



Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter

# 2010 Annual Report

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# Letter From the President

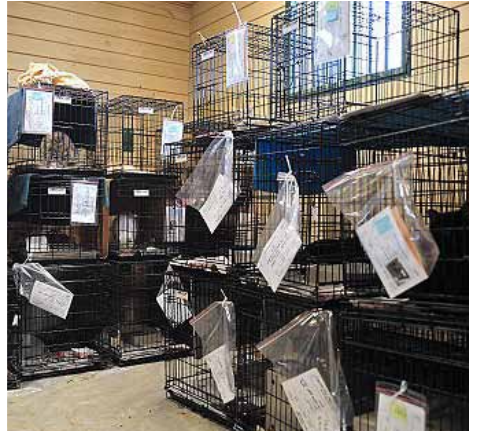
Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued support of our organization. It's only with the backing of the community that the FFCAS been able to make such great strides in improving the well-being of hundreds of animals in our community. Looking back on 2010, I am very proud of the impact FFCAS has been able to make in the lives of shelter animals. I have highlighted a few of our accomplishments this past year:

- In January we launched our Rabbit spay/neuter program with Stahl Exotic Animal Veterinary Services (SEAVS). We negotiated a reduced rate with a minimal co-pay of \$25 for those adopting rabbits from the shelter. In addition, many rabbits were spayed/neutered to prevent unwanted litters or prior to transfer to rescue groups.
- FFCAS continued to assist the Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) program; a program that enlists the help of concerned citizens to trap stray cats in their communities so they can be spayed or neutered and released. By purchasing 20 additional traps this year, we continued our support of Fairfax County's TNR program and the humane treatment of feral cats.
- In late November, FFCAS faced a daunting challenge of assisting the Fairfax County Animal Shelter with a cat hoarding case. The FFCAS was able to raise over \$20,000 to help these animals, and though this case will continue well into 2011, we are proud to say that over eighty cats have been successfully adopted or transferred to rescue to date.
- We provided the funds so that 19 shelter animals could receive surgery, dental care, grooming or other needed medical procedures.

Looking forward to 2011, the FFCAS continues to hold true to our core mission of providing support for shelter animals. We will strive to find more ways to be a valuable resource to the animals, and people, in our community.

*Evelyn Grieve*



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# FFCAS Success Story: Village Drive Cats

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On a Friday evening in November of 2010, our mission to provide additional resources and aid to our local animal shelter was put to the ultimate test when Fairfax County Animal Control offers were called to a house on Village Drive in Annandale, Virginia.

Authorities had been alerted about the conditions at a small brick house by concerned neighbors in the community. On arrival, county officials were overwhelmed with the sheer number of cats living in cages and running loose throughout the home—and the conditions in which they were being kept. The decision was quickly made to seize the cats, and animal control officers spent hours removing over a hundred cats from the house that night. Over the next few days, more cats were discovered, and, in total, over 150 cats were eventually removed from the property, the majority of them sick with respiratory infections.

With so many cats already at the shelter, this massive influx of animals was more than the county's only municipal shelter facility could handle on its own. In the past, there would have been little choice but humane euthanasia for the majority of the cats, but shelter staff was determined to do whatever they could to help these animals, and a plan was drafted. FFCAS became the cornerstone of a rescue operation that reached far beyond what our organization has been able to accomplish in the past. Within hours of the initial seizure, an off site facility was found to house the animals. A local vet was brought in that night and each cat received much needed medical care. Over the next few days, supplies arrived, as did life-saving medicines and vaccinations. FFCAS worked to raise funds, and with \$5,720 donated from our friends in the community, plus over \$14,850 that FFCAS was awarded from a generous grant from PetsMart Charities, the FFCAS was able to provide the immediate support and long term care many of the cats needed. Over the course of 5 months, FFCAS covered \$13,740 in veterinary care and boarding, \$3,815 in food and supplies and \$1,395 to promote special adoption events for the Village Drive cats. As of March, 2011, the majority of the cats have recovered from their illnesses and many have been placed up for adoption or sent to local rescues.

This case represented a huge commitment on the part of our board, local volunteers, and animal-lovers in the community, and demonstrates the importance of having a "Friends of" organization in place that can quickly respond to the needs of homeless animals in our community.

# FFCAS 2010 Financial Statements

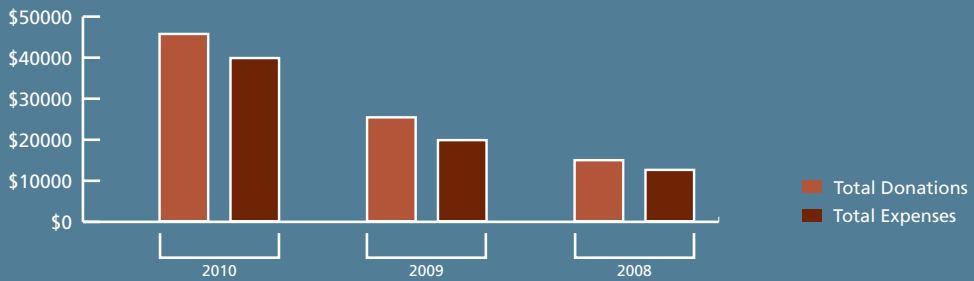
The following are summarized statements of the financial position and activities of the **Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter (FFCAS)**.

	2010	2009	2008
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash	\$29,588.23	\$23,783.97	\$18,291.49
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$29,588.23</b>	<b>\$23,783.97</b>	<b>\$18,291.49</b>
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>			
Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equity	\$29,588.23	\$23,783.97	\$18,291.49
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$29,588.23</b>	<b>\$23,783.97</b>	<b>\$18,291.49</b>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Donations	\$45,119.09	\$24,934.57	\$14,586.70
Interest	\$0.00	\$1.22	\$9.38
Other	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$108.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$45,119.09</b>	<b>\$25,025.79</b>	<b>\$14,704.08</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Medical Treatments	\$19,800.13	\$14,375.25	\$5,270.84
Shelter Support	\$14,429.89*	\$1,261.96	\$3,631.21
Foster Program	\$1,406.19	\$825.01	\$399.95
Community Outreach	\$1,098.24	\$600.00	\$0.00
Volunteer/Shelter Staff Training	\$150.00	\$475.00	\$705.00
Advertising and Promotion	\$1,894.55	\$1,769.70	\$1,956.93
Other	\$535.83	\$226.39	\$396.89
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$39,314.83</b>	<b>\$19,533.31</b>	<b>\$12,360.82</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$5,804.26</b>	<b>\$5,492.48</b>	<b>\$2,343.26</b>

\*Shelter support includes boarding and other expenses related to the Village Drive cats.

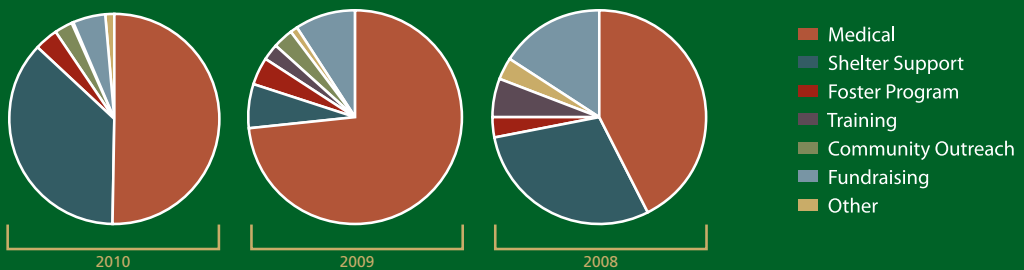
## Revenue Verses Expenses

This chart compares the amount received in donations against the amount spent for each year.



## Percentage of Expense Types

This chart illustrates the percentage of the total expenses used for each category.





## FFCAS 2010 Success Story: **Rabbit Spay and Neuter Program**

In 2010 the FFCAS launched a rabbit spay/neuter program, with the generous assistance of Stahl Exotic Animal Veterinary Services (SEAVS) in Fairfax. Rabbits are the third most surrendered companion animal in shelters across the US, and have a well-deserved reputation for multiplication, as well as being prone to behavioral and health issues if left intact. In an effort to encourage responsible rabbit ownership, the FFCAS offered vouchers for reduced or no cost spay/neuter surgery at SEAVS for rabbits adopted from the shelter, those transferred to local rescues, and those who needed to be altered prior to adoption for behavioral or medical reasons.

The program's existence proved invaluable when the shelter took in a large number of rabbits from a hoarding case in August of 2010. Reducing the financial burden on rescues made it feasible for them to accept most of these rabbits into their programs, and providing immediate surgery for females who had been housed with males meant the shelter and rescue community did not end up with even more rabbits to place.

In all, the program issued 39 vouchers during 2010, and we look forward to helping more rabbits and their people in 2011.

TO READ MORE FFCAS SUCCESS STORIES, CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!

# Discussion

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**The Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter (FFCAS)** was incorporated in 2006 and received approval from the IRS as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization on January 11, 2007. Since this time the FFCAS has been working towards the mission to provide additional resources and aid to our local animal shelter and educate the community on the importance of spaying and neutering pets; and our vision to extend our reach to help a broader number of animals, expand our involvement in Fairfax County's TNR program, help fund projects related to the shelter remodeling and find ways to further spay-and-neuter efforts in Fairfax County including low-cost options.

In 2010 we launched our Facebook page to help us reach a wider range of supporters. This new platform allows us to quickly and easily post information on animals at the shelter we've assisted, photos of loving pets available for adoption, and promote special shelter adoption events. It also gives you, our neighbors, a place to interact with us.

As in years past, in 2010, the majority of our funds went directly to addressing the medical needs of animals at the shelter. This year we:

- Provided funds for vet-recommended amputations for injured, but otherwise adoptable animals
- Sponsored surgeries for animals with non-life threatening medical conditions that adopters might not be willing to take on, such as removing hernias and benign cysts.
- Took care of the costs for dental care and repair, a necessity for some of the shelter's older cats and dogs for both health and improved adoptability.
- Paid for extensive grooming—including sedation when needed—for cats and dogs who were terribly matted and dirty, and made them more comfortable ... and adoptable!

Looking forward to 2011, we will continue to focus on growing our presence in the community by growing our Facebook fan-base, sponsoring shelter adoption events and hosting and attending local community events. We will continue to fund medical procedures to give deserving pets a second chance at a good home, and assist the shelter with other programs including those geared at improving adoption rates and finding homes for difficult-to-place animals.



## 2010 FFCAS Board:

**Evelyn Grieve**, President

**Cynthia Kochendarfer**,  
Vice President and Treasurer

**Audra Meckstroth**, Secretary

**Karen Diviney**, Member

**Mary O'Malley**, Member

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**Facebook!**

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-of-the-Fairfax-County-Animal-Shelter/146822728695182>



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