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The ASPCA raises hundreds of millions of dollars while giving little to pet shelters



Executive Summary

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) collected \$446 million in revenue in 2024 while spending \$388 million.

But just how much of this massive fundraising haul actually made it to animals in need?

Despite what many people believe, the ASPCA does not operate a network of pet shelters and is not affiliated with any of the countless local SPCAs across the country. The ASPCA operates a single pet shelter in Manhattan. Additionally, the organization does little to fund local pet shelters—giving only a miniscule portion of its budget to shelters in the form of financial grants.

Specifically, the ASPCA shared less than four percent of its 2024 budget with local pet shelters through its financial grant program, according to its most recent tax return.

Fast Fact: ASPCA CEO Matt Bershadker got a bonus of \$182,205—about 3x the average American’s salary.

WHERE ARE DONATIONS TO THE ASPCA GOING INSTEAD?

The ASPCA holds almost \$725 million in assets, including a \$466 million investment portfolio.

The group spends an extravagant amount of money compensating its executives. The ASPCA’s CEO, Matt Bershadker, is paid \$1.2 million a year. On the whole, the ASPCA spent over \$7.1 million on executive compensation, and paid 383 staffers six-figure salaries in 2024.

Overhead costs also ate up large portions of the budget. The ASPCA spent \$6.9 million on travel, \$71 million on media buys/promotion, and \$12.6 million on postage.

While the ASPCA sat on its hundreds of millions of dollars in assets and spent over \$100 million on overhead, 600,000 cats and dogs were euthanized in 2024.



How Does the ASPCA Actually Spend its Money?



Appendix: Reported Financial Grants to Pet Shelters by the ASPCA in 2024

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
A Path 4 Paws Dog Rescue	\$6,000.00	Animal Care Centers of NYC	\$949,000.00
A.R.F. - Animal Rescue Foundation	\$6,000.00	Mckamey Animal Center	\$8,000.00
Advocates for Abused and Abandoned Pets	\$8,000.00	Animal Charity of Ohio	\$6,000.00
Alachua County Humane Society	\$40,000.00	Animal Defense League	\$40,200.00
Alaqua Animal Refuge	\$10,000.00	Animal Friends	\$8,000.00
Alaska Society For Prevention of Cruelty To Animals	\$6,500.00	Animal Friends of The Valleys	\$14,725.00
Albemarle Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	\$10,500.00	Animal Haven	\$25,000.00
Allen County SPCA	\$8,000.00	Animal Humane Association of New Mexico	\$101,000.00
Almost Home Humane Society	\$6,000.00	Animal Humane Society	\$8,000.00
Anderson Humane	\$8,000.00	Animal Protective Association of Missouri	\$12,000.00
Angel Ridge Animal Rescue	\$8,000.00	Animal Protective Foundation of Schenectady	\$121,000.00

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Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland	\$6,000.00
Animal Refugee Response	\$10,000.00
Animal Rescue League of Boston	\$22,750.00
Animal Rescue League of Iowa Incorporated	\$13,000.00
Animal Services Foundation	\$10,000.00
Animal Shelter of Sullivan County	\$65,000.00
Animal Welfare Association, Inc	\$28,100.00
Animal Welfare League of Alexandria Virginia Incorporated	\$6,000.00
Animal Welfare League of Charlotte County Florida	\$7,500.00
Animal Welfare Society of Monroe	\$8,000.00
Animalkind	\$89,000.00
Animals Are First Fund	\$6,000.00
Anita's Stevens Swan Humane Society	\$14,000.00
Anson County Animal Shelter	\$38,200.00
Asheville Humane Society	\$155,835.00
Astro Foundation	\$12,000.00
Athens-Clarke County Animal Services	\$29,400.00
Augusta Regional SPCA	\$10,000.00
Austin Pets Alive	\$6,000.00
Avery County Humane Society	\$50,000.00
Babylon Animal Shelter	\$10,000.00
Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter	\$12,000.00
Bangor Humane Society	\$29,000.00
Beaver County Humane Society	\$24,999.00
Benton Franklin Humane Society	\$11,427.00
Berkeley-East Bay Humane	\$7,225.00
Beyond The Fight Initiative Inc.	\$15,000.00
Big Bones Canine Rescue	\$10,000.00
Big Dog Ranch Rescue	\$8,000.00
Bitter Root Humane Association	\$6,500.00
Blue Ridge Humane Society	\$64,000.00
Brandywine Valley SPCA	\$120,000.00

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Broome County Humane Society	\$68,800.00
Brother Wolf Animal Rescue	\$1,065,500.00
Burbank Animal Shelter	\$6,086.00
Burke County Animal Services	\$60,000.00
Butte Humane Society	\$7,850.00
Calaveras Humane Society	\$27,385.00
Cape Coral Animal Shelter	\$8,375.00
Capital Area Humane Society	\$10,000.00
Catmandoo	\$15,000.00
Cnysnap	\$70,000.00
Central PA Humane Society	\$12,000.00
Charleston Animal Society	\$8,000.00
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Animal Care & Control Division	\$67,115.00
Chemung County Humane Society and SPCA	\$68,320.00
Cheyenne Animal Shelter Services	\$8,000.00
Chula Vista Animal Care Facility	\$6,415.00
Citizens For Humane Action Inc	\$24,000.00
City of Bloomington Animal Care & Control	\$21,500.00
City of Corpus Christi Animal Care Services	\$94,634.00
City of Everett Animal Shelter	\$57,903.00
City of Great Falls Animal Shelter	\$20,000.00
City of Liberal Animal Shelter	\$48,000.00
City of Norman Animal Welfare	\$6,000.00
City of Orange Animal Shelter	\$46,200.00
City of Palacios Animal Care Facility	\$30,300.00
Clarksdale Animal Rescue Effort And Shelter	\$32,000.00
Clay County Animal Care & Control	\$20,070.00
Columbia-Greene Humane Society	\$79,000.00
Columbus Humane	\$14,000.00
Connecticut Humane Society	\$30,000.00
Corinth Alcorn Animal Shelter	\$5,000.00
County of Rutherford-Paws	\$6,000.00

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County of Santa Clara Division of Animal Care And Control	\$7,855.00
Cowley County Humane Society	\$16,500.00
Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter	\$8,000.00
Dakin Pioneer Valley Humane Society	\$14,000.00
Darbster Foundation	\$105,000.00
Darlington County Humane Society	\$5,000.00
Doddridge County Humane Society	\$8,000.00
Dogs Playing For Life	\$325,000.00
Driftless Humane Society	\$35,412.00
Dumb Friends League	\$13,000.00
Dutchess County SPCA	\$99,000.00
Eau Claire County Humane Association	\$79,500.00
El Dorado County Animal Services	\$9,696.00
Escambia County Department of Animal Welfare	\$46,000.00
February Star Sanctuary	\$15,500.00
Five Acres Animal Shelter	\$6,000.00
Florence Area Humane Society	\$25,000.00
Forsyth Humane Society	\$375,000.00
Fox Valley Humane Association	\$14,000.00
Franklin County Humane Society	\$22,500.00
Fredericksburg SPCA	\$78,300.00
Friends for Animals Humane Society of Burke County	\$15,079.00
Friends for Life Animal Shelter	\$6,000.00
Friends of Animal Adoptions	\$8,000.00
Friends of Campbell County Animals	\$36,500.00
Friends of Foothills Animal Shelter	\$8,500.00
Friends of Pima Animal Care Center	\$10,000.00
Friends of the Alameda Animal Shelter	\$35,592.00
Friends of the Animal Community	\$15,500.00
Friends of the Animal Shelter and Guardians of the Homeless Animals	\$12,000.00
Friends of the Palm Springs Animal Shelter	\$10,255.00

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Friends of the Shelter, Inc	\$337,000.00
Friends of Williamson County Animal Center	\$6,000.00
Fur and Tails Animal Rescue Inc	\$7,000.00
Furry Friends Humane	\$36,000.00
Furry Friends Rockin' Rescue	\$6,000.00
Good Mews Animal Foundation	\$5,344.00
Grand Strand Humane Society	\$6,000.00
Greater Androscoggin Humane Society	\$54,960.00
Greenville Humane Society	\$175,000.00
Gulf Coast Humane Society	\$420,000.00
Gulf Coast Humane Society	\$50,000.00
Halifax Humane Society	\$33,039.00
Happy Tails Ranch Rescue	\$6,000.00
Hart County Animal Shelter	\$32,000.00
Haven Humane Society	\$6,703.00
Haven Pet Center	\$6,090.00
Hayward Animal Services Bureau	\$6,834.00
Heart of the Foothills Animal Rescue	\$21,136.00
Heart of the Valley, Inc	\$6,000.00
High Forest Humane Society	\$23,534.00
Hill Country Humane Society	\$6,000.00
Hillsborough County Pet Resources Foundation	\$6,000.00
Hinsdale Humane Society	\$8,000.00
Homeward Animal Shelter	\$8,000.00
Homeward Pet Adoption Center	\$50,500.00
Nate's Honor Animal Rescue	\$12,938.00
Hoofbeats and Pawprints Rescue	\$10,000.00
Horse and Hound Rescue Foundation	\$16,002.00
Houston Humane Society	\$56,000.00
Humane Animal Welfare Society of Waukesha County	\$6,000.00
Humane Association of Warren County	\$6,000.00
Humane Indiana	\$20,000.00

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Humane Rescue Alliance	\$20,000.00
Humane Society for Seattle King County	\$105,000.00
Humane Society Naples	\$12,000.00
Humane Society of Boulder Valley	\$8,000.00
Humane Society of Catawba County	\$24,500.00
Humane Society of Cedar Creek Lake	\$77,841.00
Humane Society of Charlotte	\$5,000.00
Humane Society of Chittenden County	\$27,875.00
Circle of Friends Humane Society	\$31,800.00
Humane Society of Greater Dayton	\$18,000.00
Humane Society of Greater Kansas City	\$12,000.00
Humane Society of Greater Miami	\$68,000.00
Humane Society of Harford County Inc	\$6,000.00
Humane Society of Huron Valley	\$24,000.00
Humane Society of Jefferson County	\$45,500.00
Humane Society of Livingston County	\$10,000.00
Humane Society of Marion County	\$6,000.00
Humane Society of North Texas	\$44,000.00
Humane Society of Northeast Georgia	\$80,000.00
Humane Society of Ocean City New Jersey	\$6,000.00
Humane Society of Pinellas	\$13,181.00
Humane Society of Sonoma County	\$34,200.00
Humane Society of South Mississippi	\$95,000.00
Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin	\$20,500.00
Humane Society of Tampa Bay	\$12,000.00
Humane Society of The Lakes	\$51,000.00
Humane Society of The Pikes Peak Region	\$80,000.00
Humane Society of Utah	\$69,000.00
Humane Society of Ventura County	\$5,260.00
Humane Society of West Michigan	\$6,000.00
Humane Society of Western Montana	\$152,500.00
Humane Society of Wicomico County	\$8,000.00
Humane Society of Yates County	\$77,000.00

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Humane Society of Yuma	\$64,550.00
Humane Society Silicon Valley	\$10,000.00
Huntington Cabell Wayne Animal Shelter	\$10,000.00
Idaho Humane Soc Inc	\$22,500.00
Iowa Co Humane Soc.	\$17,400.00
Irvine Animal Care Center - City of Irvine	\$8,200.00
Jackson Co. Dept of Public Health	\$10,000.00
Jacksonville Humane Soc.	\$77,860.00
Joint Animal Services	\$6,000.00
Kanawha-Charleston Humane Assoc. Inc	\$60,000.00
Kauai Humane Society	\$95,000.00
Kennebec Valley Humane Society	\$10,000.00
Kentucky Humane Society	\$30,000.00
Kitsap Humane Society	\$99,000.00
Kitty Bungalow	\$10,000.00
La Plata Co Humane Society	\$60,760.00
Lehigh Co Humane Society	\$25,000.00
Lewis & Clark Humane Society	\$90,100.00
Lincoln Co Animal Services	\$10,000.00
Little Lion Foundation	\$10,000.00
Longview Animal Care & Adoption Center	\$39,685.00
Los Angeles Animal Services	\$118,107.00
Louisiana Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	\$23,000.00
Lucky Puppy Dog Rescue & Kennel Inc	\$6,000.00
Lycoming County Society for the Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals	\$6,000.00
Lynchburg Humane Society Inc	\$17,500.00
Macon County Animal Services	\$31,000.00
Macon County Humane Society Db a Appalachian Animal Rescue Center	\$20,000.00
Madera County Animal Services	\$26,000.00
Madison County Animal Services	\$10,000.00
Marion Animal Resource Connection - Marc	\$10,000.00

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Marion Area Humane Society	\$10,000.00	Northwest Organization for Animal Help	\$54,000.00
Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center	\$20,655.00	Nuzzles & Co. Pet Rescue and Adoption	\$8,000.00
Maryland SPCA	\$6,000.00	OC Animal Care	\$99,648.00
Massachusetts Society for the Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals	\$70,000.00	Okandogs	\$6,000.00
Matanuska-Susitna Borough Animal Care And Regulation Shelter	\$23,500.00	Oklahoma Humane Society	\$35,000.00
Maury County Government Animal Services	\$45,000.00	Oktibbeha County Humane Society Inc	\$319,940.00
Mercy Full Project, Inc.	\$14,000.00	Operation Kindness	\$30,500.00
Metro Animal Services	\$6,000.00	Oregon Humane Society	\$24,000.00
Metro East Humane Society	\$27,371.00	Palm Valley Animal Society	\$6,000.00
Miami-Dade Animal Services	\$55,000.00	Palmetto Animal League	\$8,000.00
Michigan Humane Society	\$11,934.00	Pasadena Humane	\$17,425.00
Missoula City-County Animal Control	\$6,000.00	Pasado's Safe Haven	\$80,000.00
Mitchell County Animal Rescue	\$24,638.00	Pawmetto Lifeline, Inc	\$6,000.00
Mobile Society for Prevention of Cruelty To Animals	\$30,000.00	Paws Chicago	\$21,000.00
Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society	\$177,709.00	Paws Crossed Animal Rescue Inc.	\$12,000.00
Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center	\$52,648.00	Paws Humane, Inc.	\$71,000.00
Montgomery Humane Society	\$6,000.00	Paws Placing Animals Within Society	\$40,100.00
Mostly Mutts Animal Rescue and Adoption, Inc.	\$6,000.00	Paws Shelter of Central Texas	\$12,000.00
Mountain Humane	\$173,000.00	Paws, The Philadelphia Animal Welfare Society	\$12,000.00
Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter Inc	\$10,000.00	Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League	\$10,000.00
Muddy Paws Rescue, Incorporated	\$39,000.00	Peninsula SPCA	\$60,000.00
Nashville Humane Association	\$10,010.00	Pennsylvania SPCA	\$50,000.00
National Animal Welfare Society Inc	\$8,000.00	Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando	\$6,000.00
Nebraska Humane Society	\$918,000.00	Pets Come First Inc	\$6,000.00
Nevada Society for the Prevention of Cruelty To Animals	\$22,350.00	Pets In Need	\$6,275.00
New Hampshire SPCA	\$45,750.00	Pets Lifeline Inc	\$60,350.00
Newport News Animal Services	\$6,000.00	Pintler Pets	\$6,000.00
Norfolk Society For The Prevention of Cruelty To Animals Inc	\$8,000.00	Providence Animal Center	\$6,000.00
North Shore Animal League America Inc	\$18,000.00	Rags 2 Riches Animal Rescue Inc	\$12,000.00
		Ramapo-Bergen Animal Refuge Inc	\$6,000.00
		Reach Rescue, Inc.	\$8,000.00
		Rescue Village	\$40,000.00

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Richmond SPCA	\$6,000.00
Riverdale Animal Shelter	\$20,000.00
Roanoke Valley SPCA	\$10,000.00
Rockingham Harrisonburg Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	\$6,000.00
Ruff Start Rescue Inc	\$5,500.00
Runaways Animal Rescue	\$8,470.00
Sacramento SPCA	\$16,215.00
Salt Lake County Animal Services	\$8,000.00
San Diego Humane Society and SPCA	\$206,000.00
San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	\$8,000.00
Sanctuary at Haafsville	\$8,000.00
Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter	\$10,670.00
Santa Fe Animal Shelter Inc	\$8,000.00
Saving Grace Pet Adoption Center	\$39,700.00
Saving Sage Animal Rescue Foundation	\$12,000.00
Saving With Soul Pet Rescue Inc	\$6,000.00
Scooter's Underdogs Rescue	\$12,500.00
Seattle Animal Shelter	\$98,000.00
Seattle Area Feline Rescue	\$69,000.00
Second Chance Animal Services Inc.	\$16,000.00
Second Chance Pet Adoptions Inc	\$12,000.00
Sevier County Humane Society	\$10,000.00
Shelter Transport Animal Rescue Team (Start)	\$20,000.00
Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority	\$5,950.00
Sioux Falls Area Humane Society	\$8,000.00
Society for the Improvement of Conditions for Stray Animals	\$8,000.00
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Solano County	\$5,040.00
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Westchester, Inc.	\$8,000.00
Solano County Animal Care	\$11,556.00
Souris Valley Animal Shelter	\$54,000.00

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South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter, Inc.	\$8,000.00
Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation Inc	\$6,000.00
Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (Seaaca)	\$5,780.00
Southern Pines Animal Shelter	\$94,780.00
SPCA Florida	\$28,473.00
SPCA of Anne Arundel County	\$10,000.00
SPCA of North Brevard Inc	\$9,223.00
SPCA of Texas	\$104,000.00
SPCA of Wake County	\$42,466.00
SPCA Suncoast	\$8,000.00
Spokane Humane Society	\$101,000.00
St Charles Parish Animal Shelter	\$25,000.00
St. Croix Animal Welfare Center, Inc.	\$94,706.00
St. Tammany Parish Department of Animal Services	\$21,000.00
Stafford Animal Shelter	\$24,000.00
Susquehanna Society for the Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals	\$56,550.00
Teller County Regional Animal Shelter Inc	\$12,000.00
Ten Lives Club, Inc.	\$52,500.00
Terrebonne Parish Animal Shelter	\$25,000.00
The Anti-Cruelty Society	\$16,684.00
The Haven	\$6,000.00
The Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County	\$105,500.00
The Humane Society of Broward County	\$8,000.00
The Humane Society of Hobart	\$6,000.00
The Sato Project	\$18,315.00
Tompkins County SPCA	\$66,595.00
Town of Edgewood Animal Shelter	\$42,150.00
Tree House Humane Society	\$50,000.00
Tri-County Humane Society	\$10,000.00
Trinity County Animal Shelter	\$36,000.00

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True and Faithful Pet Rescue Mission, Inc.	\$10,000.00	Washoe County Regional Animal Services	\$115,000.00
Tulsa Society for the Prevention of Cruelty To Animals	\$10,000.00	Watermelon Mountain Ranch	\$8,000.00
Ulster County Society for the Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals	\$12,000.00	Watertown Humane Society, Inc.	\$32,100.00
Underdog Pet Rescue of Wisconsin Inc	\$16,600.00	Wenatchee Valley Humane Society, Inc	\$58,000.00
Vancouver Humane Society & SPCA	\$95,000.00	Wisconsin Humane Society	\$37,000.00
Vieques Humane Society and Animal Rescue	\$43,850.00	Women's Humane Society	\$8,000.00
Volunteers for Muskegon County Animal Control	\$6,000.00	Woodford Humane Society	\$8,000.00
Wags And Walks	\$21,000.00	Woods Humane Society	\$19,730.00
Wags Pet Adoption	\$13,075.00	Yakima Humane Society	\$30,000.00
Wanderers' Rest Humane Association, Inc.	\$70,000.00	Yancey County Humane Society	\$35,000.00
Washington County-Johnson City Animal Control Center Inc	\$6,000.00	Yavapai Humane Society	\$10,000.00
		Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter, Inc.	\$73,100.00
		Young-Williams Animal Center	\$8,000.00

Methodology

Nonprofits are required to annually file a Form 990, which details the organization's spending. Likewise, the ASPCA publishes annual audited financial statements, conducted by outside groups. The Form 990s and the audited financial statements for 2024 (the most recent available documents) were analyzed for the group.

The ASPCA lists individual grants made to other organizations on its tax return. Grant recipients were researched to determine if they were, in fact, a pet shelter. Nonprofits are not required to disclose microgrants under \$5,000. If the ASPCA decided not to disclose a grant of this nature then it has not been accounted for in this analysis.

For the purpose of this study, pet shelters are defined as organizations that have a facility for housing and adopting abandoned pets. This includes both local animal welfare groups that run shelters, as well as local governmental animal services departments that run shelters, and does not include animal welfare organizations without shelters, and local governmental organizations that give no indication of running a shelter. Pets are defined as cats and dogs, and do not include livestock, horses, or small mammals. Grants were only counted if they were actual donations of financial assistance.