

2020 ANNUAL REPORT



In families affected by domestic violence, pets are also at risk. Abusers threaten, injure, and kill family pets to terrorize others in the home --yet most domestic violence shelters are unable to allow pets to accompany their owners to safety. Nearly 50% of individuals delay escaping the abuse because of concern about their pets.

Ahimsa House, meaning "nonviolence," is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to addressing the links between domestic violence and animal abuse. Anywhere in Georgia and at no charge, Ahimsa House provides emergency pet safehousing, veterinary care, pet-related safety planning, legal advocacy, a 24-hour crisis line, outreach programs, and other services to help the human and animal victims of domestic violence reach safety together.

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149 humans and 257 animals assisted by direct services program



dogs assisted



cats assisted



"other" animals assisted



3,627 crisis calls



14,215 nights of safety



64 vet visits



216 medical services

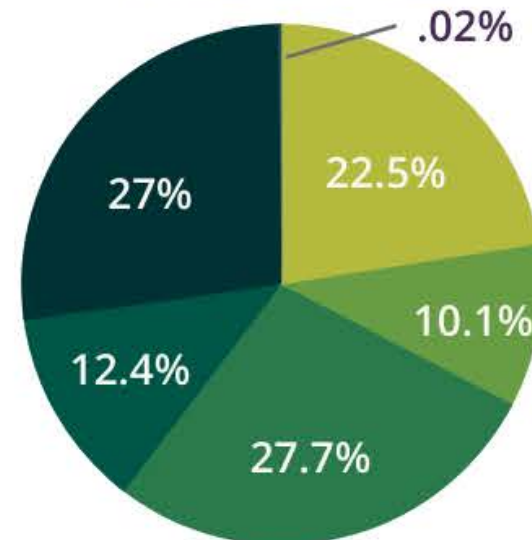


715 transports



69 spays & neuters

INCOME



Government

Other

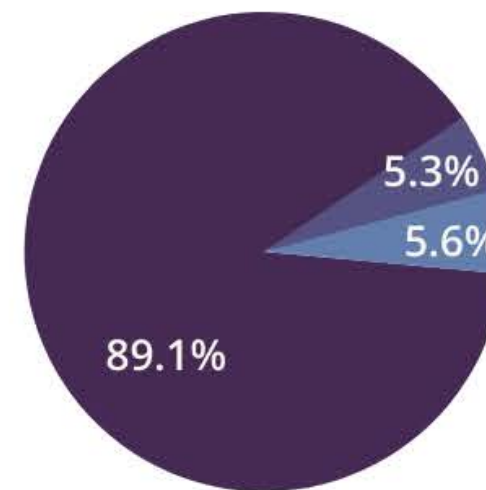
In-Kind Contributions

Special Events

General Donations

Foundation Grants

REVENUE



Program

Fundraising

Administrative

Year in Review: The COVID-19 Pandemic

Ahimsa House Services

Thankfully, Ahimsa House's services remained accessible for clients. Our existing decentralized program model made for an easy transition to fully remote work for our staff, and with new precautions in place, our veterinary & boarding partners were able to continue serving pets.

Victims, Survivors, and Clients

Many victims of DV experienced additional challenges associated with escaping an abuser. DV shelters were forced to operate with limited capacity. Some victims were more hesitant to leave in a time of such uncertainty, while others struggled to even find enough time away from their abusers to leave due to social distancing mandates.

While these factors led to a decrease in our 2020 caseload, the clients who did seek our assistance reported increased difficulty in getting back on their feet; new housing and jobs took longer to locate, leading us to offer our clients and their pets longer stays in our program.

Our Supporters

Foster volunteers showed up in record-breaking numbers to ensure Ahimsa House pets had a safe place to stay, and donors embraced a year of virtual giving to keep our services funded. While eager to keep offering assistance where they could, many of our amazing partner facilities faced the same challenges as countless other businesses; for some, this meant pausing assistance or reducing the free/reduced-cost services they were able to provide for our pets.