2022 IMPACT

- **343** outdoor cats spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and returned to their communities
- **1,685** animals pulled from overcrowded shelters in Florida
- **2,730** animals whose special medical needs are covered for life by our TLC Fund
- **952** dogs + **1,216** cats = **2,168** adoptions
- **98.2%** save rate
- **684** animals fostered
- **138** K-9 training class graduates
- **60** animals whose special medical needs are covered for life by our TLC Fund
- **2,168** dogs + cats adoptions
1 incredible year thanks to your support!

- **7,163 lbs** of pet food distributed to low-income owners
- **9,758** gifts from **4,678** donors
- **62** pet therapy teams
- **17,770** hours worked by **292** volunteers
- **86.2%** of every dollar spent went to programs
- **5,403** pets treated at the Animal Clinic of Sarasota County
- **153** humane education participants
- **130** adoption fees covered for active-duty and retired U.S. service members
2022 HIGHLIGHTS

We installed our full-body x-ray and dental x-ray machines in our in-house shelter clinic. These machines, funded by the Gary C. Butler Family Foundation, enable us to provide immediate, state-of-the-art diagnostics for our shelter animals.

Dogs Playing for Life trained us to safely hold daily playgroups, then a $41,000 grant from the Helen C. Schwieder Fund at the Community Foundation of Sarasota County helped us install artificial turf.

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The Animal Clinic began participating in the Open Door Veterinary Collective through Maddie’s Fund. This mentorship program helps nonprofit animal clinics operate efficiently and effectively.

Frosty was our first adoption of 2022.
Paws on the Dance Floor, our signature fundraising luncheon, raised $270,000, including a $10,000 grant from PetSmart Charities.

We restructured the duties of the Animal Care & Enrichment Staff so they can dedicate more of their time to working with individual project animals, like Princeton and Teeca.

The 2022 Giving Challenge hosted by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County, with giving strengthened by The Patterson Foundation and held April 26-27, resulted in $83,081 in donations and prizes over a 24-hour period. The cherry on top was tying with Harvest House for “Best Overall Campaign.”

In partnership with Petco Love, HSSC began showcasing adoptable cats at our local Petco on South Tamiami Trail.

In May, we implemented a Long-Term Stay Task Force to come up with creative ways to find homes for animals that have been in the shelter 30 days or longer. One of the tactics is to encourage all members of our staff to select shelter cats and dogs to spend time with, learn about, and advocate for.

HSSC began 2022 with a commitment to advancing our behavior and training program. The Justice and Loveday Family Foundation contributed to our efforts by underwriting our behavior program for the year. Investing in behavior and training support for animals in our care increased our overall lifesaving rate from 96.7% in 2021 to 98.2% in 2022.
Creating a positive work environment is one of our strategic focus areas. We launched our Employee of the Month and Volunteer of the Month awards, and we also formed a cross-departmental morale group called the Woo-Hoo Crew.

When the national news story broke about 4,000 beagles being liberated from a squalid Virginia testing facility, HSSC immediately volunteered to take some into our care. On August 25, we received 18 male puppies. We fielded more than 400 adoption applications, and within a week these sweet boys were all adopted.

Hurricane Ian tested our mettle in every possible way. We rallied to secure the facility and get many animals into foster homes, then our brave “Storm Riders” stayed on-site during the storm to keep our remaining animals safe. Once the skies cleared, it was all hands on deck. Our facility sustained minimal damage, so we immediately transformed into a transport hub. Working closely with partners like Humane Society Naples and the Bissell Pet Foundation, we received, vetted, transported, and aided 402 animals in the days and weeks following the storm. We received an outpouring of donations, including grants from PetSmart Charities and Petco Love. The Paul Klingenstein Family Foundation was so impressed by our hurricane-relief efforts that they helped us purchase a major wish-list item: a new transport van!

We were honored to be chosen as a $25,000 beneficiary of the OPL Charities Golf Tournament at the Resort at Longboat Key Club in October.

In August, we adopted our first “working cats,” Bridget and Max. This program provides an alternate adoption route for cats that prefer an indoor-outdoor lifestyle.

Hurricane Ian was a test of our resilience. We worked closely with partners like Humane Society Naples and the Bissell Pet Foundation, receiving donations and aid to help us care for the animals after the storm. We were honored to be chosen as a beneficiary of the OPL Charities Golf Tournament.
The *Florida Animal Friend* program awarded HSSC a $15,000 grant to provide free spay/neuter services for 300 cats in high-need, low-income parts of Sarasota County.

Petco Love and BOBS from Sketchers® gifted a pair of their adorable animal-print sneakers or rain boots to every member of our staff.

December was filled with holiday merriment, including our appearance in the *Downtown Sarasota Holiday Parade* and pictures with “Santa Paws.” And we sent lots of animals to their new homes thanks to *Bissell Pet Foundation’s Empty the Shelters* event December 1-8 and the *Best Friends Network Partners National Adoption Weekend* December 9-11.

We hosted several volunteer groups (*like our friends from Keller Williams*), Lunch & Learns, and community events throughout the year.

We pulled off our first-ever 5K and 1-mile fun run, with the added challenge of holding it inside the gates of Sarasota Bradenton International Airport. *Vets, Pets & Jets*, held November 12, was a fun salute to veterans, runners, and animal lovers.

Between Giving Tuesday (November 29) and December 31, we received an astounding $410,000 in unrestricted contributions. That includes more than $40,000 in matching gifts from the *Louis & Gloria Flanzer Philanthropic Trust*, plus year-end gifts from many individuals and foundations, like the *Frank J. and Lenora Dupuis Foundation*.

A STRONG FINISH

For the first time in recent HSSC history, cat adoptions exceeded dog adoptions. Thanks to our fantastic kitten fosters for helping us weather a (seemingly) year-long kitten season.

Taz was our last adoption of 2022.
MISSION & VISION

As the area’s premier no-kill shelter, the Humane Society of Sarasota County engages the hearts, hands, and minds of the community to help animals. We envision a community where all animals are cared for and loved.

Our Board of Directors and leadership team held a strategic retreat on April 1 to lay the foundation for our 2022-2024 Strategic Plan.

These are the resulting 4 focus areas:
1. Enhancing client experience at both the Shelter and the Animal Clinic
2. Expanding community outreach and value
3. Enhancing our facilities and technology
4. Workplace culture and leadership

Special thanks to the Invest in Incredible Initiative at the Gulf Coast Community Foundation for facilitating our strategic planning.

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