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# GOOD NEWS!

**Information  
to share?**

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The AYES  
have it!  
DHS is  
looking good!!!

## COUNTY EARMARKS \$12,500 FOR DHS SPAY/NEUTER EFFORTS

County Council President William Nichols says that DHS reputation has never been better. Citizens have remarked to him that the shelter is looking good. Mr. Nichols also noted that DHS volunteers are doing their part to raise funds for the operations, including numerous fund-raising events that have taken place this year.

Our improving reputation with the county government and its citizens is paying off in spades!

Last night the County Council granted DHS' request for \$12,500 in funds to spay/neuter our adopted shelter animals.

Revenues are increasing in other areas as well. In addition to DHS being the beneficiary of a generous bequest, our donations in memory are up 27%, donations from corporations and the public have increased 16%, revenue from fund-raising & events are up 67%, and our membership rolls have swelled a spectacular 400%.

Make no mistake - we are still struggling. In our determination to become a high save community, we have invested substantially in the medical care of our animals - more than ever before. The staff necessary to take proper care

of the animals and the operations of the shelter is our largest expense.

All this is the necessary ground-work to become the kind of organization that we need to become. And it's working.

Our adoption rate has increased substantially. In the past two months, approximately 70 animals have been adopted - more have been sent to rescue or to foster homes.

Last year the average number of dogs adopted per month was 17.5. From July through February, our rate was 20.1 dogs per month. For March, April and May, we are averaging 24 dogs adopted per month. Cat adoptions have increased over last year, but are lagging behind dogs with an average of six cats adopted per month. Hopefully, our cat promotion in the month of June will help.

In addition, our foster families have been wonderful. An average of five step forward each month and more are offering their homes than ever before.

Thank you Dorchester! Together we will accomplish our goals for our homeless animals!!

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### **Our Treasurer, Dana Dickerson**

*Dana is a busy CFO at Camtec Products. Despite her hectic schedule, she volunteers a substantial amount of time to take care of DHS finances. Dana also has a Finance Committee which is convened if and when she decides she needs help with investments, budgets and so forth. Right now Dana is preparing for our annual audit. Thank you Dana for taking on this labor-intensive volunteer task!!!*