Most of us now realize that Nantucket has a housing crisis. But did you know that this crisis also affects pets? When families lose their homes and don’t know their next move, they often make the heartbreaking decision to relinquish their beloved pets.

Cats Patch and Sammy had lived together for 10 years. When a family member passed away and the daughter lost her family home, the comfy, loving life these two had enjoyed was abruptly upended.

Bogey’s family was unable to find stable housing on Nantucket. Unsure of their own future, they couldn’t take the chance of having a dog, because he might hamper their chances of finding a new home.

In fact, in 2018, 1/3 of the pets surrendered to NiSHA were surrendered due to lack of housing.

When pets lose their homes, NiSHA becomes their home . . . for as long as they need us. Once a pet makes it to the shelter, we provide basic care and feeding, plus spay and neuter surgeries; vet care and vaccinations; a microchip; and above-and-beyond medical care, especially for the many senior pets who come through our doors.

That care is a given at our shelter. But because we have such dedicated supporters, staff and volunteers, these pets also receive socializing, training, and all the love and attention they deserve.

In 2018 we gave care and shelter to 257 animals. Some stayed an hour, some are still with us. Each had a safe place for as long as he or she needed it.

If you are receiving this annual report, it means you have helped create this wonderland for Nantucket’s homeless, abandoned, and lost pets. Thank you, and please read on to learn about the impact that your compassion has made.

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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.
**OUR HAPPIEST TAILS**

**Jim** was hanging out in a foster home waiting and waiting to find the place that would be perfect for him. His foster mom had just adopted a dog from NiSHA, bringing her canine total to two. But as it sometimes happens, the foster family IS the perfect place, and soon Cathy felt like Jim was indeed already “home.” Thank you to Cathy, Princess Buttercup, and Westley, for opening the door a bit wider so Jim could slip in. What’s one more?

**Four Cape Cats**

A veteran in the Boston area was doing what he could for stray cats in his neighborhood, but when the number in his home rose to 30 and he was evicted, the cats also needed to find new lodging. NiSHA took in Sully, Skipper, Captain, and Louie in the hopes of finding them great homes on Nantucket. However, all four cats needed medical care, and we ended up spending thousands to get these otherwise adoptable cats into great shape: Sully and Louie got neutered, Skipper had to have every tooth removed, and two of the cats were treated for upper respiratory infections. Once gussied up, with the help of donations from the community, they all got adopted—Captain and Sully even found a home together.

**We adopted Inky from NiSHA. It was an amazing process. The people were so kind and the respect given to both the adopted pet and the adoptive family was so heartfelt.—Janis**

**Milo—Worth the Wait**

Milo had been bounced around a bit. NiSHA hosted him at the shelter three times, and in total he stayed with us for over six months. It was a mystery, because Milo is a great dog who loves everyone. It took one of our dedicated dog volunteers to notice this overlooked gem. When Milo finally went home with Meg and her daughter Olivia, he found Fred, who soon became his best buddy. Milo knew what he was doing all along—waiting for a home with a built-in brother!

**And Jim Makes Three**

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**HAPPY TAILS**

**Ivy Meets Her Match**

When Ivy came to the shelter, we figured she’d be adopted quickly. A young female bull terrier, what could be more fun? Though known for their stubbornness, they are just as prized for their silly antics. Ivy did have one strike against her, though—she wasn’t a real fan of other dogs. But the right family soon came to her rescue. A retired military veteran and his partner who worked with autistic children had the time and the skills to make it a perfect fit.

**Brandy—From Shelter Dog to Jet Setter**

Brandy was surrendered to the shelter with her brother Clancy when their person went into a nursing home. Because they were both older dogs, we knew it was going to be hard to find them homes quickly, let alone keep them together. While Clancy found love right away, Brandy was with us longer. But if ever there was an example of “good things come to those who wait,” it’s Brandy’s fate. Not only did she find a jet-setting family with homes in NY, Florida, and Nantucket, she found a girl who absolutely adores her.

**Altar Rock Rescues**

One day at the shelter we had two different visitors drop off two different kittens who had both been found in the Altar Rock area. One had been found by a dog, the other dropped from the talons of an owl. Most likely from the same feral litter, these two cuties took no time at all adjusting to the warmth and care of the indoor life. Hootie and Darius, as they were named, ended up being adopted into the same home. Boy, do these two have a great story to tell at their next dinner party!

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Bringing our Message to the Schools

In 2018, NiSHA was committed to adding more classes and camps to our Humane Education program. We wanted to reach as many children as possible with our message of kindness and care for all beings. Susan Richards, our Humane Educator, didn’t delay in reaching out to area schools, offering to visit once or on a regular schedule. Her program includes preschool through school-age, public and private, as well as the Boys and Girls Club. Safety with Animals, Animal Shelters, Caring for Pets, and Kindness and Empathy are some of our most popular topics, and reading compassionate books most often starts off the lesson. Visits from our NiSHA animal ambassadors are another highlight of class visits. Both Gwen, an adopted dog, and Bugsy, a shelter rabbit, have made appearances in Nantucket classrooms. Each program culminates in a visit to our shelter. Children are always thrilled to see the shelter—and shelter animals—in action.

Read to Meow

Our popular Read to Meow program added reading to bunnies this past summer. It seems Bugsy, a Flemish Giant, loves being read to. Along with reading to the shelter animals, kids also helped socialize the cats and completed small shelter tasks.

Thank you to the Blue Hills Bank Foundation for a grant to buy “Friend of Animals” t-shirts for all of our young ambassadors.
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Offering vital services to our community helps us fulfill our mission. From financial assistance to pet behavioral counseling, NiSHA does all it can to ensure pets stay in the loving homes they already have.

My Furry Valentine

My Furry Valentine, our annual February Humane Ed program, was all about bugs! Susan and Peter read Hey, Little Ant. Kim Bothelo from the Maria Mitchell Association led an interactive game about insects. Then we all watched “Horton Hears a Who,” with the compassionate message of a being is a being, “no matter how small.” As always, there were plenty of animal ambassadors in attendance. Thanks to the Nantucket Golf Club Foundation for a grant to make this a free program for all.

Daffy Dog Parade

Each April, NiSHA participates in Nantucket’s Daffodil Festival with a Daffy Dog Parade. Dogs come dressed in their flowery finest and our judges must make the almost impossible decision of best costume.

Spay Neuter Island Pets

Sterilizing pets helps solve the pet overpopulation problem, saving lives by preventing unwanted litters. NiSHA’s Spay Neuter Island Pets Program (SNIPP) offers vouchers to help cover the cost of this surgery for Nantucket pets. In honor of World Spay Day in February, we give away free surgeries. (After all, balls are for fetching!) In 2018, we helped twenty-one families spay or neuter their pet thanks to a Carlee Charitable Trust grant.
Land to Sea Pet Rescue Program

Shelters across the US are still overcrowded with homeless pets, leading to millions of euthanasias each year. NiSHA is committed to being part of the solution. Phase One of the solution is transporting cats and kittens from area shelters and dogs from our Mississippi partner, Little Mountain Rescue, to Nantucket, where we find them loving homes. It takes many volunteers to transport, foster, and care for them until they are in their new homes, but it's so worth it! Helping the animals in other geographic areas saves lives.

Senior Pet Advocate and Instagrammer, Steve Greig

This past summer, NiSHA had the honor and pleasure of welcoming Steve Greig, the man behind the wildly popular Instagram account @wolfgang2242, to Nantucket. Steve is an advocate of adopting senior pets, and has nine seniors of his own. He, along with two of his dogs (Edsel and Loretta), graciously met with many of his Nantucket fans to answer questions about his pack, his pet pig Bikini, and the rest of his menagerie. Island Kitchen hosted the ice cream Yappy Hour, and donated the doggie ice cream. Later, Steve spoke with a group of our supporters about the importance and joy of adopting senior pets. Such great sports, all three!
NiSHA was proud to be such a big part of 2018’s Annual Nantucket Stroll.

- Board member Kris Pierce designed our tree for the NHA’s Festival of Trees. Entitled “Love Rescued Me,” it featured a collection of our best adoption photos.
- Volunteer Angie Knapp decorated a pet-centric Christmas tree for Nantucket’s downtown display.
- Staff and volunteers baked and baked for the Chamber’s Downtown Market Place.
- Thanks to CJ Laing, NiSHA was able to offer a holiday Pop-Up Shop, where we sold all kinds of pet-themed gear. Thanks to Meredith Hanson for the gorgeous Stroll design.
- Thanks to Cary Hazlegrove, “Santa” Scott O’Connor, Strong Wings, and all of our wonderful elves for helping make 2018’s Photos with Santa a fun, furry, festive success!

Save the Date!

un-leashed: Animal Wonderland
Friday, August 2, under the tent at Bartlett’s Farm

Stroll Festivities

Paws for the Cause: Year of the Dog

Paws for the Cause—Year of the Dog celebrated not only dogs, but all pets and the people who care for them. Dog of the Year went to Pippy Urbahn, who has become a vital part of Clara’s life, helping her navigate her world, since she is legally blind. A film by Yellow Productions had our guests moved to tears—and moved to give—as paddles started being raised for the “Promises to Pets” donations. Special thanks to the Dreamland Stage Company for their poignant performance of Dr. Doolittle, and to Katie Kaizer Photography for capturing the spirit of the evening in photographs. Huge thanks go to our Presenting Sponsor of many years, Blue Buffalo.
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Jennifer Greenwood
Steve Greg
Chris Hanson
Meredith Hanson
Isabel Harvey
Cynthia Henshall
Hepburn
Hogshead Wine
Mimi Huber
Hylne Cruises
Island Kitchen
Jessica Hicks, Inc.
Jobe Systems
Ron Jobe
Johnstons of Elgin Cashmere
Joy West Collection
Katie Kaizer
Paula Klek
Angelyna Knapp
Kisha Knapp
Ashley Langer
Anne Lannan
Lauren Martilla Photography
Le Languedoc
Lilly Pulitzer
Madaket Marine
Maria Mitchell Association
Samantha Maxwell and Tyler Lee
Melanie Gowen Design
Milly and Grace
Monarch Face and Body
Connie Mundy and Eric Shaw
Nantucket Barkery
Nantucket Catering
Nantucket Cottage Hospital
Nantucket Culinary Center
Nantucket Cycle + Fitness
Nantucket Health Club
Nantucket Island Resorts
Nantucket Organics
Native Shoes
Scott O’Connor
Arlene O’Reilly
Christina Oates
Oliveira
P&M Reis Trucking
Patina
Sheri Perelman
Petrichor Wine Bar
Jeff Pierce
Kristene Pierce
Martha and Charles Polachi
Melanie Powers
Proprietor’s Bar and Table
Anne Quarano
Quidley & Company
Dodo Roberts
Sara Fitz Studio
Sconset Woodman
Seed to Stone
Shari’s Place
Ship’s Inn
Something Natural
Deborah Sosebee
Southern Tide Nantucket
Speakeasy Hospitality Group
The Black Dog
The Chanticleer
The Haul-Over
The Inquirer & Mirror
The Lemon Press
The Loon
The Love Shack
The Lovely
The Nantucket Hotel
The Sand Bar
Theatre Workshop of Nantucket
Marshall Thompson
Topspin Fishing Charters
Kate Trinkle Legge
Tugboat Cruises
Clay Twombly
Ula Warrior
Uptown Dog
Valero and Sons
Nell Van Vorst
Vis-a-Vis
William Voss
Glen Weimer
XV Beacon Hotel
Zero Main

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The Murray Camp  
in honor of Avis Skinner  
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in honor of Barb Muller  
Stephanie Henke  
Kerry Kennedy Flynn  
in honor of Marsha and Bob Egan  
Katie Egan  
in honor of Caitlin Kappler  
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in honor of Cindy Gordon  
Jean Grasing  
in honor of Craig Hunter  
Maureen and Victor Reed  
in honor of Deidre Smialowski  
Andrea Downey and Rick Kassler  
in honor of Denise Kronau  
Debora Goudemond  
in honor of Diane Newhouse  
Mary-Elizabeth Hahn  
in honor of Dora Molot  
Kathy Ruttenberg  
in honor of Dory Dinkelage  
John Daly  
Bettina and Eric Landt  
White Hart Design  
in honor of Dumpling  
Joan Wilson-Godeau  
in honor of Gisli Hughes  
Jean and Charles Hughes  
in honor of Grace Gottwald  
Ann and Thomas Gottwald  
Mimi Gottwald  
Nancy and Bruce Gottwald  
Sandra Ryon  
Henry Sears  
in honor of Healy Cosay  
Mimi Huber Real Estate, LLC  
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in honor of James Costa  
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in honor of James Osif  
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in honor of Jax Raynor  
Ali Raynor  
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Joan Curhan  
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Karen Wall  
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Schwanfelder, and Ziggy  
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Holly MacDonald  
in honor of Linda and Kim Cassady  
Elizabeth Ames  
Mary and H. Lee Cassady  
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Alicia Mullen  
in honor of Mimi Huber  
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Mary Sheehan  
in honor of Monica Drinane  
Jan and Fred Jaeger  
in honor of Nina Liddle  
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in honor of Peter Niemitz and Paul  
Gaucher  
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in honor of Rosie Kessler  
Maureen Reid  
in honor of Samantha  
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in honor of SaraBeth Vaughan  
Cynthia Bir  
in honor of Sarah Fraunfelder  
Martin Friedrichs  
in honor of Scott O’Connor  
Margaret and Grant Cambridge  
in honor of Skipper  
Barbara and Robert Koch  
in honor of Stan Harvey and Craig  
Hawkins  
Alan and Sandra Harvey  
Mary Schneider  
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the duck pond  
Diane Pitt  
in honor of the Presbry Family  
Nancy Blanchard  
in honor of the NISHA staff who  
works so hard  
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Jaime and Christopher O’Connell  
in honor of Val Hall  
Holly Adam  
Lora and Paul Stewart  
in honor of Waverly Emma Hyb  
Megan Stewart  
in honor of Will Field  
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Bonnie and Robert Haverty  
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Meghan Blais-Valero  
in memory of Buggy  
Joyce Coffin  
in memory of Caroline Baker  
Susan McFarland  
in memory of Claire and John Wall  
Karen Wall  
in memory of Coco Dunlap  
Kerry Kennedy Flynn  
in memory of Darlene Romano  
Donna and Robert Kessler  
in memory of Diamond  
Sandra Jones  
in memory of Grace Bernard and  
hers dog Ivy  
Evelyn Dwyer  
in memory of Henry  
Pam Schaecker  
in memory of Irene T Garnett  
James Garnett  
in memory of Joyce Howar  
Carolyn Xander  
in memory of Kabie Hilton  
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in memory of Sammy  
Diane Pitt  
in memory of Sarah Feather Farley  
Timothy Farley  
in memory of Stella  
Andrea Sandor  
in memory of Virgil Huber  
Healy and Gary Cosay
2018 SUPPORTERS

Thank you to all the individuals and businesses who made NiSHA their charity of choice in 2018, by putting on an event, donating a portion of a day’s shop profits, asking for donations for their birthday, or otherwise raising needed funds for Nantucket’s homeless animals.

Bloody Mary Brunch

What’s more fun than a Bloody Mary brunch during wine festival? One that welcomes dogs! We are so grateful to NWF and Tito’s Handmade Vodka for hosting this annual event for humans and canines alike. Thanks, too, to Island Kitchen for the doggie ice cream and 45 Surfside for the human treats. This event raised $2,300 for NiSHA and its programs.

Bloody Mary Brunch

23-K-9 Walk

Fourteen miles for the animals. That’s right. Janet Forest walked 23K—from Madaket to ‘Sconset—for the K-9’s. With a little support from friends who walked with her, provided snacks, or just cheered her on, her feat (and her feet!) raised over $2,500 for NiSHA.

23-K-9 Walk

Shamrock Run

For the 7th year in a row, the dynamic duo of Christy and Jonas Baker organized the Shamrock Run, a 4-mile race to benefit NiSHA. Each year, avid runners, casual walkers, dogs, and kids take part in the fun. There are prizes, costumes, food, and beer for all to enjoy. (Thanks to Cisco for the brews!) We are so honored to be the recipient of all of their hard work and dedication.

Shamrock Run

Big Thanks to . . .

Christy and Jonas Baker
Barre Forme
The Black Dog
Nantucket Creature Care
Commonwealth
Monica Drinane
Epernay
Janet Forest
Girl Scouts of Eastern Mass
Paula Klek
Lilly Pulitzer
Proprietor’s Bar and Table
Nantucket Chamber of Commerce
Tito’s Handmade Vodka
Nantucket Unitarian Universalists
Vineyard Vines
The Westmoor Club

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Throughout our Annual Report, you will see the many different channels through which we receive our funding. Though foundation grants help 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.

### Thoughtful Ways to Give

Including NiSHA in your will is an easy way to support our work. Planned Gifts can take many forms, including gifts of cash, life insurance, stock, or real estate. Tribute Gifts are thoughtful ways of remembering your animal-loving friends and family. Honor a friend’s birthday or a loved one’s passing with a gift to NiSHA. Join our Circle of Compassion program as a recurring donor: give once and let us do the rest!
Each day, NiSHA relies on big-hearted volunteers to care for our shelter animals. From walking dogs and fostering cats, to transporting pups on the ferry, helping run a special event, serving on the board, or providing reiki for the shelter animals, they do it all . . . and we could do very little without them.

Thank you . . .

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Amanda Brodbeck  
Janis Carreiro  
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Linda Cassady  
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Collette Christiano  
Leah Ciappenelli  
Annie Churns  
Grace Churns  
Lucy Cobb  
Gillis Cocker  
Aubrey Conners  
Bob Conway  
Ellio Corry  
Anna Cronin  

James Cronin  
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Alex Cueto  
Ilaria Dilesdernier  
Coco Dobson  
Avery Dolins  
Grayson Dolins  
Ella Douglas  
Monica Drinane  
Jillian Drury  
Kellee Dustin  
Nicole Evangelista  
Alison Falkenburg  
Sammy Faust  
Beth Faherty  
Meg Field  
Will Field  
Kerry Flynn  
Meg Gallugi  
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Laurie McDaniel-Jobe  
Crystal McGary  
Finn McGary  
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Pam Murphy  
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Mary Naughton  
Sybil Nickerson  
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Karen Oates  
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Kris Pierce  
Renee Portnoy  
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Jim Tyler  
Meg Blair-Valero  
Heather Vance  
Nina Walder  
Susan Warner  
Justine Welch  
Jenny Whitlock  
Aubrey Willis  
Adam Winterbauer  
Peyton Wolfram  
Anna Worgess  
Lilli Wytrzes  
Emma Young  
Becky Zadroga  
Justin Zadroga  
Amy Zielinski

I just want to give a shout out to the amazing volunteers. I am in the process of adopting and struggled with a very shy girl. I reached out for support and it was so worth it!—Tracy
**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.

**Advocacy.** We believe that it is important to be compassionate to all creatures, and will do our part to advocate for their well-being. Whether it is reducing plastic to protect marine life, serving only vegetarian meals at our events, or teaching people how to best cohabitate with wildlife, education is the key to understanding each animal’s role on our planet.

**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 year-round programs in schools as well as 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 transports stray dogs from Mississippi to find 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 LWW 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 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 are cared for until they are reunited with their families.

**Spay/Neuter Island Pets Program.** 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.
### 2018 By the Numbers

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I have adopted numerous dogs in my lifetime, all from different shelters. However, the care and honest desire to find the best home for these pets is unparalleled. Cannot honestly recommend [NiSHA] enough for finding your next family member. These guys are awesome.—Stacey