In 2012 we had another successful year at the Windsor/Essex County Humane Society, lots of exciting changes as well as further refinement and expansion of existing programs, services and fundraising events.

We continue to excel operationally, moving in the right direction towards our Vision for the future of Windsor Humane.

The dedication of Windsor/Essex County Humane Society staff and volunteers is truly amazing. The compassionate work they do rescuing, caring for and nurturing these animals is truly inspirational.

The animals themselves also inspire me. Often finding them homeless, unwanted or even after years with a loving family who can no longer care for them, these animals come to Windsor Humane for a Second Chance at Life.

Many of these animals require complicated surgeries, intensive care to become healthy again. We are very fortunate to have wonderful Veterinarians and medical staff to provide this much needed medical care.

While meeting the needs of animals in our care is our top priority, we are determined to continue finding ways to reduce the number of unwanted animals in our community, focusing on education and the importance of spaying and neutering of all pets.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we truly thank our dedicated staff, outstanding volunteers, our wonderful foster homes, and our generous donors. It truly takes a community effort to help save so many lives.

Natalie Kemeny-Foto
A Message from the Executive Director

After several years of construction and grand openings, 2012 was a year of settling into our new spaces and programs, and working to make them as effective as possible. It was also a year when we began to see the results of our years of efforts. Our new adoption centre helped us increase adoptions for the 4th straight year, and our spay and neuter clinic completed more than 4,000 public surgeries. Both of these efforts helped us save more lives – both by increasing the numbers of animals we were able to place into forever homes and also by decreasing the number of animals in need who came through our doors. In only the first full year of our spay/neuter clinic we saw our stray cat intake drop by 20% – an amazing drop after years of increases and a sign that our efforts are paying off.

But all of these steps forward wouldn’t have been possible without the support of the community around us. We appreciate every one of you who adopted, donated, or just took the time to stop and help an animal who needed you. We are very excited about the path we are on, and what the future holds. But we need you to continue to be a part of it. We need you to spay and neuter your pets, and encourage your friends and family to do the same. We need you to adopt, because there are so many wonderful animals looking for a home. We need your financial support because we don’t receive government grants to operate but instead rely on the generosity of caring people. We need you to help us be the voice for the voiceless and the animals need you too. Thank you for being a part of where we have been and thank you for being part of an even brighter future. With your help we will see a day when there are no homeless animals in Windsor and Essex County.

-Melanie
Look how far we’ve come

Over the past year, the Windsor/Essex County Humane Society has worked to be a voice for animals in our community and to save more lives than ever before through reuniting lost animals with their families; adopting animals into forever homes; rescuing animals to new cities and provinces; and releasing wild animals back into their natural habitats.

The major change we saw this year was a decrease in the number of cats who came through our doors by 1,223 cats. We attribute this outstanding decrease to programs offered by our Spay & Neuter Clinic as well as to efforts made by our community to spay & neuter their pets. In the first year of operations, the clinic spayed or neutered 4,174 animals. Through the amazing support of our donors, we plan to add to this number in the coming years.

Spay & Neuter Clinic Manager, Shauna Autterson
The Humane Society appreciates our many generous and loyal supporters and we want to assure you that your donations are being directed where they can help most – towards the animals who make their way to us for help, care, and comfort.

82% of all funds go directly to support our charitable activities including animal care, veterinary expenses, cruelty investigations, etc.

We are proud to be able to allocate donor funds in the most efficient and responsible way. We hope that you will continue to trust us with your support.
Success Stories

Lily

Lily came to the Humane Society as a stray. Like all the dogs we take in, she was tested for a variety of diseases but was unfortunately found to have heartworm. This is an easily preventable illness in dogs but is fatal if contracted and not treated. Thanks to the Pumpkin Fund, we were able to treat Lily for her heartworm and find her a loving new home.

Sam

Sam was surrendered to the Humane Society because his owner couldn’t care for him any more. When he first arrived, Sam weighed 165 pounds, 90 pounds over his ideal weight. With special diet food and a new exercise routine, the Pumpkin Fund was able to get Sam back to a healthy weight and into a new home.
Optimus Prime

Optimus was found as a very small kitten in a duffle bag that had been abandoned in a field. When he was brought into the Humane Society, he was barely clinging to life, suffering severe hypothermia and malnutrition. Our vet team was able to stabilize this little fighter and nurse him back to health, and he is now in a loving forever home.
“Animals know that the ultimate point of life is to enjoy it.”

- Samuel Butler

Freddie, the Humane Society Mascot