

BLUE RIDGE HUMANE SOCIETY, INC.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023



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Blue Ridge Humane Society, Inc.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Blue Ridge Humane Society, Inc.
Hendersonville, NC

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Blue Ridge Humane Society, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related disclosures to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Blue Ridge Humane Society, Inc as of June 30, 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Blue Ridge Humane Society, Inc and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Blue Ridge Humane Society, Inc's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Blue Ridge Humane Society, Inc's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Blue Ridge Humane Society, Inc's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Carliss & Solomon, PLLC

Asheville, North Carolina

March 18, 2024

Blue Ridge Humane Society, Inc.

Statement of Financial Position

As of June 30, 2023

Assets

Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,005,592
Investments	1,077,838
Accounts Receivable	14,706
Thrift Store Inventory	80,082
Prepaid Expenses	16,304
Total Current Assets	<u>2,194,522</u>

Long-Term Assets

Right-of-Use Asset	59,520
Property and Equipment, Net	<u>3,908,498</u>
Total Long-Term Assets	<u>3,968,018</u>

Total Assets

6,162,540

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	37,736
Accrued Vacation	12,709
Accrued Wages	51,232
Operating Lease - Current Portion	<u>25,363</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>127,040</u>

Long-Term Liabilities

Operating Lease- Long Term Portion	<u>34,837</u>
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>34,837</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>161,877</u>

Net Assets

Without Donor Restrictions	5,675,971
With Donor Restrictions	<u>324,692</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>6,000,663</u>

Total Liabilities and Net Assets

\$ 6,162,540

The accompanying disclosures are an integral part of these financial statements.

Blue Ridge Humane Society, Inc.

Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
<u>Support and Revenue</u>			
Contributions	\$ 1,073,047	\$ 34,066	\$ 1,107,113
Grants	530,118	38,836	568,954
Spay and Neuter Fees	29,194	-	29,194
Adoption Fees	58,684	-	58,684
Special Events	70,133	-	70,133
Thrift Store	960,982	-	960,982
In-Kind Contributions	13,690	-	13,690
Thrift Store Donated Goods	998,682	-	998,682
Investment Gains, Net	3,551	-	3,551
Other Income	10,163	-	10,163
Interest Income	3,636	4,764	8,400
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	293,087	(293,087)	-
Total Support and Revenue	4,044,967	(215,421)	3,829,546
<u>Expenses</u>			
Program Services	2,057,238	-	2,057,238
Management and General	1,125,229	-	1,125,229
Fundraising	196,628	-	196,628
Total Expenses	3,379,095	-	3,379,095
Change in Net Assets	665,872	(215,421)	450,451
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	5,010,099	540,113	5,550,212
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 5,675,971	\$ 324,692	\$ 6,000,663

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Blue Ridge Humane Society, Inc.
Statement of Functional Expenses
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Program Services	Management and General	Fundraising	Total
Personnel				
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,200,968	\$ 68,249	\$ 81,227	\$ 1,350,444
Payroll Taxes	95,189	5,427	6,460	107,076
Health Insurance	110,421	6,440	7,645	124,506
Retirement	13,429	766	911	15,106
Subtotal Personnel	<u>1,420,007</u>	<u>80,882</u>	<u>96,243</u>	<u>1,597,132</u>
Program Operations				
Adoption Center Expense	79,975	-	-	79,975
Community Programs	74,646	-	-	74,646
Spay and Neuter Program	106,909	-	-	106,909
Veterinary Services	88,163	-	-	88,163
Bank Fees	14,912	4,792	10,526	30,230
Dues and Subscriptions	1,007	959	432	2,398
Event Expense	-	-	5,214	5,214
Insurance	16,678	834	863	18,375
Miscellaneous Expense	689	7,478	3,682	11,849
Office and Computer Supplies	16,111	9,272	7,698	33,081
Printing and Postage	21,621	2,807	39,998	64,426
Professional Fees	-	19,178	-	19,178
Professional Development	10,696	778	1,152	12,626
Program Advertising	1,325	-	10,313	11,638
Rent and Storage	11,181	7,987	7,454	26,622
Repairs and Maintenance	32,580	-	-	32,580
Telephone and Internet	7,281	932	255	8,468
Travel and Vehicle	29,676	-	-	29,676
Utilities	33,746	4,317	1,177	39,240
Volunteer Program	6,719	-	-	6,719
Subtotal Expenses	<u>1,973,922</u>	<u>140,216</u>	<u>185,007</u>	<u>2,299,145</u>
Depreciation	76,882	4,360	5,186	86,428
Cost of Sales Donated	-	979,832	-	979,832
In-Kind Contributions Utilized	6,434	821	6,435	13,690
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 2,057,238</u>	<u>\$ 1,125,229</u>	<u>\$ 196,628</u>	<u>\$ 3,379,095</u>

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Blue Ridge Humane Society, Inc.

Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended June 30, 2023

Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Change in Net Assets	\$	450,451
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided or used by operating activities:		
Depreciation		86,428
Investment (Gains)/Losses, Net		(3,551)
Right of Use Asset Adjustment		680
(Increase)/Decrease in Operating Assets		
Accounts Receivable		(2,356)
Inventory		(18,850)
Prepaid Expenses		720
Increase/(Decrease) in Operating Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		(495)
Accrued Vacation		2,872
Accrued Wages		10,062
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		<u>525,961</u>

Cash Flows from Investing Activities

Investment Purchases		(1,074,287)
Property and Equipment Purchases		(170,447)
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities		<u>(1,244,734)</u>
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents		(718,773)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year		<u>1,724,365</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$	<u>1,005,592</u>

Supplementary Information

Right-of-Use Asset	\$	<u>59,520</u>
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Blue Ridge Humane Society, Inc.
Disclosures to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

1. Description of the Organization, Corporate and Tax-Exempt Status

Blue Ridge Humane Society, Inc., (the Society) is an animal welfare organization dedicated to ensuring the highest quality of life for animals in Henderson County and our neighboring communities. BRHS cares for pets awaiting adoption at the Adoption Center; offers low-cost vaccine clinics, animal education programs, pet training classes, and youth education and projects; coordinates community pet food assistance, emergency vet assistance, and the Spay Neuter Incentive Program (SNIP), which is a collaboration with Henderson County, the City of Hendersonville, and the Henderson County Animal Services Center. The organization is supported primarily by contributions and grants.

Blue Ridge Humane Society, Inc. was established in 1950 as a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of North Carolina. It qualifies for exemption from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code. In addition, it qualifies as a publicly supported organization under Section 509(a)(1).

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis of accounting and conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP), as applicable to not-for-profit organizations.

Financial Statement Presentation

The classification of the organization's net assets, and its support, revenue and expenses is based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. It requires that the amounts for each of two classes of net assets – without donor restrictions and with donor restrictions – be displayed in a statement of financial position and that the amounts of change in each of those classes of net assets be displayed in a statement of activities.

The classes of net assets are defined as follows:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions – Includes net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and that may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the organization. These net assets may be used at the discretion of the organization's management and board of directors.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions - Includes net assets that are subject to restrictions imposed by donors or grantors. Some donor and grantor restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those with a specified purpose or a timeframe for expenditure established by the donor or grantor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor has stipulated the funds be maintained in perpetuity.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The organization's cash consists of cash on deposit with banks. Cash equivalents represent money market funds or short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of purchase.

Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial assets that potentially subject the organization to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash and cash equivalents. The organization maintains its cash and cash equivalents in various bank accounts that, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. The organization's cash and cash equivalent accounts have been placed with high credit quality financial institutions. The organization has not experienced, nor does it anticipate, any losses with respect to such accounts.

Investments

The organization records investment purchases at cost, or if donated, at fair value on the date of donation. Thereafter, investments are reported at their fair values in the statement of financial position. Net investment return/(loss) is reported in the statement of activities and consists of interest and dividend income and realized and unrealized capital gains and losses, net of investment expenses.

Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or the price that would be paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Certain valuation techniques are used to measure fair value. There are three broad levels as follows:

Level 1 – (the highest level) inputs are based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the organization has the ability to access at the measurement date. For example, securities traded in an active market are valued using Level 1 inputs.

Level 2 – inputs are observable inputs other than quoted prices, either directly or indirectly through corroboration with observable market data. If the asset or liability has a specified term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term.

Level 3 – inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, meaning the inputs reflect the Organization's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including inputs related to risk, which have been developed based on the best information available in the circumstances.

Inventory

Inventory consists of the year end remaining balance of clothing, household items and furniture in the organization's thrift store. It is valued using estimates that approximate the fair value of the items.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable represent uncollected amounts for program services carried out on a fee-for-service basis. An allowance for doubtful accounts is established for amounts deemed uncollectible, if needed.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment purchases are recorded at cost. Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful life of each class of depreciable asset and is computed using the straight-line method. The organization has adopted a capitalization threshold of \$5,000 per item. Expenses for repairs and maintenance that do not improve or extend the life of an asset are expensed as incurred.

Revenue Recognition

In accordance with U.S. GAAP, the organization follows ASU 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (Topic 606), which requires an entity to recognize revenue to depict the transfer of goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which an entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. BRHS has several sources of

revenue that are accounted for as exchange transactions under the new standard. These include adoption fees, spay/neuter fees and thrift store revenue.

Adoption and spay/neuter fees are recognized in full in the month the services are performed. These agreements have a single performance obligation, which is met upon the client's receiving the adopted pet or the spay/neuter service for their pet. Similarly, thrift store sales revenue is recognized at the time of sale, when ownership, risks, and rewards have been transferred to the customer.

Contributions and Grants

Contributions and grants are recognized in support: (1) when the organization receives cash, securities or other assets from a donor or grantor, (2) when a donor conveys a promise to make a donation in the future, on an unconditional basis, and (3) when a grantor awards a grant to be paid in the future, on an unconditional basis. Contributions and grants with conditions, such as performance requirements, are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been substantially met.

Leases

The organization has adopted Accounting Standards Update (ASU) *No. 2016-02 Leases* (Topic 842) as management believes the standard improves the usefulness and understandability of the organization's financial reporting. The core principle of Topic 842 is that a lessee should recognize the assets and liabilities that arise from leases, except for short-term leases less than 12 months. The new standard represents an improvement over the previous GAAP, which did not require lease assets and lease liabilities to be recognized for most leases. The standard was effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2021. During the transition period, implementation is presented retrospectively at the beginning of the period of adoption through a cumulative-effective adjustment and no adjustment to the prior year financial statements presented. The Organization adopted (ASU) *No. 2016-02 Leases* (Topic 842) effective July 1, 2022 and utilized all of the available practical expedients.

In-Kind Contributions

The organization recognizes contributed goods and the use of facilities at estimated fair value on the date of receipt. Donated services are recognized as contributions if the services (a) create or enhance nonfinancial assets or (b) require specialized skills, are performed by people with those skills, and would otherwise be purchased. When recognized, contributed services are reported at fair value.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of program and supporting services activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. The statement of functional expenses presents the natural classification detail of expenses by function. Certain categories of expenses that are attributable to more than one program or supporting function require management's allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. The primary allocation basis used by management for personnel expenses and applicable overhead expenses is estimated based on employee time and effort.

Income Taxes/Uncertain Tax Positions

BRHS is exempt from federal income taxes under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Under the Code, however, income from certain activities not related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose may be subject to taxation as unrelated business income. The organization had no income from unrelated business activities in 2023 and was, therefore, not required to file Federal Form 990-T (Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return). The organization believes that it has appropriate support for all tax positions taken, and as such, does not have any uncertain tax positions that are material to the financial statements.

3. Liquidity and Availability

Financial assets available for general expenditures, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use, within one year of the statement of financial position date, are comprised of the following:

<u>As of June 30:</u>	<u>2023</u>
Financial Assets at year end:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,005,592
Investments	1,077,838
Accounts Receivable	14,706
Total Financial Assets	<u>2,098,136</u>
Less amounts not available to be used in one year:	
Net Assets With Donor Restrictions	324,692
Total not available to be used in one year	<u>324,692</u>
Financial assets available to meet general expenditures over the following year	<u>\$ 1,773,444</u>

4. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalent amounts are shown in the list below.

<u>As of June 30</u>	<u>2023</u>
Checking Accounts	\$ 314,462
Money Market Account	449,691
Certificate of Deposits (Less than 3-Months)	241,439
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$ 1,005,592</u>

As of June 30, 2023, the organization had exceeded the federally insured limit in cash accounts by \$119,961. Management believes the organization is not exposed to any significant credit risk on its cash balances.

5. Investments

Blue Ridge Humane Society holds short-term investments ranging from one to seven-month Certificate of Deposits with First Bank Wealth Management. Activity during the year consists of the following:

Balance as of June 30, 2022	\$ 186,128
Activity in 2022-2023 Year:	
Transfers	888,159
Investment Income	3,467
Investment Gains	84
Balance as of June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 1,077,838</u>

This account contains \$800,084 of Certificate of Deposit Securities at fiscal year-ended June 30, 2023.

6. Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable of \$14,706 as of June 30, 2023, are considered fully collectible and are expected to be received within one year. No allowance for doubtful accounts is considered necessary.

7. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consists of the following:

<u>As of June 30</u>	<u>2023</u>
Buildings	\$ 1,277,768
Construction in Progress	65,463
Furniture and Equipment	51,444
Furniture and Equipment - Thrift Store	19,214
Improvements and Renovations	590,088
Land	2,599,149
Vehicles	307,502
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,002,130)</u>
Total Property and Equipment, Net	<u>\$ 3,908,498</u>

Depreciation expense was \$86,428 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

8. Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions were available for the following purposes:

<u>As June 30</u>	<u>2023</u>
Pet Fund	\$ 322,150
Spay/Neuter	2,542
Total Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	<u>\$ 324,692</u>

9. Operating Lease

In 2023, the organization implemented lease standard *ASU 2016-02* during the year to record leases as assets and liabilities on the financial statements. The organization began leasing an office in November 2020 under the previous standard and implemented lease standard *ASU 2016-02* for Operating Leases starting July 1, 2022. The lease agreements are reflected as a right-of-use asset and an operating lease liability on the statement of financial position.

The present value of the right-of-use asset and lease liability uses an accepted risk-free discount rate and accounts for lease and non-lease components as a single lease component. The assets and liabilities reflected on the financial statements for the right-of-use asset for \$59,520 and operating lease liability was \$60,200 as of June 30, 2023. Average lease payments recorded for the lease term are \$2,135 per month. The weighted average remaining lease term is 28 months, and the weighted average discount rate was 0.38%. Required lease liability by year for the remainder of the lease term is as follows:

Years ending June 30:

2024	\$	25,540
2025		26,140
2026		8,780
Total Undiscounted Cash Flows		<u>60,460</u>
Less: Present Value Discount		<u>(260)</u>
Total	\$	<u><u>60,200</u></u>

10. In Kind Contributions

The organization received the following in-kind contributions in 2023:

Fundraising Goods and Materials	\$	6,772
Other Program Services		6,918
Total In-Kind Contributions	\$	<u><u>13,690</u></u>

Goods for BRHS events and programs were utilized, and the estimated fair values is based on comparable sales price in the market.

Contributed program services were utilized and the estimated fair value is based on current rates for similar services.

BRHS makes extensive use of volunteers to carry out its programs. For the year ended June 30, 2023 volunteers contributed 110,604 hours, with a total value of \$3,517,207 based on a rate of \$31.80 per hour, a rate provided annually by the organization Independent Sector. The services contributed by volunteers did not meet the requirements of U.S. GAAP for recognition in income.

11. Thrift Store Inventory

The balance in inventory consists of items sold in its Thrift Store operations; in addition to this balance, the activity within the account is shown as follows:

As of June 30:

Thrift Store Inventory as of June 30, 2022	\$	61,232
Thrift Store Donated Goods		998,682
Less: Cost of Sales Donated		<u>(979,832)</u>
Thrift Store Inventory as of June 30, 2023	\$	<u><u>80,082</u></u>

12. Fair Value Measurement

Fair values of assets measured on a recurring basis at June 30, 2023 are as follows:

	Fair Value	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using		
		(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)
Thrift Store Inventory	\$ 80,082	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80,082
Investments	1,077,838	-	-	1,077,838
Totals	<u>\$ 1,157,920</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,157,920</u>

Level 3 financial assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs:

	Fair Value Measurements Using Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)		
	Thrift Store Inventory	Investment s	Total
July 1, 2022	\$ 61,232	\$ 186,128	\$ 247,360
Additions	979,832	888,159	1,867,991
Sales	(960,982)	-	(960,982)
Change in Value, Net (Disclosure 5)	-	3,551	3,551
June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 80,082</u>	<u>\$ 1,077,838</u>	<u>\$ 1,157,920</u>

13. Retirement Plan

Upon completion of one year of full-time employment, all eligible employees have the option to participate in the BRHS retirement plan. The existing program is a Simple IRA plan with 3% employer match contribution. BRHS has the right to terminate or change plans at any point due to the availability of funding. The amounts contributed to the plan by the organization for the year ended June 30, 2023 were \$15,106.

14. Advertising

Program advertising costs consist of expenses to raise awareness about the Society's programs and mission. Costs are expensed as incurred and were \$11,638 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

15. Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through March 18, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.