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Humane Society of Southern New Mexico 2011 Report on Programs/Services

Background Information

Organized in 2007, the work of the Humane Society of Southern New Mexico (HSSNM) is directly in response to the following position statements. These are designed to address community and area needs and issues, and to assist the Animal Services Center of Mesilla Valley (ASCMV) in meeting its responsibility and goals as a county and city animal shelter.

HSSNM Position Statements

1. The welfare of companion animals is the primary concern of HSSNM, and that concern is most effectively addressed by advocacy and dissemination of humane education throughout the community.
2. The entire community shares responsibility of humane treatment of companion animals; such responsibility includes but is not limited to increasing adoption from shelters, widespread and affordable spaying/neutering of companion animals, facilitating implementation of best practices in responsible pet ownership, and ensuring best practices in the operation of our public animal welfare systems.
3. Discharge of community responsibility rests not only on awareness of needs but also on equitable public and private funding and on timely justice for abuse.
4. HSSNM demands public accountability in meeting industry standards of best practices on the part of all involved in animal stewardship.

HSSNM Advocacy Work for ASCMV

HSSNM assists the Animal Services Center of Mesilla Valley by reducing intake of animals at the shelter through preemptive work and off-site adoptions, fostering and re-homing of cats and dogs, Spay-Only Fund reimbursement to pet owners using the money allocated (\$4000 fund during 2011), low cost vaccination clinics in under-served areas, and pet help line services (phone & internet). In addition to programs/services, HSSNM assisted and supported the formation of a community coalition (summer 2011) with meetings and formation of work teams with mission "Zero in Seven".

HSSNM Statistics Summary for 2011

- Adoptions Total: 115 animals adopted (9.5 animals average per month)
- Foster Animals: 30 animals average per month in foster care program
- Pet Help Line Calls Total: 1087 calls received (90.5 calls average per month)
- Volunteer Numbers & Volunteer Hours (based on last 6 months of year):
- Volunteers: 32.5 individuals/average number per month
- Foster & Adoption Program: 365 hours average per month
- Pet Help Line: 42.3 hours average per month
- Humane Education: 50 hours average per month
- Committees, Meetings, Board Work, Other Services: 292 hours average per month

Ongoing Programs & Services

HSSNM programs and services include the cat adoption program w/PetSmart Charities, foster and adoption program through authorized HSSNM fosters, pet help line services (call line & website posting), weekly "On the Positive Side" column for newspaper, 3 x weekly humane education programs & critter clubs, low-cost vaccination clinics throughout the year, monthly adoption promotion events, fundraising and special events, and information/outreach tables throughout the year.

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