The last days of 2016 dawned on a rare sight – a nearly empty shelter. Almost every animal in our care had been adopted. What a way to cap off what had already been a remarkable year for HSSC.

In 2016 we found homes for 1,458 cats and dogs. After years of planning, the Animal Clinic of the Humane Society of Sarasota County, our low-cost, full-service veterinary clinic, opened its doors last February. There is so much more to celebrate, as you will read in the following pages.

We are proud of the work we did in 2016, and we are determined to make 2017 even more successful. Our kennels did not stay empty long. We began welcoming new “residents” immediately, and we are on our way to our goal of adopting 1,500 animals. We are prepared to book 12,672 appointments at the Animal Clinic, providing everything from routine care and vaccines to dentistry and orthopedic surgery. We hope to train 325 new volunteers, including 36 new pet therapy teams. We are increasing the number of K-9 Behavior Training Courses offered to the public, adding new sites for Humane Education visits, and participating in more community events than ever. 2017 is going to be a wonderful year.

In all our planning, there are two things we never lose sight of: commitment to our mission and gratitude for our supporters. You are a crucial part of our organization, and we simply would not exist without you. We are honored to have you with us. Cheers to a great 2017!

Sincerely,

Christen Benson
Executive Director

Contact Us

The Humane Society of Sarasota County
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Thanks to your support, HSSC accomplished incredible things in 2016:

- Placed 1,458 animals (1,088 dogs and 370 cats) in loving homes.
- Reduced the average length of stay by 27 days for cats and 7 days for dogs.
- Transported 783 animals from high-kill shelters in Florida.
- Received animals from 9 different emergency hoarding cases.
- Treated more than 100 Heartworm-Positive dogs.
- Performed more than 1,000 surgeries on shelter pets, including spay/neuter and dentals.
- Opened the Animal Clinic, a low-cost, full-service facility for cats and dogs.
- Saw 2,794 unique patients at the Animal Clinic.
- Enrolled 185 dogs in our K-9 Training Courses.
- Raised more than $95,000 during the 24-hour Giving Challenge.
- Earned a 4-Star Rating from Charity Navigator, America’s largest independent charity evaluator; we are the only animal welfare organization in Sarasota County to achieve this feat.
- Worked with Sarasota County Sheriff’s Office Animal Services to create the Fur-eign Exchange Program to give some of their long-term dogs a change of scenery and extra promotion.
- Partnered with Meals on Wheels Sarasota to provide food, litter, and medical care to pets of their clients.
- Participated in more than 50 community outreach events.
- Grew our Pet Therapy Program to 63 teams and 31 sites.
- Presented 25 Humane Education programs at local schools and organizations.
- Added 311 volunteers, including 34 Teen Club volunteers.

Pictured left is HSSC Board Member Julia Montei taking Mocha on a Doggie Day Out as part of HSSC’s Excursion Buddy Program, which helps socialize and promote our shelter pets.

WE FOUND HOMES FOR 1,458 ANIMALS IN 2016!
Happy Tails
ADOPTION SUCCESS STORIES

**BARNEY**

“We wanted to share a picture of Barney relaxing in his favorite spot. He is doing well and we are so blessed to have such a sweet boy. Thank you for all that you and your volunteers do for these animals. Many blessings to all of you in 2017.”

**BENTLEY**

“We had been looking for a second fur baby to join our family for a while and had walked into HSSC just for a look. Bentley was brought to us immediately, and it was like he had known us his whole life. He quickly loved on each of us, especially both of our boys! We only had one more test; he needed to love our puppy, Cooper. It was important to us that Cooper loved him as well. After a couple of days, the dogs became best of friends. Bentley is the perfect match, and we feel he has completed our family. We are so glad we walked into HSSC that day. We never dreamed we would walk out with a wonderful, new addition.”

**NALA**

“Nala (formerly Choo) spent nearly 10 months waiting for her fur-ever home. Now she’s happy and loved. Here she is showing off her Christmas collar from her first holiday in her new home.”

To submit a happy tail, please e-mail nsimpson@hssc.org

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Lido Beach Spring Fine Art Festival**
April 8-9, 2017
Lido Beach

**Paws on the Catwalk**
April 20, 2017
The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota
Purchase Tickets: www.hssc.org/pawsonthecatwalk

**St. Armands Seafood & Music Festival**
May 20-21, 2017
St. Armands Circle Park
Visit www.hssc.org for a complete list of events.

**COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

From donation drives to doggie banks, sponsorships to offsite events, HSSC’s Community Partners provide invaluable support each year. Thank you for helping HSSC save lives in our community!

For more information about being a community partner, please contact Autumn Steiner at 941.955.4131 x121.

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