



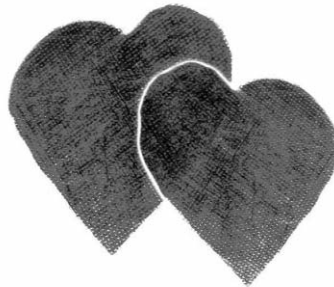
2007

# ANNUAL REPORT

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## Dear Supporters of Cascades Humane Society,

*Dear Humane Society,  
I love animals, I was about to  
chase what I would buy with it and  
then remembered the animals, you know  
that whisper in your heart that tells  
you to do the right thing, well, my  
whisper was saying give the money  
to the animals.*



Today I received this note with \$5 from Paige. At the end, Paige wrote, "Every smile gets better." We couldn't agree more. With help from

Paige and many others, 2007 brought us many smiles and "Happy Tails" like those of Betsy and Sam and Sadie on page 2. The following numbers represent the "Happy Tails" that are too numerous to tell here – but stop in and we promise to share one with you!

### Highlights:

- We placed almost 1000 cats and dogs with new families.
- Fewer adopted animals were returned than ever before thanks to staff training resulting in better screening and adoption counseling.
- We increased by 300% the number of feral cats that were humanely trapped, spayed or neutered, and then returned to the wild.
- Our volunteer program grew providing the equivalent of almost 6 full time

staff members saving CHS almost \$100,000.

- Our Outreach & Education programs served over 1250 adults and youths.
- There were 1532 visits by low-income families receiving Pet Food Assistance.
- 447 pets were spayed or neutered through our Spay and Neuter Assistance Program.

### Our Greatest Challenge:

- Tough economic times mean more homeless animals to serve with fewer resources. We need to improve and secure the financial future of CHS.

Thanks to the Friends of Cascades Humane Society, all of our donors and volunteers for your support.

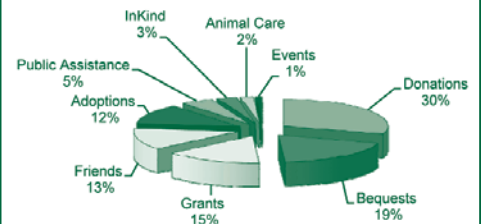
With deep appreciation,

Debra Carmody  
Executive Director

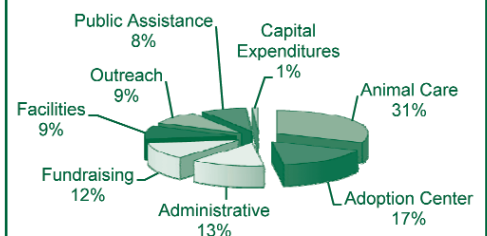
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## 2007 INCOME & EXPENSE

### INCOME



### EXPENSE



## Leaving a Legacy Gifts That Live On

Designating a gift to Cascades Humane Society in your will helps secure the future care and welfare of the animals. If you have already designated CHS in your will or would like information on making a bequest please contact Bev McGill at 517-787-7387 ext. 29.

## MISSION STATEMENT

To ensure responsible treatment of animals, to decrease the number of abused and unwanted animals and to conduct community programs which promote quality animal care.

# HAPPY TAILS

## Sam, Sadie and Brenda - We are Family



Brenda came to CHS to begin what she thought would be a slow search for the right dog. But her heart knew better. Brenda took one look at buddies, Sam and Sadie, and knew the "sisters" were meant to be hers. Sam and Sadie had lived together prior to coming to CHS and it was our hope that a new family would keep them together. Brenda met Sam and Sadie at the CHS Adoption Day held at Pet Supplies Plus in January and adopted them that same afternoon.

It didn't take long for Sam and Sadie to become familiar with Brenda's schedule. Now they give her reprimanding looks when she is late for work. "It's because they like to go back to bed when I leave," Brenda laughs. Brenda is just as familiar with their personalities. Sam doesn't like the cold and likes to sleep in Brenda's bed. Sadie prefers the floor and is more than a little annoyed that the wet weather has prevented long walks outdoors. They both love car rides.

Brenda says Sam has had a few accidents, "but that's to be expected. It takes time to figure things out. We're a family and we're good for each other. We're doing great!"

## Betsy Rules the House!



Betsy thinks she hit the jackpot when she was adopted by Vera and Sue Steffey and the feeling is mutual. "We are convinced she has to be part clown. She is so funny. We love to watch her chase her

shadow on our kitchen floor."

In July, 2006 Betsy was found abandoned and rescued from a live trap. Her social skills were lacking and she had a habit of giving "love bites." Thanks to our volunteer "cat cuddlers" who worked with Betsy during the five months she was at CHS, Vera and Sue are happy to report that Betsy no longer bites. Vera sent us a letter in January to report on Betsy's first year at home and enclosed a donation with the following comment, "This is a wee bit to help care for the cats we couldn't bring home. We think of them often."

Thanks Sue and Vera!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### April

- 5** Adoption Day at Pet Supplies Plus
- 11** Wine Tasting at Daryl's
- 26** Bowl for the Animals at Airport Lanes

### April 27-May 3

Volunteer Appreciation Week

### May

- 1** Annual United Way Day of Caring
- 3** Adoption Day at Pet Supplies Plus
- 9** Bowl for the Animals Airport Lanes

### June

- 1** Rose Parade
- 28** Golf for the Animals at Lakeland Hills