In Memoriam

We dedicate this year's annual report to Oreo.

Oreo was born on Nantucket in 2005, and spent his life in the Crooked Lane area of the island. Born with a kidney defect, and not a candidate for adoption, he became a lifelong resident of the shelter. He was a much beloved greeter at the MSPCA Adoption Center, and when the MSPCA left the island and NiSHA was established, he became a founding member; Offshore Animal Hospital even “grandfathered” him in to the rental lease.

The only shelter animal with independent outdoor privileges, Oreo was the quintessential cat: always on the wrong side of the door. He loved the outdoors and would often dine at the feral cat feeder out back, or go off in search of small critters to "play" with.

Since the very beginning, Oreo was a friend to all: an Animal Ambassador who visited with children in schools and at the shelter; our unofficial dog "tester," who let us know which dogs would do well in a home with a cat; a willing "patient" when we needed to show a volunteer how to pill a cat; and, as some of you know, Calista's beau of many years. His late-in-life love affair with Calista was well documented and rich fodder for shelter drama, gossip, and social media exploitation. Begrudgingly accepting her head butts and grooming in the beginning, Oreo would soon reciprocate in kind. Initiated by Calista, and finally tolerated by Oreo, the friendship lasted until his death.

Oreo was pre-deceased by his shelter cat friend, Camilla, and is missed by all.
**HAPPY TAILS**

**Bob the Guinea Pig**

Little did Bob know when he was adopted by Anna and her mom that his days would be full of adventure. Anna has made enriching Bob’s life her own life’s mission. He’s “traveled,” “been to the movies,” learned to “read,” and had an extraordinary birthday feast. We wish this kind of life for all of our adopted pets!

We just can’t imagine what our lives would be like without Bob! Bob is such a fun, cilantro-obsessed addition to our family, demanding that he is first fed in the morning . . . or any time the fridge opens, and so entertaining to watch as he scurries across the kitchen floor! He is the perfect pet for our family and we enjoy every minute. —Pauline and Anna

**Bugsy—Humane Education Ambassador**

Normally, when we think of bringing an animal ambassador into the classroom for Humane Education, we think of a dog. But necessity is the mother of invention, so when no shelter dogs were available, Susan, our Humane Educator, thought she knew the perfect candidate: Bugsy. A Flemish Giant rabbit, Bugsy was up for adoption and had been a huge hit with the children (and adults) who visited the shelter. Bugsy soon delighted students at schools as well as the senior residents of Our Island Home. Everyone was fascinated with her size combined with her sweet, gentle temperament. She was such a favorite at the Exploration Station Preschool Center that Melanie, who runs the program there, permanently adopted Bugsy. The children there now love having Bugsy as a resident, and part of their time at the preschool is spent helping care for her: preparing her daily salads, cleaning her large bunny area, and brushing her beautiful coat. Mind you, she is still available for other Humane Education gigs on Nantucket, and Susan happily picks her up at her new home so she can continue to fulfill her ambassador duties!
HAPPY TAILS

A Third Chance for Katie

Katie got returned to the shelter twice, through no fault of her own. When her last human companion died, she found herself once again in our care and yearning for a little permanence. Little did she know we had an ace up our sleeve. One of our previous adopters, an ardent shepherd lover, saw Katie on social media and called us right away to meet her. It was one of the fastest adoptions ever, and Katie now is settling in to her (final) home.

Special Needs Mean Special Families

Each year animals come to us who need above-and-beyond care before they can be adopted into new homes. Some are elderly, some have diabetes, and this year one was blind. While our Lucky Whiskers and Wags Fund helps pay for the medical needs of these shelter pets, it is still a special family willing to welcome a pet with such challenges into their home. But each animal who was special in some way this past year found a family, and without much of a wait! We are so grateful to the families who see beyond the surface of a pet to the well of love underneath. We wish them all happy, healthy lives full of special adventures.

When Your Home is Their Last—Fospice Families

Fospice families provide care for shelter pets with terminal illnesses. Rather than have a pet spend their last days, weeks, or months in a shelter environment, families take these ailing pets into their homes for whatever time they have left. This year we had three fospice pets who found love just in time. Buttons spent what ended up being her last few days with her new friend Kirsten, in Hyannis. Hope spent 1.5 years in her fospice home, knowing the warmth of both a heating pad and the big hearts of her fospice friends, Anna and Chad. Gracie had terminal cancer, but she was scooped up by long-time foster mom and volunteer Kristin, and spent her last days with 3 dogs, 1 cat, and boat loads of love.
Last year saw many positive developments for NiSHA. As we grew to become Nantucket’s animal center, we were careful to look to the future of animal sheltering in the US and at NiSHA’s place in our Nantucket community to help us decide how best to move forward.

But now . . . things have changed. For people, the future is uncertain. And any time people face uncertainty, animals do, too.

We are unsure of what the trickle-down effects of the pandemic might be for pets on Nantucket and globally. It is possible we will see pets surrendered as people become ill or as the economy falters. We just don’t know.

What we do know is that we are staying up to date on the latest health, economic, and sheltering information. We are preparing for whatever may come. Our board and staff are brainstorming ways we might be able to help as this crisis unfolds: we continue to offer food to any pet in need as well as financial aid for pet medical crises. We are accepting and caring for all stray and surrendered animals. Going forward, we might be able to offer temporary boarding to people who are too sick to care for their pets. All ideas are on the table, as we keep the safety and well being of Nantucket pets and their families firmly in mind.

You may also be wondering how you can help. For many of us, home all day looking for things to occupy our suddenly empty schedules, helping an animal in need might be just the thing to make us feel like we are doing our part.

Here is how YOU CAN HELP.

1. **Become a monthly donor.** Make as large a gift as you can, breaking up the payments over each month. We still have an operating budget we must cover, and successful outcomes of our normal fundraising activities are not guaranteed.

2. **If it works for your family, apply to be a foster home.** Having a list of people we can call if the need arises will help us feel prepared, and will mean animals won’t have to spend a lot of time in the shelter.

3. **Apply to be a volunteer.** Chances are, once lockdowns are lifted, shelters will once again be populated with animals needing daily care. Our small staff might be overwhelmed.

Thank you for supporting us in our mission to care for homeless animals, keep Nantucket pets and their families together, and teach kindness and care for all beings. You are helping us build a better world for all, even in this very precarious time.

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HUMANE EDUCATION

Books and Barks in the Park

This summer, NiSHA piloted a new program for kids, Books and Barks in the Park. Each Friday, our Humane Educator brought books and an animal ambassador to the Children’s Beach band stand. We don’t know who enjoyed it more—the kids or the dogs!

NiSHA worked with over 1,000 youth in 2019!

Amazing Animals Book Club, Books and Barks in the Park, Boys and Girls Club, Exploration Station, Humane Education in Art, Junior Volunteers, Mentoring, My Furry Valentine, NES Enrichment Cluster, Read to Meow, school visits, shelter visits, Youth Task Force.

Amazing Animals Book Club

What’s better than cats and kids? Cats, kids and books! Last fall, Susan piloted our first Book Club. Participants read a chapter book together, discussed it with others, and then worked with the animals. Their first pick: Cat Diaries, of course. The club was so successful, it is now a regular NiSHA Humane Ed offering.
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Pet Visitation

For several years, NiSHA staff and volunteers have been visiting the residents of Our Island Home with a shelter or family pet. For a person confined to a senior living facility, this kind of contact can be the highlight of their week. Many residents begin telling tales of their own former pets, and there are smiles all around. For 2020, NiSHA has received a Community Health Initiatives grant from Nantucket Cottage Hospital, which will help us create and build our Pet Assisted Therapy Program. Pet-Human Teams will be certified by Pet Partners, the national Pet Assisted Therapy organization. Teams will then be available to visit hospitals, schools, libraries, and nursing homes, bringing the many benefits of animals to those who need them most.

My Furry Valentine

My Furry Valentine, our annual Humane Ed movie event, featured Ratatouille, about a rat who wants to be a chef. Humane Educator Susan Richards brought Rachel, our rat puppet, to educate the audience about the many talents of rats (though we aren’t sure cooking is actually one of them). There were plenty of animal ambassadors in attendance, including Bugsy, who made her My Furry Valentine debut. Thanks go to Lorna Dollery for bringing in her own pet rabbits to visit with the children as well. And thanks to the Nantucket Golf Club Foundation and Bartlett’s Farm for making this a free program for all.

Holistic Help for Pets

In June, NiSHA presented a panel discussion on holistic health and wellness for aging and anxious pets. Speakers included board member Melanie Powers of Sweet Energy Animal Massage and Reiki; Maia Howard, Offshore Animal Hospital veterinarian, who uses acupuncture in her practice; and Lynn Begier, who discussed the benefits of cbd oil therapy for pets. The “trial” animals sure did luck out . . . and we all learned something!
Paws for the Cause: unleashed!

In 2019, we renamed our summer gala unleashed! Our "Animal Wonderland" themed event showcased many exciting new elements: from dazzling decor to dogs and dancing. A doggie Paw-lor featuring our adoptable pups was a huge hit, and one we will highlight again! We also welcomed a quartet of co-chairs—Clare & Ansley Walker and Paul Gaucher & Peter Niemitz—who helped us bring in more guests and more funds for the animals than ever before. Honored during the evening with the Animal Champion Award were the Bishop Family, former owners of Blue Buffalo Pet Food, who have been our most loyal supporters since Day 1. And receiving the Distinguished Service Award for her eight years as NiSHA’s first president and founding member was Pam Murphy.

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Stay tuned as we develop our summer plans!

We have a lot of people to thank for making NiSHA’s Nantucket Stroll so spirited:

🌟 Thanks to Ron Lynch, Susan “Mrs. Clause” Richards, Strong Wings, and all of our wonderful elves for helping make 2019’s Photos with Mrs. Clause a festive success for the animals.

🌟 Thanks to board member Kris Pierce for designing our Animal Wonderland tree for the NHA’s Festival of Trees. And to volunteer Angie Knapp for our downtown tree.

🌟 Thanks to Meredith Hanson for the gorgeous “Mississippi Mutt” Stroll Marketplace design.
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Kitty Murtagh’s
Danecz Kornack and Michael Reitermann
Laugh Boston
Le Languedoc
Lemon Press
Lincoln Tavern
Lola 41
Magellan Jets
Marine Home Center
Samantha Maxwell and Lee Tyler
Melissa David Salon
Monarch Face and Body
Mooo
Lisa Muehling-Lewis
Keri Mullen
Nantucket Bake Shop
Nantucket Cottage Hospital
Nantucket Creature Care
Nantucket Culinary Center
Nantucket Dreamland Foundation
NIR: Woof Cottages
Nautilus
New England Aquarium
Peter Niemitz and Paul Gaucher
Kit Noble
O’Connor Custom Builders
Christina Oates
Ostra
Petcurean
Kristene Pierce
Melanie Powers
PPX
Anne Quatrano
Quequeques
RJ Miller
Sea Grille
Sharis Place
Slip 14
Sorellina
Stella & Chewy’s
Straight Wharf
Studio Nantucket
Summer Classics
Wendy Swiatek
The After House
The Galley
The Lovely
The Lyric Stage Company of Boston
The Nantucket Hotel
The Sand Bar
Theatre Workshop of Nantucket
Top of the Hub
Via Mare
vis-à-vis Nantucket
White Heron
AJ Williams Events
XV Beacon Hotel
Zero Main

Grants

Humane Education
Nantucket Golf Club Foundation
Land to Sea Pet Rescue
Athletes for Animals
Pedigree Foundation
Operating
The Overbrook Foundation
Seniors with Pets Assistance
Michael C. Graham Foundation
Lucky Whiskers and Wags Fund
Community Foundation for Nantucket
Michael C. Graham Foundation
The Overbrook Foundation
Pabis Foundation
The Thomas C. McGowan Fund for Animals of the Cape Cod Foundation
Spay Neuter Island Pets Program
Massachusetts Animal Coalition
Pet Assisted Therapy
NCH Community Health Fund
Capacity Building
ReMain Nantucket Fund

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2019 SUPPORTERS

Tribute Gifts

in honor of Barbara Bragg
   Kathy Aspden
in honor of Barbara Graham
   Carolyn Graham
in honor of Bob Egan
   Eric Egan
in honor of Callie
   Jack Kirsch
in honor of Dave McHugh & Liz Talbot
   Scott McHugh
in honor of Dawn Holdgate & Nichole Marks
   Lisa and Richard Dennis
in honor of Deirdre Smialowski
   Andrea Downey and Rick Kassler
in honor of Dr. Stanley Truffini
   Stacey Waldemer
in honor of Florencia Rullo
   Libby Gibson
in honor of Giovanna LaPaglia
   Jean Rionx
in honor of Gisli Hughes
   George Hughes
in honor of Gracie
   Brenda Garnett
in honor of Gregg Tivnan
   Libby Gibson
in honor of J. Carr Holland
   Robert Franklin
in honor of James Osif and Houlie
   Bonnie and Tom Osif
in honor of Judd’s 11th Birthday
   Lisa and Mike Moquin
in honor of Karla Butler
   Ellen Ryder
in honor of Katie Kaizer & Evan Schwanfelder
   Kaizer/Schwanfelder Wedding Guests
in honor of Kristen Graham
   Carolyn Graham
in honor of Linda and Kim Cassady
   Kathryn Manukas
in honor of Susan Knoll
   Michelle Banach
in honor of Wayne Morris
   Cheryl Searle
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in memory of Allan Collins
   Kathy Melrod
in memory of Bella and Paula
   Kathy Spengler
in memory of Betty/Hope
   Anna and Chad Hudnet
in memory of Billy
   Lauren and Anthony Zeller
in memory of Cait Husebo
   Jane Husebo
in memory of Casey, Annalise & Tom Nelson
   Mary Nevis

in memory of Chance Hunt
   Kerry Flynn
in memory of Dolores Paquette
   Jeanine and Curt Allen
in memory of Dutchie Nixon-Davis
   Kerry Flynn
in memory of E. Niles Kenyon
   Jayne Kenyon
in memory of Edith Delker
   Nantucket Association of Real Estate Brokers
in memory of Emmutt Huber
   Healy and Gary Cosay
   Jeanne and Peter Hicks
in memory of Gabby Gallugi
   Kerry Flynn
in memory of Gracie
   Kerry Flynn
   Kathryn Graham
   The Overbrook Foundation
in memory of Heathrow
   Nicholas Balderson
in memory of Henry
   Pam Schaecher
in memory of Hunter Day
   Linus
in memory of Jackson Twombly
   Mark Cutone Architecture +
   in memory of Jake Flynn/Kerry Flynn
   Kerry Flynn
   Kathryn Graham
   Pam Murphy
in memory of Jean Bembridge
   Joy Ayotte
   Jan and Fred Jaeger
in memory of John and Claire Wall
   Karen Wall
in memory of Keifer
   Sherry Rowsey and Margaret Duffin
in memory of Koda Nutt
   Joan Thompson
in memory of Loise “Sis” Chapin
   Melissa Banta
   Cynthia and Susan Cartwright
   Kendall Durkee Family
   Karen Hill
   Gaius Wickser
in memory of Lucy
   Carol Anderson
in memory of Max
   Leigh Talbot
in memory of Molly Brown
   Debbie Wall Federlein

NiSHA/Jaeger Scholarship
Thanks to the Jaeger family, NiSHA offers an annual $1,000 scholarship to students or community members interested in pursuing studies or training in an animal-related field. For more information, check out Community Foundation for Nantucket’s scholarship page.

in memory of Oreo
   John J. Bowen
   Kerry Flynn
   Kathryn Graham
   Paula Klek and Jay McConnell
   Trish Pastuszak
   Susan and Peter Richards
in memory of Pat Griffin
   Leigh Jamison
in memory of Remi
   Kathryn Graham
in memory of Renate Biamonti
   Michelle Azouz
   Clelia Biamonti
   Kimberly Myler
   in memory of Rosie (of New Canaan Thrift Shop)
   Andrea Sandor
in memory of Sammy Urban
   Andrea Sandor
in memory of Sassafras (Sassy) McLaughlin
   Ingrid Gude
in memory of Stella
   Linda and Michael Portnoy
   Renee Portnoy
in memory of Talli Olson
   D. F. S. Crowther
in memory of Truman
   Catherine Clemens
in memory of William “Bill” Pineo
   Georgia Axt
   Susan Betts
in memory of Zephyr West
   Connie and Tony Bischof

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Thank you to all the individuals and businesses who made NiSHA their charity of choice in 2019, by putting on an event, donating a portion of a day’s shop profits, asking for donations for their birthday, or otherwise personally raising needed funds for Nantucket’s homeless animals.

**Red Sox Trophy Pics**

Thanks to Sheri Rosenberg, the Red Sox, and Ron Lynch for the opportunity to photograph our pets with the World Series Trophy! This is not an opportunity that comes around every day, and lots of people and their pooches showed up to take advantage of the shoot.

**Peace for the Animals**

Alexandra Catchpole led a special meditation for the shelter animals. Attendees made donations to NiSHA, and were encouraged to envision peace for all the animals of the world. Pets were welcomed, and it didn’t hurt that it was a beautiful summer evening and that the meditators were serenaded by dusk’s birdsong.

**Shamrock Run**

Now in its 8th year, the Shamrock Run, put on by Christy and Jonas Baker for NiSHA, raised almost $4,000! The 4-mile race welcomes runners, walkers, dogs, and kids. Prizes, costumes, food, and beer round out this fun fundraiser. (Thanks to Cisco for the brews!) We are so honored to be the recipient of all of their hard work and dedication.

**23-K-9 Walk**

Janet Forest did it again: she and several supportive friends walked the entire 14 miles from Madaket to Sconset. In the process they raised $3,500 for the animals. We love Janet’s gumption and energy!

**Big Thanks to...**

Christy and Jonas Baker  
Alexandra Catchpole  
Lorna Dollery  
Empty Bowls Project  
Geronimo’s & Cold Noses of Nantucket  
Janet Forest  
Girl Scouts of Eastern Mass  
Goop  
Nantucket Dreamland Foundation  
Nantucket Island Chamber of Commerce  
Nantucket Unitarian Universalists  
Nantucket Wine Festival  
Stop & Shop Community Bag Program  
The Black Dog  
Tito’s Handmade Vodka  
Veronica Beard  
The Westmoor Club
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.

### 2019 FINANCIALS

#### 2019 Operating Income

- **Services**: 12%
- **Grants**: 13%
- **Events**: 39%
- **Donations**: 37%

#### 2019 Operating Expenses

- **Programs**: $472,839
- **Fundraising**: $62,417
- **Admin.**: $99,821

- **Events**: $235,475
- **Donations**: $223,026
- **Grants**: $78,315
- **Services**: $69,907

#### Help Us Continue our Work for the Animals

We have included a remittance envelope in this annual report. We hope you will consider a gift to help us continue this vital work for Nantucket pets and their families. Other ways to give:

- Include NiSHA in your will and become a member of our 2112 Legacy Society.
- Make a Tribute Gift as a thoughtful way of remembering your animal-loving friend or family member.
- Join our Circle of Compassion program as a recurring donor: give once and let us do the rest!

### NiSHA’s 2112 Legacy Society

Thank you to those donors who plan to help NiSHA in the future. The members of our 2112 Legacy Society have remembered NiSHA in their will.

- Anonymous-4
- Linda & Kim Cassady
- Monica Drinane & Maryann Hedaa
- Marsha & Robert Egan
- Mimi Huber & Richard Sheehan
- Pamela Murphy
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 . . .

Aria Abid
Als Allan
Tiger Amerman
Deliah Anderson
Ethan Anderson
Claire Andrew
Summer Armstrong
Tracy Bakalar
Ali Bamber
Terry Barada
Anne Barrett
Tianna Barrett
Elaine Boehm
Andrew Breckenridge
Garry Carruso
Deb Childs
Grace Churns
Emily Clark
Lucy Cobb
Dave Cochrane
Gillis Cocker
Bob Conway
Pauline Cronin
James Dalzell
Annabel Dannheim
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Steve DiFrancesco
Dory Dinklage
Avery Dolins
Grayson Dolins
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Elia Douglas
Steve Drabkin
Jordan Early
Brady Elder
Nicole Evangelista
Jill Everts
Nika Farokhzad
Sammy Faust
Kerry Flynn
Meg Gallugi
Jack Gammons
Pam Gardner
Tallis Gomes
Doreen Goodwin
Kristin Graham
Brianne Graves
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Kim Guertin
Val Hall
Meredith Hanson
Chele Haynes
Rachel Hessen
Johnna Holland
Sammy Hilberg-Hunt
Craig Hunter
Rita Infante
Kelly Jackson
Kristina Jellene
Laurie Jobe
Jacque Jordan
Katie Kaizer
Henry Kanter
Mitzh Karlin
Zoe Kearns
Sonya Keene
Sue Keim
Angelina Knapp
Denice Kronau
Hayley Lamb
Ashley Langer
Shawna Larrabee
Loryn Lashelle
Elia Leon
Scott Leonard
Susan Levy
Avery Loughborough
Kerry Loughborough
Mia Lyde
Noelle Lyden
Ron Lynch
Alex MacCormick
Sue MacCormick
Leanna Macierowski
Amanda Mack
Becky Mack
Natalie Mack
Lynn Madeiros
Catriona Martin
Abby Mason
Devan Mastreanini
Alissa Mattison
Diane McLaughlin
Alicia Meh
Gillean Meyers
Meg Mikita
Megan Mitchell
Beth Morris
Nancy Morris
Denzel Morris
Kiri Mullen
Mary Naughton
Susan Neston
Sylvia Nickerson
Alissa Nosal
Christina Oates
Karen Oates
Claire Oberly
Ellen Oberly
Megan Olson
Colin Olson
Amy Olson
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Marge Owen
Whitney Penrose
Micheal Peterman
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Sophie Toole
Kyle Turner
Rebecca Vaughn
Nina Walder
Amelia Walsh
Susan Warner
Faedra Wheeler
Lauren White
William White
Peyton Wolfman

Volunteer Spotlight

Thank you to Christina Oates, who has worked so hard over the past few years to help get our animals adopted. From painting portraits of our adoptable animals to creating social media posts that highlight the pets, she does all she can to promote the homeless animals of Nantucket. She is currently publishing her own children’s book about a former shelter dog, Brandy!

I volunteer at NiSHA because of the tight-knit community and the wonderful feeling of fulfillment I get from helping the animals. The community is extremely welcoming and kind; every single volunteer is passionate about helping these animals, and their passion is contagious! I have formed many bonds with the animals, and one of the best feelings in the world is watching them be adopted into a forever home.

—Christina Oates
ADOPT

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.

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 other regions to find them loving homes, which saves lives.

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 pet shelter. Lost pets are cared for until they are reunited with their families.

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.

EDUCATE

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.

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.

ADVOCATE

Advocacy. We believe 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 best to cohabitate with wildlife, education is the key to understanding each animal’s role on our planet.

Island Pet Outreach. Our suite of financial aid and counseling programs ensures that pets stay in the loving homes they already have and out of the shelter.

Lucky Whiskers and Wags Medical Fund covers the costs of critical medical care for shelter and community pets.

Our Pet Food Pantry distributes food to any pet in need.

Seniors with Pets Assistance Program ensures pets are cared for in the event of a senior’s injury or illness.

Spay/Neuter Island Pets Program offers low-cost sterilizations to island animals.

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Jan Jaeger, Emeritus
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Pam Murphy, Emeritus

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Angela Gray, Animal Care Associate
Grace Holt, Animal Care Associate
Pam Murphy, Outreach Coordinator
Lori Smith, Dog Adoption Coordinator

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I have two dogs from the [Land to Sea Pet Rescue Program], and I remain extraordinarily impressed, moved, and grateful for the thoughtful, detail-oriented, professional and compassionate work [NiSHA does] in the world. Thanks!!!

—Julie