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**Presentation to the
Buncombe County Commissioners
April 19, 2011**

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- **Who are we?**

- Coalition comprised of primary, direct service providers to the Buncombe County Animal Shelter



- **Animal Compassion Network**



- **Asheville Humane Society**

- **Brother Wolf Animal Rescue**



- **Friends2Ferals**



- **Humane Alliance of Western North Carolina**



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- **Secondary Participants**

- Buncombe County Sherriff's Department

- Kevin Calhoun, Animal Services Supervisor



- City of Asheville Animal Services

- Brenda Sears, Animal Services Supervisor



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- **Why we exist?**

- We wanted to work together to save lives of homeless animals

- **How do we do it?**

- Spay/Neuter and transfer animals from the Buncombe County Animal Shelter to our private nonprofit agencies

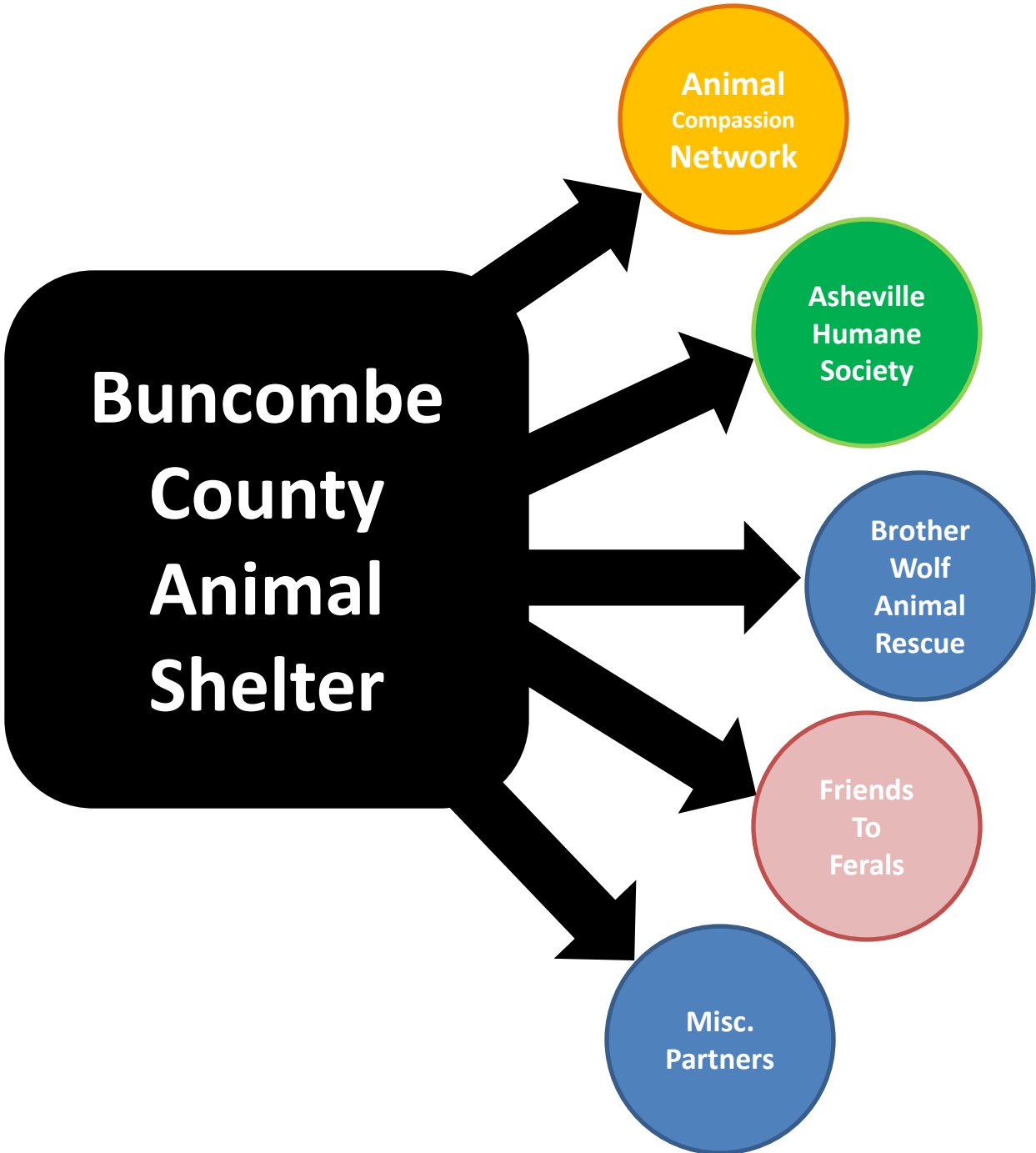


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- **Private funding**

- We raise private donations to care for the homeless animals in Buncombe County
 - Combined, we raise \$1,324,156 annually in private funding to care for homeless pets at no cost to tax payers

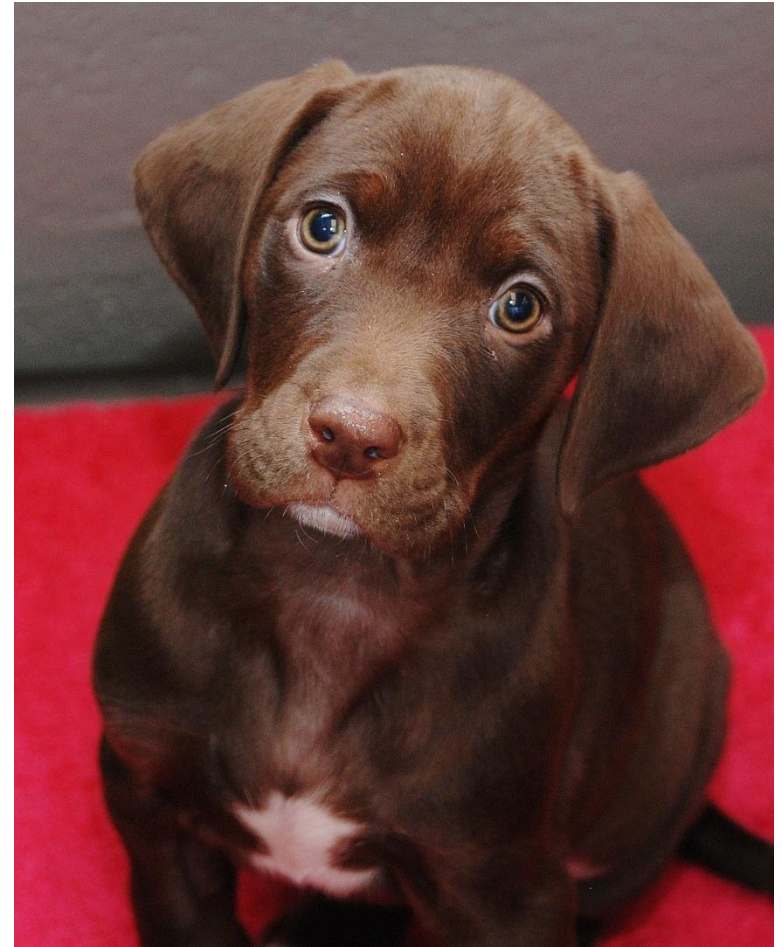
- **Constituents**

- Our private donors and volunteers represent 14,032 households in Buncombe County

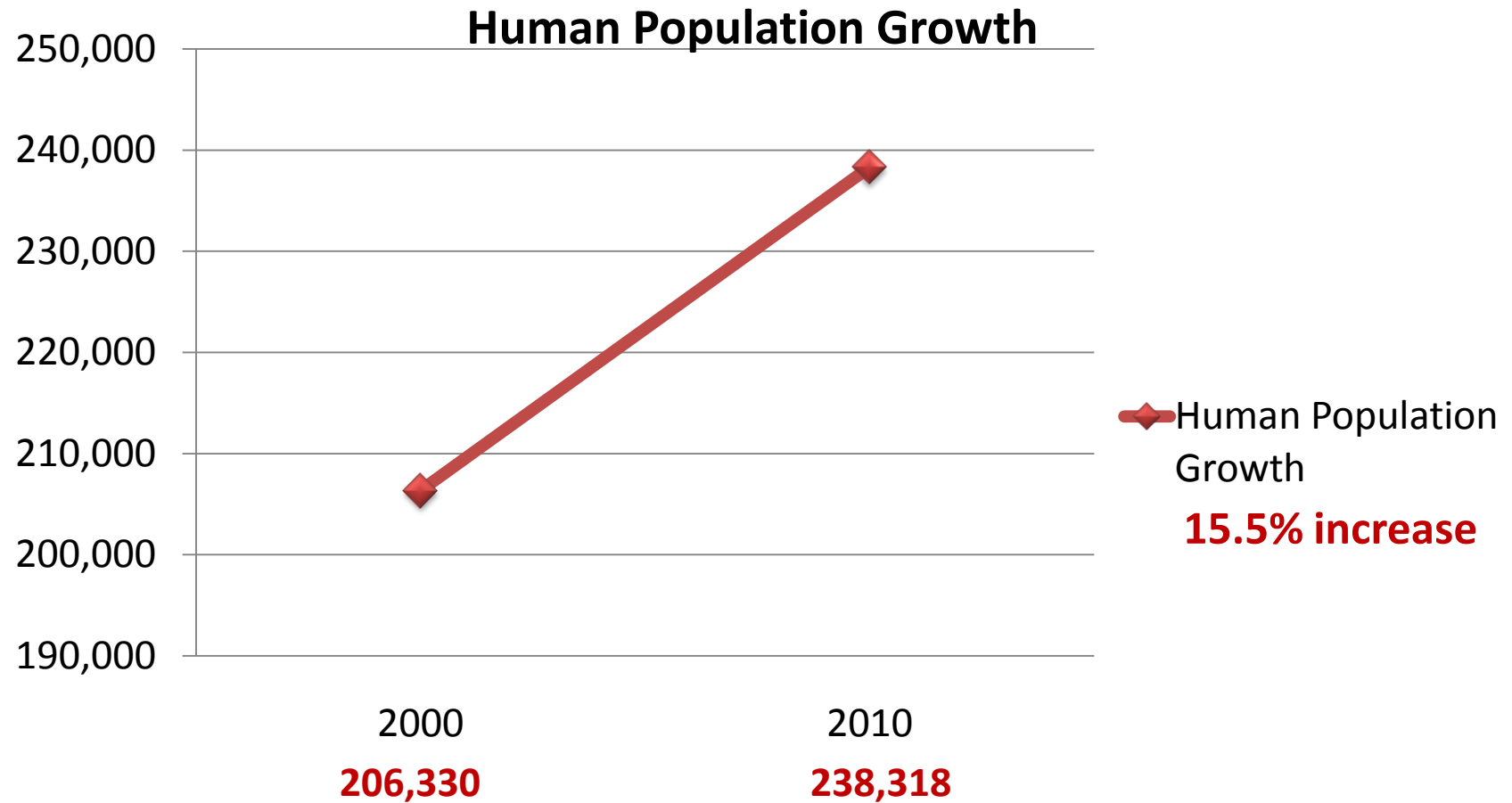
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The State of Animal Homelessness:

- Where do we stand as a community?



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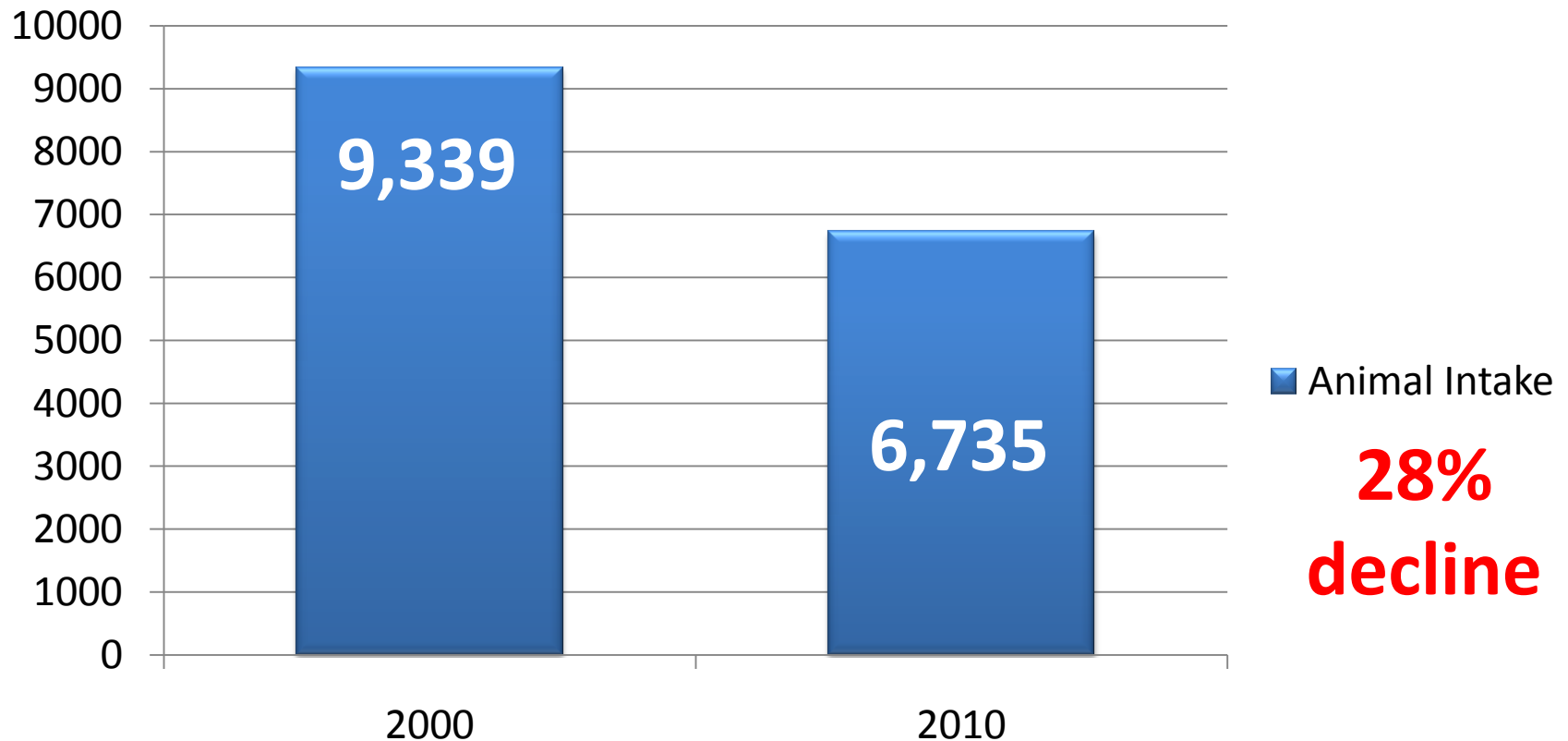


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Buncombe County Shelter



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- 1994
 - 85 animals per 1,000 people
- 2010
 - 22 animals per 1,000 people

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• Decade of Milestones

2004

- Buncombe County enacts mandatory S/N ordinance

2005

- City of Asheville enacts mandatory spay/neuter ordinance

2006

- Buncombe County Commissioners set goal that by 2012 Buncombe would be the first County in the nation to euthanize no healthy animals.

2008

- Animal Compassion Network opens Pet Harmony
- Humane Alliance of WNC opens international training center
- Asheville Humane Society starts Lily Grace Fund
- AHS begins transport program

2009

- Brother Wolf Animal Rescue opens shelter and starts transport program
- City of Asheville passes anti-tethering legislation
- ASPCA selects Buncombe County as one of 10 partner communities in the nation
- Buncombe County Commissioner s allocated \$20,000 in S/N subsidies for Animal Services

2010

- Implemented innovative adoption promotions to save lives
- Animal Care Campus Opens
- Animal Coalition of Buncombe County established
- Buncombe County Commissioners allocate \$100,000 for Spay/Neuter to incentivize animal transfers from the Buncombe County Animal Shelter to increase adoptions



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- **Services to the Community**

- Currently, we are providing the following services to Buncombe County residents annually

- Adoptions : 4,479
- Spay/Neuter surgeries: 9,642
- Spay/Neuter subsidized surgeries: 1,028
- Charitable pet food assistance: 20,000 actual meals
- Pet food pantries: 7,000 lbs.
- Reunited with Owners: 674
- Veterinary Medical Assistance
- Education & Community Outreach



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- **What is different about needs of homeless animals in 2010 from 2000?**
 - Animals with treatable illnesses or injuries with a good prognosis are being rehabilitated and adopted



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Next Steps:

- Where do we go from here?



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- **Community Support**

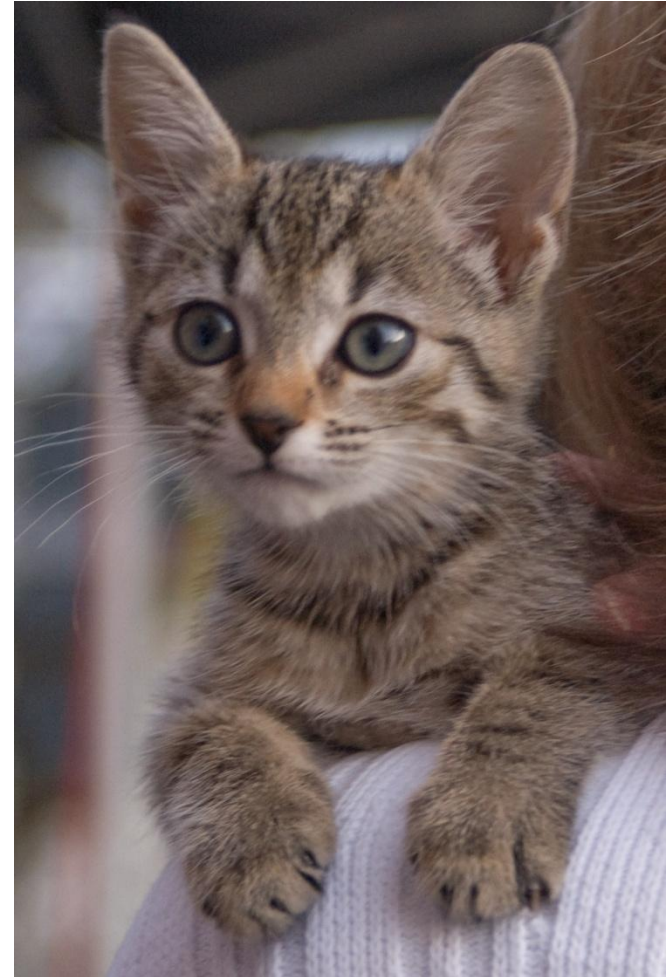
- Foster volunteers: private citizens fostering animals in their own homes



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- **Government Support**

- Spay/Neuter for every animal transferred from the Buncombe County Animal Shelter into a private, adoption setting



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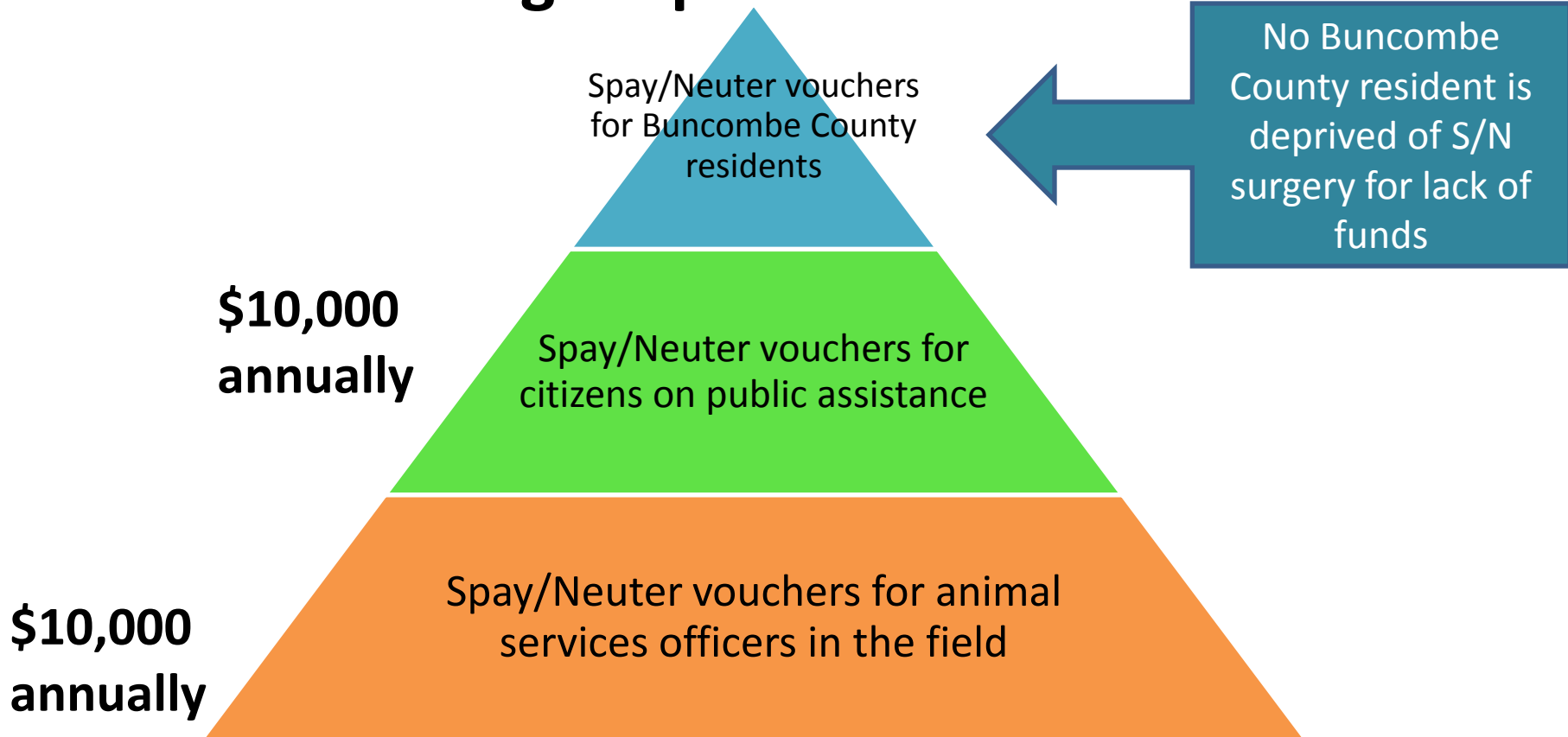
- **Prevention**

- Spay/Neuter vouchers for Animal Services Officers in the Field
- Spay/Neuter for Buncombe County residents (need-based)



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- **Tiered Funding Request**



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- **Special Thank YOU and acknowledgement**

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- Kathy Hughes



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- **For More Information:**
 - **www.AnimalCompassionNetwork.org**
 - **www.AshevilleHumane.org**
 - **www.AshevilleNC.gov**
 - **www.BWAR.org**
 - **www.BuncombeCounty.org**
 - **www.friends2ferals.org**
 - **humanealliance.org**



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