The mission of Nantucket Island Safe Harbor for Animals, NiSHA, is to provide shelter and care for animals in need and to promote animal welfare through humane education, outreach and advocacy.

A Letter from the Executive Director

Rose Kennedy once said that *Life isn't a matter of milestones, but of moments.*

This January, as NiSHA reflected on its own milestone—five years in operation—it was the moments, the stories, that stood out.

• Nitro’s story. A 13-year-old dog who was surrendered to the shelter due to a move, who found a loving final foster home and brought joy and calm to a camp full of kids.

• Charlotte’s story. A Mississippi Mutt shot and left for dead, who found an adopter so committed that she drove the 1,000 miles to pick her up, sparing Charlotte the stress of a transport van.

• Artillary’s story. A lost tortoise, found. But his family had already gone home to New Orleans. NiSHA cared for him until his family could make the trip up to take him home.

• Quintessa’s story. A young girl terrified of dogs, who squealed with delight—not terror—when she held her rescue puppy in her arms for the first time.

• Rio and Noah’s story. Senior cats who had been in the shelter for well over a year, who found a loving home together, even though the adopters came in looking for kittens.

• Scout’s story. A Nantucket dog who needed a critical surgery that NiSHA was able to help pay for so that the family could keep their beloved pet.

Supporters like you ensure that stories like this continue to be told, and that animals are saved, children are mentored, and families with pets are supported.

We couldn’t be more proud of what we have accomplished together in five years for the pets of Nantucket and their families. **Thank you,** and read on for more stories and **five-year anniversary fun facts!**

Jessica Sosebee
Executive Director
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**HAPPY TAILS**

Noah and Rio
Ten-year old Noah had been at the shelter for almost a year and a half. It was a puzzler, as he’d come so far and was now such an easy-going fellow. Rio had been at a shelter in Utah, where the staff could not tell us how long he’d been there. Blind in one eye, he was also a gentleman of 10 years old. Both boys were hanging out in our open cat room when a couple came in looking for kittens. Though the couple went home empty-handed that day, they later came back and decided to give Rio a try. So enamored were they with this older fellow, they soon came back and scooped up Noah! We think there is a place in heaven for people who adopt senior pets.

Nitro
Surrendered at 13, Nitro awaited that very special person willing to adopt a large senior dog with health issues. At NiSHA, we believe in fostering: getting a shelter pet into a real home allows that pet the feeling of family life, even if only for a short time. Tara knew that she was not financially ready for the commitment a pet brings, so fostering would be the perfect fit for her. Nitro’s sweet nature and easy-going, therapeutic personality quickly worked their magic on the staff and the campers at Tara’s workplace. Nitro lived at the camp surrounded by natural beauty—a pond to wade in, trees for shade—and loving children and adults who adored him. He was experiencing what maybe were the best months of his entire life in what must have seemed like heaven to him. But now over 14 years old, his large body was slowing down and becoming ill, and soon the vet recommended euthanasia. When the day came, the staff and campers returned Nitro’s favor of supportive love and care. On the day he was humanely euthanized, the staff surrounded him with love: “Nitro went easily and comfortably … he was lying at the edge of the pond, snacking on delicious treats and surrounded by people who love him.”

Charlotte
Each year, we transport more Little Mountain Rescue Dogs from Mississippi to Nantucket. And each year, they all find loving homes. No Little Mountain Rescue pup is luckier than Charlotte, a 6 month old puppy who somehow found the strength to make it to a human’s porch after being shot in the mouth and left for dead in rural Mississippi. Lucky, because not only did LMR take her in and get her the surgery and care she needed, but also because Deb from Hyannis saw her story and drove the 22 hours to Mississippi to spare Charlotte the stress of a transport van! Charlotte continues to receive the surgeries she needs to make a full recovery. And she is the apple of Deb’s eye. Lucky, indeed!

Olaf
Last year, we had an influx of stray bunnies (10 in all!), who cannot survive in the wild. Rabbits are fun pets, but they do take some space and work, so finding homes for 10 took time and was no easy feat. Olaf, with his chocolate markings, caught the eye of Elizabeth. She took Olaf home, set up a great living space for him—Olaf has his own bunk—and taught him tricks and puzzles, too! If that isn’t enough, Elizabeth created a YouTube Channel, “Olaf The Bun.” Be sure to tune in and watch him in action!
Students at Nantucket Elementary School were able to join NiSHA’s Be Kind to Animals Team as part of an Enrichment Cluster during winter term. Students read animal-themed books, created posters, toured the shelter and presented their work at a parent fair. They each learned about what it means to be compassionate and kind to all beings, including humans and animals alike. Meeting Marshmallow the bunny was a highlight for many of the students, who’d never held a rabbit before!

Read to Meow continued during the summer of 2016 and welcomed more kids than ever. Youth enjoyed the combination of reading to the cats in the catio (and sometimes dogs in the yard) and helping care for the animals in the shelter.

NiSHA offers a select number of Humane Education Mentorships each year. Youth aged 12–18 work directly with our shelter staff to learn about animal shelters, other animal welfare topics, and animal care. They work in the shelter, complete special tasks, and give a presentation at the end of their term. Two of our 2016 mentees, Ava and Phoebe, were from the Lighthouse School. They spent time with their mentors in the shelter, and their project culminated in an oral presentation in front of their entire school, including a video!

Animals and art, what could be better? This summer, NiSHA teamed up with The Boys & Girls Club, Seafari Girls, and Maria Mitchell to offer the HEArt (Humane Education in Art) program. Campers were given humane themes and canvases and created compassionate works of art. Their works were on display at the Nantucket Atheneum’s Weezie Library in August.

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5 Year Anniversary Fun Facts

“A哺育心灵而不哺育心田的教育，并非真正的教育”—Aristotle
YOUTH AMBASSADORS

When we say we count on our youth to be our ambassadors, we mean it! In 2016, youth raised over $8,000 for the shelter animals. They sold lemonade, fostered dog banks, made and sold dog biscuits, and asked their friends and families for their birthday gifts to go toward the shelter. It all pays off for the animals!

Every year the Seafari Girls hold a fundraiser for NiSHA. Then they come for a visit with the animals, have a discussion with our staff, and present us with a large check! It’s amazing what this creative group of girls does every summer! THANK YOU, ladies!

Foster a Dog . . . Bank

Because we have such limited space at our shelter, we often have many more children who want to be involved than we have space to host them. So this summer we let them work for the animals out in the world. Youth were invited to foster a dog . . . bank. They asked friends and family to “fatten up” the bank, and, once it was full, kids returned their “foster dog” to the shelter. Participants received a goodie bag and medal for taking part in this program. We will definitely be bringing this program back for the summer of 2017!

Scouts for the Animals

Scouting groups love animals. Nantucket’s Daisy Scouts have chosen the Daffy Day parade to show their love and support. Each year, they make dog biscuits and sell them at the parade, and this year they raised $776 for the animals! The scouts each received a medal and certificate for their participation.
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Getting the Word Out
NiSHA takes any opportunity to talk about our programs for the community. You can find us at the Farmer’s Markets downtown during the spring and summer. In November, we attended Ladies Night at Bartlett’s Farm to highlight our support of the “Yes on 3” campaign. We had a table at the “Bike Nantucket” event for Fairwinds Counseling Center. And we also let people know about the health benefits of pets at the Senior Expo. The more people know about NiSHA, the more pets and families we can help!

MY FURRY VALENTINE
A special event just for kids, this program presented the movie “Homeward Bound.” A movie “scavenger hunt” prepared the viewers for a discussion about pets and animal shelters. Kids received goodie bags with coloring books, stickers, treats, and educational materials. Dogs were on hand as animal ambassadors!

Comings and Goings at a Glance

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Welcome to NiSHA!

“Nantucket Safe Harbor for Animals” is a mouthful. Try saying that every time you answer the phone! The wordy name was just one of the reasons the board decided to rebrand. We also wanted to ensure people knew who we were, what we did, and what we had to offer the community.

In part, we needed to distinguish ourselves not only from the MSPCA, which had left FIVE years ago, but from Offshore Animal Hospital, too, who we rent from and love, but with whom we often get confused. In addition, we wanted to project a friendly and welcoming image, so people needing help with their pets would feel comfortable coming to us.

Lance and Marty Kelly of Image Design Studio (now Moor Design) helped us strike the right balance, and by adding an “i” for “island,” NiSHA was born. We already called ourselves NiSHA internally, and it’s much easier to say than Nantucket Safe Harbor for Animals.

We hope you like it, too!

The adoption process was so smooth and the people were great, even giving us a bag of food, toys and blanket to take home with her.

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Buzz Saw Construction
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Cisco Brewers
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Marine Home Center
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Nantucket Dreamland Foundation
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Nantucket Media Systems
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Seafari Girls
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The Dog Wash Nantucket
The Islander
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The Ship’s Inn
The Westmoor Club
The Yoga Room
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Tracy Volkswagen, Inc.

Foundations and Trusts
Birch Lane Fund
Blue Hills Foundation
Carlee Charitable Trust
Community Foundation for Nantucket
The Derald H. Ruttenberg Foundation
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Massachusetts Animal Coalition
M. S. Worthington Foundation
Maddie’s Fund
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The Cape Cod Foundation
The Martha Morse Foundation
The Overbrook Foundation
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- Tamzin Hutchinson
- Tara and David Iverson
- Cynthia Jacobson
- Barbara Jenkins
- Cecil Barron Jensen
- Jessica and Jonathan Jensen
- Kellee Roost
- Thea and Pete Kaizer
- Nancy Kamhi
- Henry Kanter
- Jennifer and Noah Karberg
- Alicia and Carl Keller
- Rachel Labbee
- Lisa Lacoursiere
- Debbie Laite
- Sharon Lamb
- Alexandra LaPaglia and Cristal Chindamo
- Kerry Leddy
- Meg Leonard
- Ann Lindley
- Judy Lochtefeld
- Teena and Richard Loftin
- Pamela Lohmann
- Miss Avery Loughborough
- Lucy Cobb and Ron Lynch
- Shaylyn and Neil Maguire
- Diane Margolis
- Lauren and Neil Marttila
- Kenneth McCormack
- Sandy and Carter Mitchell

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Erika Mooney
Wayne Morris
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Terry Noyes
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Lorraine and Robert Olson
Robert Paul
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Jude Perkins
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Nancy Rappaport
Crystal and Eric Ray
Max Ray
Maureen and Victor Reed
Cynara Reid
Amy Richards
Lauri Robertson
Pamela Roehm
Nina Ross
Patty Rootmeier
Donald Ryder
Andrea Sandor
Eric Savetsky

Steve Schofield
Linda Simmons and Gary Langley
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Jacqueline Tullo
Dorothy and Richard Verney
Timothy Walker
Amanda Walker
Diana Wallingford
Victoria Waterhouse
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Delphine Winter
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Julia Wood
Barbara Woodcock
Dorinda Yates
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Akimbo
Ambrosia
Anderson’s
Annye’s Whole Foods
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Bartlett’s Farm
Beauty by the Sea
Blue Buffalo, LTD
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C. J. Laing
Cape Air
Linda and Kim Cassady
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Harmony Collins
Healy and Gary Cosay
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CRU
Judy and Steve Dammers
Dharma Yoga
Rachel Dixon
Dune Restaurant

Sean Durnin
Emily Brooke Rubin Jewelry
Emma Ross
Fare Isle
Wendy Fereshebian
Lissa Foote
Geronimo’s, Ltd., and Cold Noses
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Maria Mitchell Association
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Moor Design
N. Tic Marche
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Nantucket Clothing Company
Nantucket Cottage Hospital
Nantucket Culinary Center
Nantucket Holistic BodyWork
Nantucket House Antiques & Interior Design, Inc.
Nantucket Networks
Nantucket Walk About
Nautilus
Sybil Nickerson
Scott O’Connor
Patina
Peter Beaton
Proprietors
Puppy Kisses
Anne Quatrano

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Salt Boutique
Sconset Market
Shearwater Excursions, Inc.
Something Natural
Deborah Sosebee
Jessica Sosebee
Strong Wings
Supa Yoga
Surfing Hydrangea
The Green
The Jetties Restaurant
The Lemon Press
The Lion’s Paw
The Lovely
The Westmoor Club
Theatre Workshop Nantucket
Tradewind Aviation
Vis-a-Vis
Caroline Weld
Sunny Wood
Maryanne Worth
Wubba Toys
XV Beacon Hotel
Zero Main

WONDERFUL PEOPLE WHO HELP UNFORTUNATE ANIMALS! HELPED US PLACE A DOG WITH A LOVING FOREVER FAMILY! GRATEFUL FOR THEIR HELP!

—Joanne

IN-KIND DONORS

LWW: Lucky Whiskers and Wags Medical Fund
SNIPP: Spay Neuter Island Pets Program
SPA: Seniors with Pets Assistance Program

Year | LWW | SNIPP | SPA | Totals
--- | --- | --- | --- | ---
2012 | 2 | N/A | N/A | 2
2013 | 9 | 25 | N/A | 34
2014 | 6 | 18 | 5 | 29
2015 | 7 | 24 | 3 | 34
2016 | 10 | 25 | 4 | 39

Totals | 34 | 92 | 12 | 138

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Tribute Gifts

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

in honor of Amy Santos
Tommy Smith
in honor of Cap’n Tobey Von Tivnantucket
Gregg Tivnan
in honor of Cecilia Wendelken
Anonymous
Alicia and Carl Keller
Sandy and Carter Mitchell
Julia Wood
in honor of Daisy Woodcock
Barbara Woodcock
in honor of Deidre Smialowski
Andrea Downey
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Kathy Ruttenberg
Perri Ruttenberg
in honor of the Eipper Family and the Driscoll Family
Corlia Hunter
in honor of Grace and Ted Fey
Elizabeth Stefan
in honor of Gunnar Pasman
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in honor of Holly Johnson
Casey Blanchard and Dan Cox
in honor of Hudson, Toby and Cricket
Pat Beilman and David Poor
in honor of Jessica Sosebee, Susan Richards, and Michelle Perkins.
Hannah, Katie B. and Jared R. Curhan
in honor of Joe and Irina Paul
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in honor of Kerry Kennedy Flynn
Tracy Flynn
Patricia Regan
in honor of Kio Surface
Kellee Joost
in honor of Kristie Wilson
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in honor of Michelle Perkins
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in honor of Mimi Huber
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in honor of Richard
Walter Sadowski and Laurie Donovan
in honor of Sarah and Don Kolp
Amanda Walker
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in honor of Sue Robinson
Judy Lochtefeld
in honor of Sybil Nickerson
Anonymous
Janice Davis
Janet DeCosta
Lisa Lacoursiere
Sharon Lamb
Cynara Reid
Donald Ryder
Shirley Smith
Diane Wallingford
in honor of Tank Temkin
Cindy and Richard Ellman
in honor of the William Field Family
Mary Collins

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in memory of Earl
Carol Lieber
in memory of F. Ross and Agnes Franklin
Kristene Pierce
in memory of Hunter
Chele Haynes
in memory of Hunter
Lisa and Bruce Lawler
in memory of Jacob Hooper-McLaughlin
Diane and Steve McLaughlin
in memory of Lily Fitzgerald-Sjolund
Ann Henke
in memory of Maggie Molinar
Georgeann and Roger Ballou
in memory of Max Sandor Urban
Andrea Sandor
in memory of Moison Olson
Lorraine and Robert Olson
in memory of Nitro
Tara Laidlaw
in memory of Porter Huber
Healy and Gary Cosay
in memory of Robert Souza
Marshall Taylor
Timothy Walker
in memory of Rocky Lennon
Cathy and Thomas Lennon
Stephanie Henke
in memory of Ruby Balas
Lucille and Robert Boucini
in memory of Timothy Raymond Faherty
Catherine DeVine
in memory of Toby and Cricket
Pat Beilman and David Poor
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Thanks for Taking it On!

We are honored to be on the receiving end of so many fundraisers held by individuals, businesses, and groups on Nantucket. We are truly grateful for your initiative and support!

- **ACK BBQ** held a raffle and donated the proceeds to the shelter animals.
- During December, **Atlas, Dune, and Proprietors** offered specialty cocktails, and a portion of the proceeds went to NiSHA.
- **Christy and Jonas Baker** organized The 4th Annual **ShamRock Run** in March, a 4-mile walk/run beginning and ending at **Cisco Brewers**, whom we also thank!
- **The Black Dog** co-sponsored our Black Pet Celebration and donated a portion of the shop’s sales.
- **Samantha Posch and her Cru Crew** threw an end-of-summer bash, **The Formal**, which raised over $5,000 for NiSHA!
- **The Dog Wash Nantucket** scrubbed dirty dogs all day to give back to the shelter dogs.
- The **Nantucket Culinary Center** held a **Yappy New Year Celebration** that benefited the shelter.
- **Nantucket Dreamland Foundation** chose NiSHA for one of its Give Back Nights.
- The **Unitarian Universalists** held their annual Blessing of the Animals service and took up a collection for the shelter animals.
- **The Westmoor Club** held a dog fashion show and gave us the proceeds.
- **The Yoga Room** donated the proceeds of their Seva Week of practices to NiSHA.

2016 NiSHA Donor Types

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2016 NiSHA Donor Types

- **89%** Individuals
- **8%** Foundations
- **3%** Businesses

Thanks for taking it on!
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.

2016 NiSHA Income Sources

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Financing our New Home

In 2016, the board voted to proceed on a long-held vision for NiSHA: a home of our own. We outgrew our rented space years ago, and to run our programs efficiently, save more lives, and offer more programs for Nantucket families, we need appropriate space. We’ve assembled a Building Committee, hired a strategic planning consultant, and are looking at land and buildings. The next stage is securing the funding. If you would like to invest in this exciting project for Nantucket, have land or buildings to donate, or are interested in naming opportunities, contact Jessica Sosebee: jsosebee@nishanimals.org.
Paws for the Cause—*Fashion Unleashed* celebrated Nantucket’s flora and fauna with a runway show like no other. Revisiting our Bartlett’s Farm venue under the stars, we welcomed 200 guests for a farm-to-table dinner and our hautest human and canine couture to date. The event raised over $210,000 to benefit the animals in our care and all of our community programs.

Congratulations to our 2nd Annual Compassion Award winners, **Beverly Hall and David Billings**, who are strong NiSHA supporters and active community members. THANK YOU to our Presenting Sponsor, **Blue Buffalo**!

*Save the Date!*

Meet us **August 2nd** under the stars at Bartlett’s Farm for the summer’s funnest event!

**Paws for the Cause: 5 Year Anniversary Celebration**

**Daffy Day Dog Parade**

Each year, in conjunction with Nantucket Island Chamber of Commerce, NiSHA leads a Daffy Dog Parade up Main Street. Thanks to all who participate, donate, carry the banner, and our judges, who have the hardest job ever!

**Photos with Santa**

Thanks to **Cary Hazlegrove, “Stanta” Harvey**, and all of our wonderful elves for creating a festive, fun, fundraiser at **Strong Wings**. We couldn’t do it without you! And everyone enjoys their pictures so much, many come back every year!
NiSHA is honored to work with a cascade of volunteers! From a small core group that works weekly year-round to a large seasonal group that comes to help with the summer deluge of pets, we love and appreciate every single one of them, and honestly could not do it without them.

With Deep Gratitude to...

Aaron Kanter
Als Allan
Amanda Brodbeck
Amy Baldwin
Andrea Morris
Andrea Russell
Angelina Cruz
Anna Cronin
Anna Worgess
Annabel Dannheim
Anne Barrett
Bea Gordon
Becky Mack
Beth Faherty
Beth Morris
Betsey Brooks
Bob Conway
Brian Conlon
Cary Hazlegrove
Casey Lendway
Christina Hall
Cindy Tayman
Clay Twombly
Cosmo Tedeschi
Craig Hunter
Crystal McGarvey
Cynthia Henshall
Deron Harpool
Dodo Roberts
Dora Molot
Elin Anderwald
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Jerry Mack
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Karen and Jaime
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Kate O’Riordan
Keagan
Kerry Kennedy Flynn
Kim Beamish
Kira Bierly
Kristin Brock
Kydon Larrabee
Kyle Steel
Laura Fiske
Laura Tedeschi
Lily Montgomery
Linda Cassady
Linda Towne
Lisa Henke
Liz Lawrence
Lori Smith
Luis Portillo
Maddy
Madeleine
Margaret Hallowell
Margaret Polchinski
Marina Cassano
Mary Naughton
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Meg Mikita
Megan Cranston
Megan Field
Meghan Blair-Valero
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Michelle Kerwin
Nick Nass
Niko Tedeschi
Pam Taylor
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Peter Richards
Peter Sendlebach
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Sammy Faust
Sarah Montgomery
Scott Leonard
Shawna Larrabee
Siggy Alden
Sonya Keene
Sophie Manning
Stan Harvey
Susan Warner
Sybil Nickerson

I knew when I retired from my 35 year teaching career that I wanted to volunteer at the shelter to help the many animals our shelter provides sanctuary for. I truly admire the wonderful work done by this shelter and am proud to be associated with these people and the work done.

—Beth

Tara Laidlaw
Terry Hastings Barada
Terry Norton
Tiger Amerman
Tom Pearson
Tomomi Jackson
Tucker Mabile
Valerie Hall
William Field
Winter Larrabee

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Adoptions. Lack of housing, allergies, or a death in the family are a few reasons pets are relinquished. NiSHA cares for these pets until we find them new homes. We provide adoptable animals right here on Nantucket, so islanders don’t have to purchase a pet or leave the island to find their new best friend.

Community Collaboration. Our island’s human services agencies often have insight into situations we can help with, like unsafe environments or family crises. NiSHA works with these clients to ensure that families with pets receive all the services they need.

Foster Program. Placing shelter pets in homes while they await adoption helps with loneliness, depression and training regression. It’s also a great way for potential adopters to determine whether they are ready for the responsibilities of a pet. A win-win!

Humane Education. NiSHA offers both year-round programs in schools and activities for island kids and summer visitors, including mentorships. Teaching children kindness for all beings helps secure a more compassionate future for all.

Land to Sea Pet Rescue. Shelters across the US are overcrowded, leading to millions of euthanasias each year. NiSHA helps other shelters with their overflow of cats and kittens and transports stray dogs from Mississippi to Nantucket, where NiSHA finds them loving homes. Helping the animals in other areas saves lives.

Lucky Whiskers and Wags Fund. Cost of veterinary care can be prohibitive for some families, leading to heartbreaking decisions like relinquishment or euthanasia. NiSHA’s LWFF fund covers the costs of critical surgery, medications, or other emergency medical care for shelter and community pets.

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

Seniors with Pets Assistance (SPA) Program. Pets are sometimes a senior citizen’s only family. SPA ensures pets are cared for in the event of a senior’s injury or illness.

Shelter. Pets on the loose can get lost, stolen, injured or killed. NiSHA takes in and cares for Nantucket’s stray and abandoned pets. We never turn away an animal in need. NiSHA is also the Town’s contracted stray dog shelter. Lost dogs brought in by Nantucket’s Animal Control Officer or by island citizens are cared for until they are reunited with their families.

Spay/Neuter Island Pets Program (SNIPP). NiSHA offers low-cost sterilizations to island animals, thereby preventing unwanted litters, which in turn leads to fewer animals in the shelter. Allowing pets to breed contributes to pet overpopulation. Spaying and neutering saves lives.

Volunteer Program. NiSHA provides the opportunity for over 100 volunteers of all ages to find rewarding ways to give back to their community.

WHO WE ARE

Pets for Life

NiSHA subscribes to the The Humane Society of the United States’ Pets for Life philosophy that keeps “pets in the homes they already have, improving their quality of life and elevating the human-animal bond.” Many of NiSHA’s programs help families keep their pets. We also help pet families navigate difficult situations like behavioral issues, housing, or allergies, all with the aim of keeping pets where they already are. This is another way to keep pets out of the shelters, which are already overcrowded, and avoids unnecessary euthanasia. Supporting our community helps to save lives and keeps families together.
## 2016 By the Numbers

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<td>Number of <strong>pets</strong> we adopted into new homes</td>
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<td>576</td>
<td>Number of <strong>individuals</strong> and <strong>businesses</strong> who made it all possible</td>
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They helped make the process as smooth as possible and have the animal’s best interests in mind with the application process. —Michele