People always ask me where my love of animals comes from—was it a certain childhood pet or an influential veterinarian in my family? Truthfully, the only answer I can come up with is genetics—I can honestly say that since birth, I have thought that animals are the most important things in the world. They make you realize that life isn’t just about you, and I truly cannot understand a world without them.

That’s why I’m so lucky to have spent the last five years here at San Diego Humane Society, where I am surrounded by a dedicated community of staff, volunteers, donors and pet families that share my appreciation for the animal kingdom. That go above and beyond each and every day to support the mission of inspiring compassion and ensuring that every animal we serve is safe, sound, happy, healthy and adopted – or returned to the wild. And that face each new challenge with ambition and excitement, knowing that by elevating our organization within San Diego County, the entire Southern California region and beyond, we are raising society to new heights with regard to animal welfare.

This year was indeed an ambitious one for San Diego Humane Society. After achieving our milestone of “Getting to Zero” euthanasia for all healthy, adoptable animals in 2015, we didn’t rest on our laurels. Instead, we forged ahead knowing that getting to zero was just the first step—staying there while also increasing the number of animals we help and improving the lives of families we’re able to serve is the next. In the animal welfare movement, the greatest challenge is staying on top of all the need and coming up with new solutions to address that need. It’s a challenge that’s never ending because there is no end to what we do—to how we want to expand and grow our local impact into far-reaching influence that improves the lives of animals and our community of people who love them.

Your support has been incredibly vital to all we’ve been able to accomplish in the five years since I’ve joined San Diego Humane Society. Our donors and volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization—the reason we’ve been able to expand our reach into North County, the reservations and now into South County; to incorporate new programs like PAWS San Diego and Project Wildlife; to shift from a limited-admission to an open-admission shelter; and to begin six major construction projects that will increase our capacity and enhance our capabilities. As we look ahead to the coming year, we’re looking toward our biggest change yet: potentially taking on the animal welfare responsibilities of six additional cities—increasing the number of animals we serve from 30,000 to 60,000 and servicing every corner of San Diego County.

With this undertaking, we’re pledging to be the stewards of animal welfare as a whole in San Diego. Thanks to the continued support of our donors, volunteers, staff and community, we have the resources and the skills. We’re all in this together, and I look forward to taking on this new and exciting challenge with you by our side.

With much gratitude,

Gary Weitzman, DVM, MPH, CAWA
President and CEO
260 ANIMALS RESCUED FROM HOARDING

We’ve had quite a year for emergency rescues. On average, we respond to one hoarding situation every month, but this year brought two of the most extreme hoarding situations we’ve seen in our 137 year history. In just these two cases, we rescued more than 260 dogs from deplorable conditions, living in their own filth and feces. Their lives turned around after a few weeks in our care and now they’re safe and sound with their new families.

PRIORITIES

- rescue | rehabilitate | rehome
- keeping pets out of shelters
- going beyond our borders

PETS ADMITTED

16,249 domestic animals

WILDLIFE ADMITTED

9,683 wild animals

2016-17 HIGHLIGHTS

- 15,380 animals found homes this year
- 2,560 animals reunited with their owners
- 7,886 stray animals admitted
RESCUE
REHABILITATE
REHOME
HUMANE LAW ENFORCEMENT
brings hope to animal victims of cruelty and neglect.

ANIMAL RESCUE RESERVE
rescues animals in emergency situations.

PROJECT WILDLIFE
gives injured, orphaned and sick wild animals a second chance at life.

SHELTER MEDICINE
provides sick or injured animals with the comprehensive medical care they need and deserve.

BEHAVIOR CENTER
provides animals with the behavior support they need to become ready for adoption.

KITTEN NURSERY
ensures that newborn and orphaned kittens reach full and healthy development.
HUMANE LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Provides a voice for animals who cannot speak for themselves.
- Serves as the municipal animal services agency in the cities of Escondido, Imperial Beach, Oceanside, Poway, San Marcos and Vista.
- Investigates animal cruelty and neglect, enforces state animal welfare laws, educates the public on proper care and rescues animals from emergency situations.
- Cares for stray or injured domestic animals, responding to dog bite reports, reuniting lost animals with their owners and enforcing animal-related laws.

WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER

13,856 ANIMALS WERE HELPED BY HUMANE LAW ENFORCEMENT LAST YEAR
ANIMAL RESCUE RESERVE

- A unique combination of Humane Officers and professionally trained volunteers.
- Deploys whenever called upon to safely evacuate horses, livestock and pets during disaster and emergency situations.

This year, our Humane Officers responded to an urgent call to rescue a loose horse at Fiesta Island. Concerned for the safety of the horse and surrounding people, we knew we needed to move quickly. About a dozen ARR members arrived to help and rally the frightened horse to safety. Before long, the horse was loaded and back with her loving family!
PROJECT WILDLIFE

- One of the largest wildlife rehabilitation organizations in North America.
- Serves as the primary resource for wild animal rehabilitation and conservation education in San Diego.
- A crucial factor in preserving the biodiversity of San Diego County.

WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER

9,683 ANIMALS WERE ADMITTED TO PROJECT WILDLIFE LAST YEAR
These kestrels came to Project Wildlife after they were found on the ground, fallen from their nest. When the parents couldn’t be found after some time, they came to us as orphans. They received immediate nourishment, and were transferred to our Raptor volunteer team for weeks of hand-feeding and continued care. Once these babies were old enough, they worked to build up their flight muscles and were released back into their natural habitat!
At first glance, you’d never guess this three-month-old puppy’s life hung in the balance of a highly complicated heart surgery. Our veterinary team diagnosed Princess with a life-threatening birth defect that caused significant damage to her heart muscle; so much so that if she didn’t have corrective surgery, she would not survive. Thanks to you, she’s now healthy and thriving with her new family and can lead a normal, healthy life.
RESERVE | REHABILITATE | REHOME

SHELTER MEDICINE

- Provides daily basic medical procedures.
- Performs lifesaving specialized surgeries, progressive treatments and subsequent rehabilitation services.
- Staffed with an expert team of veterinarians, registered veterinary technicians and assistants.

WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER

17,077 SPAY/NEUTER SURGERIES AND 1,457 ADVANCED MEDICAL SERVICES WERE PERFORMED FOR ANIMALS IN NEED LAST YEAR
BEHAVIOR CENTER

- Provides a calm and safe treatment environment for animals that display fearful, shy, timid or defensive behaviors.

- Is the only comprehensive animal behavioral rehabilitation center in San Diego and is one of only a handful of centers in the nation.

- Accepts animals who are transferred into our care from local animal shelters for enrollment in this lifesaving program.

WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER

466 ANIMALS RECEIVED CUSTOMIZED BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION AT OUR BEHAVIOR CENTER LAST YEAR
WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER

3,512 ORPHANED KITTENS RECEIVED CARE IN THE KITTEN NURSERY LAST YEAR

KITTEN NURSERY

- Operates 24-hours a day during kitten season.
- Welcomes underage and orphaned kittens who are transferred from surrounding shelters that do not have the ability to care for them.
- Serves as a resource to the entire San Diego community.
- Provides highly-skilled care around-the-clock.
- The first in the nation, and now influences how 20 organizations from around the country have modeled their kitten nurseries.
- This year, we admitted our 10,000th kitten to the nursery since opening in 2009.
KEEPING PETS OUT OF SHELTERS
PAWS SAN DIEGO
is a safety net service for pet parents who are chronically ill, homeless or are otherwise struggling to make ends meet.

COMMUNITY SPAY/NEUTER CLINICS
prevents unwanted and unplanned litters from entering local shelters in the future.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
reaches out to the public with vital information about animal welfare, pet ownership and wildlife conservation.

FOSTER CARE
opens space in our shelters so we can save even more animal lives.
KEEPING PETS OUT OF SHELTERS

PAWS SAN DIEGO

- Helps people care for and keep their pets so they aren’t forced to relinquish their beloved animals to a shelter.
- Provides resources, tools and education to pet owners that prevent animal homelessness.

WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER

3,520 SAN DIEGO PET FAMILIES IN NEED WERE ABLE TO STAY TOGETHER LAST YEAR
COMMUNITY SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC

- Addresses the tragedy of animal overpopulation that continues to affect our community with over 45,000 homeless and unwanted animals flooding local shelters every year.

- Provides accessible, affordable or even free spay/neuter resources for the public and animals typically flooding shelters - pit bulls, Chihuahuas and cats.

WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER

6,230 community-owned pets were altered through our community spay/neuter clinic last year.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Allows us to provide the education and resources needed to foster a more compassionate, humane community.
- Creates a forum to engage with the public through educational offerings for both adults and children, offsite adoption events, speaking engagements and more.
- Provides information and educational outreach for the community about animal welfare, pet ownership and wildlife conservation.

WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER

114,787 ADULTS AND CHILDREN WERE IMPACTED BY OUR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS AND PROGRAMS LAST YEAR
KEEPING PETS OUT OF SHELTERS

FOSTER CARE

- Serves as an extension of our shelter, offering temporary homes to animals, and oftentimes specialized care, while they await adoption.
- Helps alleviate overcrowding of the high volume of animals in our care at any given time.

WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER

734 FOSTER FAMILIES OPENED THEIR HOMES AND HEARTS TO 3,677 ANIMALS LAST YEAR
BEYOND OUR BORDERS
YULIN AND KOREAN DOG RESCUES

offers dogs once destined for slaughter a second chance at life and a first chance at love.

TRANSPORT PROGRAM

brings animals and adopters together who would otherwise never have a chance to meet.
BEYOND OUR BORDERS

YULIN AND KOREAN DOG RESCUES

These dogs received extensive medical exams, behavior training and continued reassurance from their caregivers before being placed in new, loving homes.

These rescues spurred the need to establish a Special Response Team, a group of specially-trained staff and volunteers designated to quickly respond and rescue animals in need locally, nationally and even internationally.

WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER

101 DOGS RESCUED FROM THE HORRIFIC CRUELTY OF THE KOREAN AND YULIN MEAT TRADE HAVE ENTERED THE SAFETY OF OUR CARE.
TRANSPORT PROGRAM

- Supports our unwavering commitment to 100% of the homeless animals in our community.
- Allows us to transfer healthy and treatable animals into our facilities from other local and regional shelters and rescue organizations.
- Once in our care, the animals can receive medical or behavioral intervention that otherwise may not have been possible.

WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER

2,726 ANIMALS WERE TRANSFERRED TO SAN DIEGO HUMANE SOCIETY LAST YEAR FOR LIFESAVING CARE
# Financials

## Expenses and Income*

for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

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### SUMMARY

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### Project Wildlife
- Total number of wild animals admitted: 9,683

### Companion Animals Received
- Owner relinquishments: 5,446
- Animals transferred from other agencies to the humane society: 2,726
- Animals rescued for their protection: 211
- Stray animals admitted: 7,866
- TOTAL ADMISSIONS: 16,249

### Project Wildlife Total Admissions
- Companion Animals Going Home:
  - Dogs adopted: 4,443
  - Cats adopted: 6,833
  - Small animals and horses adopted: 761
  - Animals returned to their owners: 2,560
  - Animals transferred to other agencies: 783
  - TOTAL ANIMALS GOING HOME: 15,380

### Other Outcomes
- Animals euthanized: 904
- Animals that died of natural causes while in our care: 211
- TOTAL OTHER OUTCOMES: 1,115

### Live Release Rate
- Placement rate for healthy animals: 100%
- Placement rate for treatable animals: 100%
- Live release rate: 94%

### Basic Veterinary Care
- Spay/neuter surgeries for san diego humane society animals: 8,278
- Spay/neuter surgeries for department of animal services animals: 2,569

### Advanced Shelter Medicine
- Dental procedures: 538
- Laboratory procedures (i.e. blood work, biopsies and other diagnostics): 147
Orthopedic surgeries
Other surgeries (i.e. mass removal, exploratory surgery, eye/ear surgery, abcess drainage)

Community Spay/Neuter Initiatives
5,568 Community spay/neuter surgeries
662 Feral cats spayed/neutered in partnership with rescue groups
6,230 TOTAL COMMUNITY SPAY/NEUTER SURGERIES

Kitten Program
5,150 Total kittens admitted
3,512 Kitten nursery (younger than 8 weeks)
1,638 Kittens in shelter care (older than 8 weeks)
3,580 Total kittens adopted
91% Live release rate

Behavior & Training
466 Animals enrolled in the behavior center
239 Pre and post-adoption consultations provided
1,718 Behavior helpline calls/emails received and answered
144 Behavior training classes offered to the public
1,079 Registrants instructed through public and private training classes/workshops

Humane Law Enforcement & Field Services
9,471 Calls for service
25 Cases submitted for prosecution
13,777 Animals seen in the field
1,407 Notices of violation
5 Pre and post-seizure hearings
879 Inspections (pet shops, rodeos, circus, stable/feed store, fosters, etc.)
88 Educational speaking engagements
966 Animal bite investigations (and quarantines)

Animal Rescue Reserve
10,536 Hours of ARR volunteer involvement
79 Animals assisted in emergency situations

Community Outreach & Engagement
ADULT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION
17,395 On-site programs
26,218 Off-site programs
7,735 Project wildlife programs
51,348 TOTAL ADULT PROGRAM IMPACTS

YOUTH PROGRAM PARTICIPATION
24,169 On-site programs
27,857 Off-site programs
11,413 Project wildlife programs
63,439 TOTAL ADULT PROGRAM IMPACTS

Pet-Assisted Therapy
728 Total facilities visited
109 Welcome waggin’ visits
20,318 TOTAL PEOPLE REACHED

PAWS San Diego
800,099 Meals
2,958 In-home deliveries
1,251 Dog walks
337 Vet vouchers
3,520 TOTAL # PET FAMILIES IMPACTED
224,855 Pounds of pet food distributed to partner animal welfare and social service organizations

Foster
734 Total number of foster homes
3,677 Total number of animals in foster care

63,558 ANIMALS HELPED THIS YEAR
In August 2004, a summit of animal welfare industry leaders from across the nation convened at Asilomar in Pacific Grove, California, for the purpose of building bridges across varying philosophies, developing relationships, agreeing on common definitions and gathering statistics in a standardized format. The statistical guidelines developed from the spirit and vision of this meeting came to be known as the Asilomar Accords. They serve as an important tool in consistently tracking the progress of eliminating the euthanasia of healthy or treatable companion animals in shelters across the United States. All member organizations of the San Diego Animal Welfare Coalition (SDAWC), which are listed below, utilize the definitions prescribed by these Accords.

### San Diego Humane Society's Annual Animal Statistics

This table represents San Diego Humane Society’s Annual Animal Statistics. San Diego Animal Welfare Coalition statistics are available at [www.sdhumane.org](http://www.sdhumane.org). Footnote: The Annual Live Release Rate does not include (Q) owner-requested euthanasia, which were not healthy and (U) animals that were lost while under shelter care.

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