When the DeAngelis family arrived at PetSmart for an adoption event, they had one thing on their mind — a new kitten! They were greatly missing their dog, Dopey, who went missing a few months prior and was never found. The family wanted another pet, but opted for a kitten because they were not ready to replace their missing pup. While waiting in line to sign the adoption paperwork, Mr. DeAngelis spotted a familiar brown and white dog walking with a volunteer. Could it be? It was! “That’s my Dopey!” he shouted. Dopey heard his dad’s voice and ran towards the family. It was a very happy reunion. The family still adopted the kitten and shared with us that she and Dopey are now best friends, thanks to the donations from supporters like you. (Don’t forget, you can help lost pets find their families by reminding others to visit jaxhumane.org when a pet goes missing!)
FROM THE DESK OF OUR CEO

Dear Friends,

2019 was another year for the record books! This was our second year in our new Adoption, Education and Pet Help Center. I am proud to share that your lifesaving support made the following possible:

- Compassionate care was provided to 8,916 dogs and cats
- Pet Safety Net resources kept more than 3,400 families together
- JHS Camps and Education programs served more than 1,600 children

It was a banner year for our city, too! 2019 was another no-kill year for the city of Jacksonville, with the community-wide save rate at 93% and a save rate for JHS of 95%! A few significant accomplishments our community made possible for Jacksonville shelters include:

- A decrease in the number of kittens entering shelters for the first time in 5 years
- An increase in spay/neuter of cats, thanks to grants from BISSELL, Florida Animal Friend and Alley Cat Allies
- More than 11,600 dogs and cats were adopted into new, loving homes at JHS AND the city shelter combined

How was all of this possible? Thanks to YOU! Time and again, Jacksonville continues to turn what some call impossible into a reality. You are the proof that when a community comes together, lives are saved.

And it’s not just our community. JHS is continuing our work with Best Friends Animal Society to help other cities in Florida achieve no-kill status. Your support is saving lives in Jacksonville and across the Sunshine State!

We are grateful and inspired by your commitment to pets and the people who love them. I am so excited to begin this new decade of lifesaving with you.

Sincerely,

Denise Deisler

P.S. If you would like to see first-hand the difference your donations make to animals in need, please come by for a personal tour! Call 904.493.4566 or email Events@jaxhumane.org, and don’t forget to invite your friends and family.

SERVING PETS AND THE PEOPLE WHO LOVE THEM

Jason and Julie have two dogs, Laila and Tucker, whom they love dearly. They had recently relocated to Jacksonville for Jason’s job, but shortly after moving into a pet-friendly apartment, the company went under. Jason and Julie had to move out and were jumping from hotel to hotel to keep their dogs with them, and even spent a few nights in their car.

They came into JHS in tears, thinking they would have to surrender Tucker and Laila. We boarded them both for 30 days with our friends at Pet Paradise while Jason and Julie got back on their feet. When they found a new home, Julie came to pick them both up and the reunion was priceless. Thanks to your support, we were able to keep a family together and prevent two dogs from entering the shelter system, showing Jason and Julie that Jacksonville is truly a compassionate city and a great place to call home.

For more information on how you can support this program with a loving gift, call 904.493.4566 or visit jaxhumane.org/donate.
2019 AT-A-GLANCE

TOTAL ANIMALS: 8,916
- 45% Kittens
- 32% Dogs
- 19% Cats
- 4% Puppies

TOTAL CONTRIBUTED INCOME: $2,920,138.44
- 68% Donors
- 18% Grants & Foundations
- 14% Events & Corporate Partners

TOTAL INCOME: $4,399,924*
*includes fees generated

- 7,751 Spay & Neuter Surgeries
- 5,000 Microchips Administered
- 4,026 Kittens Provided with Essential Medical Care
- 7,325 Adopted Animals
- 4,125 Fostered Animals
- 3,463 Families Kept Together By Pet Help Center
- 162,383 Pounds of Food Given
- 757 Active Volunteers
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DON’T KIT-NAP KITTENS
CAMPAIGN SAVES LIVES

In 2019, JHS took action to address the growing Kitten Crisis in Jacksonville. For the past five years, the number of kittens entering Jacksonville shelters had increased by almost 1,000 every year! Kittens’ best chance of survival is to stay with their mother cats, but so many good Samaritans were bringing these little ones to our doors. So, in February of 2019, we launched the “Don’t Kit-Nap” campaign to help our community understand the best steps to take when finding kittens, including watching and waiting for the mother cat to return. The campaign also emphasized the importance of spay and neuter and asked those who found kittens to foster them on their own. We even received help from private practice veterinarians, dubbed “Kitten Krusaders” who supported those who kept kittens out of shelters. And it worked! There was a 14% decrease in kittens entering shelters in 2019 vs. 2018 as a result of these efforts.

Will you help us continue to save kitties this year? Visit jaxhumane.org/kittenhelp to learn about the Don’t Kit-Nap campaign and how to spread the word.

Mutt March 2020

PET WALK & FESTIVAL

Join us on April 11 for Jacksonville’s largest pet walk and family festival! All proceeds will go to the animals in our care.

Register today at jaxhumane.org/muttmarch