

September 2017



Dear Friends of Mendocino Coast Animals,

The past few months have flown by, and suddenly we find ourselves on the second half of 2017! Summer is always a busy season at the Mendocino Coast Humane Society, but **this year we have taken in more than 500 animals in need**. I want to invite you to review with me our performance over the fiscal year just ended.

Like many other animal shelters across the country, MCHS is providing refuge for **an increasing number of older animals** and others needing a higher level of medical care and behavioral rehabilitation. Many of these pets stay with us longer – in some cases, for years! – as they await the new home they deserve. Finding guardians for these special animals, guardians who can provide the time, patience, supportive environment, financial resources, and love required to meet all their needs, **stretches our abilities (and finances) beyond the limit**. As always, the heroic MCHS staff and volunteers remain steadfast in our commitment to these wonderful animals and strive to provide for their veterinary and behavioral needs.

*see inside for details*

Remarkably, in fiscal year 2016-2017, **we performed more clinic services than in any previous year**. While we are proud of the difference we have made in so many lives – meeting the challenge of placing more animals into new homes, reuniting more lost pets with their owners, and spaying, neutering, and vaccinating more animals than ever before – **our facility and our budget is showing the stress of all this success**.

Of course, our ability to provide these services and help more animals all comes down to one thing: your generous support. As a nonprofit, we rely on donations from people like you to keep up with current expenses while anticipating challenges ahead. Our financial summary shows a shortfall between income and expenses that necessitates more fundraising to cover our rising costs. While we have managed to increase revenue and make progress toward a balanced budget, our work is never done.

Here at the Adoption Center, we are thankful every day for our North Coast community's generous support. **We are grateful that you share our long-term vision**: MCHS as a permanent and reliable resource for animal welfare services. With your help, we will continue to provide quality care for animals in need. Whether as an individual, family, or business, we invite you to be part of MCHS's remarkable journey.

Your participation in this work has a direct impact on the animals in our care. Please consider making a donation today.

Chuck Tourtillott  
Executive Director

For the MCHS Board, Staff, and Volunteers  
*and for the animals*

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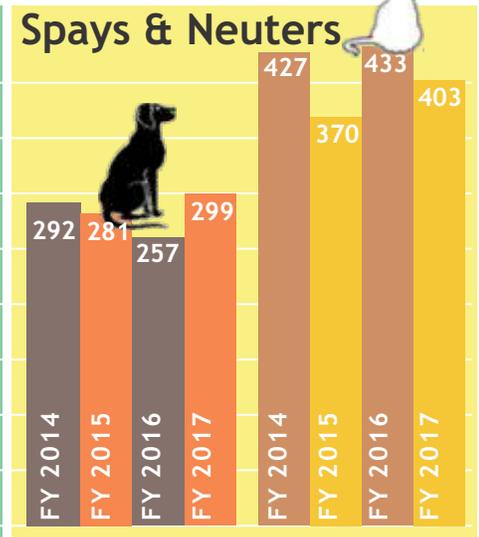
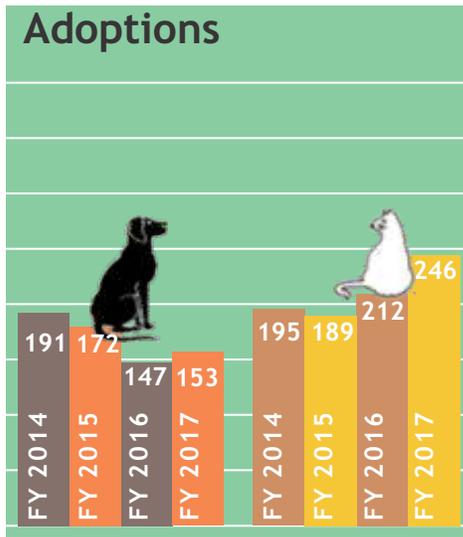
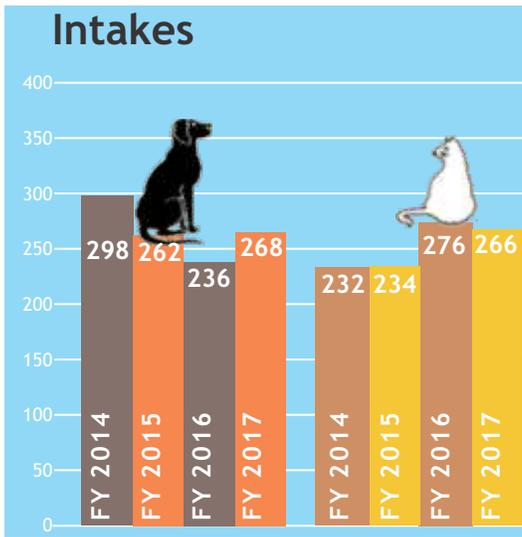
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money goes,  
and other ways  
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Mendocino Coast  
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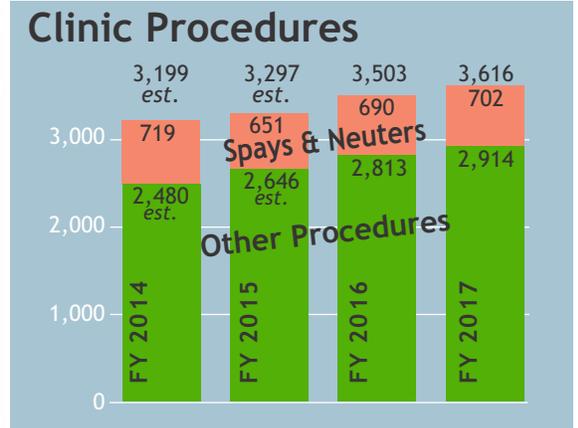


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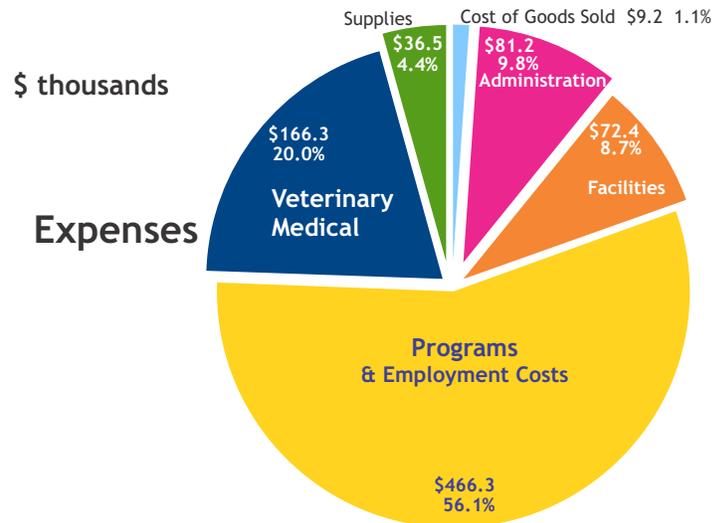
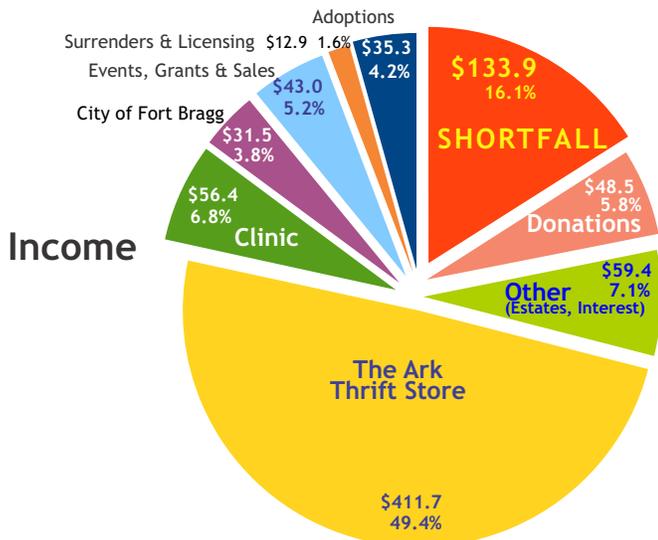
During our fiscal year 2016-17 we spent:

- \$50,822 on medical supplies
- \$3,930 on cat litter
- \$21,118 on for food
- \$5,365 on cleaning supplies
- \$11,509 on for building maintenance and repairs

**Without your generosity, we couldn't make it work.**



## 2016-2017 MCHS Shelter Income & Expenses





# Ways you can help

There are many ways you can support the programs and services at the Mendocino Coast Humane Society and help homeless animals get a second chance. Here are just a few:

-  **Bring us a check. Send us a check. Make a one-time online gift.** Your support of the Mendocino Coast Humane Society allows us to continue providing shelter, food, medical care, and new homes for hundreds of lost and unwanted animals each year.

The simplest way to donate is by check made to Mendocino Coast Humane Society and returned to us in the accompanying envelope. We also are pleased to accept your donations sent through PayPal from our website.

[MendocinoHumane.org](http://MendocinoHumane.org)

-  **Donate useful items to the Ark Thrift Store.** Clean out your garage or attic and put those valuable goods up for adoption!
-  **Need something? Try The Ark first** for gently used clothing, appliances, furniture, and oddments of distinction.
-  **Make a Monthly Sustaining Gift.** Call or visit the Adoption Center to make arrangements
-  **Volunteer at the Adoption Center or Thrift Store.** Your time is golden in the life of a homeless animal. Benefit to you: lots of tail wags and furry kisses. Apply online at our website.
-  **Make a gift in honor or memory of a special person or pet.** An honor or memorial gift to the Mendocino Coast Humane Society is a terrific way to acknowledge the people and animals in your life that have a special place in your heart.
-  **Name the Mendocino Coast Humane Society in your will or trust.** This can be a simple, flexible and versatile way to ensure we can continue our work that is so vital to our mission of ending animal homelessness for years to come. Contact us to learn how your planned giving dollars can be put to optimal use to help as many animals as possible. Visit our website for our Planned Giving Brochure.
-  **Double or triple your donation through your employer's matching gift program.** Find out if your employer is among the hundreds of companies that will match charitable gifts made by their employees or retirees.
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and tell them MCHS sent you!

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Adoptions*



These lovely, loving animals patiently awaiting their homes are long-time residents at the Center, and have had their adoption fees paid by generous sponsors. Visit our new online gallery of adoptable pets and consider adopting or sponsoring one.

After 22 months in our care, darling Kual has left the building! Kual came to MCHS in October, 2015 with his best friend Luna, who recently died. He's a Heeler mix, and we guess he's about nine years young. Very special to all the MCHS staff and volunteers, who loved to take him on leisurely walks and provide tummy rubs. Kual prefers to have a dog buddy, so we were thrilled to find him a new family with two other senior dogs!



**This kind of success renews our dedication to the mission: uniting homeless animals with their happy homes.** Many thanks to Kual's new people!

## Thank you to our current 2017 Kennel Sponsors:

Sabine & Jim Swallow, Tom & Laura McNeal, Michelle & Jim Deering, Joanne Bondurant, Mendocino Coast European, Clifford Saake, Savings Bank of Mendocino County, Angie Hamilton, Louise Mariana, and Mary Ann & Lou Parlapiano

By sponsoring a kennel or cat room at our Adoption Center, your tax-deductible gift of \$300 will make a significant impact in the lives of homeless animals. Your sponsorship helps provide a safe, clean place for a cat or dog to live while waiting for adoption, food, medical care, behavioral help, toys, and treats. These small things mean a great deal to every animal as they adjust to their temporary home.

Email Chuck Tourtillott at [chuckt@mendocinohumane.org](mailto:chuckt@mendocinohumane.org) for more information about the perks of Kennel Sponsorship.

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