

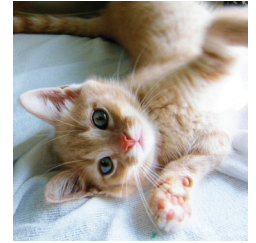


The
Humane Society
of Greenwood

DO YOU WANT TO SAVE THE LIVES OF HOMELESS PETS?

We do, too!

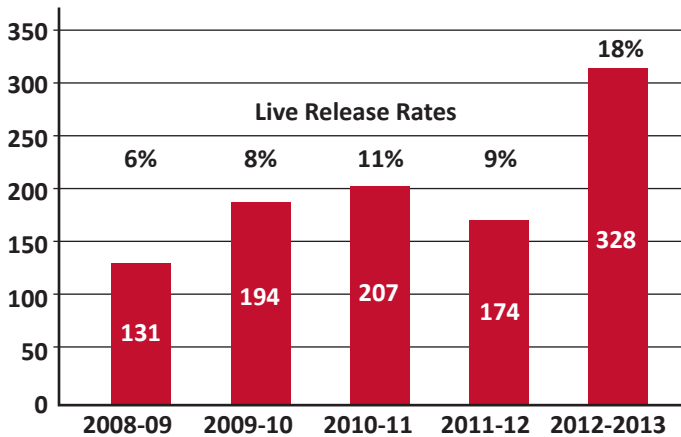
Some refer to Greenwood's Animal Shelter as "the pound," but the Humane Society of Greenwood (HSG) does not have a "pound" mentality. Instead **we search** for ways to implement modern sheltering processes that will save lives.



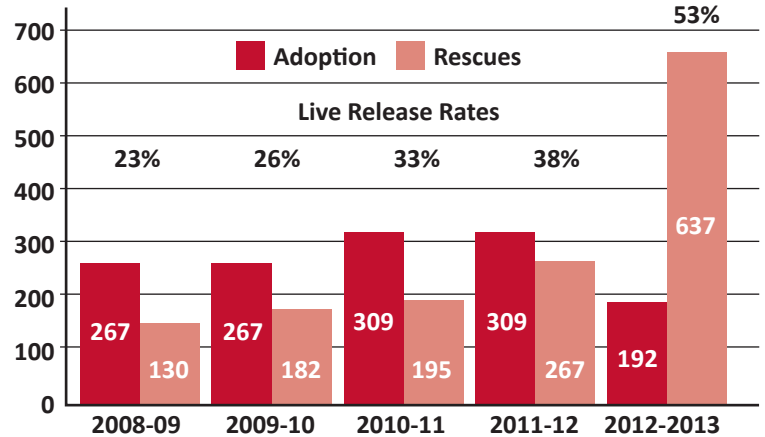
We achieved a "live release rate" -- animals entering the shelter alive who leave the shelter alive -- of 36.6% last year. That's the highest in the ten years we've managed the facility.

36.6% may not seem like a high percentage, but that equates to 1,527 animals and a significant increase over the 10% live release rate achieved at the time we began management ten years ago. And remember that the Greenwood Shelter, like most municipal shelters, is an "open-intake" facility. Unlike "no-kill" facilities that only accept a certain number of animals, open-intake shelters take in all the animals brought from the community they serve, whether there is room or not. No one is turned away.

CAT ADOPTIONS



DOG ADOPTIONS AND RESCUES



In addition, Greenwood County's pet relinquishment rate is three times higher than the national average, largely due to a sizable percentage of the community choosing not to spay/neuter their pets, which has allowed the pet population to spiral out of control. Despite the odds, thousands of lives can be saved, so we persevere.

How did HSG save more lives last year?

1. We implemented a shelter standard last summer of vaccinating all animals at the time of their intake (one of the most powerful ways to save lives in the shelter.) However, because this year's budget did not provide for continuing this process, we've had to stop inoculating at intake, and have experienced an immediate increase in sickness resulting in an increase in euthanasia.
2. We created a full-time Rescue Coordinator position to develop partnerships with rescue groups* throughout the U.S. and those efforts attribute for 56% of the dogs leaving the shelter alive.
3. We placed adoptable cats at newly opened retail pet stores Petco and PetSmart.

* "Rescue groups" take unwanted, abandoned, abused, or stray pets from shelters and find suitable homes for them. Most rescue groups are "no-kill" and are created by and run by volunteers, who take the animals into their homes and care for them — including training, playing, handling medical issues, and solving behavior problems — until a suitable permanent home can be found.

All pictured shelter animals either went to rescue groups or were adopted through Petco or PetSmart.



HOW CAN YOU HELP US REGAIN AND SUSTAIN THE MOMENTUM TO **SAVE LIVES**

Donate so that we can:

- Purchase vaccines and other veterinary supplies and we can resume inoculating at intake
- Purchase greatly discounted, high quality pet food
- Hire additional part-time animal care attendants to care for the shelter animals

Volunteer - You can help us save lives by:

- Providing a foster home to a dog going to a rescue organization – These dogs already have “homes,” and by you providing a foster home for a couple weeks, you will help to immediately provide open kennel space for another dog and help the foster animal stay healthy.
- Transporting pets to rescue meeting points typically located within a fifty mile radius of Greenwood
- Taking adopted pets to Greenville for their spay/neuter surgeries
- Running errands -- It’s a challenge for staff to leave the shelter to pick up supplies at local retailers when they’re needed to care for the animals.
- Providing morning cat care at Petsmart

Make the choice to:

- Spay/neuter your pet – Contact your local vet to schedule your pet’s surgery or for information to participate in Animal Allies’ low-cost spay/neuter transport program from Greenwood call (864) 576-6971.
- Adopt your next pet from your local shelter



“I looked at all the caged animals ... the cast-offs of human society. I saw in their eyes love and hope, fear and dread, sadness and betrayal. And I was angry. “God,” I said, “this is terrible! Why don’t you do something?” God was silent for a moment and then He spoke softly. “I have done something ... I created you.”

– Jim Willis, The Animal Savior

Your partnership is crucial and saves lives.
The Humane Society of Greenwood appreciates you!



Yes, I want to partner with the Humane Society of Greenwood to save more lives.

Please accept my gift of:

Donation amount will provide one day’s care for:

- \$50 - (6) dogs or cats
- \$100 - (12) dogs or cats
- \$250 - (30) dogs or cats
- \$500 - (60) dogs or cats
- \$1,000 - (120) dogs or cats
- Other: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

This donation is made in memory / honor (circle one) of:

Please send an acknowledgement to:

The Humane Society of Greenwood is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Tax-deductible donations can be made online by visiting www.gwdhumnesociety.org or checks can be made payable to “Humane Society of Greenwood” and delivered to 235 Wilbanks Circle in Greenwood, SC (behind the Civic Center and Farmer’s Market) or mailed in the enclosed envelope.

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