



2024 Impact Report





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Message from the CEO, Shannon Laukhuf



Dear SPCA Friends & Family,

I'm so proud to share our 2024 Impact Report—an inspiring look at the lives saved and the milestones reached this past year, thanks to your compassion and support.

One of the SPCA's most exciting achievements was the unveiling of Westchester County's *first-ever* mobile adoption unit. This state-of-the-art vehicle is already changing lives—helping us connect more animals with loving families and bringing our mission to local communities we've never been able to reach before.

We're also thrilled to share that adoptions are *on the rise*—a heartening sign that more people are opening their homes to animals in need. Perhaps no story captures this better than that of Bentley, last year's beloved cover model. After spending 846 days in our care following his rescue from an overcrowded NYC shelter, Bentley found his perfect match.

This year, we also relaunched *Camp Critter*, empowering the next generation of animal lovers. Teaching kindness and compassion is one of the most powerful ways we can create a more humane future.

Every rescue and adoption is a testament to what we can accomplish together. From responding to cruelty cases and supporting pet owners in crisis, to giving long-stay animals the time and care they need to heal, your support powers every aspect of our work.

Thank you for being part of the SPCA's family.

With gratitude,

Shannon Laukhuf, CAWA
Chief Executive Officer



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Saving Lives and Rewriting their Future

Roo's Rescue

Roo dealt with her fair share of heartache before arriving at the SPCA. This poor cat was rushed to our Rescue Center after a utility worker in Sleepy Hollow found her outside alone and freezing. Fortunately, the worker heard Roo's cries and coaxed her out of a ditch, where she was huddled up next to a lukewarm pipe.



Roo at the SPCA.



Roo adventuring around her new home.

Immediately upon intake, the SPCA's veterinary team examined Roo and discovered that three of her four limbs were underdeveloped. To stabilize herself and move, she used one of her forearms like a little crutch. While our team was relieved that she did not appear to be in any pain, a sad realization soon set in. Roo was likely abandoned by her previous owner, as it's highly unlikely that she wandered off on her own. It breaks our hearts knowing how vulnerable and scared she must have been fending for herself in the freezing cold.

Our staff named this sweet girl Roo (short for kangaroo) since she hops and stands on her back legs. Fortunately, after receiving medical treatment and care from our SPCA team, Roo hopped her way right into a loving forever home! Thank you for supporting us so that we could support Roo.

2024 Adoptions



734

Cats & Kittens



754

Dogs & Puppies



6

Small & Furry Critters

1,494

Total Adoptions



Nora and two of her puppies in the SPCA's parking lot.

Nora's Journey – Adopted after 410 days

Many of you may recognize Nora whose rescue was captured on video and viewed by millions of animal lovers worldwide. This beautiful Rhodesian Ridgeback mix was heartlessly abandoned by her owner in the SPCA's parking lot with her four puppies. Scared and confused, this sweet mom trembled when two of our team members cautiously approached her. Nora's leash was tied to a small carrier with two of her babies inside while her other two puppies were dumped in an open cardboard box. Nora's story could have had a devastating outcome, but fortunately, this beautiful family of five was safely secured and quickly rushed inside our Rescue Center.



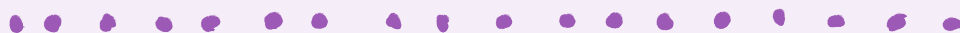
Nora with her new fur sibling in a loving forever home.

After receiving proper veterinary care and an abundance of TLC at the SPCA, all four puppies were quickly adopted. Sadly, Nora's journey has not been easy. Shortly after her arrival, Nora underwent two lifesaving surgeries to remove tumors that her former owner had neglected to treat. She also underwent entropion surgery to prevent her eyelashes from scratching her eyes. Thanks to supporters like you, we were able to provide her with the medical care she so desperately needed.

While the emotional scars of her past may always be with her, Nora has made huge strides over the past year. After spending time in a loving foster home, Nora gained confidence and learned to trust, which led to her finding the most amazing forever family. It took 410 days to find her perfect match but it was 100% worth the wait! We are so grateful to everyone who supported Nora's journey at the SPCA—it truly takes a village!



Nora's video, featured by The Dodo, had over 4.7 million views.



Bringing Adoptions on the Road

We are proud to share that the SPCA is the proud owner of Westchester County's **FIRST EVER** mobile adoption unit! Shelters nationwide have been in crisis post-pandemic with adoption rates on the decline. By evolving the adoption process in a more accessible way, we've successfully placed hundreds of dogs and cats into loving families throughout the local community thanks to this innovative mobile program.

The official ribbon-cutting photo was taken after our first mobile adoption unit event at the Chappaqua Farmer's Market, where nine dogs found their forever homes, including a senior terrier mix who'd be in our care for six months. SPCA staff and volunteers were thrilled to drive back to the Rescue Center that day



with an empty vehicle! We're looking forward to the many happy tails to come and are incredibly grateful to the supporters who made this dream a reality.

Quigley's Happy Tail

Speaking of our mobile adoption unit, we can't forget to mention one of our best adoptions of 2024. Quigley, a 4-year-old pit bull mix was in the SPCA's care for 1,224 days...that is, until he attended one of our mobile adoption events. Quigley was overlooked at the Rescue Center time and time again. While his gentle, loving nature was evident to everyone at the SPCA, we needed adopters to see his potential outside of a shelter environment.

Fast-forward to our mobile adoption unit event at the Scarsdale Fire House. Quigley arrived at the event accompanied by one of his favorite volunteers and he "worked the crowd" like never before! That's when he met the most incredible family in attendance, "just to look." Quigley took to them immediately and vice versa...it was kismet. Your support enables us to care for dogs like Quigley, whose happily ever after sometimes takes a bit longer. His story serves as a powerful reminder to never lose hope!

**Adopted after
1,224 days**



Protecting Westchester's Animals

SPCA's Humane Law Enforcement Unit (HLE)



The SPCA's HLE Unit receives no government funding, depending solely on contributions from individuals and foundations in our community and beyond. As the sole agency authorized to enforce animal cruelty laws in Westchester County, SPCA officers conduct investigations, seize victims of cruelty and neglect, and make arrests. We depend on your generosity to keep our four-legged family members safe and to ensure they have a voice.



White Plains Hoarding Case Rescue



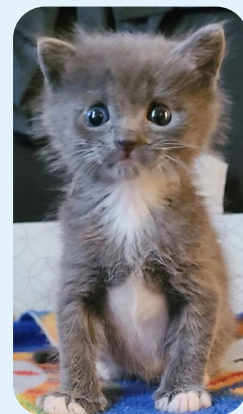
A few of the cats on top of the dirty kitchen cabinets.

In February 2024, SPCA Westchester's Humane Law Enforcement Unit responded to a distressing call from a White Plains landlord, resulting in the rescue of 86 cats. Neighbors had reported a "deathly smell" coming from the apartment and when SPCA officers arrived they discovered these poor cats living in a small apartment in deplorable conditions. Most of the cats were severely dehydrated and suffering from upper respiratory and eye infections. One cat had recently given birth to a tiny kitten, found clinging to life on the cold, soiled floor amid mounds of feces. Despite overwhelming conditions, our team worked tirelessly to trap the cats and transport them to the SPCA's Rescue Center, where they began their critical journey of healing.

One of the most haunting images from this rescue is of that tiny, fragile kitten. Now known as Sir Meatball, his transformation into a healthy, playful cat is a powerful example of the lifesaving impact of timely intervention and care.



Sir Meatball the day of his rescue.



A few weeks later...



And now! Sir Meatball is all grown up and loving life with his adoptive family.



SPCA Arrests Dog Sitter

Once again, the SPCA's Humane Law Enforcement Unit demonstrated its unwavering commitment to animal protection with the rescue of Champ and Pretty Girl, two young pit bulls brutally abused by their dog sitter in New Rochelle. A disturbing video showed 35-year-old Roger Andrews of Yonkers whipping the dogs with a rope leash, then kicking, punching, and throwing them while they screamed out in pain.



Champ and Pretty Girl after their rescue.



Image from surveillance video.

Thanks to a quick, coordinated response from SPCA officers—led by Ernest Lungaro and assisted by Yonkers Police—Andrews was arrested the same day and charged with animal cruelty. Miraculously, Champ and Pretty Girl did not suffer serious injuries.

Because of your support, the SPCA's Humane Law Enforcement Unit was able to save Champ and Pretty Girl and arrest their abuser. Together, we gave these two innocent dogs hope for a bright future that will only be filled with love and kindness.

SPCA'S Humane Law Enforcement Unit in Action



761

Investigations Opened



139

Animals Seized



9

Arrests Made



1,109

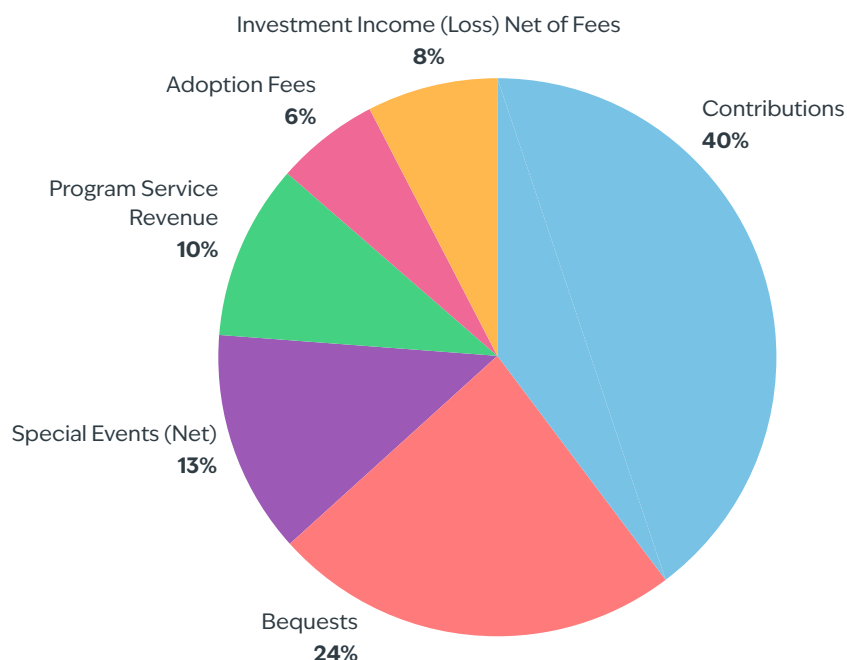
Calls Received on the
SPCA's Cruelty Hotline

Financials

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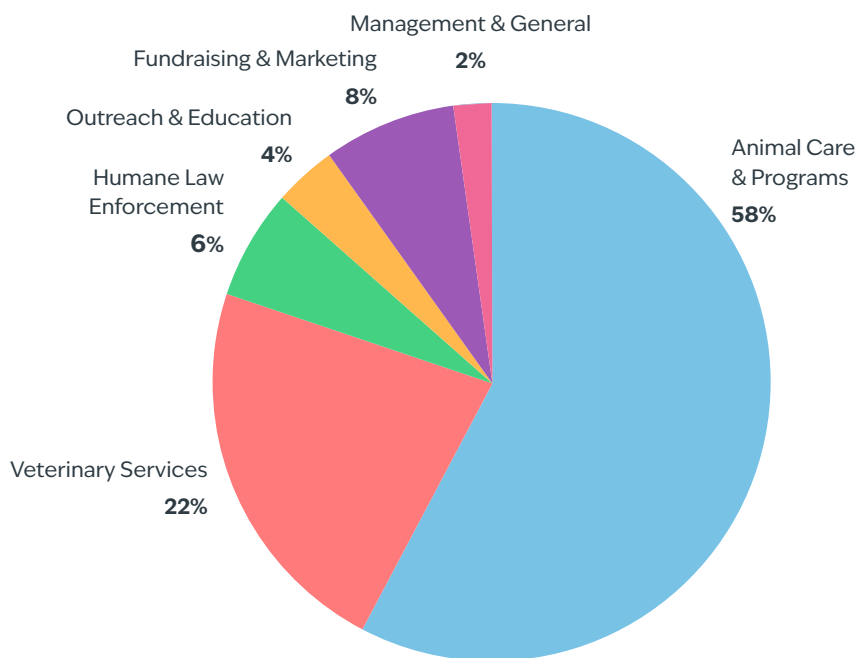
Income

Contributions	\$2,718,373
Bequests	\$1,615,484
Special Events (Net)	\$890,417
Program Service Revenue	\$694,144
Adoption Fees	\$407,988
Investment Income (Loss) Net of Fees	\$519,645
Total Income	\$6,846,051



Expenses

Animal Care and Programs	\$2,760,508
Veterinary Services	\$1,075,541
Humane Law Enforcement	\$299,539
Outreach & Education	\$178,142
Fundraising & Marketing	\$361,079
Management & General	\$108,535
Total Expenses	\$4,783,344



Caring for Pets and Community Cats

Cody's Clinic

The SPCA's Cody's Clinic is the only low-cost animal hospital in Westchester County and offers deeply discounted rates to ensure pet owners have access to veterinary care. Cody's Clinic also supports our homeless feral cat community through a rigorous trap/neuter/vaccinate/return (TNVR) program. With veterinary expenses on the rise, your support is critical so that we can continue to offer affordable pricing to the people and animals who depend on us.

Sable's New Beginning



Sable, a sweet stray, was rushed into the SPCA after she was discovered in distress by a Good Samaritan in New Rochelle. It was evident that she'd been living on the streets for quite some time as she was extremely skinny, dehydrated and infested with fleas. Upon examination by our Cody's Clinic veterinary team, Sable's front leg quickly became a concern. Not only was she unable to bear any weight on it, but it appeared to be fractured in more than one place, causing her extreme pain.



TNVR day in the clinic.

While it was clear that poor Sable had been injured, her x-rays revealed something even more disturbing than we could have ever imagined--this innocent stray had been shot numerous times with a bb gun. Many of the pellets were still lodged in her leg which caused multiple fractures. Sadly, her leg was too far gone to save. However, thanks to your support and the efforts of our Cody's Clinic team, Sable's leg was safely amputated, relieving her of pain and giving her a new beginning. Shortly after surgery, Sable was adopted and has the most loving new home a kitty could ask for!



BB gun pellets.



Sable's new mom.

Waiving Fees for Pet Owners in Need

Thanks to the incredible support of our friends at Tito's Handmade Vodka, Cody's Clinic was able to provide FREE spay/neuter and wellness services to qualified low-income residents. Through Tito's "Passion Projects" grant, the SPCA supported 102 companion animals whose owners receive a form of public assistance and could not afford veterinary care.

One of the pet parents emailed us to express her gratitude: *"I unexpectedly took in a sweet, neglected dog named Grace. SPCA Westchester immediately responded to my plea, and I was approved for financial assistance for Grace's spay and vaccines. She received top-quality care and I'm so grateful that everything was done at no cost. It was a tremendous relief."*

The SPCA is so grateful to Tito's Handmade Vodka for supporting this impactful initiative. Together, we made a meaningful difference by helping those truly most in need.



Cody's Clinic in Action



789

Feral Cats Received
TNVR Services



661

Public Pets were
Spayed/Neutered



2,077

Companion Animals Received Wellness Care

Educating and Inspiring a Future Generation

1,352 children reached through Humane Education

A cornerstone of the SPCA's mission is to inspire compassion and change through humane education. After a six-year hiatus, we were thrilled to relaunch our popular Camp Critter. Hundreds of children embraced the joys that animals bring into our lives through educational activities, interactive workshops, dog and cat introductions and care, arts and crafts, fun-filled games, creative storytelling and more.

Another exciting new initiative launched was the SPCA's Junior Veterinary Camp for kids in grades 6 through 9. Thanks to our Cody's Clinic team, campers learned hands-on skills through behind-the-scenes shadowing experiences. Needless to say, everyone both two-and-four-legged, had a howling good time at camp!

The SPCA's Humane Education department also stayed busy teaching animal welfare and advocacy in numerous local schools and hosted dozens of scout and youth groups at our Rescue Center. We're truly in awe of the number of children we've met who have shown such care and passion for dogs and cats in need. The future of animal rescue is bright!



Volunteers: The Heart of the SPCA

The profound impact our volunteers make each and every day is hard to put into words. Their dedication and “roll up your sleeves” attitude supports every aspect of our mission. From fostering to dog walking and cat socializing to assisting our adoption and clinic team, they do it all, and always with a smile.



447

Active Volunteers



18,740

Hours Contributed



466

Animals Fostered



Spreading Awareness in the Community

In 2024, the SPCA's outreach team took part in several events and made numerous appearances to help spread the word on the importance of rescue and adoption. It's critical that we educate the public on our many programs and services and be a resource to those in need of support. The SPCA also collaborated with other like-minded organizations and teamed up with various media outlets to promote our adoptable animals.



SPCA rescue puppy, Theo, made a special appearance to promote Animal Planet's Puppy Bowl on Watch What Happens Live with Andy Cohen.



Emerson enjoyed some snuggle time with Katie Couric during the annual Puppy Bowl tailgate party hosted by Warner Bros. Discovery.



SPCA alum, Phoenix, became the first rescue animal to join Westchester County's Department of Emergency Services Unit as a certified therapy dog.



Lisa Salvadorini and Lisa LaRocca of News12 Westchester joined our CEO, Shannon Laukhuf, at the SPCA's annual Dog Walk and Pet Fair to help raise awareness and critical funds for the animals.



Actor Michael Urie and Lil Bit posed together before taking the stage at Broadway Barks in NYC's Shubert Alley. This special adoption event, founded and hosted by Bernadette Peters, has helped many SPCA dogs find loving, new homes.





**Thank you
for your
support.**



The letters of 'SPCA' are large and dark teal. Inside the 'S', 'P', and 'A' are light teal silhouettes of a dog in various poses. The 'C' is empty. The sign is mounted on two wooden posts.

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