

innovation IN ACTION



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Cats helped by the Jackson Galaxy CPP Program



Dakin won the National High Five Contest presented by the Jackson Galaxy Cat Pawsitive Pro Program. Our video featuring a sweet Dakin cat named Mimi giving a high five took top honors. This plucky feline, who had just mastered the trick using her left front leg, had to undergo an amputation of that limb. After a short recovery, Mimi learned how to balance and perform the trick with her right paw. High five to Mimi and all the Dakin cats who graduated from the Jackson Galaxy Cat Pawsitive Pro Program.

LEADING THE WAY...

Executive Director Carmine DiCenso was welcomed to the Board of Directors for the Association of Animal Welfare Advancement (AAWA), a national, professional network that develops and promotes industry best practices, and cultivates collaboration with animal welfare leaders. Carmine also spoke at the Humane Society of the United States' National Conference and the New England Federation of Humane Societies.

because of YOU...

668

Dixie pets found new homes

27,076

Pounds of pet food distributed through Dakin's Pet Food Aid Program

compassion IN ACTION

Dakin's Dr. Sherri Therrien, a veterinarian at our Community Spay/Neuter Clinic, participated in a six-day Spayathon in Puerto Rico. Dr. Sherri was part of a team that spayed or neutered over 3,000 dogs and cats in six days. The aftermath of Hurricane Maria has significantly intensified Puerto Rico's stray animal crisis. As she stated, "I'm proud that I was able to be part of such an important mission to help the animals - and the people who care about them - in Puerto Rico."



Dot Barnard
Dakin Volunteer

IN THEIR WORDS...

My first year as a volunteer at Dakin in 2016 was almost a blur for me. There was so much to learn to become an effective photographer for Dakin. By my second year, I felt like I really belonged to the Dakin family.

People have told me that they fell in love with their pet when they saw the photo I took of them on Dakin's website. Whenever I go to a volunteer event, there are always a few people who come up to me and tell me how much they enjoy my pictures - and I don't even know them! I'm humbled.

I am so proud of the work that Dakin does. I truly feel like I belong at Dakin. I understand its journey and I totally embrace its challenges.

because of YOU...

1,373

Animals received foster care treatment

24,868

Total Volunteer Hours

\$632,393

Total Value of Volunteer Hours

Photography Credits:
Staff and Friends of Dakin
Humane Society

YOU put our Core Values into action!

integrity compassion optimism innovation effectiveness

Adoption Center Locations
171 Union Street, Springfield MA, 01105
163 Montague Road, Leverett MA, 01054

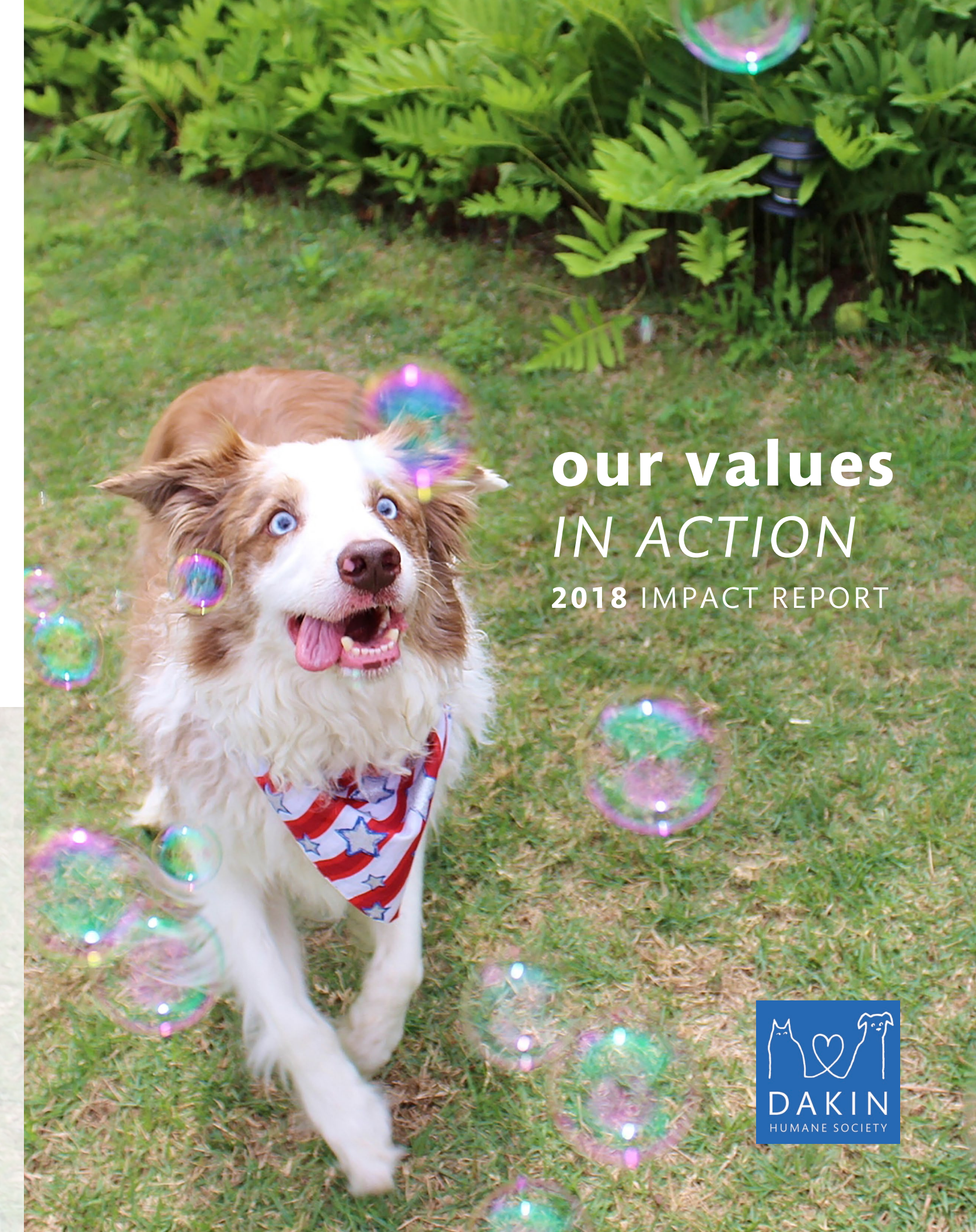


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our values IN ACTION

2018 IMPACT REPORT



because of YOU

4,062

Animals found new families

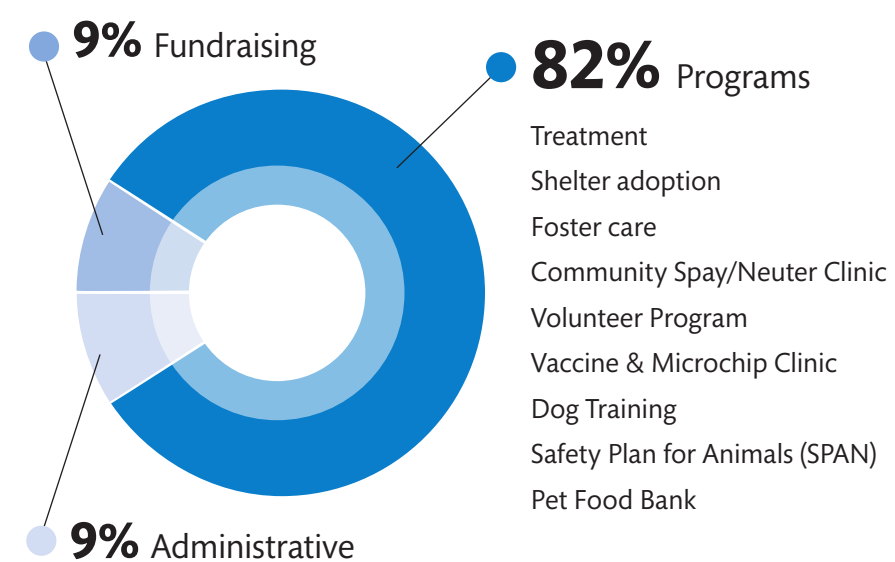


effectiveness IN ACTION

We follow the National Humane Alliance Model's guidelines for high volume/high quality spay/neuter surgery.

6,247 Spay/Neuter surgeries for community pets **160** Emergency medical procedures

HOW YOUR DOLLARS SUPPORT DAKIN

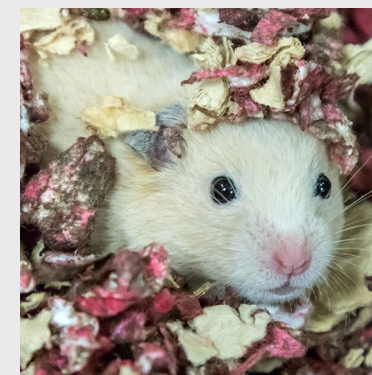


MEET SASHA

Sasha is our 80,000th Spay/Neuter Patient. In April, Dakin's Community Spay/Neuter Clinic treated its 80,000th patient, a friendly seven-month old miniature schnauzer named Sasha, who lives in Springfield. Her family was able to take advantage of a lowered surgical fee for people receiving financial assistance, which made Sasha's successful surgery happen. That's just one of the many safety-net services you make possible that keep pets with their people.

integrity IN ACTION

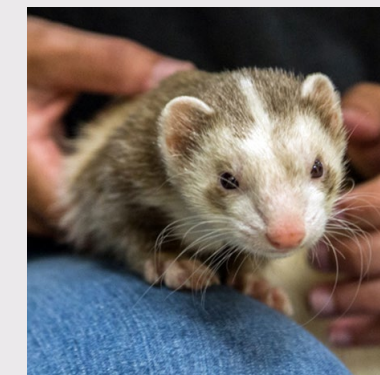
As an open admission shelter, we don't turn any animal away. We took in 3,236 cats, 1,284 dogs and a record-breaking 965 smalls (birds, rabbits, guinea pigs and other species). Together, we celebrate the joy that animals bring into our lives while welcoming and supporting the pets and people that face challenges.



because of YOU...

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Animals in disaster-affected areas in eastern Massachusetts and the Carolinas found new homes



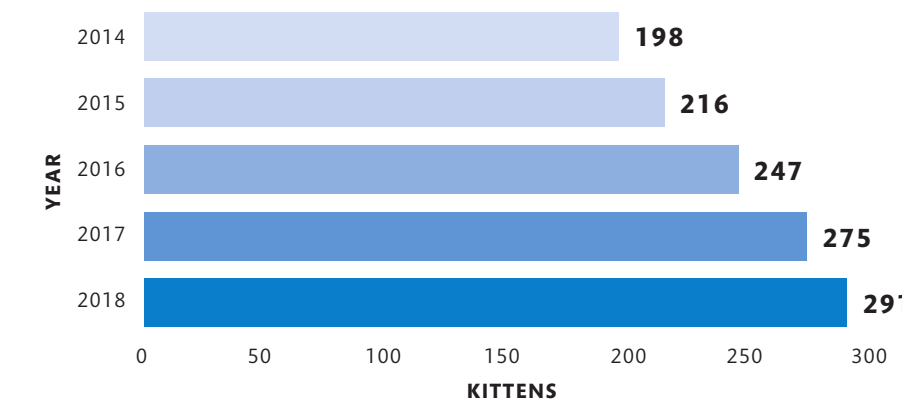
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Animals transferred to partner adoption organizations

We're proud of our strong and mutually supportive relationships with fellow rescue organizations

optimism IN ACTION

Last summer we treated the 1,000th patient at Nick's Nursery, New England's only kitten intensive care unit. Each year since it opened in 2014, you have allowed us to treat hundreds of at-risk orphaned kittens who had no other options, steering them toward the road to adoption.



MEET PLUM

Plum is the 1,000th patient in Nick's Nursery. She arrived at Dakin underweight, dehydrated, and suffering from an upper respiratory infection. Thanks to round-the-clock care lovingly given by Dakin's vet team and nursery volunteers, Plum went on to bigger and better things; a home and a family. You took that journey with her.

because of YOU...

243

Pets reunited with their people

63

Community pets received spay/neuter surgery via Dakin Snip Trips, a program in which cats and dogs are brought to our Community Clinic, then returned to their homes by volunteers. Thanks to you, we are able to assist people who may face challenges bringing their pets to us, and provide them the resources they need to care for them.

GREEN INITIATIVES

It's important to treat all living beings with respect, and on a broader scale, that includes the planet. That's why Dakin's two adoption centers installed solar panels and enhanced the HVAC systems.

