



FoCCAS
Friends of Colleton
County Animal Shelter

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Dear FoCCAS Supporter,

Great things are happening in Colleton County!

On behalf of the entire FoCCAS Board of Directors, thank you for your support during the past year. No matter your level of involvement, you are part of the team helping the animals of Colleton County.

FoCCAS has three objectives. First is education. Our Colleton Animal Commitment Education (CACE) program reached all 4th graders in public schools and CPA. Second is our community spay/neuter initiatives. We offer \$25 off vouchers for surgeries at local vets and co-sponsor a low-cost spay/neuter program with SNAC in Ridgeland. Our community cat program is in its second year to help combat the feral cat overpopulation situation. Third is our adoption/rescue programs to get dogs and cats out of the shelter. This program includes supplementing the county shelter's budget for spay/neuter surgeries, vaccines, microchips, and vet visits when necessary.

In the past year, the shelter staff and FoCCAS have worked together to increase the Live Release Rate of cats and kittens in the shelter. The staff worked to establish relationships with several rescues for cats and kittens – some travel as far as New Hampshire and New York. In the last few months, some cats have been labeled “Barn Cats.” These are cats who do not want to be indoor cats, but would love to have a new place to be a cat. Barn cats are vaccinated and fixed and are available for only \$25.

Our efforts to increase the Live Release Rate (LLR) from the shelter have continued to show progress. In the first four months of 2018, the LRR was 81%, up from 63% in 2017. Just 7 years ago, the LRR was only 11%. We are so proud of the work we have accomplished and hope to continue improving these numbers.

As you can see, we were able to accomplish a great deal because of members like you, and we can continue to do more over the next twelve months! We hope that you will support our efforts by renewing your FoCCAS membership. Your support is truly appreciated.

For the Animals,

Billie Clark,
Membership Chairperson