

HSDC Sale of the Adoption Center – FAQs

What is HSDC doing with its adoption center?

- HSDC is selling its adoption center building on Eaton Road to Davie County to be used as the new Davie County Animal Shelter.
- HSDC will continue its work in new ways.

Is Davie County Animal Services (DCAS) taking over HSDC?

- NO, Davie County Animal Services is not taking over HSDC. The two organizations have always been two different organizations: DCAS is a county department and HSDC is an independent 501c3 non-profit organization. They will continue to be two separate organizations.
- DCAS and HSDC do work together on several fronts: HSDC pulls abandoned pets from DCAS for adoption. This relationship has meant that over 1,700 dogs and cats have been saved over the past 9 years.
- HSDC will continue to work with DCAS on ways to reduce intake into the animal shelter (through spay neuter initiatives) and reduce unnecessary euthanasia (adoption).
- Both organizations are committed to improving programs to save the lives of more abandoned pets.

Why is HSDC selling the building?

- The adoption center building is too large for HSDC to financially operate it into the future. The building houses up to 50 dogs and cats, and requires sufficient staffing levels to care for those animals day and night seven days a week.
- HSDC has been very successful in building greater donor support and hosting two successful fundraising events each year. Despite this success, revenues continue to fall short of the funds needed to break even on this size of a facility.
- The board recognized that the prudent action to take was to sell the adoption center and pursue a different way to conduct rescue and adoption, one that is financially sustainable for years to come.

Does this mean that HSDC will no longer exist?

- NO, this does not mean that HSDC will no longer exist. Quite the opposite.
- HSDC is excited about pursuing other ways of doing business, ways that will lead to more lives being saved, and guarantee the future of HSDC as an active community organization.

What will HSDC do after the sale?

- HSDC plans several things for 2017:

- Local adoptions currently happen through local and area rescue groups and directly from Davie County Animal Services. All of those options will continue. HSDC will continue to work with Animal Services to pull and place dogs and cats.
- Expanded spay/neuter program through clinics and local veterinarians, in order to greatly increase the numbers of community pets who get altered. This expansion will help to reduce the numbers of pets taken into the County animal shelter, because unplanned litters will not happen.
- HSDC plans to launch an out-of-state transport program in 2017.
- HSDC will continue to conduct its fundraising events: Cause for Paws and Paws in the Park plus the smaller events over the year; financial support remains critical to HSDC being able to accomplish its goals.

What about all of the people who donated toward the AC and its construction?

- The decision to sell the adoption center was not an easy decision to make, but it was a necessary action to take to ensure the long term success of the organization.
- Donors to the building can be proud of the adoptions and spay/neuter surgeries accomplished through the building over the past 9 years; these programs will continue to be run by the HSDC.
- HSDC very much appreciates the support shown by its donors, and assures its donors that we remain committed to our mission, and to find ways to accomplish even more into the future.

What happens to remaining animals?

- Staff will continue to care for animals while at the HSDC facility prior to the sale.
- HSDC will do its best to adopt out remaining animals prior to the sale of the building, but would love for foster homes to become available while animals are awaiting permanent placement. No pets in HSDC's care currently will be transferred to Davie County Animal Services or euthanized.

Will we do local adoptions?

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Will there still be a monthly Spay/Neuter clinic?

- Yes. HSDC will still continue a monthly low-cost Spay/Neuter clinic. HSDC has plans to expand it to a semi-monthly clinic in 2017.

What will happen to the volunteer program? Will HSDC still need volunteers?

- Yes. HSDC will still need community support in the form of volunteers to continue our organization. Volunteers are and have always been the lifeblood of HSDC. Volunteer

jobs may shift from mopping the floors to caring for pets at new locations, providing a foster home, or assisting HSDC's community programs (Spay/Neuter Clinics, responsible pet ownership education in public schools, Paws in the Park, Cause for Paws, etc.).