



# Annual Report

2016



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## Board of Directors

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The Ark-Valley Humane Society **Board of Directors** is responsible for the general oversight of the organization. The Board is committed to ensuring **financial health** through effective management of resources and fundraising. In collaboration with the Executive Director, the Board engages in the ongoing evaluation of Ark-Valley Humane programs, activities, objectives and goal setting to ensure that all undertakings support the organization's **mission and long-term strategic vision**.

## Our Mission:

Ark-Valley Humane Society is dedicated to advocating for the welfare of all animals through **compassion and care**.

## A Letter from the Executive Director

2016 was a decisive year for Ark-Valley Humane Society. Not only because it was our 25th anniversary, but also because we immersed ourselves in implementing radical operational and organizational changes.

A business's 25th anniversary is a milestone; a particularly remarkable achievement in today's economy. But as with any business, the Humane Society is no exception, change is not only inevitable but a necessity to remain relevant.

Looking at a variety of statistics and data points, 2016 was one of our busiest years in nearly a decade. Through our programs and services, Ark-Valley Humane Society helped over 1,200 animals. Our low-cost or no-cost spay/neuter program facilitated 290 surgeries.

The results of that are significantly fewer unwanted and/or abandoned litters and fewer animals contributing to pet overpopulation.

In 2016, we had an overall increase in the number of animals that came to our organization. After several years of steadily decreasing intakes, 2016 marked the first time since 2011 that intakes were up.

With the increase of intakes came a decrease in other ways. We routinely had empty kennels; not just one or two, but several and often. I can recall being asked numerous times, "Where are the cats?" or "Where are the dogs?" In animal welfare one of the greatest indicators or insights into how an organization is doing is an animal's length of stay (LOS). In other words, how long an animal remains with the organization, from intake to outcome. In this case, the shorter amount of time, the better. In 2016 we reduced our LOS by over 2-weeks.

Putting it all together, we are helping more animals, using fewer kennels, and doing so all in a shorter amount of time. This measurable impact is the result of incredible devotion, tremendous support, and kindness and compassion for the animals and people.

Thank you for supporting our mission.



Jonathan McDonell  
Executive Director



Executive Director Jonathan McDonell and Blueberry

# Life Saving Statistics In: **2016**



**98% Live Release Rate**

## Our Key Values

**COMPASSION:** For those we serve, animals and humans.

**LEADERSHIP:** Inspiring hope and kindness through strength, education and example.

**KINDNESS:** Towards people and pets that find themselves in difficult situations.

**TRANSPARENCY:** In our relationships and partnerships with the work we do.

**100+**  
Volunteers  
donated over  
**3,500** Hours  
of their time

**100%**  
**Possible**  
Thanks to *You*  
Our Supporters

**43**  
Foster Homes  
cared for **254**  
animals in need

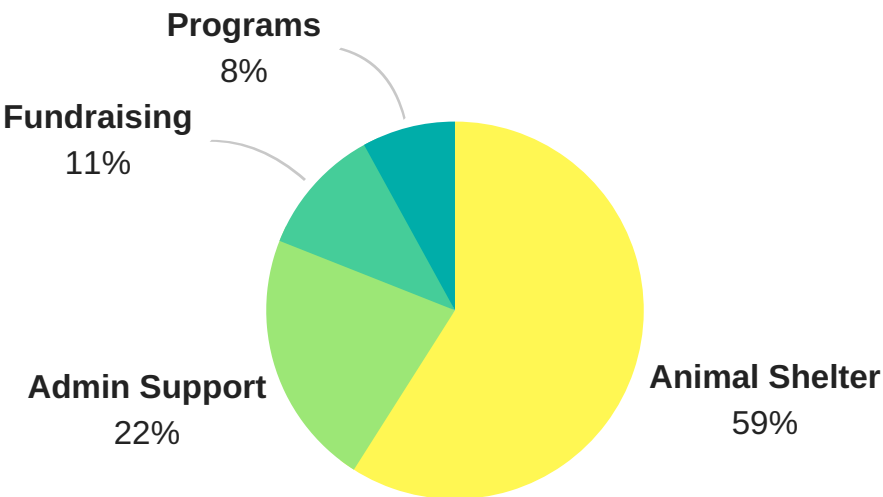
Our **supporters** make our work of helping the animals both at the shelter and through our community programs **possible**.



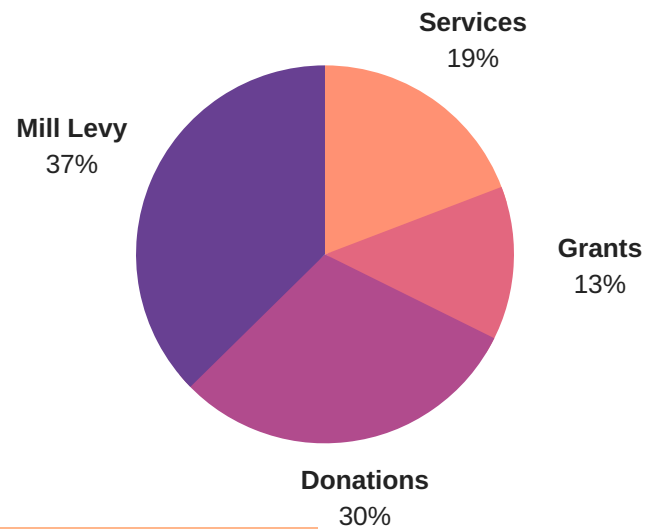
# Fundraising & Financial Resources

Ark-Valley Humane Society depends on generous donations from individuals, businesses and foundations along with the support of the community through the Mill Levy. Ark-Valley Humane Society is committed to transparency and financial responsibility through annual financial reviews and routine audits conducted by independent accounting firms. The figures in this section are preliminary, a formal financial review will be performed by an independent CPA firm in the second quarter of 2017. Finalized financial statements will be available at a later date.

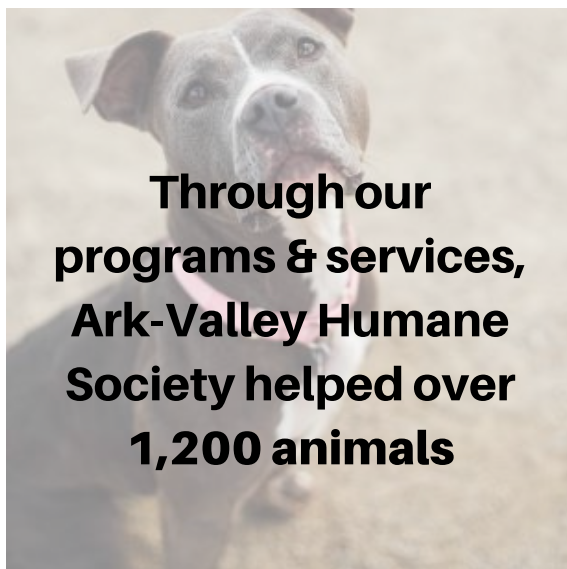
## Expense Chart



## Revenue Chart



We couldn't do this without your support, kindness and compassion for the animals.





# 2016

## A Year of Change and Progress



2016 marked **25 years** of Ark-Valley Humane Society sheltering the lost, homeless or unwanted pets of Chaffee County

Our low-cost or no-cost Spay and Neuter program facilitated **290** surgeries, resulting in fewer unwanted, abandoned litters that contribute to pet overpopulation



In 2016 we **reduced** our average length of stay per animal at the shelter from **37 days to 22 days**

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We are helping **MORE** animals, using **FEWER** kennels, and doing so all in a **SHORTER** amount of time.



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