

# HUMANE SOCIETY OF VERO BEACH & INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

*Thank you for joining the Humane Society of Vero Beach in celebration of 74 years of dedication, love, and unwavering support to animal welfare.*

Founded in 1953 by Peggy Kuster, the Humane Society of Vero Beach (HSVB) has grown from a small local shelter into a vital community resource for animals in need. In 2025 alone, we cared for 3,069 animals, adopted out 1,382 animals and performed 2,996 spay/neuter surgeries and pets that received veterinary care through our clinic to help control pet overpopulation. Along with these impressive statistics, we also succeeded in reuniting nearly 500 pets with their families.

As a community service resource for Indian River County, we collaborate closely with local animal control to offer a safe haven for as many animals as we possibly can. While also proudly upholding a No-Kill shelter status, achieving an impressive 92.4% live release rate. Our 38-acre shelter is a place of healing and hope, for dogs, cats, farm animals, wildlife and various other species in our community. As we are able, we extend our support to families affected by disasters in neighboring areas, offering assistance to their pets in times of need.

Our two thrift shops and donorship help fund our lifesaving mission.

At HSVB, excellence is our standard, earning us a platinum rating on GuideStar. But our commitment goes beyond rescue—it's a promise to provide every animal with the care, compassion, and second chance they deserve. None of this would be possible without the support of our staff, donors, volunteers, and community.

Every contribution makes a difference, and together, we can continue saving lives. Thank you for being part of our mission—here's to the next 74 years of rescue, rehabilitation, and rehoming!

## Our Pawsitive Impact in 2025

*Making a difference every day for pets and the people who love them—one paw at a time.*

**3,069**

Animals Cared For

**43,797**

Hours Volunteered

**1,382**

Adopted Animals

**642**

Pets Fostered

**968**

Pets Required Life-Saving  
Medical Intervention

**92.4%**

Live Release Rate

**2,996** of Pets That  
Received Veterinary Care  
Through Our Clinic

**470**

Lost Pets Returned

**252** Wild Animals and  
Birds Given Safe Passage to  
Rehabilitator

