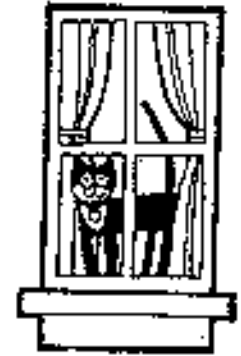




## HUMANE SOCIETY of ELBERT COUNTY ANNUAL REPORT



All in all, Year 2000 was a good year for HSEC. Accomplishments include:

- a) The ongoing individual efforts of members to care and find homes for animals they have rescued.
- b) HSEC members assisting the Georgia Animal Protection Division in closing 2 illegal "puppy mills" in Elbert County.
- c) The Elbert County Pilot Club award to HSEC for "Spirit of Volunteerism".
- d) HSEC's "Pet Therapy Program" got off the ground with visits to Nancy Hart and Heardmont Nursing Homes.
- e) Snaring Sam / Dog Bite Prevention Lessons implemented in the elementary schools. A total of 41 teachers elected to participate in the Kind News Newspaper which HSEC funded for about \$1,000.
- f) Thanks to HSEC members' numerous petitions, letters and phone calls, the Georgia Animal Protection Act of 2000 was signed into law in April 2000. This legislation makes aggravated animal abuse cases a "felony" in Georgia.
- g) Numerous HSEC meetings with Elbert County Administrator, Charles Kinney, and the Board of Commissioners, requesting them to hire a county animal control officer, purchase a county animal control truck and to build an animal shelter for the county. Mr. Kinney assured HSEC that although delayed, a shelter will be constructed!
- h) HSEC, upon request of the Elberton Public Works Director, Jimmy Welborn, inspected and provided written recommendations for improving conditions at the City of Elberton Animal Shelter on Filter Plant Road.
- i) Establishment of HSEC "Web-Page" ... [www.humaneelbert.org](http://www.humaneelbert.org)
- j) Membership has stabilized at just under 50 persons. Everyone is reminded that the numbers after their name on the HSEC mailing label represent the "month-year" their membership expires. A courtesy "postcard" will be sent to persons reminding them to renew on time.



k) HSEC met with Senator Madden requesting him to obtain a \$35,000 state grant to purchase a county animal control truck contingent on the county agreeing to hire a trained animal control officer. Correspondence, reflecting this proposal, was forwarded to the Elbert County Commissioners by Senator Madden on August 9.

l) In November, thanks to the efforts of Eleanor Hendrix, the Board of Commissioners voted to accept Senator Madden's offer. Additionally, Eleanor briefed Senator-Elect Mike Beatty on Madden's pledge with Beatty promising to do everything he could to make it happen. Also, many thanks to Don Gilbert as being the primary agent in obtaining over 300 Elbert County residents' signatures on a petition to have the county build an animal shelter to serve all of Elbert County.

m) In December, HSEC sent a letter to Senator-Elect Beatty asking him to honor Senator Madden's pledge and secure \$350,000 in state grant money for the construction of an animal shelter to serve all the residents of Elbert County.

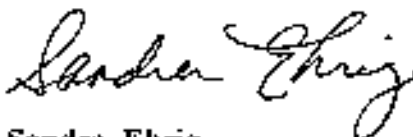
n) In December, HSEC sent a letter to the Elbert County Board of Commissioners requesting them to obtain state/federal grant money and or include \$350,000 for a new animal shelter in a SPLOST proposal being prepared by the county administrator.

o) Memberships, donations and fundraisers for 2000 netted over \$3,000. A special thanks again to the anonymous donor who contributed \$972 in matching funds.

p) HSEC financial records were audited for Year 2000 with all aspects being in proper order. Good job Shirley!

q) Many thanks to Susan Pulco for allowing HSEC to use "The Palm and Granite" for our Christmas party in December.

Last, but not least, my personal thanks to everyone who participated in our various events last year and the continuing financial support of the entire HSEC membership. Also, I'd like to encourage everyone to please vote for the SPLOST Fund as well as encourage others you know to do them same. I look forward to a successful 2001.



Sandra Ehrig  
President



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