



### **About the Partners: Pet Helpers, Inc.**

**Mission:** Pet Helpers ([www.pethelpers.org](http://www.pethelpers.org)) is dedicated to ending the euthanasia of all adoptable dogs and cats by providing a safe, loving environment for them until they are adopted; providing the public with financial assistance for spay/neuter and emergency medical care; participating in humane education programs; and preserving the welfare and rights of animals by pursuing animal cruelty prosecution and initiating animal welfare legislation.

**Background:** Pet Helpers was founded in 1976 by President Carol Linville after she read that 8,000 pets were being euthanized each year at the local shelter. It began as a weekly “adopt a pet” column. Thirty years later, that column has grown into Pet Helpers Rescue and Adoption Shelter, one of the foremost pet rescue organizations in South Carolina. Pet Helpers has slowly evolved into a widely recognized, innovative shelter that offers caring solutions to the serious problems created by pet overpopulation.

For 30 years, Pet Helpers has focused on the needs of homeless animals. Through a commitment to adoption-guarantee sheltering, required spay and neuter, adoption, and 24-hour a day rescue programs, it has worked tirelessly to save those animals who are without human guardianship. Servicing the tri-county areas of Berkeley, Dorchester and Charleston Counties, it is the only independent, adoption-guarantee shelter that is staffed and maintains regular business hours. It answers 20,000 calls a year to provide assistance and information to the public concerning animal issues.

Pet Helpers moved into its new 14,000 sq. ft. facility and celebrated the grand opening on March 29, 2008. The \$6 million capital campaign, led by its Capital Campaign Cabinet of Carol Linville, Diane Straney, and Laurel and Hank Greer, has passed the halfway mark to its goal. The hurricane resistant facility is a first for the barrier islands of the Lowcountry.

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