

Yadkin County Humane Society ~ 2008 Annual Report
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I looked at all the caged animals in the shelter...
the cast-offs of human society.

I saw in their eyes love and hope, fear and dread, sadness, and betrayal.
And I was angry.

"God," I said, "this is terrible! Why don't you do something?"

God was silent for a moment, and then He spoke softly,
"I have done something," he replied.
"I created you."

-- Author Unknown

Saving the life of one animal may not change the world,
but the world will surely change for that one animal"

Yadkin County Humane Society (YCHS) is a 100% volunteer based non-profit organization. Our mission is to improve the lives of animals, with a focus on Yadkin County, North Carolina, through our foster care/adoption, low and no cost spay/neuter, and humane education programs. We elect officers and board members annually, and the following individuals are in leadership for 2009:

Board of Director Members – Pat Dixon

President and Vice President – positions are currently vacant

Treasurer – Carmen Headen

Secretary – Lori Hester

12/31/2008 Membership Count – 24

Voting Members (attended at least two membership meetings OR actively participated in at least two fundraisers/public relations events) – 15

Accomplishments:

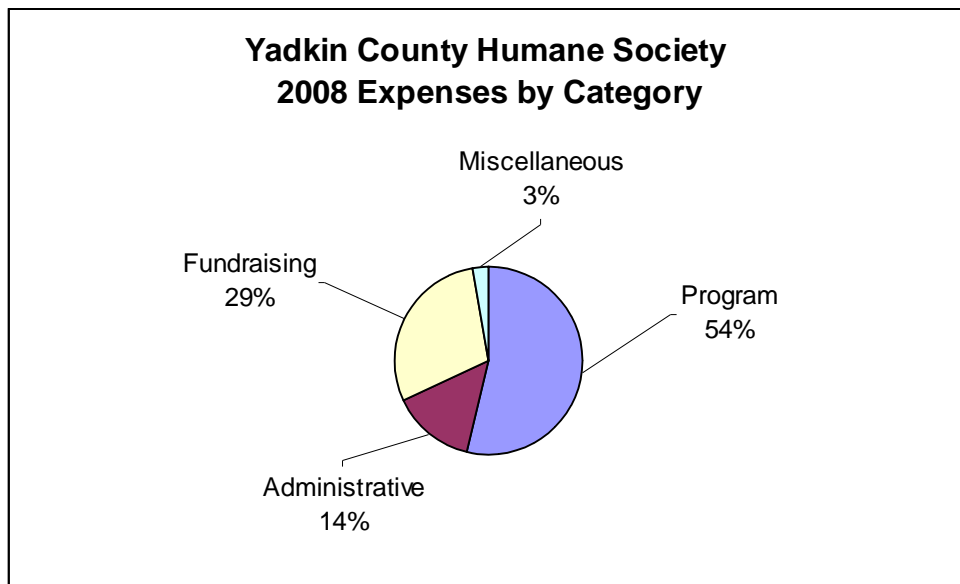
- YCHS saw a 36% increase in the number of applications/recipients assisted through the Virginia Daniels Spay/Neuter Program in 2008.
- YCHS applied for and received a grant from Pedigree for \$1,740.80 to enable us to continue funding our Animal Shelter Alteration Program (a.k.a. ASAP).
- Our Board of Directors continues to encourage financial transparency and accountability to our donors by ensuring a Cash Receipts and Disbursements Audit is performed annually.

In an effort to reduce Administrative Expenses, and due to additional new IRS laws concerning auditing that greatly increased the cost of an audit by a CPA firm, we conducted an internal audit of the 2007 books. The Board of Directors worked with Charles E. Scott, CPA, and P.A., who performed a Cash Receipts and Disbursements Audit for our 2005 and 2006 books, to establish a checklist for this review. We recruited three volunteers who signed a confidentiality agreement and conducted this audit. Details regarding the audit, as well as the guideline document created to perform it can be obtained via the “Annual Report – Budget – Bylaws” page on our website.

- In a year with decreased volunteers and donations, we were able to obtain funding for a large group of puppies (nine) that we nicknamed “The Glad Gang” because they were found in a black garbage bag on the side of the road at three weeks old, by reaching out to the community through our website and the local news station (WXII 12). We created a page specifically for “The Glad Gang” and updated regularly with progress reports and new photos. We were able to cover all of the veterinary care expenses and place all of the puppies in loving adoptive homes through the publicity.

Financial Report:

Adoption Fees	\$ 1,500.00
Bad Check Collection	\$ 30.00
Clinic Co-Pay	\$ 1,214.02
Donations	\$ 3,688.22
Fundraisers/Grants	\$ 7,105.33
Membership Dues	\$ 315.00
Other	\$ 106.00
Total Income	\$13,958.57
Chuckwaggin' Pet Food Program	\$ 36.88
Foster/Vet Care	\$ 6,285.81
Total Program Expenses	\$ 6,322.69
Audit	\$ 56.94
Bank Fees/Bad Checks	\$ 24.00
Office Supplies	\$ 322.39
Post Office Box Rental/Postage	\$ 211.00
Storage Building Rental	\$ 600.00
Telephone	\$ 330.89
Website	\$ 115.00
Total Administrative Expenses	\$ 1,660.22
Advertising	\$ 153.60
Fundraisers	\$ 3,282.45
Total Fundraising Expenses	\$ 3,436.05
Miscellaneous	\$ 212.69
Cancer Research Foundation Donation	\$ 50.00
Yadkinville Volunteer Fire Dept Donation	\$ 50.00
Total Other Expenses	\$ 312.69
Total Expenses	\$ 11,731.65
Income Less Expenses	\$ 2,226.92



Service Statistics:

- In cooperation with the Yadkin County Health Department and local veterinarians, YCHS once again provided low-cost Rabies clinics in both the Spring (4/26, 5/3, and 5/10) and Fall (9/8 and 9/15) for 2008. All advertising costs for these clinics were paid by our organization. A total of 273 vaccinations were administered at the Spring clinics, and 272 were given at the Fall clinics. The clinics were more successful than in 2007, with a total of 77 more animals vaccinated this year. Yadkin County had fourteen confirmed cases of rabies for 2008, nine in skunks and five in raccoons. None of these cases involved domestic animals.
- The Animal Shelter Alteration Program pays for the full cost of spay/neuter for families who adopt animals through the Yadkin County Animal Shelter as funds are available. In 2008, the program provided funding for forty-four animals. Ten animals were adopted as kittens or puppies, and will be altered when they are old enough. Surgeries have already been performed for thirty-four animals – ASAP spayed six cats and fourteen dogs, and neutered four cats and ten dogs.
- The Virginia Daniels Spay/Neuter Assistance Fund provided financial support to one hundred twenty-five families in the towns of Boonville, East Bend, Hamptonville, Jonesville, and Yadkinville in 2008. A total of 242 (74 neuters/168 spays) animals were altered through this program.
- In conjunction with Senior Services in Yadkin County, we provided the volunteer manpower for the “Chuckwaggin Pet Food Program” to provide dry dog/cat food to senior citizens who receive Meals on Wheels or eat at one of the three nutritional sites, and to recipients of Virginia Daniels Spay/Neuter Assistance who are having a hard time making ends meet. Fourteen families currently receive on-going pet food through this program.
- A total of three foster care providers housed, cared for, and adopted 7 cats and 11 dogs in 2008. Each animal in foster care receives any necessary veterinary care, including vaccinations, and is altered. All adoptions of animals too young to be spayed or neutered were followed up on by a volunteer once the puppy or kitten was old enough.

Service Statistics Continued:

- Two foster care providers started 2009 with three cats, and three dogs that are still looking for an adoptive family to provide them with a loving, forever home. You can find more details about these adoptable animals on our website.
- We provided courtesy listings to twenty-one Yadkin County residents looking to re-home animals in their care that are current on vaccinations and altered by providing digital photos/exposure for them through our website – nine animals have been adopted through those listings, and fourteen are still looking for an adoptive home.

Summary:

2008 has been a challenging year for our organization – we've seen a decline in volunteers and members. The downturn in the economy has slowed adoption of foster animals considerably, and made raising the funds necessary to operate our programs harder as well. Despite these obstacles, through creativity and the dedication of a small group of volunteers, we've had great successes in 2008, helped the families of Yadkin County in many ways, and remained financially responsible/stable.

In closing, Yadkin County Humane Society would like to thank all of our volunteers and supporters for the time, energy, and financial resources they invested in 2008 – without you our programs and services would cease to exist. We now focus our energy on what we can accomplish in 2009 – let's make it a great year for all the animals that are counting on us!