



2024 Annual Report & Newsletter



A Letter from the President

Dear friends and loyal supporters,

Thirty years ago, I began volunteering in animal rescue, driven by a deep desire to help animals in need — especially the cats on the euthanasia list at our local shelter. I started by volunteering at PetSmart with a rescue group on weekends, and I vividly remember seeing the cats from the county shelter in the adoption center cages. I would visit them often, and my heart swelled with joy every time one of them found a loving home.

Back then, the shelter was open from 9–5 on weekdays and had very limited hours on Saturdays. Adopters had to go to the shelter during those hours to complete paperwork, then return to PetSmart to pick up their cat. Many wonderful cats missed out on great homes because the process was complicated, and the hours were not convenient.

As more people began asking me about adopting cats on the weekend, I approached the shelter director to see if I could help. He agreed, but the rescue group I was working with had concerns. The director then suggested, “Why don’t I sign the animals over to you, and you can work directly with PetSmart?” And just like that, the idea for this rescue was born.

To make this mission a reality, I had to start a nonprofit. My sole focus was to save as many cats as I could. What began almost as an accident has grown into a rescue that shelters now count on when they have no other options. Over the years, we’ve built a network of adopters and

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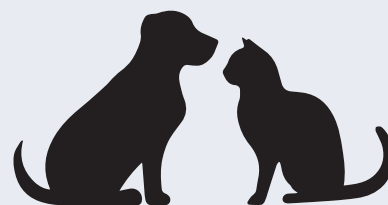
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A Letter from the President

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supporters that has allowed us to take on more challenging medical cases and special-needs animals.

Though we still dream of having our own facility someday, we continue to help animals in any way we can. None of this would be possible without our incredible volunteers, fosters, and donors — you are the heart and soul of this mission. Thank you for helping us save lives and give these animals a second chance.

Catherine Awad

A Year In Review

Nationwide the numbers are improving every year while the animal rescues and shelters work towards their goal of no more homeless pets, no shelter euthanasia for space and programs to improve outcome rates for cats and dogs. In 2024, 5,766,000 dogs and cats entered shelters. Intakes have declined by 11.3% since 2019 (735,000) animals, with stray animals being the main shelter intake followed by relinquishment.

Live Outcomes

In 2024 dogs and cats had a community live outcome of 5,211,000. Dogs accounted for 2.6 million of these live outcomes, marking a decrease of nearly 2% (46,000) from 2023 and a more significant drop of 15.8% (490,000) compared to 2019. In 2019, dogs comprised 55% of all community live outcomes, but by 2024, their share has declined to 50%. In contrast, cats also achieved 2.6 million live outcomes in 2024, an increase of 1% (26,000) from 2023 and 2% (51,000) from 2019, reflecting a steady upward trend in positive outcomes for cats in recent years.

Adoptions

In 2024, total adoptions for dogs and cats reached 4.2M (2M dogs and 2M cats), a slight 0.4% increase (17,000 more adoptions) from 2023 but still 5.6% lower than 2019, with over 250,000 fewer animals finding homes since then. Dog adoptions continued to decline, dropping 1% (nearly 22,000 fewer adoptions) from 2023 and 13.2% (308,000 fewer adoptions) since 2019. Conversely, cat adoptions grew 1.8% (nearly 39,000 more adoptions) over 2023 and surpassed 2019 levels by 2.7% (58,000 additional adoptions), with peak growth during summer months. Rescues and government funded shelters were at a tie with adoptions of about 1.2 million each.



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CATS 2024	
INTAKE	
Received from VA shelters	939
Stray	78
Born in care	74
Owner surrender (includes returns)	288
On hand Jan. 1, 2024	82
Total	1,461
OUTCOME	
Adopted	1,330
Died in custody	39
Euthanized	12
Reclaimed by owner	10
On hand Dec. 31, 2024	70
Total	1,461

DOGS 2024	
INTAKE	
Received from VA shelters	106
Stray	1
Born in care	0
Owner surrender (includes returns)	33
On hand Jan. 1, 2024	3
Total	143
OUTCOME	
Adopted	131
Died in custody	0
Euthanized	1
Reclaimed by owner	0
On hand Dec. 31, 2024	11
Total	143

A Sister and Brother, One Heartwarming Bond



Amber is a healthy 1-year-old Hound/Pit Bull/AmStaff mix, weighing 46 pounds. She's spayed, potty trained, and crate trained. Naturally shy, Amber takes time to warm up, but once she does, she's incredibly loyal and loving. She adores her family,

her yard and her sister Quartz. If you love peaceful morning jogs or quiet trail runs, Amber could be your perfect companion, staying right by your side every step of the way. She's a sweet soul just waiting for the right person to help her bloom.



Cosmo is a stellar hound mix who is super smart and has a bright future ahead of him. He has quickly learned to sit, walk on a leash, and come when called. He is both potty and crate trained and is eager to learn new things. He loves to run, play,

and explore new places and scents. He's full of love and energy and at the end of the day, he will want to cuddle up to you while he reflects on the day with a good bone and lots of pets. Cosmo will make an amazing companion.

They are spayed, fully vaccinated and on heartworm and flea prevention treatment.

Profit & Loss Statement 2024

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Accrual Basis

Fancy Cats & Dogs Rescue Team 2020

Profit & Loss

January through December 2024

	Jan - Dec 24
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
000100 · Programs	
0001001 · dog adoption fee	48,099.76
0001002 · Cat Adoption Fee	236,390.60
Total 000100 · Programs	284,490.36
001 · dividends paid	27.73
43300 · Direct Public Grants	
43340 · Nonprofit Organization Grants	
43350 · Adoption Rewards	13,000.00
Total 43340 · Nonprofit Organization Grants	13,000.00
43300 · Direct Public Grants - Other	950.00
Total 43300 · Direct Public Grants	13,950.00
43400 · Direct Public Support	
43401 · Fundraiser	79,983.50
43460 · Legacies and Bequests	47,470.33
43400 · Direct Public Support - Other	204,393.80
Total 43400 · Direct Public Support	331,847.63
Total Income	630,315.72
Gross Profit	630,315.72
Expense	
0001 · Veterinary Services	253,621.01
1001 · property tax	2,265.54
1200 · Refund adoption Fee	967.00
1201 · refund voucher	2,225.00
60100 · BANK CHARGES	6,187.64
60101 · nsf check	525.00
60900 · Business Expenses	
60920 · Business Registration Fees	85.00
Total 60900 · Business Expenses	85.00
62800 · Facilities and Equipment	
62900 · Maintenance	5,001.98
Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment	5,001.98
65000 · Operations	
65001 · cat food ,litter ,supplies	64,642.32
65002 · Store, quarantine supplies	31,648.08
65004 · Medicine, medical supplies ,vac	
0091 · FIP MEDICINE	9,960.95
65004 · Medicine, medical supplies ,vac - Other	35,408.06
Total 65004 · Medicine, medical supplies ,vac	45,369.01
65005 · grooming	1,731.00
65006 · microchips	7,108.62
65007 · Utilities, trash	9,016.17
65010 · Books, Subscriptions, Reference	4,906.64
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	1,114.28
65030 · Printing and Copying	4,539.00
65050 · Telephone, Telecommunications	3,530.93
65060 · Software	6,530.48
65070 · Laundry	3,373.42
65000 · Operations - Other	2,498.07
Total 65000 · Operations	186,008.02

Profit & Loss Statement 2024 *(continued)*

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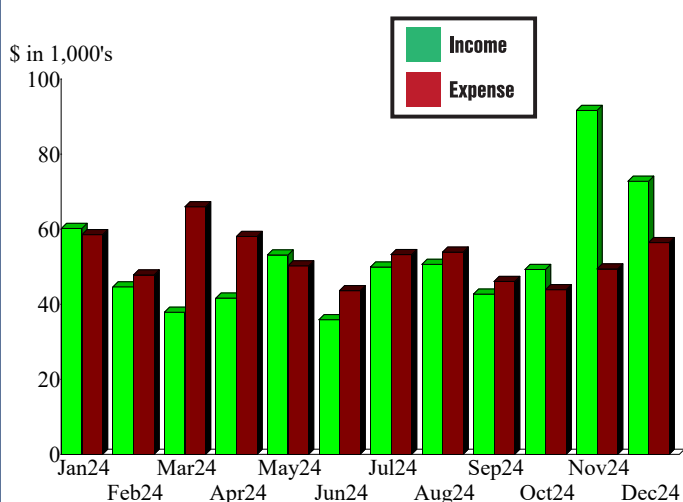
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Profit & Loss

January through December 2024

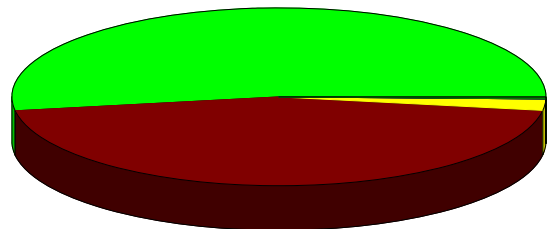
	Jan - Dec 24
65100 · Other Types of Expenses	
65120 · Insurance - Liability, D and O	12,347.78
65150 · Memberships and Dues	107.40
65100 · Other Types of Expenses - Other	11,600.26
Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses	24,055.44
66000 · Payroll Expenses	
1777 · PAYROLL LIABILITIES PREVIOUS YE	2,439.76
66000 · Payroll Expenses - Other	141,899.33
Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses	144,339.09
66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	-2.22
68300 · Travel and Meetings	
68320 · Travel	1,803.76
Total 68300 · Travel and Meetings	1,803.76
Total Expense	627,082.26
Net Ordinary Income	3,233.46
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
46401 · bank interest	0.08
Total Other Income	0.08
Net Other Income	0.08
Net Income	3,233.54

Income and Expense by Month Jan.-Dec. 2024



Income Summary Jan.-Dec. 2024

43400 · Direct Public Support	52.65%
000100 · Programs	45.13
43300 · Direct Public Grants	2.21
001 · dividends paid	0.01
46401 · bank interest	0.01
Total	\$630,315.80



Fancy Cats and Dogs Rescue Team Success Stories

Snowball

Snowball, now named Snow, is doing great! She is getting along with her three brothers and is discovering new things like catnip, silvervine sticks, boxes, brown paper, and Mom's lap. We had our first vet visit, which went well, and she even got her nails trimmed without too much yelling! She loves being spoiled and being near everyone. We are still working on a few things with her, such as feeling okay about ceiling fans (whether off or on), not knocking things off shelves, and not opening the pantry door. We love her so much and are so happy she's happy!
— T.B.



our house: he loves everyone, and everyone loves him. He loves to give kisses and hugs and is very playful. He sleeps in one of the many beds he has, including with us, and is a very curious cat (he keeps trying to get into any open closet or cupboard). He eats well, is great about his litter box, and passed his vet check with flying colors — including having excellent teeth!

— N.C, E.C., N.L.C.

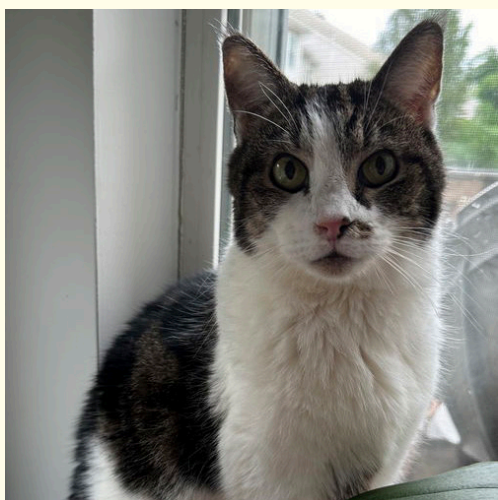
Manny

Manny is doing great! I was fostering him for a few weeks before I adopted him, and he really likes my other cat, Raisin. They play together all day long and cuddle with each other. Manny sleeps with me every night — I usually wake up to him either licking my nose or biting my head because my hair moves (lol). I have this interactive toy that's like a hiding blanket thing, and he adores it. He plays with it all day long. I've also noticed he loves watching TV with



Chunk

Sir Oliver Chunk (because he is a serious cat who deserves three names) is doing great! His assimilation was the fastest I've ever seen in



A Loving and Loyal Cat Ready for Her New Family

Ariel is a sweet, cuddly cat with a heart full of love and a gentle, devoted spirit. She thrives in the company of humans and is happiest when following her favorite people around the house, eager to be near them. Ariel's playful side shines through when she's engaged with string toys — she'll chase, pounce, and entertain you with her charming antics.

Success Stories *(continued)*

me — he especially likes it when it's a nature show and he sees birds and squirrels going by. I took him to the vet, and he's very healthy and, shockingly, 12 pounds! We think he's going to be 15 pounds when fully grown, so he's a big boy! He's just an absolute sweetheart. I adore Manny so much. He brings so much joy to my day — I love watching him do the silliest stuff. He's the type of cat that will sit literally anywhere in any position. He also likes playing in the bathtub after I take a shower (yes, his paws get wet and he doesn't care). When he sleeps, he's always showing his little tummy — he's just an absolute sweetheart.

— C.C

Jack

Jack, renamed Eelio (Eel for short), is doing great. He loves running around with his brothers (both human and canine) and his chicken sisters.

— O.P.



Rojizo

Obi, now named Rojizo, is doing amazing! He absolutely LOVES his older sister, Whiskey. He has melded into our family so well! He graduated from Puppy Kindergarten in March and is signed up for Puppy Middle School starting in May. We are beyond grateful that we found our RoRo!

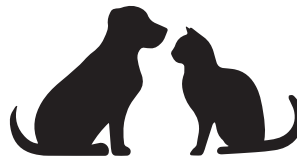
— S.R.M.



Beauregard

Here are some photos of my beloved boy, Beau.

— J.C.



“Saving one cat will not change the world , but for that cat ... the world will change forever.”

While Ariel is friendly and affectionate, she prefers being the only cat in the house, making her the perfect companion for someone looking for a loyal, one-on-one feline friend. She has been sadly overlooked in the past, not because of her personality, but because she tends to get nervous at adoption events and doesn't show well in that chaotic environment. But in a quiet, loving home, Ariel is a well-behaved and impeccably clean cat, with no issues or

behaviors to speak of. She simply needs a peaceful space to blossom, away from the hustle and bustle.

Ariel is waiting for the right person to come along — someone who will appreciate her calm, affectionate nature and offer her the forever home she deserves. Do you have an empty lap and a warm heart to fill? Ariel is ready to be your loyal companion for life.

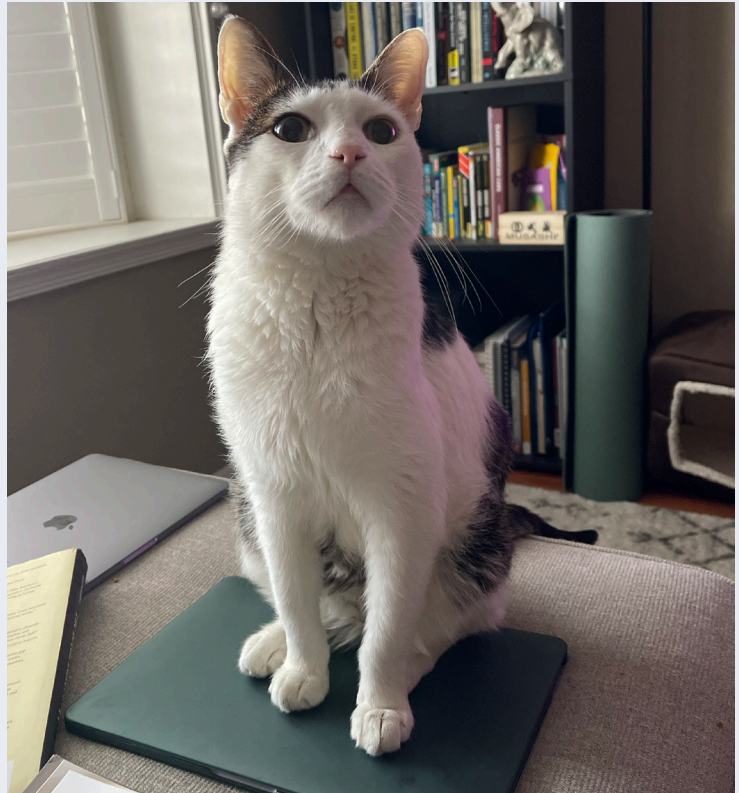
Buddy the Brave: A Big-Hearted Cat Ready to Steal Snacks — and Your Heart

Buddy is a sweet 12-year-old kitty looking for his forever home! Buddy has diabetes and requires insulin treatments — just a small shot every 12 hours — and he handles it like a champ. Since coming into our care, Buddy has improved amazingly: he's gained healthy weight, started insulin, and the vets are very pleased with how he's doing. There are still a few things they'd like to monitor, but Mr. Buddy is in great shape!

Buddy is very active, curious, and loving. He's a huge character with a big personality! He does have an elevated appetite, which is common for diabetic cats, so food needs to be kept out of his reach — and he's pretty crafty about finding it. Recently, he even learned how to open some of the doors around our house! He's very goofy and will silently meow or croak at us when he wants a snack (which is pretty much all the time).

Buddy also loves to cuddle and get head scratches, purring loudly the whole time. He'll give soft head-butts when he wants nose or face pets, and sometimes a playful little nibble. Some days he'll stop by for a quick cuddle before going about his business; other days, he'll stay curled up with you for as long as you'll sit. He's also started sleeping in bed with us more and more often, and clearly loves the company.

While Buddy does well with our other cats, we think he might be happiest as an only cat. We haven't seen any aggression, but they aren't best



friends either. After living with his former owners for about 12 years, Buddy seems used to having his own space and attention. We believe he would thrive in a home where he's the only cat and can soak up all the love and care he deserves.

Fancy Cats and Dogs Rescue Team will provide all of Buddy's diabetic supplies and cover his medical needs if fostered — or he is available for adoption into his forever home!

50/50 RAFFLE ALERT!

Help Us Save More Lives — Join Our 50/50 Raffle!

The winning ticket will be drawn on Tuesday, July 1, 2025.

As we reflect on this past year, we're overwhelmed with gratitude for your support. Thanks to you, in 2024 we adopted out 1,330 cats and 131 dogs, provided spay/neuter surgeries and covered emergency medical care for some of our most fragile cases — including senior cats, FIV+ cats, and kittens with urgent needs.

We're launching a 50/50 Raffle to raise critical funds for veterinary care. Half the proceeds will go directly toward life-saving medical treatment — *and the other half could go home with you!*

- **Tickets: \$10 each.**
There's no limit to the number of tickets you can purchase.
- **Winner gets 50% of the total pot.**
The winner will be contacted via email/phone.

Buy your tickets today and make a difference:
CLICK HERE TO BUY RAFFLE TICKETS!



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Skip the 50/50 and save a life with a direct donation.

Know your money is making a difference today.

_____ **\$25** deworms a litter of helpless kittens or puppies — giving them a healthy start.

_____ **\$50** funds a FeLV/FIV test for a cat, helping them get adopted faster and safer.

_____ **\$75** covers a heartworm test for a dog — a vital first step to a second chance.

_____ **\$100** feeds a rescued family of cats or dogs for 30 days.

_____ **\$150** spays one female cat (or two males), preventing unwanted litters.

_____ **\$225** spays a small dog — changing their life and hundreds more down the line.

_____ **Other amount:** \$ _____ Every dollar helps.

Every dollar helps!

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