This past year has been an exciting time of solidifying our organization’s foundation while expanding some of our most critical programs.

In January, we hired two staff members to take hold of the organization’s reins, which for three years had been tightly held by a very hard-working board. An executive director and a development coordinator are now able to centrally manage all aspects of the shelter and its programs.

The addition of staff has also allowed us to broaden our outreach. Summer 2015 saw the advent of three new Humane Education programs:

- **Read to MeOw** is for our young volunteers, who visit the shelter once or twice a week and read to the resident cats, learn about empathy for all beings and help with animal care.
- **Our HEART project** is a compassionate art collaboration with Nantucket summer camps.
- **Dog Training Classes** taught people of all ages about dog safety, dog body language, and positive training methods.

Our **Little Mountain Rescue** program brought more dogs to Nantucket homes than ever, and our **Land to Sea Cat Rescue** program did the same for cats, allowing Nantucketers to find their furever friends right here at home.

It is our goal to keep pets in their loving homes, and we support well-intentioned families by offering spay/neuter vouchers, grants for emergency medical care, assistance for pets of the elderly, and pet food for those in need.

As we look back on this year, we are proud of the steps we took to become more focused and efficient in how we do our work for—and with—the community. We are happy for the new friends we’ve made and for the old connections we’ve strengthened. The future is bright for NSHA and for the animals and people it serves.

**THANK YOU** for your ongoing support.

Jessica Sosebee
Executive Director
OUR HAPPIEST TAILS

Shortly after Berni came to us, she underwent a surgery at Offshore Animal Hospital to remove a tumor on her eye. Though she lost her eye, she found her old happy self—her energy, her happiness, and her love of toys. In her foster home, she got daily love and attention, grooming, and the company of a family. Sadly, a month later, we learned Berni had terminal cancer. The diagnosis was heartbreaking, but her foster family made the brave and selfless decision to officially adopt her, becoming her formal guardians for the time she had left. Berni’s story highlights the wonderful work NSHA staff, volunteers and supporters do every day: caring for pets until they find homes; providing essential, life-saving medical care; offering meaningful volunteer experiences; allowing people to foster animals, which gives families the joy and companionship that pets bring to their lives for however long they are able to help. RIP, sweet Berni.

Dax is a Little Mountain Rescue dog. Adopted to a wonderful family, he was always fearful of the dad, and though they loved Dax, the family knew it wasn’t fair to keep him in a home where he was so anxious, so they returned him to us. While Dax was in the shelter—for 8 months—our dog trainer, Lori Smith, and our volunteers worked to desensitize him to men, and to build his confidence. He was fostered in a home with one of our male volunteers and taken on long walks by another. Finally, a family came by who had recently said goodbye to their large German shepherd. They were ready for another dog, and Dax’s fear issues and size did not faze them: their dog-savviness was the perfect match for Dax. He has since settled right in with his new family. We are thankful for volunteers who always focus on the best outcome for both dog and family.

Sophie and Sassy came to us from a Mississippi shelter as kittens. Since we don’t see a lot of kittens on the island, it’s always great when we can help out another shelter and save more lives by taking some of their overload, while at the same time providing islanders with adoptable cats. We figured the pair would be scooped up immediately, but due to a troublesome tummy on Sassy’s part, the two of them were with us for over a year! While we worked to figure out the best food combo to help Sassy with her GI issues, the two spent time entertaining the shelter staff and volunteers with their constant mischief and shenanigans. When Lisa’s application came in, we were thrilled: not only did she and her partner want adult cats (which Sassy and Sophie now were), but they were looking for siblings. We had just the ticket, and off they went to their (finally) forever home, where they’ve settled down (just a little).
The Mississippi Mutt Migration

Getting our Little Mountain Rescue Dogs from Mississippi to Nantucket takes a small army of dedicated volunteers. And here’s why:
1) Dogs start their journey in Eupora, Mississippi, with Barb at Little Mountain Rescue, where they receive exams, vaccinations and sterilization. When they are ready to travel, Barb drives them to Tennessee to . . .
2) catch a ride with Road Dog Transport to their quarantine facility in . . .
3) Massachusetts—Great Dog Rescue Northeast. After their state-mandated 48-hour quarantine . . .
4) dogs are picked up by volunteers on the mainland, who drive them to Hyannis.
5) Once in Hyannis, island volunteers are waiting to escort them on the ferry back to Nantucket . . .
6) where they meet approved adopters . . .
7) and find their forever homes!

Working Together Saves Lives

NSHA is lucky to collaborate with other shelters in order to save the lives of more animals. In 2015, we took 14 cats and kittens from the South Shore and Lowell Humane Societies, where they were bursting at the seams with kittens.

Though here on Nantucket we still have a way to go in our spay/neuter efforts, we don’t see the huge number of kitten litters arriving at our shelter that other organizations do. For overcrowded shelters, NSHA can be a vital resource to call on when no other housing options are available. It can literally mean the difference between life and death. For Nantucketers, it means being able to adopt a cat without having to travel to the mainland. Everyone wins!

We want to thank the HYLINE, who allows the rescued cats and their human chaperones to ride to the island for free!
Nantucket youth continue to invent ways to help their island’s homeless animals. Besides volunteering at the shelter, kids held lemonade stands, made and sold dog biscuits, asked that their birthday guests make donations to the shelter, and one young designer made wish bracelets to sell at our Photos with Santa event. If these kids are any indication, the future looks bright for animals!

Jane, Elizabeth and Matthew Jancik sold lemonade to raise money for the shelter animals. Hunter and Taylor Bistany sold lemonade, and Taylor asked for donations to the shelter for her birthday! Erin McCormack designed adoption scarves for the dogs.

The Seafari Girls have been working with NSHA since our inception. Each year, they create a project to raise funds for NSHA. Then they visit the shelter, have a lesson with Susan, and donate their earnings to the animals!

A great big shout out to the Daisy Scouts, who made healthy dog treats and dog toys, sold them at the Daffodil Festival and donated all of the proceeds to our island’s homeless animals. Such sweet thoughtfulness and hard work . . . Thank you, girls!
Read to MeOw invited children aged 5-9 to read to our resident cats. The young volunteers read books with compassionate themes and also spent some time helping with animal care—filling water bowls, sweeping up litter, and of course, socializing the cats. Offered two days a week during the summer months, we had 15 children attend this very popular program. The program even ended with one of the young volunteers and her family adopting one of the kittens she’d been reading to all summer.

NSHA collaborated with four Nantucket summer camps (Murray, Maria Mitchell, ACKVenture, and the Seafari Girls) to spread the message of compassion for animals. The summer program culminated in an art show at the Atheneum’s Children’s Library. The art—150 canvases—depicted themes such as “Adopt Don’t Shop,” “Plastics in the Sea,” “Kindness to Animals,” “Dogs in Hot Cars,” and “My Favorite Animal.” Not only did the young artists learn about important animal issues, but through their art they were able to teach others!
OUTREACH

Black pets are so frequently overlooked in shelters that there is a name for the phenomenon—Black Dog Syndrome (though it happens for cats, too). In part caused by facial expressions that are harder to observe in an all-black pet, it can have a real effect on the adoption rates for these animals. In order to change these perceptions, in October we held a **BLACK PET CELEBRATION** in conjunction with the **Black Dog Store** on Straight Wharf. The event featured black stuffed pet “adoptions,” a create-your-own-ID-tag station, and an alumni and NSHA black dog parade. Black pets are as beautiful and as individual as any other adoptable pet. Next time you see one, be sure to look closely for that individual personality!

We rescued an amazing, healthy & happy dog from this shelter! Felt totally comfortable with their process in terms of paperwork and making sure we were the right match. We were given tons of info, resources, and goodies for our pup, and the adoption fee was so reasonable. Not only that, but we feel that we can continue to reach out to shelter staff with any and all questions, and always get fast responses with practical suggestions and advice.

**Chips, Ahoy!**

In September, we held a microchip and ID tag clinic for islanders. Microchips and ID tags help get lost pets back home much more quickly, and we never want cost to be a deterrent to families accessing these life-saving aids.

**Thank you** to the following friends and businesses, who made the event possible:

Als Allan—Nantucket’s Girl Friday
AckVetTech
Animal Care with Kindness
The Dog Wash Nantucket
Geronimo’s
Lori Smith

Thanks to **Charlotte Carey Photography**, and to the **Handlebar Cafe**, our “SNAP a Photo for Valentine’s Day” event raised over $1,000 for our Spay Neuter Island Pets Program (SNIPP) in February. Both a fun fundraiser and a way to bring awareness to the importance of spaying and neutering, the event offered vital educational information, a chance to win a free spay or neuter, and lots of treats for both the humans and canines. Spaying and neutering saves lives by preventing pet overpopulation, and in our book that’s worth a picture or two!
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The Westmoor Club
The Yoga Room
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Thanks for Taking it On!

Thanks to the individuals, businesses and groups that organized events to benefit their island’s animals.

The Black Dog co-sponsored our Black Pet Celebration and donated a portion of the shop’s sales that day.

Christy and Jonas Baker organized The 4th Annual ShamRock Run in March, a 4-mile walk/run beginning and ending at Cisco Brewers, who we also thank!

Nantucket BLACKbook had a Girl’s Night In and gave us the proceeds.

Geronimo’s held a Halloween Photo event and handed over the donations to NSHA.

The Westmoor Club held a dog fashion show and gave us the proceeds.

The Yoga Room donated the proceeds of their Christmas Eve and Christmas Day practices to NSHA.

Our donors make it all possible.

Changing lives, one pet at a time.
Tribute Gifts

The following gifts were made to honor or memorialize a beloved pet, friend or family member.

in honor of The Bellanca Family
Jennifer Sullivan
in honor of Carlene Freeman
Kevin Fowler
in honor of Cecilia Wendelken’s 9th birthday
Mary Ann Bartlett
in honor of Chrisy Camp’s birthday
Yvonne Gibbs
in honor of the Cristler Family
Craig and Brad Hunter
in honor of Dax
Brian Can Smith
in honor of Dick and Sally Beckwith
Jennifer Graham
in honor of the Dogged and Boulay Family
Craig and Brad Hunter
in honor of Henry Kanter’s birthday
Karen Dzendolet
in honor of the Hutchinson Family
Craig and Brad Hunter
in honor of Jared Stier
Jennifer Stier
in honor of Joe and Irina Paul’s wedding
Kerry Cassidy
in honor of Michelle Perkins
Meg Leonard
in honor of our dogs, past, present and future
Jane Carlin
in honor of PJ Clark
Craig and Brad Hunter
in honor of Polly Hallowell
Samantha Stillings
in honor of Raven Cruise Reed
Nigel Reed
in honor of Mimi Huber
Jeanne and Peter Hicks
in honor of Natalie Mack’s birthday
Jessica Hicks, Inc.
Becky and Jerry Mack
in honor of Rosie and Pidge Kessler
Marie Kessler
in honor of Sarah, Don, and Rye Klop
Amanda Walker
in honor of Stephanie and Juan Speck
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in honor of Suzanne Robinson
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in honor of Taylor Bistany’s birthday
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Elizabeth Finlay
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in honor of The John Hanley Family
Craig and Brad Hunter
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Crawford Library Knitters Group
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in memory of Coatue Muller
Jeanne and Peter Hicks
in memory of Doug Roehm
Janet and Fred Jaeger
in memory of Gail Camalleri’s father
Stephen Bane
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Evelyn and Matthew MacEachern
Nancy Tobias
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in memory of Laura Simon
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Lee and Tharon Dunn
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Geronimo’s
Sarah and Rick Knauff
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Meg Ruley and David Lovett
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The Turner Family Trust
in memory of Misty
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in memory of Olivia’s pups
Lisa Muehling-Lewis
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Lori Nolin
in memory of Peppy
Mary Lea and Ray Moores
in memory of Sam Gifford
Elizabeth and Peter Schaeffer
in memory of Sula Peterson
Reema Sherry
in memory of Waggy Coe
Kate and Nathan Coe
in memory of Zoe Cosay
Joann Brown

Cannot say enough about this organization or the people involved. We adopted a wonderful little girl on Dec 12. She fits so perfectly into our family, we cannot imagine not having her. The people here have been so supportive and helpful, and it radiates how much they love these animals.
Throughout our Annual Report you will see the many different channels through which we receive our funding. Though foundation grants support our special programs, our everyday operating and medical care expenses are significant, and that funding comes from our individual donors. Our donors include event attendees, Farmer’s Market table visitors, kids selling lemonade, and those who so generously give to our year-end appeals, among many others. We are grateful for every donation, and for the generosity of spirit from which those donations spring. To see our full financial data, request our Form 990.

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Daffy Day Dog Parade
and a surprise “two-fer” adoption!

Not only did we have a great day for the daffy dog parade, we had a wonderful “two-fer” adoption. Ralph Lauren hosted us once again and allowed us to showcase some of our adoptable dogs, and that’s where Pat and Ralph Hermann happened upon Chester and Cagney. Life for Pat and Ralph had been quiet since they lost their 2 sibling dogs over the winter. Though they had agreed to wait until after their trip to Nantucket for Daffodill weekend to adopt again, they were unable to resist the charms of Cagney... and then fell hard for Chester, too! Thanks for everyone who comes out to support this community event!

The attendees, the special guests, the models—both human and canine—joined together to create a magical evening. Over $250,000 was raised to benefit the animals in our care and all of our community programs. Special thanks to our Honorary Chair, Lucile Hays, and congratulations to our First Annual Compassion Award winners, Healy and Gary Cosay, who are strong NSHA supporters and long-time greyhound advocates.

Photos with Santa

Thanks to Maria Carey of Charlotte Carey Photography, “Stanta” Harvey, and all of our wonderful elves, our annual stroll fundraiser, held at Strong Wings, raised over $2,500. Visitors and islanders and their furry friends turned out in their holiday finest to have their pets professionally photographed with Santa. Always an exciting event, this year offered special pet stockings stuffed with toys and treats for all the pets who were on Santa’s Nice List.

Save the Date!

Meet us on August 2nd under the stars at Bartlett’s Farm for this summer’s hautest event: Paws for the Cause: Fashion Unleashed!

Our main summer event brings in a large percentage of our operating fund, so we work hard all year to create a spectacular experience for our guests. A new venue in 2015 allowed us to dine al fresco at a farm-to-table dinner under the stars at Bartlett’s Farm. Twenty canine contestants paired up with local businesses and organizations to create over-the-top avant garde couture, resulting in our most successful event ever!
We’re More Than Dogs and Cats!

It is part of NSHA’s mission to promote animal welfare through humane education and advocacy. Some of the NSHA staff and volunteers got a chance to do just that when they went out to collect signatures to help

**Citizens for Farm Animal Protection:** 95,000 signatures were needed to get a measure on the 2016 ballot. A “yes” vote will prevent farm animals (egg-laying hens, breeding sows, and veal calves) from being kept in cages so small they can’t turn around or extend their limbs, and would also ensure that certain food items sold in the Commonwealth are compliant with these modest standards. Thanks to all who went out to gather signatures and to those who let their voices be heard by signing!

NSHA staff and volunteers were able to join other animal welfare organizations at the State House in Boston for an animal-bill-related Lobby Day. It was a time to meet with legislators on important pending bills, including one to protect elephants from being poached for their ivory.

Jonas and Christy Baker, shown here with their own little “piglet” Rosie, signed the petition!

Susan Kanter Richards collected signatures for the farm animal ballot at the Halloween Parade.

Terry Hastings Barada was just one of the volunteers who managed NSHA’s Farmer’s Market table this summer. We meet a lot of animal lovers, hand out important information like “Dogs in Hot Cars,” advertise our services and have even found homes for several of our adoptable animals there.
The lengths to which our volunteers go to ensure that our animals are loved and cared for are amazing: driving in all kinds of weather, feeding and walking shelter pets at 6:30 am, donning hazmat suits to care for kittens with ringworm, trudging through brush and swamp with headlamps and boots looking for lost shelter and community dogs. Anything for the animals!

So Much Gratitude to . . .

Aeriell Tidd
Aiden McCormack
Ali Swan
Als Allan
Amanda Brodbeck
Amanda Mack
Andrea Morris
Andrea Russell
Andrea Henke
Andy Carr
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Barb Mauller
Bea Gordon
Becky Mack
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Stacey Dutra
Susan Kanter Richards
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Sybil Nickerson
Tara Laidlaw
Taylor Petrini
Terry Hastings Barada
Tiger Amerman
Tom Pearson
Tomomi Jackson
Tucker Mabile
Valerie Hall
Vera Nikolova
William Field
Zale Warren

This organization is very dedicated and supportive of parents of missing pets. Ella was blessed to have so much support in getting her home safely! They love what they do and they bring lots of love into the homes of local families.
Adoptions. NSHA finds new homes for those pets who can no longer stay with their families.

Animal Shelter. NSHA takes in and cares for Nantucket’s stray and surrendered pets. We never turn away an animal in need.

Community Collaboration. We work with other local agencies to ensure that families with pets receive all the help they need. We offer emergency boarding for the pets of A Safe Place clients and work with Elder Services to provide pet services for senior Nantucketers in times of illness or accident.

Foster Program. Having our shelter pets out in homes while they await permanent placement helps us with overcrowding. It is also a great way for potential adopters to determine whether they are ready for the responsibilities of a pet. A win-win!

Humane Education. NSHA’s Humane Education Program focuses on teaching young people the value of humane thinking and behavior.

Land to Sea Cat Rescue. We help overcrowded Massachusetts shelters with their overflow of cats and kittens, finding them loving homes on Nantucket.

Little Mountain Rescue. Stray dogs from Mississippi are vaccinated, sterilized, and transported to Nantucket, where NSHA adopts them into loving, lifelong homes.

Lucky Whiskers and Wags Fund. Covers the costs of surgery, medications, or other medical care for shelter and community pets. The Carlee Charitable Trust, ASPCA’s Lil’ Bub’s Big Fund, and the Community Foundation for Nantucket help fund this invaluable program.

Pet Food Pantry. Ensuring that all pets are fed, no matter the family circumstance, we offer a pantry with pet food for anyone in need.

Seniors with Pets Assistance (SPA) Program. Helps seniors care for their pets. Thanks to the Michael C. Graham Foundation.

Spay/Neuter Island Pets Program (SNIPP). Offers low-cost sterilizations to island animals. Thanks to the Cape Cod Foundation’s Thomas C. McGowan Fund for Animals.

Stray Dog Shelter. NSHA is the Town’s contracted stray dog shelter. Lost dogs brought in by Nantucket’s Animal Control Officer or island citizens are cared for until their families are found.

Volunteer Program. NSHA offers the opportunity for over 100 volunteers of all ages to find rewarding ways to give back to their community.
2015 By the Numbers

0 Number of animals we turned away
32 Number of families granted financial assistance
131 Number of volunteers who helped
134 Number of pets we adopted into new homes
570 Number of individuals and businesses who made it all possible

Thanks to Peter Sendelbach and Greg Shephard for building a bunnio to give some sheltered outdoor space to our overflowing bunny population. The bunnies greatly appreciate it!

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