

Dr. Steven R. Hansen President and CEO



As the Arizona Humane Society's top dog, Dr. Steven R. Hansen oversees AHS' organizational operations and leads the implementation and execution of its strategic plan as AHS and its partners strive to transform Maricopa County into one of the best places to be a pet. By leveraging innovation, compassion and excellence, AHS has collaboratively led transformational change within its own shelter, leading to a dramatic reduction in euthanasia (two paws up from our pets!) and a renewed focus on treating the sick, injured and abused animals who need AHS' help the most.

Prior to joining AHS, Dr. Hansen spent 16 years with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), most recently as the organization's Chief Operating Officer. Dr. Hansen also served as Director of Veterinary Research and Support for Wellmark International and practiced clinical veterinary medicine in Houston and Chicago. He serves on a variety of mission-critical boards, including the Hill's Shelter Advisory Board, the American Veterinary Medical Association's Legislative Advisory Committee, the American College of Animal Welfare and Arizona State University's Community Advisory Council.

Dr. Hansen received his BS and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees from Iowa State University and received an MS and MBA from the University of Illinois. Dr. Hansen is board certified by the American College of Animal Welfare and the American Board of Veterinary Toxicology. Our animals constantly talk about how smart they think he is and how grateful they are that he is their greatest advocate!