

*Suncoast Humane Society exists to
reduce the number of homeless animals
and improve the quality of life.*



Our Yearly Community Impact

- Provide shelter, love and care to nearly 2,000 animals
- Care for nearly 5,000 Preventive Health Care Clinic patients
- Nearly 25,000 lbs. of pet food re-distributed to animals in need
- Reunite and adopt nearly 1,200 pets

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Building Our Future

Capital Campaign

THE PROBLEM AT HAND

When Suncoast Humane Society took over occupancy of its current facility in 1971, the building had previously been used as a residential home. The average life-span of an animal shelter, built to standards, can be less than 20 years. We have been in our facility for over 45 years.

Which means... our shelter has far out lived an acceptable safety and comfort level for animals.

In fact, an architectural evaluation showed both structural and operational issues so significant that the cost to refurbish the building would be nearly as high as building a new facility. Additionally, the 1.15 acres of land where our current building resides is surrounded by a county park, leaving no room for expansion or reconfiguration of the building into a more suitable layout.

We must do better.



Severe deterioration



Structural failure



Flooring cracked and torn



Poor sanitation and ventilation



Beyond repair



Rust and corrosion



WHO WE ARE

Suncoast Humane Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All gifts are tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law. Founded in 1971, the Animal Aid Society of Englewood began caring for homeless animals in a small shelter with a few cages. As challenges mounted from a growing pet overpopulation problem, the organization began to expand its programs and services. Additions to the animal shelter occurred, with the latest completed in 1997. Over time our service area also expanded and now covers Charlotte County, Sarasota County, Boca Grande and beyond. To more accurately reflect the areas we serve, the name was changed to Suncoast Humane Society. As one of Florida's few "open admissions" animal shelters, we accept all animals brought to us from within our service area. We are committed to our policy of never turning an animal away regardless of health, temperament, size or breed.

HOW WE ARE FUNDED

Suncoast Humane Society is supported by individual donations, corporate sponsorships, events, wills, bequests and grants from foundations. We receive no government aid, nor are we funded by national humane societies, SPCA's or other animal protection/welfare organizations. Our programs, services and the animals entrusted to our care, depend solely upon community support.

THE SOLUTION

Suncoast Humane Society spent almost three years in searching for an appropriate site, negotiating terms and finally acquiring the land. In 2015, thanks to donations and an allocation of reserves we were able to purchase 11.5 acres of bank-foreclosed land just down the street from our current location. We hired Animal Arts, a leading Architectural firm that specializes exclusively in animal shelter and veterinary hospital design. They have a proven record of success with over 800 projects in 40 states, Canada and overseas. Our vision is a shelter that responds to the needs of animals and the people who love them.

This Capital Campaign is our community project.



"We are not just building an animal shelter. We are building a Humane Society, a community place to visit and learn, built with innovation for animals, staff, supporters and visitors."

- Phil Snyder, Executive Director, Suncoast Humane Society



OUR VISION

- A state-of-the-art Animal Care Center which will provide humane care and comfort to animals entrusted to Suncoast Humane Society. It will be animal friendly, customer friendly and staff efficient.
- A Preventive Health Care Clinic, including a spay/neuter surgery suite, pre-op, post-op, and recovery for the safety of the animals.
- A totally enclosed facility with sufficient room for adoptable pets, animals being treated and those awaiting adoption evaluation.
- Meeting the physical and emotional needs of homeless animals.
- Modern, comfortable kenneling and canine rooms along with free roaming adoption catteries.
- Fresh air exchanges to provide a healthy atmosphere for the animals.
- A community education, training and meeting space.
- A small exotic pet room for rabbits, ferrets, birds and other small pets.
- Exercise areas and acres of walking trails to keep pets socialized and prepared for new homes.
- Memorial and Honorarium to acknowledge loved ones, both 4 and 2 legged.