



About the Partners: Humane Net, Inc.

Mission: Humane Net, Inc., a nonprofit organization, duly organized under the law of the State of South Carolina, believes that animals, as living creatures, have value beyond economic measurement, and are entitled to top legal, moral and ethical consideration and protection. Our primary missions are: serving as an animal welfare communications network; acting as an advocate for the welfare of animals; educating our community about animal concerns and rights; promoting legislation for the protection of animals; and supporting other organizations with similar objectives.

Background: After the destruction of Hurricane Hugo on South Carolina, particularly the Lowcountry, in 1989, a group of concerned animal advocates, along with local animal control agencies and veterinarians, saw the need for a coastal emergency services plan for animals, including people with pets. An effort began to identify a shelter for people with pets during hurricanes and other disasters; subsequently, the North Charleston Coliseum was designated as such a place and became the first operational disaster shelter for people with pets in preparation for Hurricane Floyd in 1999. In addition to the emergency preparedness and response focus during its early years, Humane Net has evolved into a collaboration of animal related organizations with initiatives in rescue, spay/neuter assistance, public education to enhance responsible pet ownership, and advocacy for animals that have been abused or neglected.

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