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2015 ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE
ANIMALS



“ Thanks to SASF, Finch was given a second chance at life. Funding from the Help the Animals Fund and the Seattle Animal Shelter Foundation, allowed Finch to receive the medical attention he needed and now he is a happy healthy guy. ”

-Chris Way, Foster Parent

Meet **FINCH**

He's a happy, well adjusted active guy and an Outdoor Research cover model! He is enjoying his time with loving foster parents but can't wait to find his forever home!

A Personal Message From Our President

Dear Friends,

All the accomplishments of the Seattle Animal Shelter Foundation (SASF) would not be possible without you. I know that it is the passion and dedication of our supporters – animal lovers, advocates and donors all rolled into one – that fuels our mission to help animals in Seattle. That’s why we take such care to steward your gifts so your investment makes the biggest impact possible. This is accomplished by a special focus on creating lasting change in response to the needs of the shelter and the thousands of animals served every year. In the following pages, you’ll see the success stories, initiatives, and capital improvements that have made huge impacts over the last 5 years for the animals at Seattle Animal Shelter (SAS).

One of my favorite projects in 2015 was the construction of the new in-house veterinary exam room at the shelter. Fully outfitted with new medical equipment and supplies, the new exam room is a boon to every animal in the shelter, as well as to those in foster homes. In 2015, the clinic administered 847 medical exams on over 500 animals. While every patient is different, a typical day includes urgent care for injured stray cats, boosters and vaccines for foster puppies, careful exams to diagnose and treat illness, and immediate relief of pain, tummy aches, and runny noses.

In 2015, SASF awarded \$65,630 in grants to Seattle Animal Shelter. Combined with prior grants, SASF has now contributed over \$550,000 to improve the lives of all animals cared for by Seattle Animal Shelter. We continue to fund on-going programs at SAS including adoption programs to find permanent homes animals in foster care, spay/neuter programs for low income families, and owner support programs to enable under-resourced pet owners to provide the highest level of care for their animal companions.

As I look back on my two year tenure as President, I am humbled by the amount of compassion and support our donors have given SASF. I am constantly reminded of the generosity and passion for animals that we share. Yes, there is still much to do, and at times it’s easy to feel that we are moving too slowly. But the progress is real. It’s meaningful. And the animals that enter our doors are coming into a far better place. My hope is that together we can continue to accomplish great things for animals in Seattle. Thank you for being among the thousands of people who believe that the Shelter can be both a temporary home, and yet a permanent place of hope and compassion for all animals in need.

For the animals,
Julie Pitt
President, SASF Board of Directors

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Our Mission

Seattle Animal Shelter Foundation supports the programs and initiatives of the Seattle Animal Shelter by engaging our community, increasing awareness and raising funds.

The Seattle Animal Shelter Foundation Board is a 100% volunteer board. 100% of donated funds go towards improving the lives of the Seattle Animal Shelter animals.



“ I’m grateful we have the funds to spend on diagnostics for animals who need it most. It’s a work in progress, but really pleased with how it’s going. We appreciate the support from the Seattle Animal Shelter Foundation and donors who made this possible. ”

-Dr. Darlene DeGhetto, SAS DVM

Your Gifts In Action

Capital Improvement Grant

\$65,445

In 2015, SASF granted funds for the construction and funding of an onsite, immediate care, veterinary exam room complete with medical supplies and equipment and one year of operations. **Since opening its doors, the clinic has cared for more than 500 animals.**

Prior to this onsite clinic, Seattle Animal Shelter animals were forced to wait for available transportation and an open appointment at a local vet clinic in order to be evaluated and given the appropriate medical treatment. The wait could take up to 2-3 business days, putting the animals in physical and emotional stress. Now, animals that come through the Shelter are given evaluations and medical care upon arrival.

Clinic veterinarians provide care for both SAS's homeless and fostered animals, many of whom haven't received proper health care or attention during their lives.

The veterinary exam room is run by a team of three veterinarians, including Dr. Darlene DeGhetto, who learned about the opportunity to open the new exam clinic when she was doing relief work at the SAS's spay and neuter clinic.

In 2015, SASF continued its commitment to help fund major capital improvements at the Seattle Animal Shelter. Thanks to generous donors like you, here are the life changing improvements that were completed in 2015.

Some of the more unusual treatments have included a turtle with shell fracture, an iguana with constipation and bunnies with pneumonia. Happily this collection of creatures was healed with either epoxy repair, rehydration or the right medication and rest.

Event Tent Replacement

\$185

Unfortunately the Shelter lockers were vandalized and an event tent went missing. SASF was able to help the Shelter replace the tent with a small grant. The tent is used at all SAS events such as adoption days and the Furry 5K run which is the primary fund raising event at the Shelter.

SASF Licensing Assistance Program

SASF was able to implement a new licensing assistance program for low income individuals who cannot afford a pet license for their four-legged family members.

For example, Oliver is a senior dog living with his senior guardian who is on a very tight budget. Thanks to this program Oliver's guardian has one less stress in her life and rests assured that Oliver's license fee is taken care of. Oliver's mom was one of the first recipients of the program and was relieved and delighted that Oliver's license expense was paid for because of generosity of SASF donors like you.

Quality of Life Improvements

Through SASF donations, dogs can enjoy quality of life improvements like toys, food puzzles, slow feeder food bowls, dog tunnels and dog training.

In 2015, SAS enlisted the help of the University of Washington's Animal Behaviorist Dr. Ha, to identify ways to improve well-being for the cats at the Shelter. Among his recommendations were hide-a beds, interactive feeding bowls, a hormone therapy diffuser and a wireless stereo in all 4 cat rooms. So now the kitties can relax and chill in their new environment, which makes their stay at the Shelter less stressful and improves their chances of finding a forever home. It's because of generous donors like you, that these quality of life improvements were possible.

2015 Financials

INCOME

Auction Event Net Income	\$156,049.46
Individual Donations	\$102,174.20
Corporate Donations	\$27,046.94
Organization Donations	\$7,646.97
In-Kind Donations	\$2,912.58
Merchandise Sales	\$2,825.00
Other	\$250.00
Investment Income	\$205.07

TOTAL INCOME: **\$299,110.22**

EXPENSES

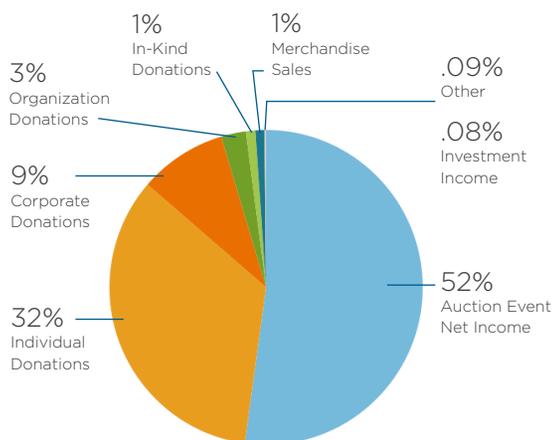
Grants to Shelter	\$65,630.00
Professional Fees	\$14,594.80
Other Fundraising Expenses	\$11,965.22
Software	\$6,409.39
Credit Card Processing	\$1,539.80
Business Licenses & Dues	\$139.00

TOTAL EXPENSES: **\$100,278.21**

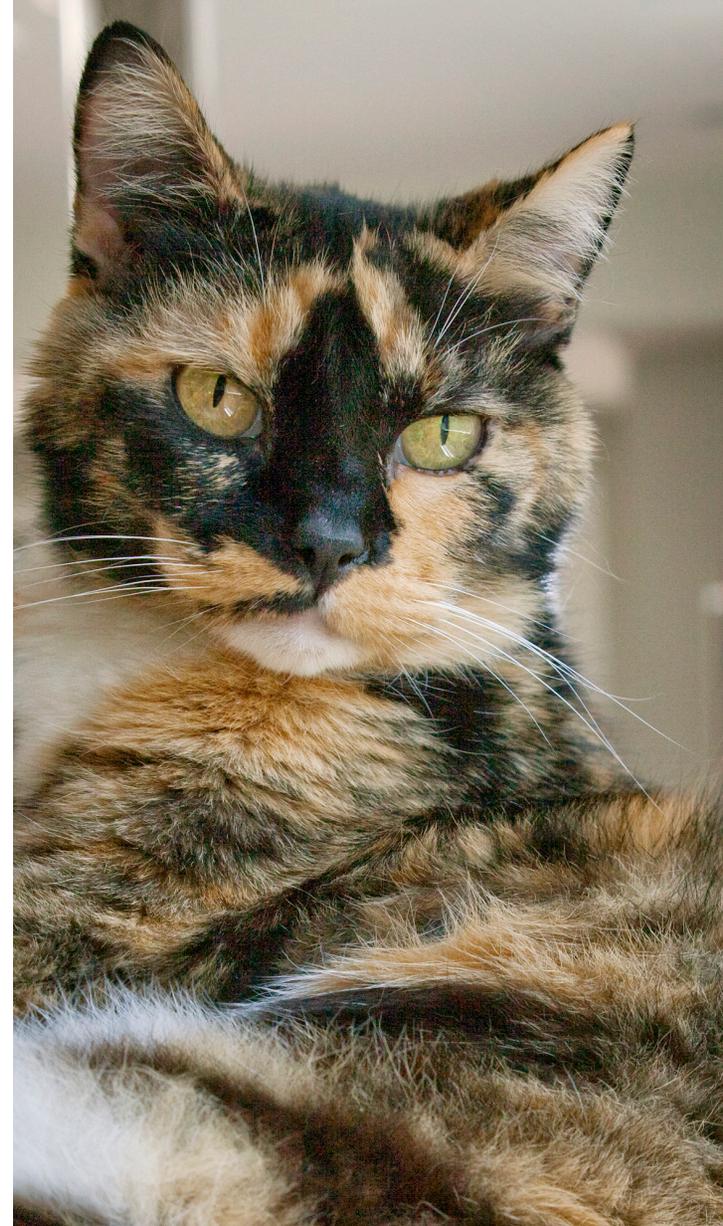
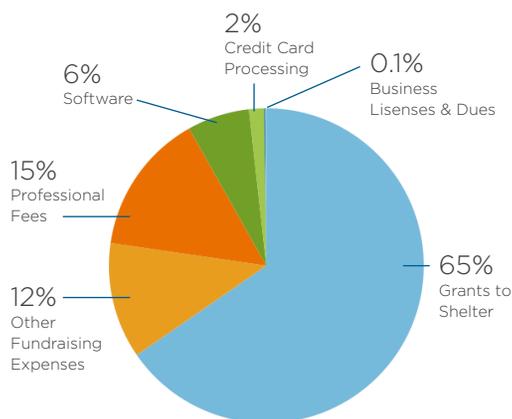
NET INCOME: **\$98,832.01**

NET ASSETS: **\$324,531.91**
(AS OF 12/31/15)

INCOME



EXPENSES



Meet **BEL**

She's a mature, mellow, love muffin who loves belly rubs and lounging around. She lived in one home for 13 years but was sadly surrendered and is ready for her forever home.

To see animals currently available for adoption, visit, www.seattle.gov/animal-shelter/adopt

Seattle Animal Shelter in Service



333
DOGS
ADOPTED



PERFORMED

2,264

SURGERIES IN OUR
SPAY & NEUTER CLINIC



764
CATS
ADOPTED

158
CRITTERS
ADOPTED



INVESTIGATED OVER

1000

ANIMAL
CRUELTY
CASES

REUNITED
617

LOST PETS WITH
THEIR OWNERS



HELPED

144

ANIMALS IN NEED
FIND SPECIALIZED HELP



Because of generous donors like you, the Seattle Animal Shelter is now able to develop a multi-year strategic improvement plan that involves continual and consistent support for essential programs, new programs, and capital improvements. Moving forward, SASF will be perfectly set up to help grant funds for new programs and initiatives. Our generous donors will be kept abreast of all improvements, expenditures and funding needs. Here is a summary of what you have helped accomplish over the last 5 years by supporting and donating to SASF. We could have never done it without you. We hope you know your investment makes a life-changing impact, and that you will continue to be an essential supporter of the Seattle Animal Shelter.

2011 72K

Inception of the Animal Health and Safety Program

Inception of the Sponsored Adoption Program

Inception of Outreach and Training Program

2013 140K

Construction of the Cat and Critter Rooms

Construction of the Meet & Greet Room

Inception of the Quality of Life Program

2012 100K

Construction of the Dog Kennel Doors

Construction of the Cat Condos

Professional Digital Camera for Animal Cruelty Investigations

2014 175K

Support the Development of the Fospice Care Program

Support the Development of the Owner Support Program

Completion of the Cat and Critter Rooms /Meet & Greet Room

HOW YOU CAN CONTINUE TO HELP.

DONATE AT

www.seattleanimalshelterfoundation.org

All gifts to SASF are tax deductible. Your funds stay local and make a difference for Seattle animals.

JOIN THE TEAM

Our talented, dedicated, passionate volunteers are at the heart of what we do. Apply to become part of our team today.

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All photos are of Seattle Animal Shelter animals currently in foster care, at the Shelter or have found their forever homes.

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