



President's Report

an overview of the Humane Society of Northeast Georgia's Fiscal Year 2010

Dear Friends,

Have you ever experienced the gratitude of a rescued pet? It's like the look of pure joy on your dog's face when he meets you at the door, his tail wagging so hard that his whole back end wags, too. Or the pleasing purr of your cat as she winds her way around your legs, rubbing against you with her eyes closed in contentment.

If you've ever felt that feeling, then you understand why the Humane Society of Northeast Georgia (HSNEGA) strives to provide the needed services and programs to support the rescue and adoption of homeless animals throughout northeast Georgia. A limited admission shelter, HSNEGA accepts animals surrendered by owners and works with more than a dozen regional shelters and rescue organizations to transfer in animals scheduled to be euthanized. During our 2010 fiscal year, we rescued almost 2,000 pets, giving them a second chance for a new life.

Our mission also centers around providing the region's companion animals with the basic wellness services they need to be healthy. One of our biggest accomplishments in 2010 was opening our Wellness Clinic, which provides low-cost vaccines, basic testing and preventative treatments for cats and dogs. We've seen so many people in the area who have been impacted by the economic downturn, and those with pets have often struggled to provide even the most basic care for their animals. By offering these services, our goal is to help these pet owners care for their animals and also serve the 75+% of pet owners who utilize our Wellness Clinic yet have no regular veterinarian. The end result, we hope, is a healthier animal population.

We also were proud in 2010 to celebrate the 5th anniversary of our low-cost, high-quality Spay/Neuter Center and our first milestone of 25,000 surgeries. Statistics show that every unaltered animal and its offspring have the capability to create up to 50,000 animals in a 7 year period. Do the math and that equals more than 12.5 million possible births which were avoided, births of animals which more than likely, would have had a high chance of ending up in a shelter facing euthanasia or suffering an even worse fate.

HSNEGA also continues to expand our humane education programs. One of only three humane organizations in the state of Georgia with a full-time educator on staff, HSNEGA provided more than 495 education programs serving 21,000+ people in the regional community in 2010. Our programs range from pet CPR/first aid classes to summer camps for children to first responder workshops, and the majority of our education programs are provided for little or no charge.

The bottom line, however, is our shelter and its services would not exist without you. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of you for your generous donations and support in helping us fulfill our mission. Whether you are an individual, a corporation or a rescue group, a pet owner, a pet lover, or simply someone who cares about our community, it takes all of us together to make a difference. We thank you for joining us on this journey.

Rick Aiken

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President



Without the generous support of our donors, we wouldn't be able to support and expand our programs and services which enhance the well-being of companion pets and save the lives of homeless animals.

"A word of gratitude...I have used both your spay/neuter services and your wellness clinic services for vaccines. I cannot thank you enough for providing these low cost alternatives to the community. I love my vet and they take great care of my animals, but sometimes a more affordable option is needed. Considering all that you do for so many, such a great number of animals, it's so wonderful how your workers and volunteers still make the time to be kind and comforting, welcoming and friendly to all of the pets and their owners. Thanks for that and for the work that you do!"-from the HSNEGA Facebook page, www.facebook.com/hsnega

Established in 1913, the Humane Society of Northeast Georgia (HSNEGA) is the second oldest humane organization in the state of Georgia. A private, non-profit 501(c)3 organization, HSNEGA receives no funding from other humane organizations or local, state or federal governments. Our services and programs are funded through donations from individuals and businesses, fees for services, grants and investments. To learn more about donating to HSNEGA, call 770-532-6617 or visit www.HSNEGA.org.

OUR MISSION

To establish a community recognized for responsible pet ownership and humane treatment of animals by offering basic pet wellness and spay/neuter services, public education, and placement of companion animals.

Spay/Neuter Center Surgeries Fiscal Year 2010 (July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011)

	1st Quarter (July-Sept 2010)	2nd Quarter (Oct-Dec 2010)	3rd Quarter (Jan-Mar 2011)	4th Quarter (April-June 2011)	Total
Shelter Animals	692	369	383	392	1,836
Public Animals	930	1,065	1,290	1,237	4,522
Total	1,622	1,434	1,673	1,629	6,358



Intake/Rescue of Regional Animals Fiscal Year 2010 (July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011)

During fiscal year 2010, HSNEGA adopted 1,786 animals. A limited admission shelter, the Humane Society of Northeast Georgia does not euthanize based on space or duration of stay, but strives to be "Life Savers" by giving every animal we take in a chance at a lifelong, loving home.

	1st Quarter (July-Sept 2010)	2nd Quarter (Oct-Dec 2010)	3rd Quarter (Jan-Mar 2011)	4th Quarter (April-June 2011)	Total
Dogs (6+ months)	71	94	128	77	370
Cats (6+ months)	45	18	60	36	159
Puppies (under 6 mos.)	189	289	335	272	1,085
Kittens (under 6 mos.)	105	54	39	129	327
Other**	4	8	11	6	29
Total	414	463	573	520	1,970

**"Other" applies to surrendered animals such as birds, ferrets, guinea pigs and other small domestic animals.