

# 2018 Annual Report Lycoming County SPCA *Celebrating 126 Years*



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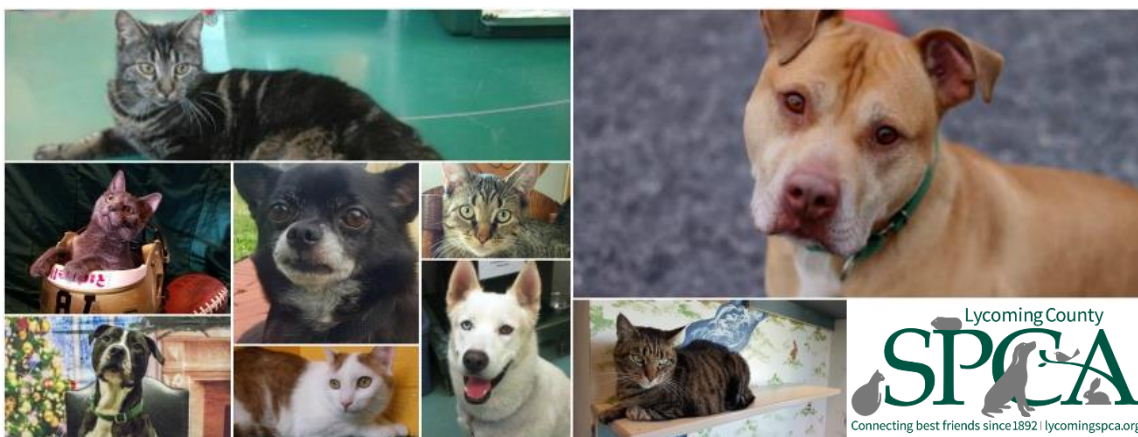
## 2018 – What a Year!

Animal welfare has changed considerably since the Lycoming County SPCA was founded in 1892. Back then, watering stations for horses were of primary concern. Though the needs of society and its pets may have evolved throughout the years, the mission of the Lycoming County SPCA has remained the same: *“To protect all domestic animals by: providing shelter, emergency treatment, investigation and prosecution of cruelty or abuse complaints; adoption and counseling; education programs; and humane care throughout Lycoming County.”*

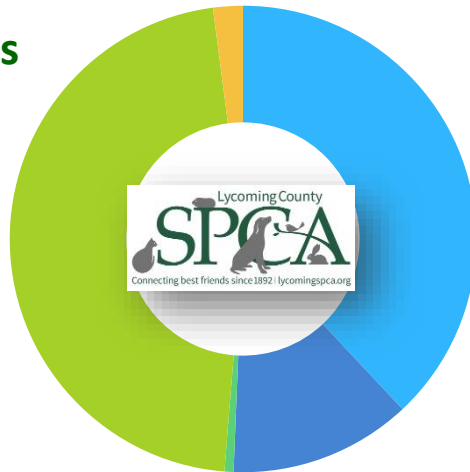


At any given time in 2018, the SPCA’s facility on Reach Road housed 45 dogs, 60 or more cats, and any number of small animals. This home-between-homes showered lost and surrendered pets with enrichment, stability, and medical care. Community members found many opportunities to volunteer for a passion that they loved and staff provided an array of services to pet owners, including humanely euthanizing pets whose time had come. School groups benefited from humane education programs and townspeople from around the county saw a reduction in community cats thanks to our on-going support of spaying and neutering.

One hundred and twenty-six years into our work and the need at times remains daunting. Hundreds of hurting and homeless pets come to our doors seeking love and attention. Whether they remain with us for a day or multiple years, we are dedicated to ensuring that they are given all that they need to thrive. Here is to another 126 years of lifegiving work!



## Annual Statistics



■ Adopted ■ Returned to Owner ■ Transferred ■ Spayed or Neutered ■ Rescued from abuse

**Q:** What do you do with 2,488 animals? **A:** You love and care for them as if they were your own!

The Lycoming County SPCA had a busy 2018. We handled:

- 🐾 759 dogs
- 🐾 1,165 cats
- 🐾 189 small animals, including birds, fish, ferrets, guinea pigs, rodents, rabbits and turtles
- 🐾 257 deceased animals for cremation
- 🐾 360 owner-requested euthanasias
- 🐾 320 shelter euthanasias of sick or unadoptable animals
- 🐾 631 financial vouchers for spaying and neutering
- 🐾 1,032 animals adopted
- 🐾 343 animals returned to their owners
- 🐾 17 animals transferred to rescue groups
- 🐾 636 shelter animals spayed or neutered
- 🐾 56 animals rescued from cruelty, abuse, or neglect
- 🐾 557 animals in foster care prior to adoption



*Precious faces of a few of our orphans.*

## New for 2018

### New Logo Unveiled

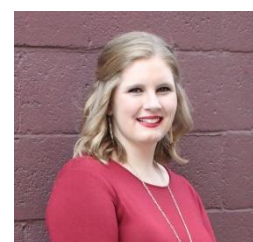


2018 marked the first year after our big 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. To celebrate and usher in a new era of caring for homeless pets, we unveiled a new logo.

The logo is clean and modern, as we seek to be relevant to today's culture. It also features pets of several different species, to reflect the varied nature of the shelter's animals. Here is to another 125 years!

### New Development Coordinator Hired

Mindee Lyon resigned in March as our Director of Development to pursue other opportunities. Christa Watson was welcomed to the team in May and has been going strong since. Christa is originally from the Lancaster area and is a graduate of The Pennsylvania College of Technology.



### Third Humane Society Police Officer Brought on Board



On August 14th, Betsy Sparling (left) was sworn in as a Humane Officer for Lycoming County. Victoria Stryker (right) presented Betsy with her badge. Betsy joins Shawn McMonigle and Victoria as Humane Officers for the shelter. She will investigate cases of animal neglect and abuse, as well as enforce laws protecting animals. Congratulations, Betsy!

### Two New Board Members Welcomed

Alicia McNett and Sebastian Peipher joined the Lycoming County SPCA Board. Alicia is a teacher at The Pennsylvania College of Technology and Sebastian works in information technology at the BLaST IU. Both have extensive knowledge of computers, networking, and information technology. They are a valuable addition to the team!

### Lightning Strike Fries our Server

June brought a challenging month for staff as we struggled to recover from our technology server being struck by lightning. The incident left staff distressed and frustrated. Over the next few months, there were many updates and changes that occurred to get us back "online." A grant from the Donald B. and Dorothy L. Stabler Foundation provided us necessary funding to replace computers, phones, wiring and equipment that were ruined by the lightning and outdated. We are grateful for the funding and are up and running again!





Extensive New Wiring



New Equipment



BLaST IU Staff Oversaw Changes

### **Facebook as a Fundraising Tool**



Efforts were ramped up to utilize Facebook as a resource for donations. The SPCA can now receive funds if followers choose to do a birthday fundraiser on Facebook. We also ran a large portion of our Giving Tuesday campaign through Facebook. The result? \$9,592 in donations given through Facebook in 2018 compared to \$0 in 2017.



### **Cat and Kitten Fostering – Biggest Year Yet!**



Animal fostering was up all across the board, with a record 557 pets in foster care at some point in their journey through the shelter. This constitutes a 34.5% increase from last year! Of the 557, 501 were cats, mainly mothers and their kittens. What a dedicated and extensive team of foster families who make this happen! Let us not forget the 40 dogs and 16 guinea pigs

who also benefited from a stay in a loving foster home.

### **Tails on the Trail**



A new fundraising event for us, the Tails on the Trail fundraiser went very well. It was hosted by Trinity Farm on a lovely October day. Over 120 participants were able to walk their dogs through the beautiful Penns Dale hills, enjoy treats (especially the fries from Susquehanna Mills Co.), visit with vendors, and go for a hayride. The event brought in over \$5,000 and was so successful that Anne and Sam Shea plan to hold it again!





## Rainbow Bridge Society Members

The Rainbow Bridge Society is the SPCA’s way of recognizing donors who have made a planned gift in our name. Being a member of the Rainbow Bridge Society gives you complimentary invitations to our special events and enables us to uphold our mission for years to come. Many thanks to:



Jose Ameigh  
 Carole Bastian  
 Greg & Katie Bell  
 George Cohen  
 Robert & Linda Crockett  
 Ray & Catherine Douglas  
 Greta Elliott  
 William & Patricia Fox  
 Andrew & Kim Gallagher  
 Terry & Susan Girton  
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## Bequests Received

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 Marion Galetti  
 Ellen Davis  
 James Fetzer  
 Albert Wenwick Jr. Trust

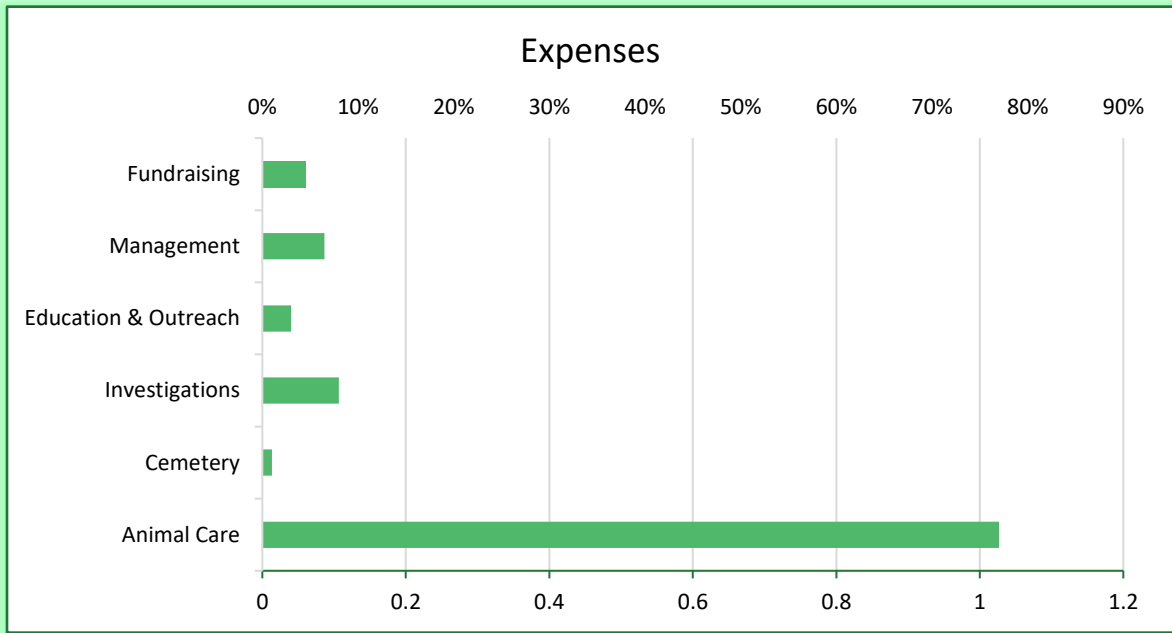
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## Found a Family Because of Your Support

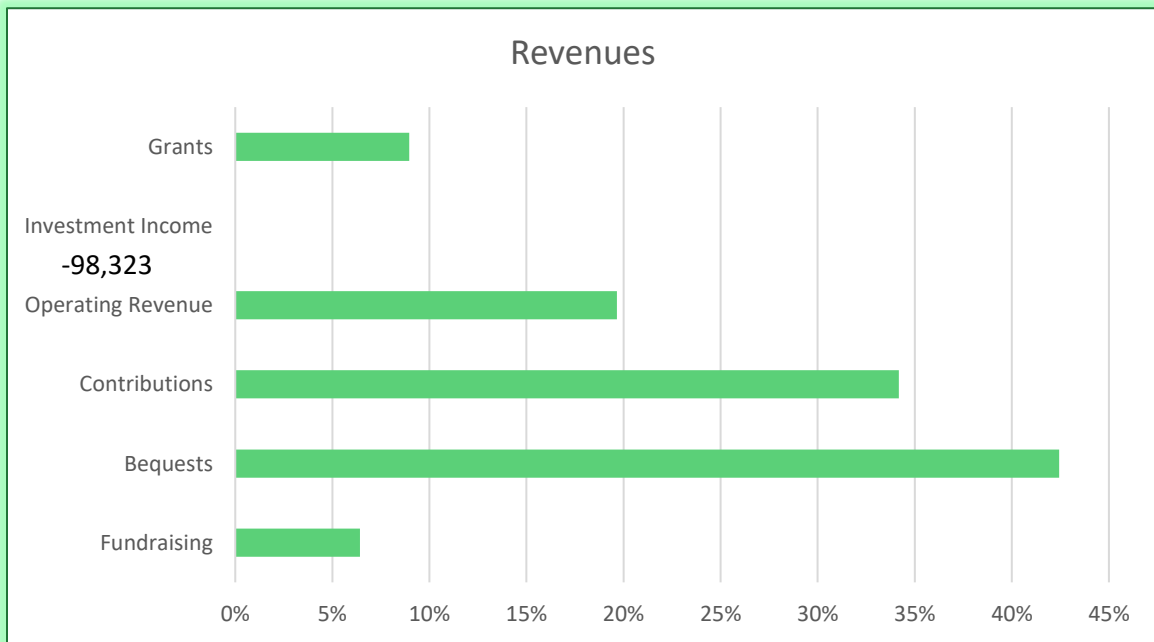


## Financial Audit Information

### 2018 Expense Categories



### 2018 Revenues



## 2018 Financial Statement

### Income

Support	\$ 721,670
Operating Revenues	<u>121,612</u>
Total Income	843,284

### Expense

Programs	826,494
Management/Fundraising	<u>113,517</u>
Total Expenses	940,011

### Assets

Cash	376,407
Inventory	4,355
Pre-paid expenses	3,954
Receivables	17,458
Investments	1,195,510
Trust	1,435,491
Property/Equipment	<u>1,350,656</u>
Total Assets	4,383,831

### Liabilities

Current Liabilities	39,478
Long-Term Liabilities	<u>6,548</u>
Total Liabilities	46,026

Net Assets	4,337,805
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**Total Liabilities and Net Assets** **\$ 4,483,469**

The Lycoming County SPCA investments are structured to generate sufficient interest and dividends to fund the organization's operating deficits. Excess total returns are devoted to capital projects such as the acquisition and renovation of new plant and equipment.

The Lycoming County SPCA financial statements are audited by Gearhart, Wienecke & Verrastro, PC, 800 West Fourth Street, Suite 101, Williamsport, PA 17701. Completed 990 reports are available for review on the SPCA website at [www.lycomingspca.org](http://www.lycomingspca.org).





## Major Programs and Services offered:

*Adoption and Counseling* - Thousands of individuals have found their best friends at the Lycoming County SPCA.

*Intake of unwanted and abandoned animals* – This service assists both the residents and animals of Lycoming County. Cats are accepted by appointment to prevent the euthanasia of healthy, adoptable animals. At times, we will accept unwanted animals from surrounding counties, as space allows. There are fees for accepting out-of-county animals.

*Education* – The SPCA provides educational programs at the shelter or to schools and Head Start programs throughout the county, teaching humane education and dog bite prevention. In its second year, the SPCA Safari camp provides a week-long experience about the humane care of animals for children ages 6 ½ - 13.

*Volunteer Program* – Volunteers are an integral part of the SPCA. Through their efforts, we improve the quality of life for the animals during their stay in our shelter.

*Spay/Neuter Program* – Through the generous cooperation of many area veterinarians, we continue to be able to sponsor a low-cost spay/neuter program for low-income pet owners.

*Dogs for Service and Rescue* – Some of our shelter dogs are identified with having special attributes or breeding that make them ideal candidates for a variety of special services and rescue organizations. The SPCA is proud to team up with organizations that train shelter dogs for service to their owners or for law enforcement.

*Investigations* – Each year, the SPCA is asked by the community to investigate hundreds of suspected animal abuse and neglect cases. A court-appointed humane society police officer is on duty to resolve these complaints that require owner counseling, follow-up, and sometimes an arrest and prosecution under Pennsylvania Crimes Codes § 5531-5561.

*Joyce Hershberger Medical Fund* – This program provides loans to pet owners who cannot afford urgent care for their pets. Loans are expected to be repaid as the pet owner's finances allow.

*Quarantine* - The SPCA helps to protect the public by providing quarantine for manageable animals that have bitten.

*Speakers* – The SPCA staff is available to speak on any of the above topics for meetings or programs. Staff are also available for consultation on a variety of challenges that pet owners face.

*Pet Cemetery/Crematorium*- The SPCA memorial brick walk provides a beautiful walkway into our scenic pet cemetery. The cemetery has served the owners of over three thousand pets in the last 50 years. We also provide cremation and humane euthanasia services to the public.



**Board and Staff Members as of December 31, 2018**

**Board**

Joyce Hershberger.....	President
Bill Fox.....	Vice President
Ron Walko.....	Secretary
Terry Girdon.....	Assistant Secretary
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Ed Metzger.....	Assistant Treasurer
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Richard Schluter	Donna Sortman
Alicia McNett	Sebastian Peipher

**Staff**

Victoria Stryker.....Executive Director/  
Humane Society Police Officer

Dr. Jeff Scheckter..... Veterinarian

Michelle Madara.....Veterinarian Technician

Kabrina Schweikert.....Kennel Manager

Wendy Rundio.....Assistant Kennel Manager

Kelli Smith.....Animal Team Leader

Shawn McMonigle.....Humane Society Police Officer

Betsy Sparling.....Humane Society Police Officer

Christa Watson .....

Missy Black.....Volunteer Coordinator

Amy Ringkamp.....Marketing Assistant

Patricia Barclay..... Bookkeeper

Secretaries.....Julie Bennett, Tammy Houck  
Samantha Fagnano

Jenny Maurer.....Camp Director

Summer Bishop.....Camp Assistant

**Kennel Attendants and Adoption Counselors**

Malena Evans	Abigail Trostle
Nicole Mummert	Megan Murray
Dominic Preziosi	Whitney Quiggle
Bethany Reed	Holly Pallone
Howard Simpson	MeLisa McManus

**Volunteer Supervisors**

Annika and Melanie Huyhn	Sister Carlita Jones
Robyn Hannan	Samantha Fagnano
Roxann Freezer	Deb Schall

