



Jacksonville Humane Society Fact Sheet

OVERVIEW:

The Jacksonville Humane Society (JHS) is a No-Kill animal adoption facility, education center and low-cost, high-quality animal hospital located in Jacksonville, Fla. The Jacksonville Humane Society provides care, comfort and compassion to animals in need while engaging the hearts, hands and minds of our community to bring about an end to the killing of abandoned and orphaned shelter animals.

Contact Info:

8464 Beach Blvd
Jacksonville, FL 32216
(904) 725-8766
www.jaxhumane.org

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Adoptions
Monday - Friday 12 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Animal admissions by appointment only
Please call 904.493.4584

Animal Hospital
Appointments required
Hours of Operation
Monday: Scheduled surgeries only
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Thursday: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

ESTABLISHED:

1885



AVERAGE DAILY CAPACITY:	400 animals
NUMBER OF ANIMALS CARED FOR EACH YEAR:	More than 6,000
ANIMAL ADMISSIONS:	We transfer animals from the city shelter and take in strays. We also accept owner surrenders from owners who for a variety of reasons cannot care for them any longer by appointment only.
FUNDING:	JHS is funded by individual donations, bequests, service fees and grants. The organization does not receive any state or federal funding.
FIRE:	In April of 2007, JHS suffered a devastating fire which took the lives of 19 dogs and 67 cats. Jacksonville firefighters rescued more than 80 pets from the blaze. The cause of the fire is unknown.
RECOVERY EFFORTS:	Despite difficult economic times, the outpouring of generosity immediately following the fire enabled JHS to take initial steps towards recovery - first by setting up temporary operations in order to continue providing shelter and care for the community's orphaned animals and then by building a full-service, high-quality veterinary clinic. JHS is now poised to take the final and most critical step to full recovery – constructing the new animal care, adoption and education center. The new facility will serve as the cornerstone to sustain No-Kill Jacksonville. Not only will the new center replace critical components lost to the fire in 2007, but it will expand JHS's capacity for medical isolation and long-term housing, provide areas for educational opportunities and community outreach and create a family-friendly, high-volume adoption and animal-welfare campus.
PROGRAMS & SERVICES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal Adoptions • Pet Safety Net – Assistance for pet owners • Behavior and Obedience Training • Humane Education • Volunteer Program • Spay / Neuter Services • Affordable veterinary care • Treatment for special needs and underage animals



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS:

- **No-Kill Partnership** – Working with area animal welfare organizations to end the needless killing of shelter animals in Jacksonville
- **Purina Partnership Shelter** – Donating Purina food and litter to all of our shelter animals
- **Community Service** – Offering court ordered service hours
- **Wolfson Children’s Hospital** – Provide vaccines and exams for pet visitation program
- **K9’s for Warriors** - We provide low cost medical screenings for their dogs and find homes for those who do not meet their requirements.
- **Hubbard House** - We will board, free of charge, the pets of victims of domestic abuse.
- **The Bridge** - Thanks to the Jaguars Foundation, we provide scholarships so these youths can attend Camp Paw Prints.
- **Habitat for Humanity Beaches** provide volunteer opportunities for youth in their education programs
- **Girl & Boy Scout Troops** - We work with them to fulfill requirements for badges and service projects.
- **Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens** - JHS presented about companion animals during their camp.
- **The Jacksonville Public Library** - Our staff have lectured to library patrons and the library has hosted mini adoption events.
- **Arlington 20/20** - Thanks to a grant, we provided free veterinary care, free spay/neuter surgeries, and pet food to residents in some of the poorest areas in Arlington.
- **Tiger Academy** - We provide in-class humane education lessons.
- **State Attorney’s Office:** When requested, we participate in youth crime deterrent/rehabilitation programs
- **University of Florida:** JHS provides externships for students studying veterinary science from UF.
- **Rethreaded:** We sell their dog toys in our boutique.
- **United Way:** We hosted youth workers from their youth employment program.
- **UNF:** We offer UNF students work study and internship positions.
- **US Navy** – We regularly host squadron volunteer groups
- **Pets For Patriots** – We offer discounted adoptions to their members, and discounted fees for their first visit at our animal hospital.

ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS:

Approximately 300



FUNDRAISERS:

- Mutt March – Teams and individuals walk with their dogs to raise money for JHS. Walk is followed by a festival
- Toast to the Animals – Beer, wine and food tasting event held at Everbank Field.

WAYS TO HELP

- General donations – Providing essential services to animals
- Honorary donation – Offering donors the opportunity to make donations in the name of someone else
- Memorial donation – Providing donors the opportunity to make a donation in the memory of a beloved pet, friend or family member
- Campaign for a Compassionate Community – Soliciting funds to build our new shelter and education center
- Bo's Fund – Funding vital, life-saving treatment for animals who receive care at our animal hospital. Named for Bo, a lovable mixed-breed dog who was treated at our animal hospital after he was brutally slashed.
- Pet Safety Net – Providing essential products and services to aid community members in keeping pets in homes, and not surrendered to shelters.

HISTORY:

- Established in 1885 as the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
- Reorganized as the Humane Society, when then Society President, Flora M. (Genth) Bowden and her husband, Richard Fleming Bowden donated 12 acres of land granted solely for the welfare of animals, in 1920
- First shelter opened in 1924 as the Humane Society's Rest Farm
- Renamed the Jacksonville Humane Society, Inc. in 1958
- Facility addition increased capacity to approximately 400 animals, all on the original 12 acres of land, in 1993
- Transitioned to a no kill shelter in October, 2005. JHS would no longer euthanize one animal to make room for another
- JHS suffered a devastating fire and lost 86 animals and the main shelter in April 2007
- JHS's hospital opened to the public in January 2012
- Jacksonville attains No-Kill Status in September 2014 and have maintained no kill status ever since
- In 2016 we broke ground on new adoption and education center
- The grand opening for the new JHS Adoption, Education and Community Resource Center was November 10th-11th, 2017.



BOARD MEMBERS:

- Michael Munz, Dalton Agency, Chairman
- Lisé Everly, Community Advocate, President
- Joey Kelly, Community Advocate, President Elect
- Kristine Cherek, Florida Costal School of Law, Vice President
- Alexis C. Kane, Secretary
- Dina Vickers, St. Vincent's HealthCare, Treasurer
- Franklin Danley, Regions Bank, Treasurer Elect
- Brent Bolick, Clear Channel Outdoor
- David Caldwell, Jacksonville Jaguars
- Kathy Caldwell, Acosta
- Randy Goodwin, PRI Productions
- William Mayher, St. Vincent's Healthcare
- Scott MacKenzie, Community Activist
- Linda Stein, Community Activist
- Dr. Jeffrey Stone, Mayo Clinic
- Penny Thompson, UF Health Jacksonville

KEY STAFF:

- Denise Deisler, Executive Director
- Ann Korczyk, Associate Executive Director
- Amy Pierce, Development Director
- Nikki Harris, Senior Director of Operations
- Wendy Steve, Director of Finance & Administration
- Dr. Stan Hill, Medical Director

TOTAL NUMBER OF STAFF:

Approximately 60

MEDIA CONTACT INFORMATION:

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ANIMAL EDUCATION AND ADOPTION CENTER CONTACT INFORMATION:

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8464 Beach Boulevard
Jacksonville, Florida 32216
Phone: 904.725.8766
Fax: 904.725.3040
www.jaxhumane.org/adopt
Hours of Operation:
Mon-Fri 12 to 7
Sat & Sun 10 to 5



**PUBLIC ANIMAL
HOSPITAL INFORMATION**

Jacksonville Humane Society Animal Hospital
8464 Beach Boulevard
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Phone: 904.493.4611
For pricing and more information:
<http://www.jaxhumane.org/animal-hospital/>

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