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Nantucket Island
Safe Harbor for Animals

ANNUAL REPORT

2025

OUR MISSION

The mission of Nantucket Island Safe Harbor for Animals, NiSHA, is to rescue and care for animals in need and to advance animal wellbeing through education, advocacy, and community outreach.



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Letter from Our Leadership



From the outside, 2025 may have looked like an average year at the shelter—we found homes for stray or surrendered animals, granted families assistance so that they could keep their beloved pets, and worked with lots of children, teaching them about compassion and kindness for all beings. Behind the scenes, however, a lot of new developments were afoot.

By now you will have heard that NiSHA is in full capital campaign mode, striving to raise \$22M for our Animal Rescue and Resource Center at 25 Airport Road. If you are on island, you may have seen that the property was cleared, the building is up, and the housing is in. It is all happening: after almost 15 years, NiSHA is getting a home of its own, and we are thrilled to be able to share all of our plans with you and all of our neighbors on Nantucket. If you'd like to learn more about our project or help us cross the finish line, please visit: <https://www.nishanimals.org/capital-campaign>.

In 2025, NiSHA continued to make the lives of Nantucket pets better. Read on for more about the animals we worked with and the individuals and businesses who made it all possible.

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Jessica Castineiras,
Executive Director



Sally Charpie,
Board President

THREE PILLARS

NiSHA offers essential services to the Nantucket community. Those services fall under one of three pillars—Rescue, Educate, Assist—which serve as the foundation of our mission.

Rescue.

Educate.

Assist.



Rescue

We Are More Than Dogs and Cats

Most people know that animal shelters care for homeless dogs and cats. But did you know we also care for any pet who is brought to us? NiSHA has received and cared for snakes, chinchillas and chickens, guinea pigs, rabbits, turtles, and lizards. We try to be ready with the supplies—and knowledge—it takes to care for such a wide range of species.



Sometimes we have no notice of an incoming “exotic pet” and must make do on the fly, creating humane habitats with what we have on hand. When we received 20 budgies in one day, we sent out a call to all of our supporters asking for temporary cages, and the community delivered. When we received a stray chicken, she stayed out in the bunny until we could find her a proper home. Any stray or surrendered “exotic” is welcome at NiSHA at any time. And we’ll figure out how to keep them safe and comfortable for as long as they are with us.



Rescue

Expecting the Unexpected



NiSHA has always encouraged cat spays by age four months because kittens can get pregnant at four months. And yes, it happens here on Nantucket. The reasons for kittens having kittens are many: Some people are not aware that cats so young can become pregnant, cats accidentally get out of the house, or some people believe the old myth that pets should have “one litter” before being sterilized. And before you know it, one cat turns into five or more.

In 2025, we took in three pregnant females, who then gave birth to a total of 13 kittens. Had we not intervened when we did, those 13 could have turned into 26-40 or even 400 if those kittens kept reproducing. We were able to find foster homes willing to care for a pregnant mom and the kittens she birthed, too. When all were of an appropriate age, we spayed or neutered all the kittens (and the moms) before each went on to his or her new home.

NiSHA focuses so much on pet sterilization because it is the best tool in helping to curb pet overpopulation—the main reason for having animal shelters in the first place. NiSHA also offers discounted or free spay or neuter vouchers for anyone who is in financial need.



Rescue

Going Above and Beyond (Our Shores) to Make the Match

Seven-year-old Miller was brought to us when his guardian had to move and he was not allowed in her new senior residence due to breed restrictions. Miller was a gorgeous German Shepherd. Typical of his breed, he bonded closely with his person and we did worry that his emotional health would suffer, as his guardian's surely did, at this rupture in their relationship.

When Cleary and Tim, who had lived with two other German Shepherds, showed interest in giving Miller a new home, we thought this might be the break we were looking for. Someone who loves and understands this amazing breed. But . . . they lived in Florida, 1,200 miles away.



However, when we find the right home for a pet, we will do everything we can to close that deal, distance be damned. In this case, we found a transport to drive Miller down to Florida. Our staff escorted him on the ferry to meet the transport van in Hyannis, and he enjoyed a smooth ride all the way down to Gainesville, where his new family was thrilled to meet him.



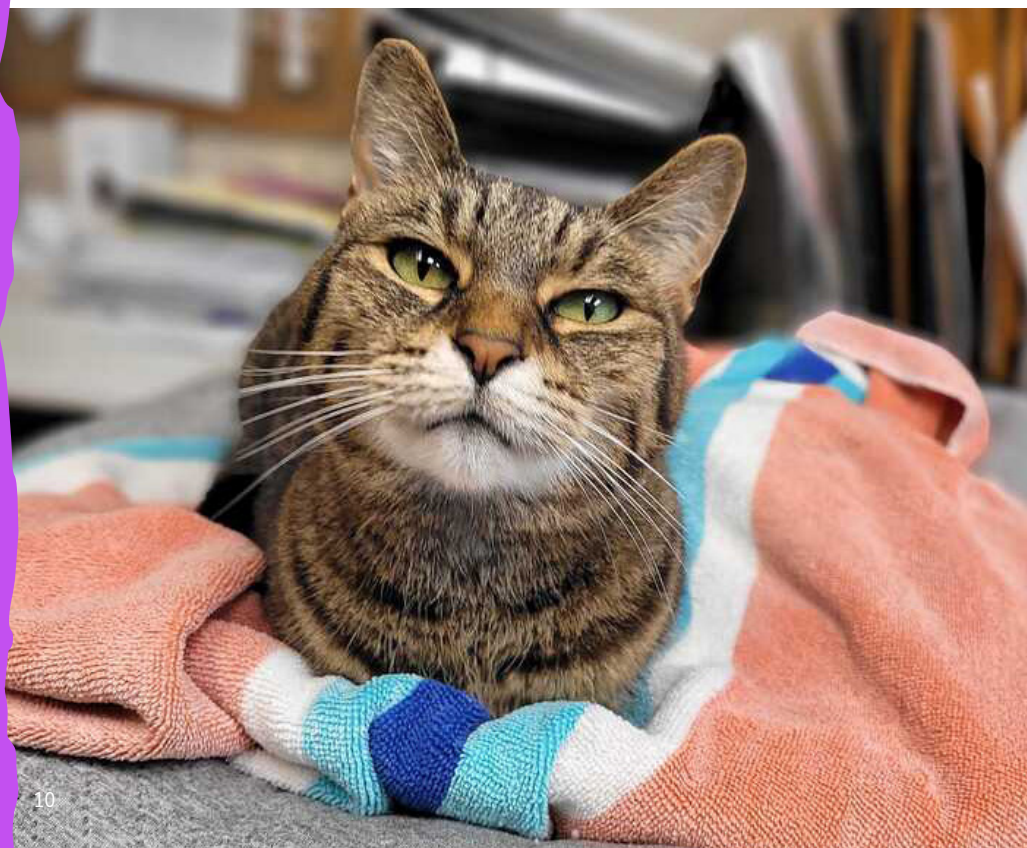
Miller's new family could not be happier with him, and had this to say: "Miller is great! We love him so much. He has definitely settled in to his home. He is welcoming to friends who visit. Loves to play with his red ball. He has also become more talkative so we definitely know his personality is shining through. We look forward to getting him into a dog training and agility class because he's super smart and athletic. You wouldn't know he's seven! We can't imagine our life without him!"

Rescue

“Out of the Box” Adoption Option

Marlow was a senior girl who was relinquished to the shelter. Due to her age—(advanced) and her health (not great—renal failure, special diet, antibiotics, daily subcutaneous fluids, and supplements), this older feline didn’t have many suitors. But as the weeks and months went by, the shelter staff started to fall for her, especially Johanna, our Animal Welfare Manager.

The problem was Johanna lived in a “no pets” rental, so adoption really wasn’t an option. Or was it? At a certain point, Johanna and the staff made an unconventional decision: Johanna would adopt Marlow as her own cat, Marlow would continue to live at the shelter, and as soon as Johanna moved into NiSHA’s pet-friendly housing (in the works!), Marlow would join her there. Now, Marlow’s health has improved greatly with the right food and medical care. She knows she “belongs” to Johanna, and gets a little grumpy on Johanna’s days off. More than anyone on Nantucket, Marlow is really pushing for that employee housing to be finished!



Rescue

New Year's Eve Pups

On December 31, 2024, a box of three-day-old pups was delivered to our partner in Mississippi, Little Mountain Rescue (LMR). The box, which once held an artificial Christmas tree, was filled with eleven newborn puppies, only eight of whom were still living. No mom was found.



The team at LMR did the incredible, super-human job of bottle-feeding the litter, and all eight remaining pups not only survived, but thrived under their care. Once the puppies were of age, vetted, vaccinated, sterilized, and wormed, they hopped on the transport van headed for better futures.

Once they landed on Nantucket, they spent some time in foster homes awaiting their debut at our Meet & Greet. Soon, each pup found a home, three on Nantucket and the other five to points west. We checked in on them recently and learned they had all grown to be tall, leggy dogs. There were some heartwarming stories, highlighting just how lucky these pups were that someone saw that box on a cold dark New Year's Eve in Mississippi. Read their stories in the next two pages.

Why Does NiSHA Bring Dogs to Nantucket?

It's a question we hear often, and we're always happy to answer. Shelters are facing an overwhelming influx of homeless pets. NiSHA's Land to Sea Pet Rescue Program partners with overburdened shelters to connect adoptable dogs with families here in New England, creating space in crowded shelters for the next animal in need.

An estimated 6 million dogs and cats enter shelters every year, and far too many still lose their lives simply because there aren't enough homes for them. Nationally, less than 25% of pets are acquired from shelters: The majority of people still obtain pets through breeders, online sources, or other avenues.

NiSHA brings 60 dogs a year to Nantucket. Of these 60, half go to homes off island. That's why, although taking in 60 animals does make a life-saving difference for those animals, it represents a tiny fraction of the total number of dogs on our island.

Rescue

Happy Tails - Goose and Maverick

Goose and Maverick both live in Duxbury and were adopted into the same extended family, so they get to see each other all the time!

“My aunt lives about a mile away and adopted his litter brother, Goose. They LOVE each other. Maverick loves his 2 boys—waiting for them to get off the bus. He also loves treats, snow, and sleeping on his back.”—Erin



“Goose is such a photogenic pup! We love him so much. He immediately became the sweetest family member. He goes everywhere with us.”—Kate



Rescue

Happy Tails - Milo



“We got Milo almost two years to the day after my first dog died. He was and is such a sweet boy that the second we made the trip from Connecticut to Nantucket and took a walk with him, we knew he was coming home with us. We brought Milo home the next day and introduced him to Paloma, our other rescue dog. One walk and we let them loose in the backyard. You would think they were brother and sister. Within seconds they became best friends and are absolutely inseparable.”

Happy Tails - Ella

“Ella is very long and very tall. Not much is out of her reach. She loves people, animals, and nature—she has found joy in all four seasons. We also think she would like to fly, as she will sit down and watch birds and planes with such intent until they are out of sight.”



Educate

Animal Lover's Book Club



Each year, Humane Educator Susan Richards has the privilege of working with a group of fifth graders from the Nantucket Intermediate School in her Animal Lovers' Book Club. At the beginning of the school year, the group of five to nine middle schoolers decides on animal-themed books to

read together. Then at each session, the students discuss the topics presented in the stories. They bring questions they'd like to discuss and Susan supplements the book with an article or two on the theme of the book.

Previous books chosen have included *Odger: An Otter's Story*, inspired by the true story of a Monterey Bay Aquarium program that pairs orphaned otter pups with surrogate mothers; *The One and Only Ivan*, inspired by the true story of a silverback gorilla who sadly lived for 27 years in a cage at a shopping mall; and *Stella*, about a retired bomb-sniffing dog who learns to help a girl with epilepsy. These books deal with very real, thought-provoking animal topics. Susan helps steer the ensuing conversations, opening the students' eyes to the ways in which we do or do not have compassionate relationships with the animals (and people) with whom we share this planet.

Students also work on small projects to help solidify their learning and bring the books' lessons to a wider audience. A popular project each year is making posters centered on an animal-protection theme—watching out for baby animals in spring, educating people about the welfare of Nantucket's snapping turtles, or helping a shelter animal get adopted.

At the end of the school year, the group meets at the shelter for a tour and lunch. Each participant is awarded a special certificate and a NiSHA "I'm a friend to Animals!" tee shirt. Our hope is that these groups of young, curious minds become the next generation of passionate animal advocates.

Educate

Big Hearts Can Come in Small Packages

Along with our structured Humane Education curriculum, each year we work with kids who take it upon themselves to help Nantucket's shelter pets. Some children want to raise funds, some want to help the animals find new homes, and our staff is there to help guide and foster their budding compassion and generosity.

We offer "Lemonade Stand" packets to kids who want to raise funds by selling dog treats, old books, or other items. These packets include official NiSHA badges, information on the shelter, a money canister, and more. When the young fundraisers come in to present their donation, we are ready with certificates, tee shirts, a tour of the shelter, and a photo op.

For her eighth birthday, **Scarlett Paul** asked her friends and family not for presents for herself, but for donations for the shelter animals. Her big-hearted initiative raised \$800 for the shelter pets! It wasn't so much her generosity that had all of our hearts melting, but the obvious joy it brought her (as seen in the picture, right) to be helping the animals.



Roisen O'Callahan, nine, asked if she could sell her drawings at NiSHA's Christmas Stroll table, and she donated the proceeds to the shelter.

The Mittenthal children raised \$350 with a lemonade stand, another child sold popsicles, and the Seafari Girls once again sold dog biscuits for NiSHA, bringing in \$1,359 for the shelter animals.

These kids are learning about care and kindness for animals . . . while teaching the rest of us about the joys of generosity.

Educate

Jaeger Family-NiSHA Scholarship Winners

Each year the Jaeger Family-NiSHA Fund awards scholarships to students who plan to study animal-related topics in college or other secondary learning settings. Students interested in pursuing any interdisciplinary study that positively impacts animals, improves their lives or environment, embraces humane thinking and compassion, advocates for animals, or supports their intrinsic value are eligible to apply for this annual scholarship. Since its inception in 2017, 22 scholarships have been awarded, totaling \$20,500.

In 2025, the Jaeger Family-NiSHA Fund scholarship was awarded to four Nantucket High School students who are now in college pursuing animal-related careers. Evan Belanger and Cecilia Wendelken recently checked in with us about their studies.



Left to right: Cecelia Wendelken, Humane Educator Susan Richards, Evan Belanger, Elijah Holland, and Ava Mossdrop

Educate

Evan Belanger, Montana State University,
Class of 2026

"Classes I am taking right now that I am enjoying are: Ornithology (study of Birds) and Mammalogy (study of Mammals) as well as Animal Physiology, which is a Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy course. These classes allow me to work hands-on with animals, which has proven to be very exciting. These classes listed above, as well as a class I am in right now called Principles of Fish and Wildlife Management, are exciting to me as I love working with animals and being a part of protecting them and their environment. My goal after I graduate is to be an Environmental Police Officer so that I can use my passion for the betterment of society and nature to help preserve what we have for future generations to enjoy as we have!"

Cecilia Wendelken, Maine Maritime Academy,
Class of 2029

"This semester, I am taking Biology II and Chemistry, where I am learning about the natural world and the many biological chemical processes that organisms need to live. Last semester, I took Oceanography, and I was really interested in how phytoplankton cycle from at depth to the surface of water bodies depending on the time of year. This process is highly influential on all aquatic ecosystems and food chains. Right now my goal for after I graduate is to become an aquarist and help with marine animal rescue and rehabilitation while educating the public on how amazing marine animals are."

Assist

Pet Supply Pantry Goes on the Road

In 2025, NiSHA proudly teamed up with the Nantucket Family Resource Center to bring our Pet Supply Pantry to an even wider group of island families and to distribute various much-needed supplies such as food, litter, toys and beds.

We are grateful for the chance to share these resources and remind our community that NiSHA offers so much more than adoptable pets. We're here to support the entire bond between pets and their families.



When Pet Families Need an Assist

Mason, a black Lab, was suddenly very sick. His dad reached out to us about their plight: he thought Mason might have ingested rat poison. The family desperately wanted to save him but had limited financial resources. We asked what we could do to help. "Whatever needs to happen to keep him alive."

We made an emergency grant to Mason's family from our Lucky Whiskers and Wags Medical Fund that allowed him to get the emergency medical care that saved his life. As it turned out, Mason had not been exposed to rat poison, but had ingested a foreign body, and had to have emergency surgery—just as life threatening and just as expensive.

NiSHA's Lucky Whiskers and Wags (LWW) Fund was there to help. LWW offers Nantucket families grants to cover the costs of above and beyond medical care for pets. In 2025, grants from this fund allowed Mason and many other Nantucket pet families to pay for unexpected and expensive medical bills.

The fund has helped cover emergency vet visits, amputations, diagnostic tests, medication, ACL surgeries, and so much more. When a family cannot pay for unexpected veterinary bills, they sometimes opt for euthanasia or surrender to a shelter. If NiSHA helps cover those veterinary bills, the family keeps their pet, the pet keeps their loving home, and NiSHA doesn't take on the full cost of the bills, plus the cost to care for the animal until we can find him or her a new home. It's truly a win-win-win program.

Pet CPR and First Aid Class Offered to the Nantucket Community

In October, NiSHA offered a Pet CPR and First Aid training class to the Nantucket community. The two-day event included CPR techniques, first aid skills, health care, and wellness information for dogs and cats. The course reviewed types of pet emergencies: poison, bites and stings, heat and cold, choking management, shock management, bleeding protocols, and snout to tail assessments. The students learned how to create their own pet first aid using materials they might have on hand at home. They also practiced CPR, muzzling, and restraint on stuffed animals (and one real one!).

NiSHA invited Nantucket police officers and first responders, including Nantucket's animal control officer, to take part in the class. Other participants included pet guardians, pet sitters and one aspiring future veterinarian.

An additional class on Emergency Preparedness included a discussion of Nantucket's current emergency protocols for pets. Students worked through preparedness and survival scenarios in the event of a hurricane, flood, fire, or environmental spill. The discussion uncovered gaps in our community's plans and protocols for pets during disasters. These issues will be addressed at future meetings.



EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

MAIN EVENT

THE GREAT CATSBY

The glitz and glam of the roarrrrring 20's came to Bartlett's Farm as NiSHA celebrated its annual gala in August. The vibe at The Great Catsby was described by many as "magical" and "electric," and the event exceeded our most ambitious expectations for excitement and generosity! We are so very grateful for our community's outpouring of support and compassion for the animals.

The night's theme of the crucial role that pets play in our lives was highlighted by Yellow Productions' film "Awakened." This six-minute film beautifully captured the night Noelle—a NiSHA alum—saved her dad's life when his house caught fire. Though ultimately his brand-new house burned to the ground, Noelle's act of courage had a lasting impact on Rich and his community. (If you missed the movie, you'll want to watch it on NiSHA's YouTube Channel.)

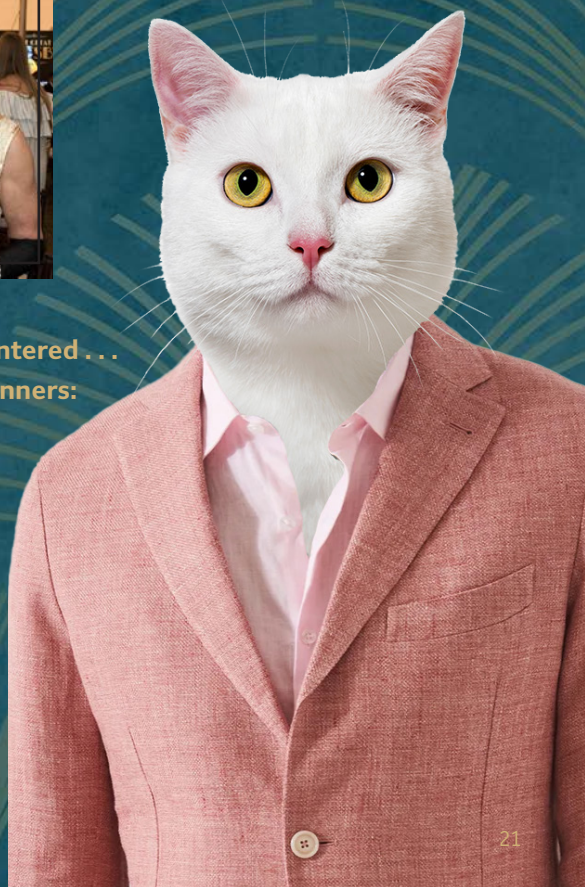


This year we decided to switch up our usual on-stage dog show and have dogs and their guardians dress the Roaring 20's part. This allowed guests to mingle and meet with our dog contestants during cocktail hour then vote on who would head home with a winning ribbon!



Thank you to everyone who entered ... and congratulations to our winners:

- Ellie Mae with Jenn and Seth Shortlidge for Most Creative
- Taco with Kim Schulam for Best Collaboration
- Jake with Suzanne Gleason for Most Charming



EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS



THE GREAT CATSBY

**MANY THANKS TO OUR FABULOUS LEADERSHIP TEAM
AND THEIR HARD-WORKING COMMITTEES:**

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Toscana

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Ginny and Joe Ripp

Daffodil Festival Dog Parade

The 2025 Daffy Dog Parade was a little . . . wet. Despite the rain, die-hard Daffy Dog fans gathered under the Children's Beach bandstand to witness this fun annual tradition. And the winners were . . .



- **1st Place** - "Little Lobster" Lola with Rebecca Evans
- **2nd Place** - "Busy Bee" Zuzu with Kyla Lincoln & family
- **3rd Place** - "Howdy Partner" Frankie & Sully with Alyssa & Kathleen Fuller

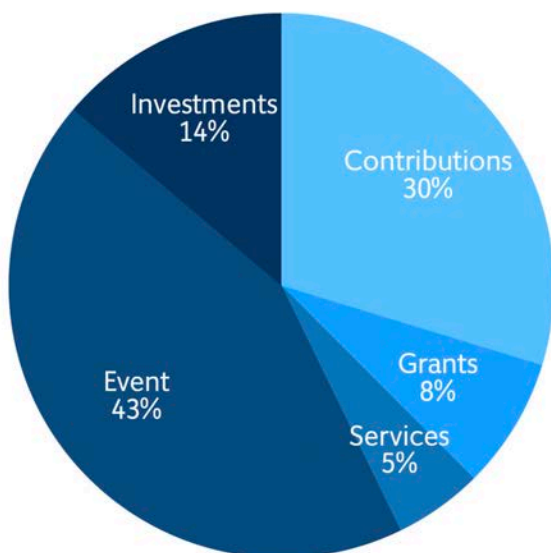
Thanks to the Nantucket Island Chamber of Commerce for helping us host the event and to Geronimo's and Cold Noses of Nantucket, The Black Dog General Store: Nantucket, and Get Joy for the prizes.

Daffodil Festival Dog Parade



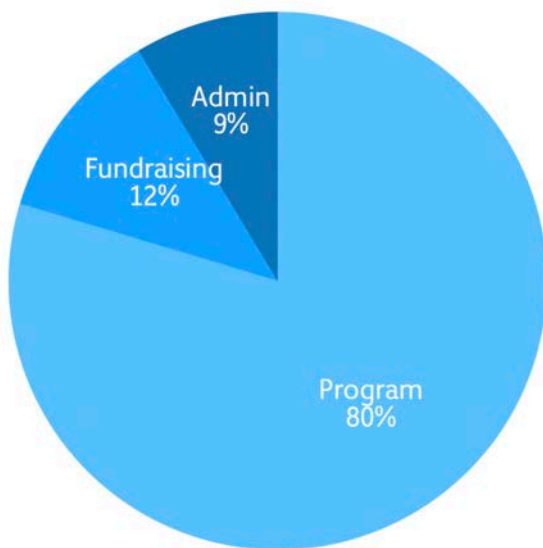
2025 FINANCIALS

	2025	2024
REVENUE and SUPPORT		
Contributions	424,355	530,816
Gifts-in-kind	20,072	14,084
Grants	111,500	129,398
Program service revenue	75,221	79,184
Net investment return	197,190	128,095
Net support from fundraising events	619,616	896,989
Capital Campaign Donations	5,685,298	2,488,677
Total Revenue and Support	7,133,252	4,267,243
EXPENSES		
Program Services	1,216,749	1,075,621
Fundraising	175,918	149,674
General and Administrative	129,995	131,628
Total Expenses	1,522,662	1,356,923
ASSETS		
Cash	5,963,303	3,879,021
Contributions receivable	1,591,482	-
Investments	961,526	863,910
Property	6,092,779	4,249,951
Total Assets	14,609,090	8,992,882
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	39,921	28,251
Total Liabilities	39,921	28,251
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions	8,043,025	6,135,436
With donor restrictions	6,526,144	2,829,195
Total Net Assets	14,569,169	8,964,631
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	14,609,090	8,992,882



Income

- Contributions
- Grants
- Services
- Event
- Investments



Expenses

- Program
- Fundraising
- Admin

DONORS & SUPPORTERS

Businesses

ACK Woven
 Ampersand Management LLC
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 Botticelli & Pohl
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 Dreamline Modular Homes
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 Slow to Rise Bakery
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 The Andersen Company
 The Black Dog
 The Dobbert Companies
 The Juice Bar
 The Old Spouter Gallery
 The Vineyard Series
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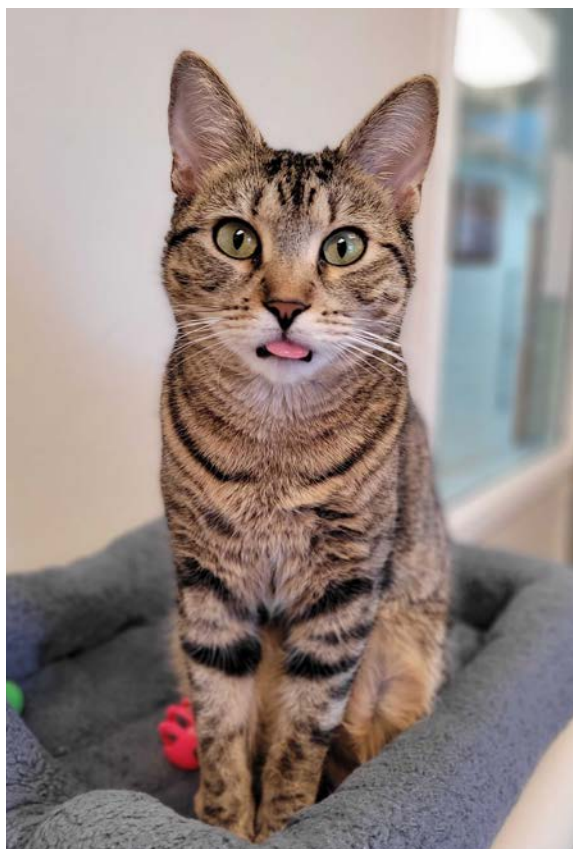
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Animals we
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Animals reunited with
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Nantucket families granted
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Pets adopted into
new homes **203**

Animals in
through the doors **242**

Community pets spayed
or neutered **195**

Children who learned compassion
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in honor of Big Red
Christina Christodoulououlos

in honor of Blue
Clare and James Walker

in honor of Boots Verney
Dorothy Verney

in honor of Charmagne Eckert and Jeff
Clayton
Beth English and Mark Donato

in honor of Christine Swistro
Lorna Jane
Blair Slaughter

in honor of David and Julie Marcus
David Pardue

in honor of Deidre Smiałowski
Andrea Downey and Rick Kassler

in honor of Dr. Paula Klek
Jascin and Eric Finger

in honor of Ellie Perkins
Erikka Perkins

in honor of Emma and Issac's wedding
Debra Feldman

in honor of Erika Mooney
Libby and Charles Gibson

in honor of Ganache
Susan and Bob Ayd

in honor of Gregg Tivnan
Libby and Charles Gibson

in honor of Grumpy
Daniel Kinsella

in honor of Hannah Curhan
Joan and Ronald Curhan

in honor of Irma Hoops
Judith Lochtefeld

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Allison Raynor

in honor of Jade
Dejaun Allijohn

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Duncombe
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Mary Cassady

in honor of Lindsay Torpey-Cross
Christine Carrs
Edna Howard
Lynn Noon

in honor of Lindsay Torpey-Cross &
Christian Roach
Sarah Carrs

in honor of Linnea Weaver
Nan Leighton

in honor of Lisa Rose
Julia Rose

in honor of Lucy
Christina Ellis

in honor of Luke Zwicker
Eric Piasecki

in honor of Mae and Teddy Mittenthal
Miriam and Herbert Mittenthal

in honor of Michael and Jennifer Marcus
David Pardue

in honor of Michelle Rosen
Erica Broder

in honor of Millie Sienko's 1st birthday
Jennifer and Fred Sienko

in honor of Mimi Huber
Julie and Karsten Reinemo

in honor of Mimi Huber and
Dick Sheehan
Mary Sheehan

in honor of Mr. and
Mrs. Craig Muhlhauser
Kate and Jeff Besecker

in honor of Nan Leighton
Linnea Weaver

in honor of Noelle Phillips
Tami Caesar

in honor of Pam Murphy
Eve Messing

in honor of Reagan Lee
Caroline Bushong

in honor of Robin Klein's Birthday
Robin Klein

in honor of Sally and Rick Charpie
Karen and Doug Grip
Gerry Keneally

in honor of Sally and Rick Charpie and
our dog Maximus
Mari and John Gavin

in honor of Sally Charpie
Thomas Anathan
Marcia and Steve Anderson
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in honor of The Asness Family
Mark Pasquino

in honor of Tom Schultz
Tim Cuff

in honor of Tucker
Sarah Hunt

in memory of Winnie
Brenna House

Volunteer Spotlight



Heather Aveson

Heather onboarded as a NiSHA volunteer by creating an incredible mountain-range back drop for our Christmas Stroll “Bumble” Photo Shoot. From that impressive start she went to socialize our cats, foster kittens, transport dogs, and assist with events. When a kitten needs cuddling, she’s in our Cheetah room in a heartbeat. She loves dogs, too, and has assisted staff with our Canine Confidence Building program. At our local Sustainable Nantucket Farmer’s Market table, she encourages others

to foster pets. Being able to share her first-hand experience with others is a huge help in getting others to consider fostering. We can add that Heather is now a guinea pig foster mom, and when tasked with making them look like they were putting on a concert as the Spice Girls, her creative talents once again came into play: She made tiny microphones out of q-tips! Her creativity and care know no bounds. She makes events and tasks fun with her humor and light-hearted personality. She is a true asset to NiSHA.



Francie Baskett

Francie first became involved as a NiSHA volunteer when one of our Land to Sea Rescue dogs and her pups arrived at the shelter, and she chose to foster (and subsequently adopt) one of the puppies. Since then she has fostered 16 more. Francie is always eager to take on the challenging dogs and takes the time to work one-on-one with them, putting their welfare and training at the forefront to prepare them for their forever homes. She even sends bios of her foster dogs to the adopters so they get a

glimpse of the pups’ progress and personalities, and little goodie bags to help the dogs feel comfortable in their new homes.

Francie is always thinking about what the shelter could use, is quick to raise her hand to help at events, and was even the “teacher’s aide” at our Read to Meow summer Humane Education program. Francie shares her life with her own three cats and one dog in Nantucket.

2025 Volunteers



Mary Arnold	Kellie Griner	Kelly McKernan	Amy Santos
Heather Aveson	Kimberly Guertin	Kristine Miklos	Robert Saurer
Amanda Balionis	Jonelle Gurley	Shanna Minor	Sonia Scherr
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Madison Beck	Petra Hoffman	Erica Mollon	Alison Smith
Paul Berard	Andrew Holmes	Kathy Molloy	Kate Smith-Lin
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Jonathan Bonilla	Randy Hudson	Beth Morris	Nelson
Joelle Bouchard	Gisli Hughes	Erica Nahmad	Lexi Sturgis
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Deb Clarke	Laurie Jobe	Hannah Nicolle	Lily Sylvia
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Kelly Corbett	Henry Kanter	Kate O'Brien	Christy Tran
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Jeannie Critchley	Casey Kiley	Devan Parker	Rebecca Vaughan
Priscilla Dallmus	Erin King	Tracy Pattenden	James Vincent
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Anne Dyer	Jillian Lucchini	Georgia Raysman	Katrina Ward
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Renee Gamberoni	Mandy Mason	Susan Rogers	
Madison George	Devon Mastroianni	Bonnie Roseman	
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