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.

In 2017, we marked our five-year anniversary. Many times during the year we looked back on what our supporters helped us build, and all they helped us accomplish for Nantucket and its pet-loving families.

NiSHA—born of a crisis in our community in 2012—has grown to serve Nantucket’s changing needs. With your support, the lives of so many pets and their families have been changed for the better.

Mabel and 715 other dogs and cats who were temporarily lost were cared for until their families could be located. Along with NiSHA, the community plays a role in finding the families of lost pets: our Facebook page lights up when we post a lost or found pet, and often it’s one of our followers who helps broker the reunion.

Marcus and 175 other pets received the medical care they needed. Caring for pets is expensive. But we believe strongly that pets should remain in well-meaning homes, and we offer financial grants to ensure that they do.

The Warrens and 753 other families were able to find a friendly, healthy pet to adopt, right here on Nantucket. Having pets to adopt on island means families don’t have to travel to adopt, or—worse yet—buy from a pet store.

Katrina and 983 other kids participated in lessons in compassion and care. Youth are our future, and we are committed to working with kids to help create a kinder and more compassionate one.

Nantucket needs its own resource for pet families. NiSHA is that resource. And YOU are ours. THANK YOU for helping make NiSHA’s dreams for our community come true.

Jessica Sosebee
Executive Director
Rachel’s Bucket List

When Rachel the Rat was surrendered to the shelter, no one knew she was living on borrowed time. Diagnosed with cancer, Rachel would only have a short time with her foster parents, Angela and Orion. But they set out to make that remaining time memorable. From sailing and beach combing, to cooking up her favorite dish, Rachel lived her best adventurous life during the little time she had left. And best of all was the love she found with Angela and Orion. Safe travels, sweet Rachel.

The Turkish Kitties

NiSHA was happy to welcome ten cats from Turkey this year. Friendly, sassy, affectionate cats all, six of them spent the summer with us. One of the cats, Hercules (below, right), had no eyes, but he did not let that slow him down. By fall, all of our Turkish cats found wonderful homes, and two of them went home together. As a tie-in to the exotic cats we had in the shelter, NiSHA teamed up with the Nantucket Dreamland Foundation to show “Kedi,” the visually sumptuous documentary about the community cats of Istanbul. NiSHA staff was on hand to talk about our own Turkish connection.

Woolie and Rose

Woolie, one of our adoptable cats, broke her leg while with us in the shelter. When we reached out to our supporters to help with her emergency medical care, people were very generous. As Woolie healed at the shelter, her sister of six years went into a trial adoption. When that home knew they loved Rose, they came back for Woolie. We couldn’t have imagined a happier ending!
A May–December Romance
Let’s be blunt: when Calista came to the shelter she was not winning any popularity contests. A “typical torti,” she’d hiss and swat as soon as she was close enough for contact. Understandably, she was upset and stressed to be thrust into a new situation, and into a room she had to share with many strange cats. Then along came Oreo. Actually, Oreo was already there. A 10-year resident of the shelter, Oreo’s medical issues prevent him from being adopted, and to him the shelter IS home. From the start, Calista made overtures to Oreo, deftly pushing her head into him as he’d pass by, lying close to him during his naps. However, Oreo was not to be won over so easily. You see, he’d seen them come, and he’d seen them go. Perhaps he didn’t want to get too attached to anyone, lest he or she be adopted and he lost yet another friend. But Calista’s charms were too great, and finally Oreo succumbed. Now, they groom each other and sleep together in the same bed. They’ve found comfort and friendship for however much time they have together. And love has softened Calista, too, who now approaches people for affection and attention . . . when Oreo’s not around.

Molly Recovers . . . With a Little Help from her Friends
A few years after Molly was adopted from NiSHA, she fell into an unfenced house foundation and broke both of her front legs. When estimates to repair the legs came in at about $15,000, we knew we had to help this family. Enter our Lucky Whiskers and Wags Fund, which pays for the above-and-beyond medical costs of current and former shelter pets as well as community pets who are facing a catastrophic medical emergency. Not only did the fund help cover some of Molly’s medical costs, but when NiSHA volunteers learned of Molly’s plight, they stepped in to help care for her, signing up for shifts at Molly’s house to give her treats, read to her, and just keep her company.

Once Molly was completely healed and back to her old self, her mom invited all of her caretakers to dinner to thank them for their help during Molly’s recovery. Thank you to the Community Foundation for Nantucket, the Cape Cod Foundation’s Thomas C. McGowan Fund for Animals, the HSUS, and the MS Worthington Foundation for funding our Lucky Whiskers and Wags program.
A Win–Win Mentorship Program

In 2017, 15 youth between the ages of 12 and 18 had the opportunity to work with shelter staff to learn about shelter work on a deeper level. Each mentee chose an area of interest like direct animal care or animal advocacy, and then worked one-to-one with our Humane Ed Coordinator or Operations Manager. These young people helped sort and catalog our Humane Education library, socialized some scared cats, and did website “scavenger hunts” to learn more about NiSHA and animal shelters.

Kids Have a HEArt

NiSHA teamed up this summer with 5 camps—ACKVenture Camp, Seafari Girls, Summer Boost at Nantucket Community School, Boys & Girls Club, and Maria Mitchell Camp—to help spread the message of compassion to all islanders with the HEArt (Humane Education in Art) program. Campers learned about a variety of humane themes and then created their own art work. Their works were viewed by hundreds of visitors at the Nantucket Atheneum’s Weezie Library in August.

NiSHA was lucky to have author Diane Rose Solomon come for a special event this summer. Though rain kept many away, the show went on! Diane read from her book JJ the American Street Dog.

Reading is FUNdamental

Kids reading to cats as a non-threatening way of spending time around animals is at the heart of our summer Read to Me . . . ow program. Volunteers read to the cats, helped with shelter chores, and worked with two of our senior dogs. The shelter pets benefit from spending time with kids, and kids benefit by reading to the ever-curious, non-judgmental pets, who don’t comment if a child stutters or mispronounces a word—or just makes up a story of their own.
HUMANE EDUCATION

MY FURRY VALENTINE

A special event just for kids, this program presented the movie "The Secret Life of Pets." Nantucket's Animal Control Officer, Suzy Gale, also visited to discuss her work with her search and rescue dog, Saphira. Kids received goodie bags with coloring books, stickers, treats, and educational materials. Dogs were on hand as animal ambassadors. Thank you to Bartlett's Farm and for a grant from the Nantucket Golf Club Foundation, which allowed us to offer this event free of charge to the community.

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Nantucket Elementary School Enrichment Cluster

Ten enthusiastic third-graders met weekly for 8 weeks to learn about shelters, and how to "be kind" and take care of animals. They visited the shelter and wrote mini reports on what they learned from their visit. Their final projects included Watering Cans of Kindness, made of recycled kitty litter containers, and animal-inspired hand-painted mugs.

Our Humane Educator, Susan Richards, and our Dog Ambassador, Gwen Richards, make class visits all during the school year.
Kids are some of our best fundraisers and advocates. Every year, kids of all ages approach NiSHA about projects to help the animals, or they show up with their Foster a Dog Banks filled with coins and bills, or bake homemade biscuits for the shelter dogs. We enjoy—and rely on—their energy, their hard work and their compassion.

Tori Dixon, along with Lolly Amons (manager of The Egg on Straight Wharf), organized a shelter Meet and Greet event for her Youth Leadership Project. Tori created a slideshow featuring NiSHA’s adoptable animals and baked dog treats to sell. She also coordinated with volunteers to make sure our adoptable dogs were on hand to greet strollers and shoppers and possibly meet their new families.

The Seafari Girls are NiSHA’s most loyal youth group. Each summer this group of girls decides on a project that will raise funds for the shelter. Then they visit the shelter to present their donation. While there, they meet the shelter animals and receive a take-away bag with activity worksheets, stickers, and an “I am an Animal Hero” medal.

Each year the Girl Scouts make and sell dog treats at the Daffodil Festival to raise funds for the shelter animals. This year their hard work raised $600!
NiSHA loves to be invited (or invite ourselves) to participate in community events, and to host our own. From the Black Pet Celebration to the Nantucket Island Fair, NiSHA and special dog ambassadors go out into the community to spread the word about homeless animals, adoption, and kindness to all beings.

In 2017, NiSHA held its first Spay/Neuter Raffle. Islanders were encouraged to submit a ballot to win a free spay or neuter surgery, and we gave out one of each. Spay/neuter is vital not only for the health of pets, but also to keep the pet population in check, which ultimately saves lives. Thanks to the Thomas C. McGowan Fund for Animals of the Cape Cod Foundation, Massachusetts Animal Coalition, and the Carlee Charitable Trust for helping to fund our Spay Neuter Island Pets Program.

Daffy Day Dog Parade
Each year, in conjunction with the Nantucket Island Chamber of Commerce, NiSHA leads the Daffy Dog Parade on Daffodil Weekend, during which dogs get a chance to don their daffy finest. Thanks to all who participate, donate, carry the banner, and to our judges, who have the hardest job ever!

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

Thank you to Board Member Kris Pierce who created our interactive Christmas tree for the NHA’s Festival of Trees. Visitors were encouraged to take a keepsake from the tree and replace it with a bow. By the end of day one, all the ornaments were gone and the tree was full of red bows!

And thanks to Angelina Knapp (shown here, on the right, with helper Amy Santos) and her elves for creating our downtown Chamber tree full of the best images of our shelter pets—in bobble head form!
### COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

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Thanks to the **Black Dog** for helping us celebrate Black Pets each fall.

We spread our message for the animals any time we are invited to Sustainable Nantucket’s **Farmer’s Market**.

This year, NiSHA was put in charge of the dog show at the **Island Fair**. So many people came out to show off their dogs!

Working with Little Mountain Rescue in Mississippi, NiSHA helped save the lives of 70 southern dogs this year, bringing them to Nantucket to find wonderful homes in a region where adoptable dogs can sometimes be scarce.
2017 SUPPORTERS

Businesses
Akimbo
Atlas
Backyard BBQ
Belmont Day School Roots & Shoots
Blue Buffalo Company, LTD
Botticelli and Pohl
Buzz Saw Construction
Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank
Carolyn Thayer Interiors
Christopher’s Home Furnishings
East Wood Trading Company
Emeritus
Fairfield County Millwork, Inc.
Geronimo’s, Ltd.
Girl Scouts of Eastern Mass
Go Figure
Great Point Properties
Hingham Institution for Savings
Johnston’s Cashmere
Kathleen Hay Designs
Madaket Marine
Maria Mitchell Association
Marine Home Center
Mimi Huber Real Estate, LLC
Nantucket Bank
Nantucket Culinary Center
Nantucket Dreamland Foundation
Nantucket Island Resorts: Woof Cottages
Nantucket Landscapes
OCB, LLC
Offshore Animal Hospital
Roy M. Davis DMD PC
Second Cong. Meeting House
SUNY Oswego Class of 2011
SUNY Oswego Communications Dept.
The Black Dog
The Company of the Cauldron
The Dog Wash Nantucket
The Formal
The Old Spouter Gallery
The Ship’s Inn
The Westmoor Club
The Yoga Room
Tito’s Handmade Vodka
Toscana Corp
Tracy Volkswagen Inc
Zero Main

Foundations and Trusts
Blue Hills Bank Foundation
Community Foundation for Nantucket
Elizabeth H. and Thomas H. Broadus Jr. Charitable Foundation
M. S. Worthington Foundation
Maclean Charitable Foundation
Massachusetts Animal Coalition
Nantucket Golf Club Foundation, Inc.
The Brandt Foundation
The Cape Cod Foundation
The Derald H. Ruttenberg Foundation
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John Archibald and James Costa
Healy and Gary Cosay
Lucile W. Hays
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Robert M. and Diane V. S. Levy
Connie Mundy and Eric Shaw
Kristene Pierce
Claire Urbahn

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Hilary and Scott Andersen
Kim and Chris Bishop
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Jane Carlin
Suzanne Gale
Grace Gottwald
Polly Hallowell and Steve Langer
Jeanne and Peter Hicks
Ann and Craig Multhausser
Dora Molot and Family
Susan Nixon and Roy Davis
Clare and James Walker

$1,001-$5,000
Christy and Jonas Baker
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Kendra and Matt Bary
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Mary and David Brown
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Gloria Gutierrez and Don Gaiter
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Pam Murphy
Karen Rainwater
Maria and George Roach
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Amy and Henry Sanford
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Clay Twombly
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Georgia Snell
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Lydia Suszek
Joan Van Der Grift
Leslie and Wayne Wytrzes

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Holly Adam
Cathy Aquiar
Georgine and Frank Anton
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Marianne Cribbin
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Carol March Emerson Cross
John Call
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Joan Curhan
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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!

- **RC Atchisson** donated copies of his book *Love Shack*, which featured NiSHA, at the Nantucket Book Festival;
- During December, **Atlas** offered a specialty cocktail, and a portion of the proceeds went to NiSHA;
- **Christy and Jonas Baker** organized the 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 from the day;
- The **Dreamland** hosted a special showing of *Kedi* about the cats of Istanbul, donating a portion of the ticket sales;
- **Geronimo’s** donated a portion of their annual February Have a Heart fundraiser to us;
- **Go Figure** dance studio donated the proceeds of a special class;
- **Samantha Posch** and her **Cru** crew threw an end-of-summer bash, **The Formal**, which raised over $5,000 for NiSHA;
- **Titos Vodka** and **The Beachside Hotel** hosted a special Bloody Mary brunch stand organized by the **Nantucket Wine Festival**;
- The **Unitarian Universalists** held their annual Blessing of the Animals service and took up a collection for the shelter pets;
- **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.
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.

### 2017 NiSHA Income Sources

- **Services**: 12%
- **Grants**: 16%
- **Donations**: 31%
- **Events**: 41%

### 2017 NiSHA Expenses

- **Programs**: 63%
- **Fundraising**: 19%
- **Admin.**: 18%

#### 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!
Photos with Santa

Thanks to Cary Hazlegrove, “Santa” Peter Richards, and all of our wonderful elves for helping make 2017’s Photos with Santa at Strong Wings our best, most attended ever. Almost 100 pet lovers came out with their dogs—and one with a goldfish—to be snapped with Santa. It’s always a fun way to ring in the holiday season for the animals.

Paws for the Cause—Five Year Anniversary celebrated NiSHA’s fifth year of operating as Nantucket’s animal shelter. Congratulations to Dora Molot, who was awarded our first “Young Advocate” award and to Gwen Richards who was honored with our first “Dog Ambassador” award.

A surprise number by the Theatre Workshop’s cast of “Mama Mia” ended the evening on a high note. The event netted over $200,000 to benefit the animals and all of NiSHA’s community programs.

Save the Date!
Meet us August 2nd at Bartlett’s Farm for the summer’s funnest event! Paws for the Cause: The Year of the Dog.

Thank you to all of our supporters and to our Presenting Sponsor, Blue Buffalo.
NiSHA is honored to work with a cascade of volunteers. From a small core group that works weekly all year 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.

**THANK YOU for ALL YOU DO!**

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Top Notch Care for Shelter Pets

We are lucky to benefit from the services of certified animal massage therapist and Reiki master Melaine Powers, of Sweet Energy, who comes to the shelter to give massage and Reiki to our shelter animals. This kind of love and attention helps to settle our new animals into the shelter and also calms the nerves of those who have been with us too long.

One of the hardest volunteer jobs is Fospice care. Fospice homes care for a pet who only has a short time to live. NiSHA provides food and medical care, and local families provide the home and love. Some of these animals are very old and others have a terminal illness. Rather than spend their last months in a shelter, these pets become part of a family before they go. Mai Mai (left) was 20 years old, but she had a safe and loving home with Bettina Broer until it was her time to go. Thanks to Bettina (and to all of our Fospice volunteers)!

NiSHA’s shelter dogs don’t want for attention while they await their new homes. Many of our volunteers come in just to take our dogs on field trips to give them some relief from the shelter. They go to the beach, to Sanford Farm, Tupancy, and sometimes just to the volunteer’s house for an overnight. This kind of adventure is enriching and gives us valuable information about our shelter dogs’ personalities, which helps us find them the best new home.

This spring, our staff and volunteers took part in a Pet First Aid class. They learned how to do CPR on pets as well as basic first aid and the Heimlich maneuver. Not only will this come in handy at the shelter, but with their own pets and out in the world.
In 2017 we welcomed Andrea Morris as our new Operations Manager. Andrea grew up on Nantucket with dogs, cats, horses, and guinea pigs. Her first job was as a Kennel Attendant at the MSPCA. At NiSHA she started as a volunteer, was then hired as a caregiver and Technician Assistant, and is thrilled to now be in charge of shelter operations. She is currently studying to receive her certification as a Veterinary Technician.

We also had to say goodbye to Michelle Perkins, NiSHA’s first Operations Manager. Michelle joined NiSHA on day one as a volunteer, full of passion and a drive to make the world better for animals. As soon as we were ready for staff, Michelle stepped into the Ops Manager position, and in her time at the helm adopted out hundreds of deserving pets, influenced dozens of children through teaching compassion, and touched the lives of countless community members. While we miss Michelle and all she brought to NiSHA, we are pleased that she is now making a difference in her home country of New Zealand at another animal welfare organization.

NiSHA took some time this fall to spruce up our space, thanks to Scott O’Connor and OCB, LLC. Fresh paint, new cages on loan from Offshore, and a new library room where kids can have story time with the cats, and dogs can have some “real life space” out of their kennels.

Board Member Susan Kanter Richards and Executive Director Jessica Sosebee met with Representative Fernandes (shown here) and the staff of Senator Cyr to discuss 5 different animal bills currently in committees during Lobby Day in Boston.
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 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 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 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 (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.

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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.

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Me and my rescue dog were meant to be. The amazing volunteers here perform a vital function that a pet friendly island needs on such a deep level. They work hard to take rescue pets from places where they are numerous and bring them up here where they can find homes and people to love them. Thank you for all you do.—Alison

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