. She also contributed money she received for her Bat Mitzvah celebration, and collected an impressive array of toys, treats and food for the shelter animals from her well-wishers.

2013 OPERATING STATEMENT*

REVENUE

Animal Services Contract	\$2,831,589	41%
Contributions, including Grants, Bequests & Events	\$2,171,724	31%
Educational Program Fees, Thrift Shop Sales & Other	\$ 969,454	14%
Operating Fees & Income	\$ 661,911	10%
Investment Income	\$ 271,890	4%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$6,906,568	100%

EXPENSES

Animal Services	\$2,906,820	45%
Education and Community Programs & Other	\$1,717,772	26%
Clinic, Adoptions & Foster Care	\$ 947,101	15%
Management & General	\$ 515,441	8%
Fundraising & Development	\$ 394,506	6%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,481,640	100%
TOTAL INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	\$ 424,928	

*Audited fiscal year ended June 30, 2013



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Our Mission: *We improve the lives of animals and people through advocacy, education, and support.*



HEIRS WHO MAY NOT BE APPARENT

The Marin Humane Society has been safeguarding the health and well-being of animals for more than 100 years.

A bequest ensures that MHS will have resources to protect the voiceless, shelter the homeless, and advocate for a compassionate community for generations to come. Including MHS in your will or trust is a meaningful way to honor the animals you care about. For more information, please contact Joe Lisella, director of development, at 415.506.6257 or jlisella@MarinHumaneSociety.org.

THE LEGACY SOCIETY

Members of the Legacy Society have provided for the Marin Humane Society in their wills, trusts or retirement plans, in addition to making an annual financial donation.

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Georgia Athanasiou
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Heather Bowker and Dennis Dougherty
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Mary Ann and Malcolm Dunlap
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