

# **ANNUAL REPORT 2005**

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## **HISTORY & MISSION STATEMENT**

### ***HISTORY***

LAST HOPE, INC. is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization incorporated in 1982, that is dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of death-due pound, stray and abandoned animals. We operate a small adoption center for cats and kittens at 581 West Jericho Turnpike in Huntington. In the fall of 2005, Last Hope opened a Dog Adoption Center at 642 Route 109 in Lindenhurst, New York (adjacent to Basic Pet Care).

LAST HOPE is celebrating its 25th year of operation this year. In recent years, the organization has grown from a small group of volunteers to an organization of over 100 volunteers. Last Hope serves Nassau and Suffolk counties which comprise Long Island, New York. The estimated population of Nassau County in 2005 was 1,348,357 and Suffolk County was 1,483,396.

### ***MISSION STATEMENT***

Through its many programs, LAST HOPE, INC. is attempting to reduce the tremendous cat and dog overpopulation problem on Long Island, encourage responsible and economical pet ownership, and transform the public image of the typical pound animal. The specific programs, which we support to accomplish these goals, are:

- Rescue of death-due, abandoned, and stray animals. We make trips to five municipal shelters, have a waiting list for stray cats and receive phone calls where we advise the public about the various animal problems that they are encountering.
- Low-cost spay/neuter fees for dogs and cats at local participating veterinarians.
- Low-cost pet vaccination clinics at different locations in Nassau and Suffolk counties. These are held every month from January to June and September to November.

- ❑ Early neutering of all kittens and puppies as well as regular neutering of all adult animals adopted through our programs so that NO LAST HOPE animal will ever contribute to the cat and dog overpopulation problem on Long Island.
- ❑ Feral cat trapping. Through our FIX-A-FERAL Program, we make it financially feasible for the public to spay and neuter the feral cats that they are feeding. Volunteers assist the public with trapping feral cats on Long Island. Traps can also be borrowed directly from the organization with a deposit. Workshops have been held to educate the public about this ever-growing problem, and we offer demonstrations in the use of humane traps.
- ❑ Adoption programs that seek to place the LAST HOPE dog or cat in caring, responsible, and financially solvent homes.
- ❑ Community outreach and public awareness campaign to make the public knowledgeable about the cat and dog overpopulation problem and the tremendous number of unwanted animals in the shelters.

Dear Friends:

2005 proved to be an extremely busy year for LAST HOPE, Inc. Plans were initiated to commemorate our 25th Anniversary with a large Gala event in October 2006.

In addition, the highlights of the year included the following:

1. The opening of our first dog adoption center in September 2005 in Lindenhurst, New York.
2. The renewal of our lease for 5 years for our Cat Adoption Center in Huntington, NY in December 2005.
3. We became a PETsMART Adoption partner at the Huntington PETsMART in January 2005.
4. We placed over 500 cats and kittens into loving and responsible homes.
5. We placed over 40 dogs into responsible and loving homes.
6. We continued our FIX-A-FERAL program spaying and neutering approximately 1,000 cats.
7. We held our first Art Auction Fundraiser in September 2005.

The following is an overview of LAST HOPE's income and expenses for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005:

Total Support & Revenue	\$272,884
Program Expenses	
Fix-A-Feral Program	24,023
Adoption Program	242,117
Management & General Expenses	25,884
Fundraising Expenses	22,382
 Total Expenses	 \$314,406
 Total Assets	 \$244,096
Total Liabilities	\$ 30,783
 Net Asset Balance	 \$213,313

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Linda Stuurman	President
Milda Darzinskis	Vice President, Chairperson of the Board
Marilyn Price	Treasurer
Doris Klem	Secretary
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Bonnie Gaines	Member-At-Large
Cheryl Mera	Member-At-Large
Lori Treu	Member-At-Large
Jessica Hanlon	Legal Advisor

LAST HOPE is tax-exempt under section 501(C)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.