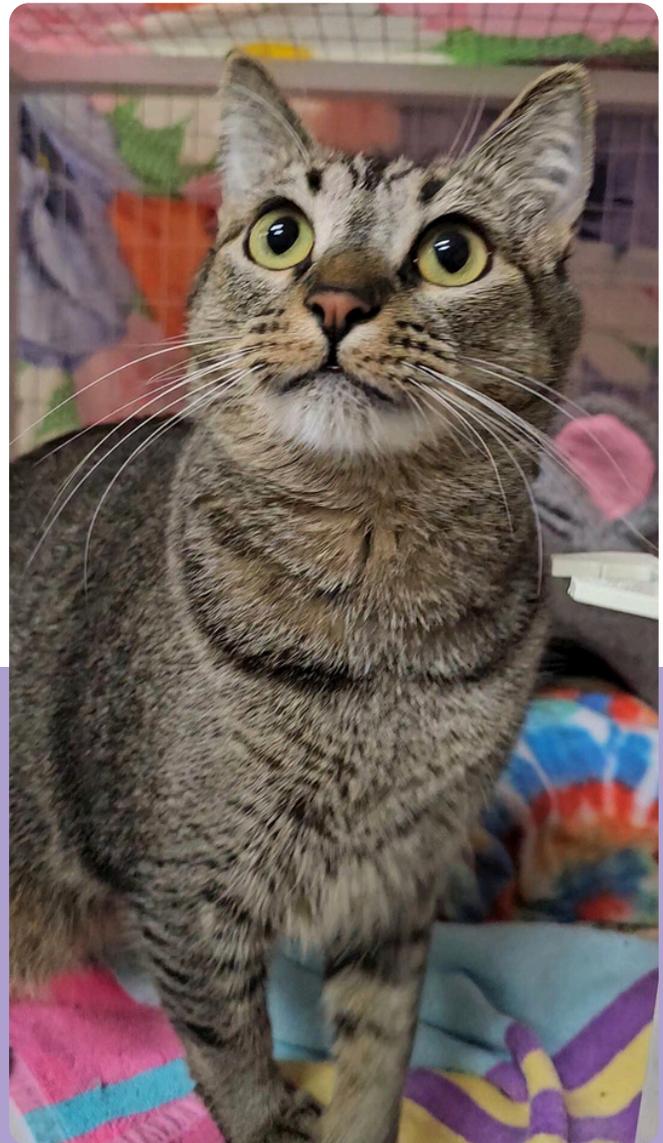


**Animal Outreach of the Mother Lode**

# ANNUAL REPORT 2025

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# NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

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2025 was a year of growth, resilience, and life-saving impact for our community. Thanks to the unwavering generosity of our supporters, the dedication of our compassionate staff, the countless hours donated by volunteers, the grants we were fortunate to receive, and the strength of our community partnerships, we were able to make a real difference. Behind every number is an animal that received care, a family that found a new companion, and a positive impact on our community. Each accomplishment reflects what can be achieved when people work together with compassion and a shared purpose. We are deeply grateful for everyone who stood with us in 2025 and look forward to all the impact that we can make in 2026!

**Dallas Butterfield**

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS



# WHO WE ARE

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## Our Mission

- Provide community service for animals in need through low-cost spay and neuter and vaccination services to help eliminate pet overpopulation and euthanasia of adoptable animals.
- Provide a safe and caring haven for our shelter animals until adopted.
- Promote, through education and training, responsible pet ownership.
- Promote a fiscally responsible organization so that the funding available benefits as many animals as possible.

*“In a culture as harsh as ours, being kind doesn’t always come easy- it takes intention and effort. Take the difficult path. Choose kindness, especially to those who are vulnerable. It takes strength to be gentle and kind.”*

-Hannah Shaw (Kitten Lady)

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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## In 2025,

In 2025, Animal Outreach of the Mother Lode delivered lifesaving impact through expanded shelter, veterinary, and community programs made possible by dedicated staff, volunteers, foster families, donors, and partners. We rescued and cared for 1,633 cats and kittens, facilitated 1,519 adoptions, and provided critical veterinary services, including spay/neuter surgeries, vaccinations, and microchipping, to thousands of animals, improving both animal welfare and public health. More than 15,000 volunteer hours and a growing foster program supported 1,558 animals, reducing shelter overcrowding and increasing lifesaving capacity. Strategic partnerships and grant support expanded access to care and enabled new adoption opportunities, including a new Petco location in Placerville. Most significantly, 2025 marked the purchase of a new, expanded facility that will nearly double our capacity and strengthen medical services, positioning Animal Outreach for sustainable growth and greater impact in 2026 and beyond.

# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

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## Shelter & Adoptions

- Rescued **1,633** cats & kittens, providing shelter, care and socialization
- Facilitated **1,519** adoptions, helping pets find loving homes



## Veterinary Services

- Microchipped **4,511** animals, improving lost pet reunification
- Administered **5,193** rabies vaccinations, promoting pet and public health
- Performed **6,766** feline and **842** canine spay/neuter surgeries, preventing unwanted litters and further strain on the animal services community

# VOLUNTEER PROGRAM & APPRECIATION

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Last year, our dedicated volunteer coordination team continued to work tirelessly to improve and streamline our volunteer program. They continued to find, test and implement better ways to provide clearer guidelines, streamline the application review process for efficiency and improve upon training to better support both volunteers and the animals. Our volunteer program continues to evolve as we move toward our goal of assuring that volunteering is accessible, organized, and impactful for everyone involved.

Volunteers were instrumental in every aspect of our organization, from providing hands-on animal care and assisting with adoptions to organizing fundraising initiatives and rolling up their sleeves to clean food bowls, litterboxes, and mountains of laundry. Their dedication and hard work ensured that our programs ran smoothly and effectively, directly impacting the lives of countless animals in need.

**15,000+ volunteer hours were  
contributed by dedicated individuals!**

# FOSTER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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Our foster program is the cornerstone of our shelter's success, and we are deeply thankful for the incredible foster families who open their homes, and their hearts, to cats and kittens in need. These devoted volunteers provide the love, care, and socialization young kittens need to thrive, helping them grow into confident, adoptable companions. By fostering, they create a safe and nurturing environment while easing shelter overcrowding, allowing us to rescue and care for even more animals. Their compassion and dedication truly save lives, and we are profoundly grateful for the vital role they play in advancing our mission.

**In 2025:**  
**1,558**  
**animals were**  
**fostered**



Due to our efforts to grow and improve our foster program in 2025, we saw **374** more animals go to loving foster homes instead of being held in our shelter over the prior year!

## Foster Testimonial

Joey has been fostering kittens since 2019 and exclusively with Animal Outreach since 2021. Depending on his current season of life, he has fostered anything from bottle babies to moms and kittens to even medical cases. Joey has fostered four FIP kittens for A.O. where each treatment is a minimum of 84 days and requires daily injections or pills.



Joey says, “While I can't spotlight a certain favorite kitten or litter because I love them all, I can say that fostering has become particularly rewarding as my son has been able to take part in socializing the kittens and helping them burn energy. I very much look forward to the day that I can make my son scoop the litter box.”

# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATIONS

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## Partnerships

Animal Outreach has continued to partner with the El Dorado Humane Society to expand access to vaccinations and spay/neuter services through the successful Free Friendly Day initiative started last year. In 2025, this collaboration provided crucial services to **514** cats belonging to El Dorado County pet owners in need. Additionally, we are incredibly grateful for our continued partnerships with World's Best Cat Litter, Hill's Pet Food, and PetSmart and Petco, whose support helps us provide high-quality care and resources to the animals we serve.

## Grants

Last year, we were awarded grants from the ASPCA, The El Dorado Hills Area Foundation and PetSmart Charities that allowed us to host multiple adoption days where adoption fees were waived, purchase new, larger cages for our shelter animals and to enhance our medical and shelter care programs, ensuring more animals receive the care they deserve.

# NEW ADOPTION LOCATION

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## Petco, Placerville CA

This last fall, we were excited to add a new adoption location, at the brand new Petco of Placerville! The store had it's grand opening in September. During the last few months of 2025, we saw **99** cats and kittens adopted there. We are so excited for the opportunities this additional adoption location holds in the new year.



# FUNDRAISING HIGHLIGHTS

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2025 marked an exciting period of growth and creativity for Animal Outreach. Through thoughtfully designed fundraising events and community-centered experiences, we strengthened donor relationships and community connections while expanding awareness of our mission. Building on the success of last year's initiatives, we plan to repeat several well-received events. Our Annual Fall Brunch will return along with our popular Boot Scoot Scavenger Hunt and more Bingo nights!

Looking ahead, we are excited to introduce new fundraising experiences that broaden our reach. In 2026, we will host our first-ever bowling fundraiser, Pins for Paws, a lively, family-friendly event, fostering connection and fun.

Additionally, we are planning our first evening cocktail party, offering a more intimate and elevated opportunity for supporters to gather, celebrate, and invest in the future of Animal Outreach.



# NEW BUILDING PURCHASE

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## We Have A New Future Home

We are proud to share an important milestone: We have officially purchased a new building at 6048 Enterprise Drive, Diamond Springs, CA 95619, just one block from our current location.

This new facility is nearly twice the size of our existing shelter, with significantly expanded parking and two fully equipped surgical rooms. The additional space will allow us to improve medical care, increase capacity, and better serve both animals and the people who rely on us.



# Community support is essential to making this vision a reality.

Our focus now turns to renovation and medical build-out. Over the coming months, we will be transforming this space into a modern, efficient shelter and clinic designed to support lifesaving programs for years to come.

Donations to the New Shelter Project will help fund:

- Renovations and interior build-out
- Medical and surgical equipment
- Kennels, treatment areas, and public spaces

Your generosity directly supports our ability to provide compassionate care, expand services, and reach more animals in need.



# SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

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## Sponsors

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our event sponsors of 2025 whose generous contributions played a vital role in funding our lifesaving work: Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, US Bank, Sabina Straley-Klempa and Audrey & Herb Saperstein

## Estate Gifts

We are deeply grateful to the generous individuals who left a lasting legacy through their estates, ensuring a brighter future for the animals in our care. Thanks to these thoughtful gifts, we can continue providing essential spay/neuter services, medical care, and shelter to cats in need. Their compassion and dedication to animal welfare will live on, making a difference for years to come.

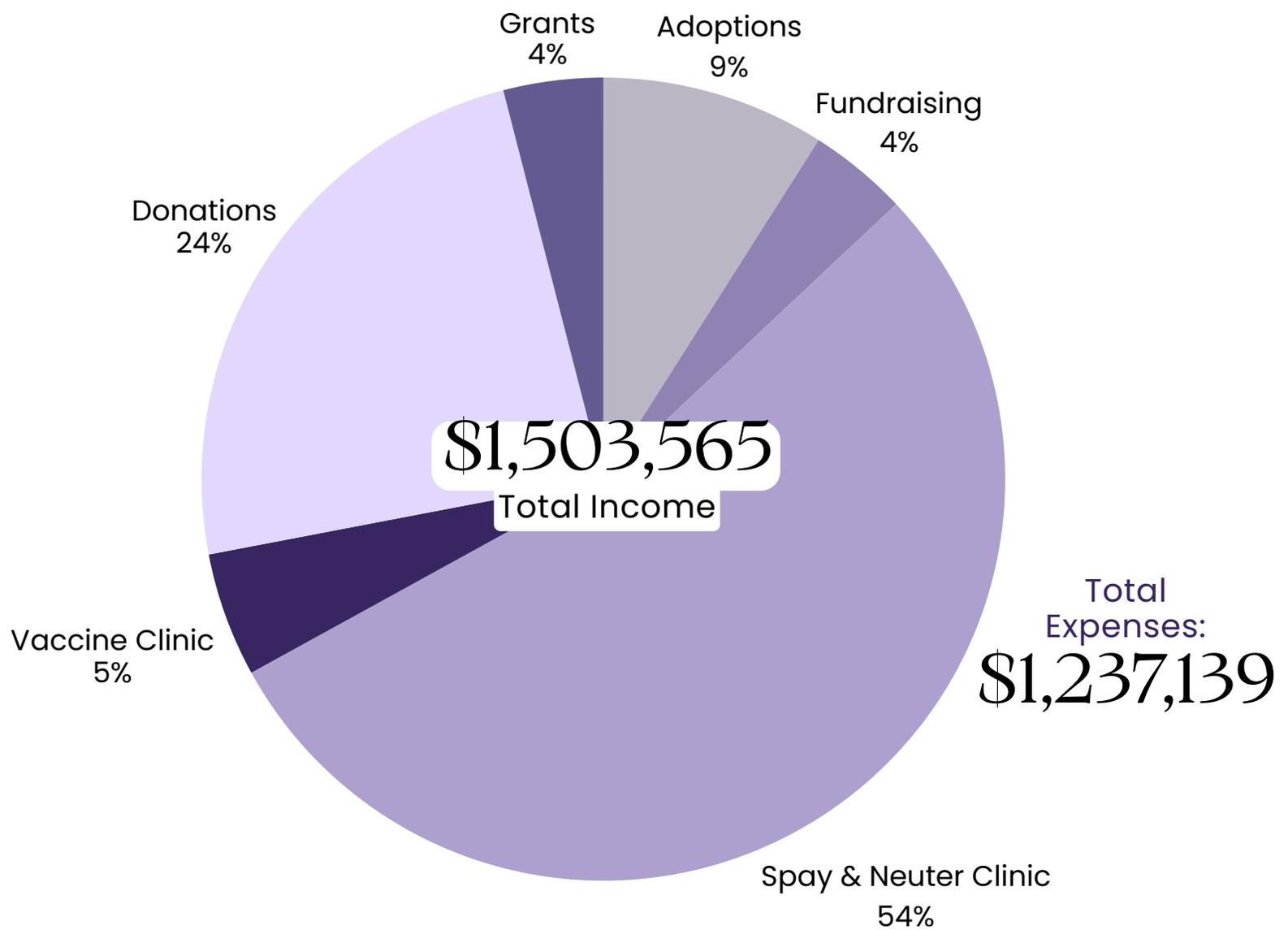
From all of us at Animal Outreach of the Mother Lode, thank you for your incredible kindness and support:

- Bishop Surviving Trust
- Bishop Bypass Trust
- Hillier Trust
- Ambrose & Cambell Trust
- Okada Trust
- Amlick Trust
- Reed Trust



# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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**Total Assets:**  
\$2,595,461

**Total Liabilities:**  
\$2,344,036

**Net Assets:**  
\$251,425

# LOOKING FORWARD TO 2026

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## In 2026 we plan to...

- Enhance the volunteer onboarding process, engagement, and training programs
- Develop more ways to train, equip, and grow our foster base
- Improve adoption processes across all four locations
- Develop new fundraising opportunities to support long-term sustainability

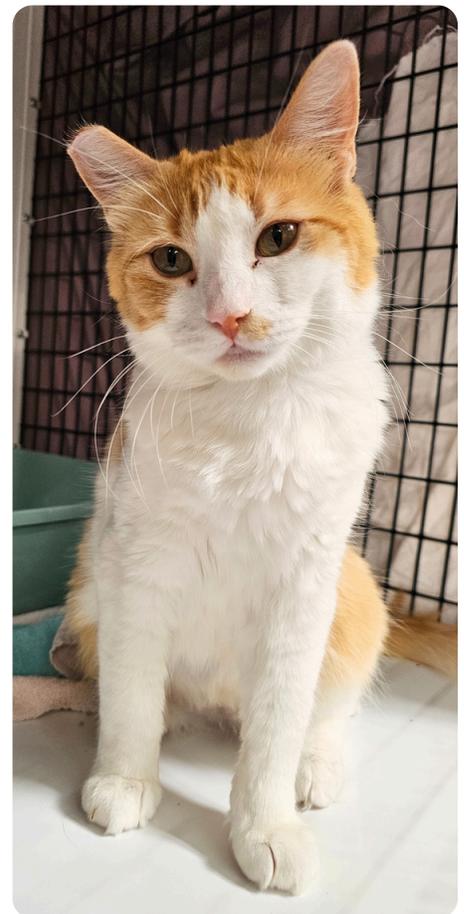
## New Shelter Plans for 2026

- February: Finalize floorplan, produce renderings, begin construction documents
- March – April: Finalize construction documents, select construction team
- May – December: Construction of New Shelter
- Early 2027: Animal Outreach opens at our new home at 6048 Enterprise Drive, Diamond Springs.

# WAYS TO SUPPORT US

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- Volunteer in the shelter, clinic or outreach programs
- Donate to support lifesaving care
- Give to our Capital Campaign to support our New Shelter project
- Foster kittens & special needs cats
- Attend Fundraisers & community events
- Join a Committee for Fundraising, Grants or Community Outreach



**Thank you to our supporters!**

We couldn't do it without you! Your dedication and generosity fuel our mission to save lives and support our community's pets.

# CONTACT INFORMATION

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