Report to the Community

atlanta humane society
With a heart for bettering lives, we connect homeless animals with good homes and neglected animals with safe spaces—uplifting our community by instilling compassion.

It’s at the heart of what we do each and every day. And, since I started at the Atlanta Humane Society, we’ve been on an ambitious journey led by compassion.

We’ve established our Shelter Medicine Team, and they work tirelessly each day to ensure that every animal who comes through our doors is provided a thorough exam and a personalized medical plan. They mend broken bones, and they heal those on the brink of death. They are there for animals in their darkest times so they can live life, healthy and loved, with new families.

We’ve made significant progress towards combating animal homelessness here in Georgia through our spay/neuter initiatives, and we’ve brought thousands of animals into our care from transport partners statewide who needed help. We’ve expanded our community outreach in Atlanta, and we’ve become active in legislative efforts that impact animals in need.

Since we first opened our doors 146 years ago, we have always had the same core passion of fighting for our city’s most vulnerable and defenseless. We believe the relationship between humans and animals has deep significance, and we will continue to work tirelessly to rescue animals from deplorable conditions, care for them until they’re ready to be loved again, and provide resources to keep pets where they belong—with their families.

This year, we’ve expanded our reach into Gwinnett County through a new adoption center in Duluth. We’ll be bringing low-cost veterinary services to our city’s in-need communities, increasing our animal protection and rescue efforts, and providing more resources to owners struggling to keep their pets.

It’s going to be a great year, and we’re calling on you, our city, and each other to take action. Together we will put up a united front against cruelty, neglect and displacement.

Together we will save lives.

Cal Morgan
President and CEO
Our Mission

The Atlanta Humane Society’s mission is to improve animal welfare in the southeastern United States by providing quality animal services including preventative initiatives, education, advocacy and adoption of animals into permanent loving homes.
Impact

50,000 services provided

10,132 lives saved

335 animals rescued from disaster or neglect
Our Stories

In our 146 year history, we’ve impacted hundreds of thousands of animal lives, and we’ve impacted hundreds of thousands of people in our community. And this past year, we continued to care for animals in need—removing them from neglect, fighting for them, and helping them find love.

Love Helps Them Heal

Small, fragile, and broken. Toby was just two months old when he arrived at the Atlanta Humane Society. He was a happy puppy, but he was suffering. His front leg was fractured and every excited hop ended in immense pain. He wanted nothing more than to run and play like a normal puppy, but he just couldn’t.

Our Shelter Medicine Team was determined to provide Toby the life he wanted as quickly as possible. They swooped him up into their arms, placed him into a cast, and found him a loving foster home to help him heal.

Toby’s foster mom took him to work each day to ensure he received lots of love and attention during his healing. He spent the days quietly laying by her desk, and slowly, he became stronger. After weeks of rest and a lot of love, Toby’s leg healed completely, and we were able to remove his cast. This sweet puppy had melted our hearts, and the moment his new family laid eyes on him, he melted theirs too.
When Hutch came into our care as a puppy, his heart was literally broken. He struggled to breathe, and his cough was constant. He had a severe heart defect, and he needed an echocardiogram.

Often, shelters are faced with very difficult situations when they have an animal like Hutch in their care. Testing and treatment are extremely costly, and it can be very difficult to find an adopter who is willing and able to care for an animal who has a special, and potentially expensive, medical condition.

**But we knew we had to do everything we could for Hutch and give him the chance he deserved.**

We reached out to a special donor who could help provide Hutch the testing and treatment he needed. The cardiologist diagnosed him with pulmonic stenosis, and we immediately scheduled him for surgery to repair his heart.

But we still had a big hurdle to cross…finding Hutch the perfect family who could understand his special needs and provide him the medical care he would need throughout his entire life. We expected it would take months to find Hutch that perfect home, but all it took was a single Instagram post for his new family to fall in love.

Almost immediately, we received a message inquiring about Hutch. It was from a mother who was more than familiar with pulmonic stenosis—her two-year-old daughter had the same condition, and she felt this special puppy was meant to be a part of their family. We connected the family with Hutch’s foster parent, and they fell in love with him immediately.

Hutch is now living with the perfect family who can help him live the life he deserves thanks to your support of what we do each and every day.
Providing Safety and Comfort

Bean and four other cats had been thoughtlessly abandoned and left to fend for themselves in an Atlanta backyard. When we heard what happened, our Animal Protection Unit teamed up with our friends at Fulton County Animal Services to bring them all to safety at the Atlanta Humane Society.

But Bean needed more than just safety. Bean needed specialized medical care. She was limping, and her X-rays revealed that her back left leg was broken and her jaw was fractured. She was immediately given the care she needed to heal and the love she needed to feel safe.

Despite all she had been through, Bean was the sweetest cat imaginable. She would purr the second she entered your arms, and all she wanted was to be loved. It didn't take long for Bean to win the hearts of her new family.

It's your support that enables us to provide safety for abandoned animals like Bean, and it's your love that helps them find the comfort they need.

Rescuing the Abused

When we received the call about 78 animals living in an unspeakably cruel and neglectful situation, we were there in a heartbeat. Some of the dogs had been living outside for their entire lives. They were exposed to the rain, heat, cold, and snow. Their water was dirty, and their food was scarce.

They were suffering from painful skin conditions that had been left untreated for far too long, and they knew nothing but neglect. They had no one to fight for them. One of these animals was Abigail.

When we rescued her, Abigail was covered from head-to-toe in itchy mange. Her skin was bright red and inflamed. Her face and neck were covered in scabs. Her feet were swollen and tender. But, despite her heartbreaking medical condition, all Abigail wanted was to be loved. We gave her soothing baths, antibiotics to fight the infection, and medication to help her hair grow back. With a bit of love, our sweet Abigail quickly healed and captured the hearts of her new loving family.
The Atlanta Humane Society Animal Protection Unit investigates animal cruelty cases and provides resources to our community and to Atlanta’s animals.

In their first six months, they focused on training 1,500 animal welfare professionals on animal cruelty cases while rescuing animals 335 from cruelty.

They’ve saved hundreds of animal lives, and they’re just beginning.

This unit will now be expanding their reach into our city by providing outreach and educational services to pet owners in need. By delivering dog houses, food, and other necessities, they’ll be forming relationships with our community to ensure pet owners have the resources needed to care for their beloved pets.

This unit was only made possible through our supporters. First, a long-time donor stepped forward and helped AHS hire the Director of our Cruelty Investigation Division. Then, at our 2018 Bow Wow Brunch, we asked our city to take action and join us as we began our fight against cruelty and neglect. They raised their paddles during our mission moment, and our Animal Protection Unit was formed to help change the lives of thousands of animals in need.
Sharon Silva has always had a love for animals, and it’s their unconditional love that always keeps her going. When she volunteered her time at the Atlanta Humane Society, she found that love every day. While she spent her days as the Executive Director of the Buckhead Business Association, she spent her nights organizing fundraising events to support the animals in our care. One day, a little dog in the back of a crate caught Sharon’s eye. She went to the shelter every day, checking on the dog, and every day the dog was still there. Sharon finally accepted it was meant to be, and soon this little dog was prancing about Sharon’s home, providing her that unconditional love and becoming a part of Sharon’s family.

That love is why Sharon is a valued member of our Guardians Circle giving society and why Sharon has placed the Atlanta Humane Society in her will as part of our 1873 Founder’s Society. She’s making an impact on animals in our community today and will continue to impact them for years to come. It was an easy decision for Sharon, and when others ask her how they can make a similar impact, she simply tells them, “Find something that your heart is invested in.”

Support a legacy that’s 146 years strong.
Our Finances

We value transparency and work to steward donations so that contributions provide more care, more support, and more homes for our city’s animals.

Statement of Activities

REVENUE

Contributions & Events $7,190,409
Program Service Fees $2,708,879
Total Investment Returns $1,555,775
Total Revenues $11,455,063

EXPENSES

Program Services $9,028,564
Administrative & General $1,003,071
Fundraising $2,383,787
Total Expenses $12,415,422
Change In Net Assets ($960,359)
Net Assets, Beginning of year $35,720,926
Net Assets, End of year $34,760,567

TOTAL REVENUE

$11,455,063

Contributions 57%
Investment Revenue 14%
Event Revenue 6%
Program Service Revenue 23%