



ALAQUA
ANIMAL REFUGE

2010 Annual Report

shelter. safety. second chances.

Our Mission:



Alaqua Animal Refuge believes every abused, neglected and homeless animal deserves a second chance. Our private, nonprofit animal sanctuary is committed to serving the Emerald Coast as: the premier no-kill refuge, providing protection, shelter and care to animals in need; a full-service animal adoption center; and a peaceful, proactive animal welfare advocate through educational outreach and community programs.

Letter from the President:

Dear Alaqua Animal Refuge Friends:

At Alaqua Animal Refuge, we believe in second chances.

Since our unique no-kill animal sanctuary and adoption center was founded on the Emerald Coast in 2007, we have had the honor of providing a second chance at life for thousands of animals, including dogs, cats, horses, pigs, deer, geese, ducks and more.

At our refuge, these once abused, neglected and homeless animals have a safe place to live, with shelter and care, until they find their forever homes. Sometimes these animals are with us for just a day or two, sometimes it is months or, in some cases, even years.

I am pleased to say that in 2010, our mission grew beyond our greatest expectations. Highlights include:

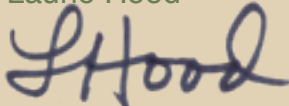
- Finding permanent homes for up to 1,200 animals a year
- Providing shelter and care for more than 250 animals at any given time.
- Continuing our community outreach with education and service programs. A standout in the category is the continuation of Alaqua Animal Refuge's S.N.A.P., our spay and neuter program. This \$100,000 annual effort provided approximately 2,000 low- or no-cost spay and neuter procedures for pet owners in Walton County.
- Expanding our efforts beyond the fences of our sanctuary and evolving our role as peaceful but proactive advocates for the humane treatment of animals. Our presence, through the support of our donors, gave a voice to the silent victims in some groundbreaking animal abuse cases.

All these achievements were made during a year that brought with it a severe economic storm, created through the national financial crisis and the impact of the local real estate market decline, as well as the devastating effects from the BP Gulf Horizon oil spill. I am so proud to say that even though the need grew beyond our anticipation, and charitable giving was stretched to its limit, Alaqua Animal Refuge kept its doors open and continued to serve our community.

However, it costs \$50,000 per month to operate the refuge, and that number is expected to grow as the need to help animals in crisis continues to escalate. As a private nonprofit, we are dependent on charitable giving, but we are making strong and strategic strides to grow our support base.

As we tackle the challenges of raising funds in a still-uncertain economy while further expanding our facility and services, I will continue to draw from the strength of our organization, which comes from our dedicated board, our loyal members, our hardworking staff, our incredible volunteers and our valued donors, community leaders and friends. To each of you, I say thank you for your support ... and for believing in second chances.

Laurie Hood



President and Founder
Alaqua Animal Refuge



About us:

Located down a winding road, lined by moss-covered trees, Alaqua Animal Refuge is nestled on the banks of a tranquil Northwest Florida bayou. This peaceful location in Freeport is actually just minutes from the nationally known beach vacation haven of Destin, but it is figuratively far removed from the concept of a traditional animal shelter. It is a true refuge.

Alaqua Animal Refuge Inc., an independent, 501(c)(3) organization, advocates the general welfare and humane treatment of animals by providing shelter, adoption services and prevention of pet over-population. On the 10-acre farm, located in Freeport, Fla., once homeless, lost and abused animals run and play in sun-soaked pastures, swim in cool, clean ponds, relax on breezy screened porches and graze in lush, green fields.

The refuge was founded in 2007 by Walton County, Fla.-resident Laurie Hood when she discovered that countless animals were being euthanized due to the lack of a no-kill shelter/adoption organization in the area. Since that time, Alaqua Animal Refuge has helped find homes for more than 7,000 animals. Currently, up to



100 animals are adopted per month from this unique shelter and adoption center, which serves as a true refuge for more than 250 animals at any given time.

Providing programs to the community is also central to Alaqua Animal Refuge's mission. Since 2008, the shelter has offered its S.N.A.P. Program, providing free or low-cost spay and neuter procedures to more than 2,000 animals per year.

The shelter, which underwent a physical expansion in 2009 due to significant capital-focused grants, is comprised of several independent buildings, including barns for the equine center, multiple canine and cat cottages, two quarantine buildings, two infirmaries and an operating facility.

Currently, it costs \$50,000 per month to operate the refuge, which is entirely dependent upon private donations. Fund raising is a continual effort, with a focus on special events, memberships, planned giving and grants.

Moving forward, Alaqua Animal Refuge is positioned to further increase its services to include additional educational and community services through strategic and innovative outreach programs. The refuge will also continue to expand its role as a regional leader in animal-welfare advocacy.

As Hood and her team grow and develop our facility and operations, they are committed to their guiding purpose: To give neglected, lost and abandoned animals a chance at life.

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Financials - Fiscal Year 2010:

- Summarized Statement of Activities
for the year ended Dec. 31, 2010

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
REVENUES AND SUPPORT			
Private Grants	\$ 20,674	\$ 100,300	\$ 120,974
Adoption and intake	91,530		91,530
Public Support	385,141	63,780	448,921
Miscellaneous	<u>93,229</u>		<u>93,229</u>
Total revenue and support	590,574	164,080	754,654
EXPENSES			
Program	78,947	110,917	189,864
Supportive	<u>453,347</u>	<u>17,843</u>	<u>471,190</u>
	532,294	128,760	661,054
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	58,280	35,320	93,600
NET ASSETS BEGINNING OF YEAR	(216,865)	467,820	250,955
RELEASE FROM RESTRICTIONS	<u>425,000</u>	<u>(425,000)</u>	_____
NET ASSETS END OF YEAR	\$ 266,415	\$ 78,140	\$ 344,555

Audited financial statements and our IRS Form 990 are available upon request.



Support Alaquia Animal Refuge Today

Your tax-deductible gift can help us save the lives of homeless, abused and neglected animals at our unique no-kill shelter and adoption center.

Please mail your check to
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914 Whitfield Road
Freeport, FL 32439

For online donations, go
to AARFlorida.com or
click [HERE](#).

To make a contribution
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I would like to give: \$_____ to help provide shelter, safety and
second chances to animals in need.