



**2023  
ANNUAL  
REPORT**

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# MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Celebrating a Year of Milestones at the Hill Country SPCA

As we reflect on the past year, I'm thrilled to share some of the incredible achievements that we accomplished together. Thanks to our community's unwavering support, we achieved a record number of adoptions, expanded our community outreach including an awesome increase in our volunteer and foster programs, and witnessed tremendous success with our Healing Hearts program.

And what can I say about our dedicated donors? Your generosity was the driving force behind these accomplishments, and we are immensely grateful for your unwavering dedication to our mission: to give every pet in the Hill Country the best life possible through successful rescue, adoption, community relationships, awareness, and advocacy. As a private, no-kill animal shelter with no affiliation to any national organization, the financial support we receive has a significant impact on the lives of countless animals, giving them a second chance for a happy and healthy life

Everything we accomplished in 2023 would not have been possible without the generosity of our community. As we eagerly step into 2024, our excitement for the future knows no bounds. With your continued support, we look forward to reaching even greater heights and making a lasting difference in the lives of the animals we care for. Thank you for being a vital part of our family. Here's to another year of saving lives and building a brighter future for our furry friends!

Sincerely,  
**Andrew Davis**  
Executive Director



## 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Caroline Eidson	<i>President</i>	Ann Todd	<i>Board Member</i>
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Lindy Gerber	<i>Board Member</i>		

## ADVISORY BOARD

Estela Avery  
Michelle Brune  
Jody Donovan  
Marion Lee

## OUR VALUES

\*Can-do attitude   \*Passion for animals   \*Empathy   \*Teamwork  
\*Reliability

## OUR MISSION

To give every pet in the Hill Country the best life possible through successful rescue, adoption, community relationships, awareness and advocacy.

## OUR VISION

Safety, comfort, home for every pet in the Hill Country. We have a vision of a community with no pet overpopulation.



# 2023 AT A GLANCE

 78 Healing Hearts cases (animals that required extensive medical care)

 720 adoptions

- 503 dogs
- 210 cats
- 2 horses
- 3 guinea pigs
- 2 rabbits

 282% drop in length of stay for dogs

 76% drop in length of stay for cats

 589 animals fostered

 803 intakes

 1709 volunteer hours

 Recognized as “Best of Fredericksburg 2023”

 Nominated for Non-Profit of the Year, Boerne Chamber of Commerce

 Record breaking Paddy’s Party fundraiser that allowed us to purchase and install 4 brand new HVAC systems

# 2024 Priorities

## Community Engagement

Strengthen community involvement through educational outreach, partnerships, and events to raise awareness about animal welfare issues.

## Volunteer Training

Continue developing comprehensive training programs for volunteers to enhance their skills in animal care, socialization, and adoption support.

## Healing Hearts

Increase resources for sick and/or injured animals to cover emergency treatments, surgeries, and long-term care for animals with special needs.

## Data Tracking

Enhance data collection and reporting systems to monitor and evaluate the success of various programs, enabling data-driven decision-making.

## Facility Upkeep

Ensure a safe and clean environment for animals by investing in facility maintenance, upgrades, and improvements.

## Foster Program

Expand and support foster care programs to provide temporary homes for animals, easing overcrowding and providing more individualized care.

## Humane Education

Implement humane education programs to instill compassion and responsible pet ownership in the community, especially among youth.

# DOG PROGRAM

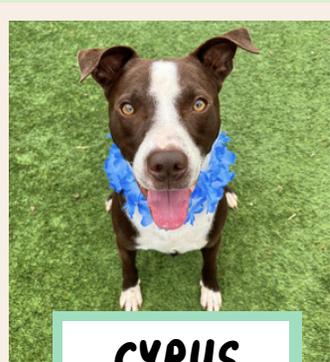
	2021	2022	2023
Animals in care at beginning of year	31	26	43
Total Intakes	299	284	544
Adoptions	282	234	503
Transferred	14	19	4
Returned to owner	2	2	0
Euthanized	1	6	0
Died in Care	5	7	9
Animals in care at end of year	26	47	68

## HIGHLIGHTS

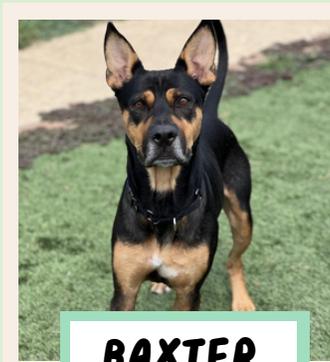
In 2023, our dog adoption program experienced remarkable growth, resulting in a substantial decrease in the length of stay for dogs seeking forever homes. The concerted efforts of our dedicated team and the overwhelming support from our community played a pivotal role in this achievement. Introducing our new foster-to-adopt program proved to be a game-changer, facilitating smooth transitions for both dogs and adopters. We're thrilled to report that more dogs found loving homes more quickly, thanks to the success of this initiative. This positive trend highlights the impactful strides we made in enhancing the adoption experience for our four-legged friends and the families welcoming them into their lives. The average length of stay for dogs in 2022 was 130 days, and in 2023, it dropped to an astonishing 34 days!!



**ZARA**



**CYRUS**



**BAXTER**

# CAT PROGRAM

## HIGHLIGHTS

	2021	2022	2023
Animals in care at beginning of year	29	28	27
Total Intakes	161	127	249
Adoptions	141	109	210
Transferred	8	5	7
Returned to owner	0	1	0
Euthanized	4	7	5
Died in Care	10	5	18
Animals in care at end of year	28	28	33

Our cat adoption program also made remarkable strides in providing loving homes for our feline friends. The length of stay for cats saw a substantial decrease from 322 days in 2022 to an impressive 183 days in 2023, reflecting our commitment to swift and successful adoptions. We're excited to share that we introduced a designated space for barn cats, creating opportunities for these resilient animals to find purposeful homes. Moreover, our adoption rates saw a significant uptick from 2022, emphasizing the positive impact of our community's support in giving these cats the homes they deserve.



**ALEK**



**PHOEBE**



**VICTORIA**



# EMPOWERING TOGETHER

## **Judy Norsworthy Charitable Trust selects Hill Country SPCA as the Receptient of \$250,000 Grant!**

This remarkable contribution reflects Judy Norsworthy's deep passion for animals, particularly dogs and horses. The grant will play a pivotal role in advancing our mission and supporting initiatives that align with Judy's dedication to the well-being of these beloved creatures. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Judy Norsworthy Charitable Trust for their invaluable support, enabling us to make a lasting impact in the realm of animal welfare.

## **Additionally, we received a \$103,000 Donation from a Previous Adopter who passed away and chose us as the benefactor of her trust**

Mrs. Skinner, a compassionate soul from Dallas, left an indelible mark on our shelter. In 2015, she traveled a considerable distance to adopt a dog, forging a bond that became inseparable. Upon her passing, she designated a large donation to our shelter. This heartwarming gesture serves as a poignant reminder that simple acts of kindness, like ensuring an animal finds a loving home, can inspire profound generosity and leave a lasting impact.

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

In 2023, an array of remarkable events and initiatives brought us together for a common cause. The dazzling pet fashion show not only showcased the adorable style of our furry friends but also raised an impressive \$14,000 for our Healing Hearts program. We found serenity in puppy yoga at Swallows Eve, collaborating with the Good Foundation Warm Heart Integrated Movement to combine relaxation and philanthropy. The Fredericksburg Standard’s “Pet of the Week” feature proved to be a powerful force for good, resulting in numerous adoptions and happy homes for animals in need. Our “Wags and Wine” events, held at various wineries, created a delightful fusion of canine companionship and wine tasting, all contributing to the communal spirit of giving. Lastly, our partnership with The Grace Center to keep people and their pets together made 2023 a truly extraordinary year for our community.

## MR. GATTIS PIZZA

We express our sincere thanks to Mr. Gatti’s Pizza in Fredericksburg for its outstanding support throughout 2023. Their ongoing commitment to donate 15% of proceeds every 1st Thursday of the month has been instrumental in our mission's success. In the past year, their generous contributions totaled over \$5,000, directly benefiting the well-being of the animals under our care and spotlighting our shelter’s work. We are profoundly grateful for their compassion and dedication as their partnership not only provides vital financial support but also fosters a sense of community.



# Volunteer Spotlight - Lisa

Lisa, our exceptional volunteer of 2023, stands out with an impressive 123 logged hours, showcasing unwavering dedication to our cause. Her integral role goes beyond mere numbers; Lisa plays a vital part in managing our laundry, ensuring efficiency and organization. Beyond her commitment to daily tasks, she has extended her generosity by fostering animals in need and contributing significantly to the success of special events. Lisa's selfless contributions embody the spirit of our volunteer community, making a lasting impact on both the organization and the lives of the animals we serve.



**1. Why did you want to volunteer at an animal shelter?** **Because I have a passion for animals and wanted to do something to help.**

**2. Why did you choose our shelter?** **Because of your policies that we are no kill and help our community and surrounding areas.**

**3. What is your favorite part about volunteering?** **Knowing that I am helping to make a difference and spending time with the animals.**

**4. What is your favorite animal and why?** **My favorite animal is Rio, a kitty that would hang out in the laundry room and had the cutest personality.**

**6. Is there anything else you would like everyone to know about volunteering?** **One of the best things about volunteering is that the hours are flexible. Anyone, even people my age, can do something to help.**

# HEALING HEARTS

## Sky



Sky is a remarkable dog who has overcome adversity and become an inspiration. Adopted by our Executive Director, Sky had to undergo an amputation due to a severe injury. However, rather than letting this setback define him, Sky has become the embodiment of our Healing Hearts program. With a wagging tail and a resilient spirit, Sky will now serve as the new face of our program, showcasing that animals, just like humans, have incredible capacities for healing and love. Sky's story will not only offer hope to those who have faced similar obstacles but will also allow us to educate people on the importance of the Healing Hearts program and the transformative impact it can have on animals in need.

Our resilient cat Glitch is another Healing Hearts success with a remarkable story. Discovered on the side of the road, Glitch faced a challenging start, wobbling to the extent that walking seemed nearly impossible. His special needs initially led to considerations of euthanasia, but our dedicated staff passionately advocated for him. Against the odds, Glitch found a truly incredible home with a compassionate vet equipped to cater to his unique requirements. His journey is a testament to the impact of advocacy and the transformative power of finding the right homes for pets with special needs.

## Glitch



2023  
HEALING HEARTS  
CATS



2023  
HEALING HEARTS MEDICAL COSTS  
\$44,000

2023  
HEALING HEARTS  
DOGS



# MAVERICK & GOOSE



Maverick and Goose, two resilient horses, became the unexpected catalysts for positive change in 2023. Rescued from a neglect case, their inspiring journey of recovery touched the hearts of many in our community and beyond. Their story, shared widely, went viral and created a ripple effect of compassion and support. The overwhelming response not only brought attention to their plight but also fueled a wave of giving to our shelter. The funds generated played a pivotal role in establishing and sustaining our Healing Hearts program and enabling us to extend help to other special needs animals. Maverick and Goose, once victims of neglect, now stand as symbols of hope and the incredible impact collective compassion can have on the lives of those in need.



# FOSTER PROGRAM

## HIGHLIGHTS

	2021	2022	2023
Active Foster Homes	78	98	290
Number of Animals Fostered*	315	278	589
Total Foster Days**	11,648	9,555	12,976

In 2023, we proudly introduced our innovative foster-to-adopt program, revolutionizing the way we connect animals with loving homes. This initiative not only led to a significant surge in foster parents, surpassing the numbers from the previous year, but it also resulted in a remarkable increase in successful adoptions. By bridging the gap between fostering and adoption, we created a more seamless transition for both pets and their prospective families. Notably, the introduction of this program played a key role in reducing return rates, emphasizing our commitment to ensuring lasting and happy relationships between pets and their adoptive families.



# PADDY'S PARTY

At the heart of our success is our annual Paddy's Party fundraiser which has proven to be a true game-changer for our shelter. This year's event surpassed all expectations, breaking previous records and generating an overwhelming outpouring of support from our dedicated community. With a record-breaking number of attendees, passionate animal lovers came together to contribute financially and celebrate an immeasurable sense of camaraderie.

Additionally, the event's "Paws-Up" initiative played a crucial role in enhancing our facilities. Thanks to this effort, we were able to fund the installation of four new HVAC systems. These systems ensure our animals stay warm in the winter and cool in the summer, providing them with optimal living conditions. The funds raised at Paddy's have provided our shelter with the means to enhance our facilities, improve medical care, and extend our reach to even more animals in need.

## Underwriters

H-E-B  
Hal Perkins of Oppenheimer & Co. Inc.  
Anonymous  
Charles Morin Fine Art  
First United Bank  
Fredericksburg Dentistry  
Joseph Financial Partners  
Sierra Homes  
Texan Self Storage

## Table Sponsors

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Texas Hills Vineyard  
The Albert Hotel  
The National Museum of the Pacific War  
The Preserve/Elephant Preserve  
Turf Bar Metals  
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Western Galleries/Kathy Weigand  
Windmill Meadow Farm  
Yellow Door Studio



## **SPECIAL GRANTS**

**Adam Scripps Foundation**

**Central Texas General**

**Petco Love**

**Petco Love for Life**

**Petco Love for Healing Hearts**

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

**City of Fredericksburg Animal Control**

**Fredericksburg Equine & Small Animal**

**Hill Country Vet Clinic**

**Hill Country Pest Control**

**Fire and Ice Heating & Air**

**Hills Science Diet**

**Kerr County Animal Services**

**Kerrville Pets Alive!**

**Boerne Animal Control Facility**

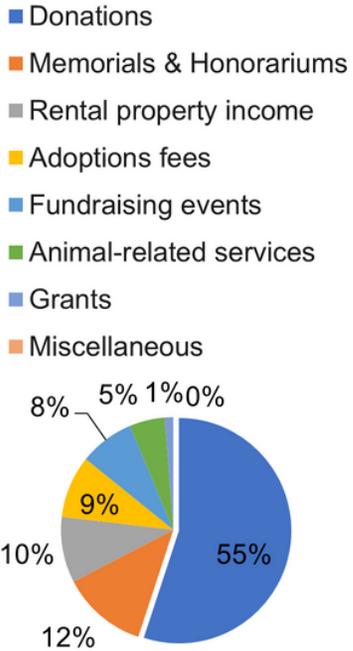
**Hill Country Humane Society**

**Llano Animal Rescue**

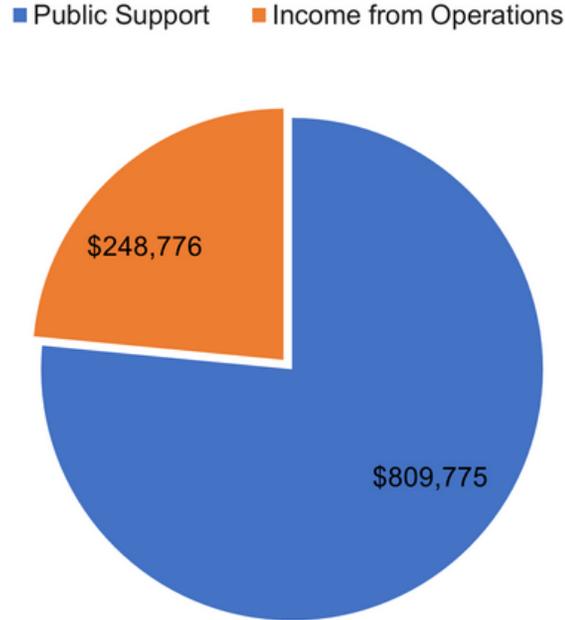
# FINANCIAL REPORT

*Note: The financial information included in this presentation is unaudited and subject to revision upon completion of 2023 subsequent reporting.*

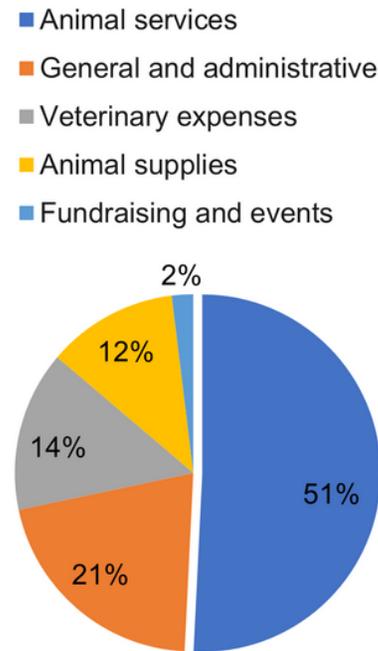
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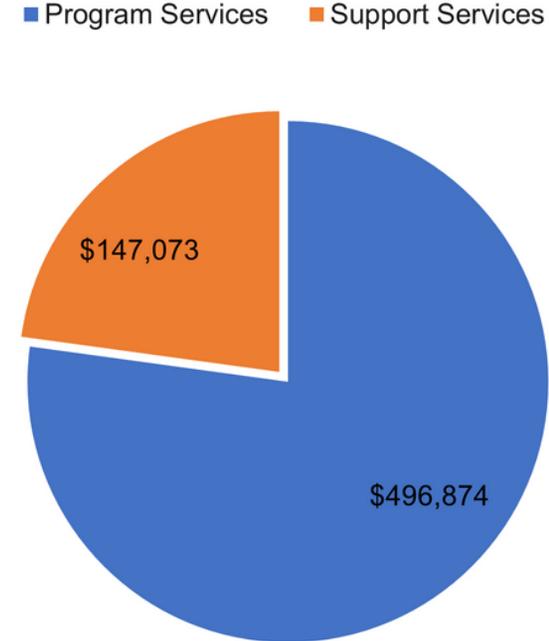
Income Sources



Total Operating Expenses



Expense Categories



## A Quick note....

The Hill Country SPCA does not receive funding from the federal or state government, the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), or the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA).

Though we have "SPCA" in our name, we are not affiliated with any other SPCA, including other local shelters or the ASPCA. Donations made to the ASPCA or HSUS do not go towards supporting local shelters.

Instead, we rely upon the donations and support of our community. We are so thankful that our supporters allow us to continue to save lives. We couldn't do it without YOU!



**YOUR SUPPORT  
MEANS WE CAN HELP  
MORE ANIMALS IN NEED**

## **WAYS TO DONATE**

Cash, Check, or Credit/Debit Card - *Online or In-person*

Bequests & Estate Planning

Healing Hearts Fund

Gifts In-Kind - We have Amazon & Walmart Wishlists!

# Heartfelt Thanks to Our Amazing Animal Shelter Staff

I want to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of our staff for your unwavering dedication and hard work at our shelter. Your compassion, tireless efforts, and commitment to the well-being of our furry friends have truly made a difference.

Throughout the past year, you showed incredible resilience, providing love and care for the animals in our shelter. From ensuring the health and happiness of our animals to finding them loving forever homes, your contributions were invaluable. Your passion for creating a safe and nurturing environment did not go unnoticed.

As we reflect on the accomplishments and challenges of the past year, it's clear that our shelter is a better place because of your efforts. Your kindness, patience, and empathy have touched the lives of both animals and humans alike.

Thank you for being the heart and soul of our shelter. Your dedication is making a positive impact on our community, and I am truly grateful for the difference you make in the lives of our precious animals.

Here's to another year of making a positive impact on the lives of our furry friends.

**~Andrew Davis**  
**Executive Director**





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