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Dear Friends,

November 2025

These are challenging times! Despite this, we are working hard to lift the burden of shelters having to euthanize animals. We receive emergency calls for help daily and weekly, so you may often see posts asking for foster homes for cats and dogs. Sometimes we're already covered, thanks to our wonderful group of volunteers who dedicate their time to healing both the body and the soul.

We always need help. One of the most effective ways you can support us is by making a one-time or recurring donation. Many Virginia shelters — particularly those in the Northern Neck, Southwest Virginia, and West Virginia — do not have the county funds to provide medical care for animals. We are fortunate that in Northern Virginia we have many adopters willing to open their homes and hearts.

We do our very best, but money is tight, and unfortunately, veterinary costs have risen sharply, even for rescues. This year alone, we have taken in **815 cats** and **141 dogs**, and have adopted out **787 cats** and **114 dogs** — an incredible accomplishment made possible through your support. These are animals that were at risk of euthanasia due to lack of space, being under eight weeks old, or having minor health issues (mostly colds).

You can help us continue our mission to **“save cats and dogs from needless euthanasia.”**

- Consider making a contribution to help save a life. On average, it costs us **\$187** to prepare a cat for adoption and around **\$400** for a healthy dog. Some dogs with medical issues have cost us over **\$8,000** this year.
- Visit our website at <https://fancycats.org> to view our wish lists.
- Support our fundraisers, regularly advertised on our website, via email, and on social media.
- Volunteer to foster or help care for animals at adoption fairs.
- Our cats located at our four PetSmart adoption centers need care twice a day — please consider signing up for a volunteer shift.

Our goal is to help make Virginia a no-kill state by 2026, and we're well on our way. We partner with many other rescues to make this vision a reality. Every week, countless healthy, adoptable cats and dogs are euthanized simply because shelters run out of space and resources.

I often hear people say, “You can't save them all.” My response is always, “I'm going to save as many as I can.” Sadly, without a physical shelter and with limited funds, there are times I have to turn away pleas for help — not because I don't care, but because it hurts to see what I can't fix. This is our reality. Until every pet is spayed and neutered, this heartbreaking cycle will continue.

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We work hard to educate adopters and applicants about the importance of spay/neuter and often assist owners in keeping their pets by helping with veterinary costs when possible — especially for animals at risk of being returned to us. I never turn someone away without offering an alternative solution, and we make it a point to respond to every communication.

We've made a real difference in the lives of so many animals. It's deeply gratifying to know that our cats and dogs are now loved and safe in their forever homes. To date, we have rescued **over 30,000 animals** — but there's still so much more to do.

We need your help to continue our mission. Remember:
We cannot save them all—but for the ones we do save, it means everything. It means their life.

With gratitude,

Catherine Awad

Executive Director

Fancy Cats and Dogs Rescue Team



Metro's Miracle Comeback: From Limping to Leaping!

Poor Metro, a sweet 2-year-old pittie, found himself on the euthanasia list at a local shelter—all because he was limping. X-rays revealed an old fracture in his hind leg that required either surgical repair or amputation. With no options available at the shelter, his future looked bleak—until we stepped in to save him.

Thanks to an incredibly generous donor, Metro received the surgery he desperately needed. The best part? A steel plate was implanted, saving his leg from amputation! We are endlessly grateful for the kindness of our loyal supporters who made this happy ending possible.

Today, Metro is living life to the fullest—running, jumping, and spreading love everywhere he goes. He is still waiting for his forever home but these days he can run and jump with the rest of his doggie friends! He is very affectionate and cannot make enough friends.

ADOPTION FEE: \$525

Includes: all shots, sterilization, heartworm negative test, deworming, flea preventative, and microchip

Metro is a sweet, people-loving pittie who's both playful and cuddly. Small in size but big in heart, he's house- and crate-trained, loves lounging in the yard, and enjoys playing with sticks. He does well with older kids—just a bit jumpy when excited—and is eager to keep learning in obedience training. Currently the only pet in his foster home, Metro has done well with slow dog introductions and hasn't been cat-tested yet.

Suzette's Second Chance: The Little Kitten Who Learned to Love Again

When Suzette first came to us, she was in heartbreaking shape. The tiny kitten's eye infection was so severe she couldn't open her eyes. Scared, in pain, and unsure of human touch, she huddled with her two siblings as we began her journey to healing.

With pain relievers, steroids, antibiotics, and eye medications, Suzette slowly learned that accepting help meant feeling better. Her trust began to grow—and so did her spirit. Soon, she visited Dr. Corcoran at Vet Vision in Fairfax, VA, where she bravely underwent three surgeries, including the removal of the eye with no vision. Thanks to Dr. Corcoran's expert care, Suzette still has some sight in her remaining eye—and a whole lot of sparkle in her personality!

Back in her foster home, Suzette blossomed. She started to play, greet her foster mom with excitement, and even enjoy gentle cuddles. Her brother has since been adopted, and she remains close with her sister Mahogany.

After multiple checkups, Suzette is finally healthy and ready for her forever home! She may have a slightly runny eye from time to time, but that doesn't stop her from being the happiest, most affectionate little girl.

Her recovery—and her future—were only possible because of you. Without you she would have continued to suffer until being euthanized at the rural shelter for no space. This sadly is the reality for the ones that rescues do not take. Instead, she's thriving, loved, and waiting for her perfect match.

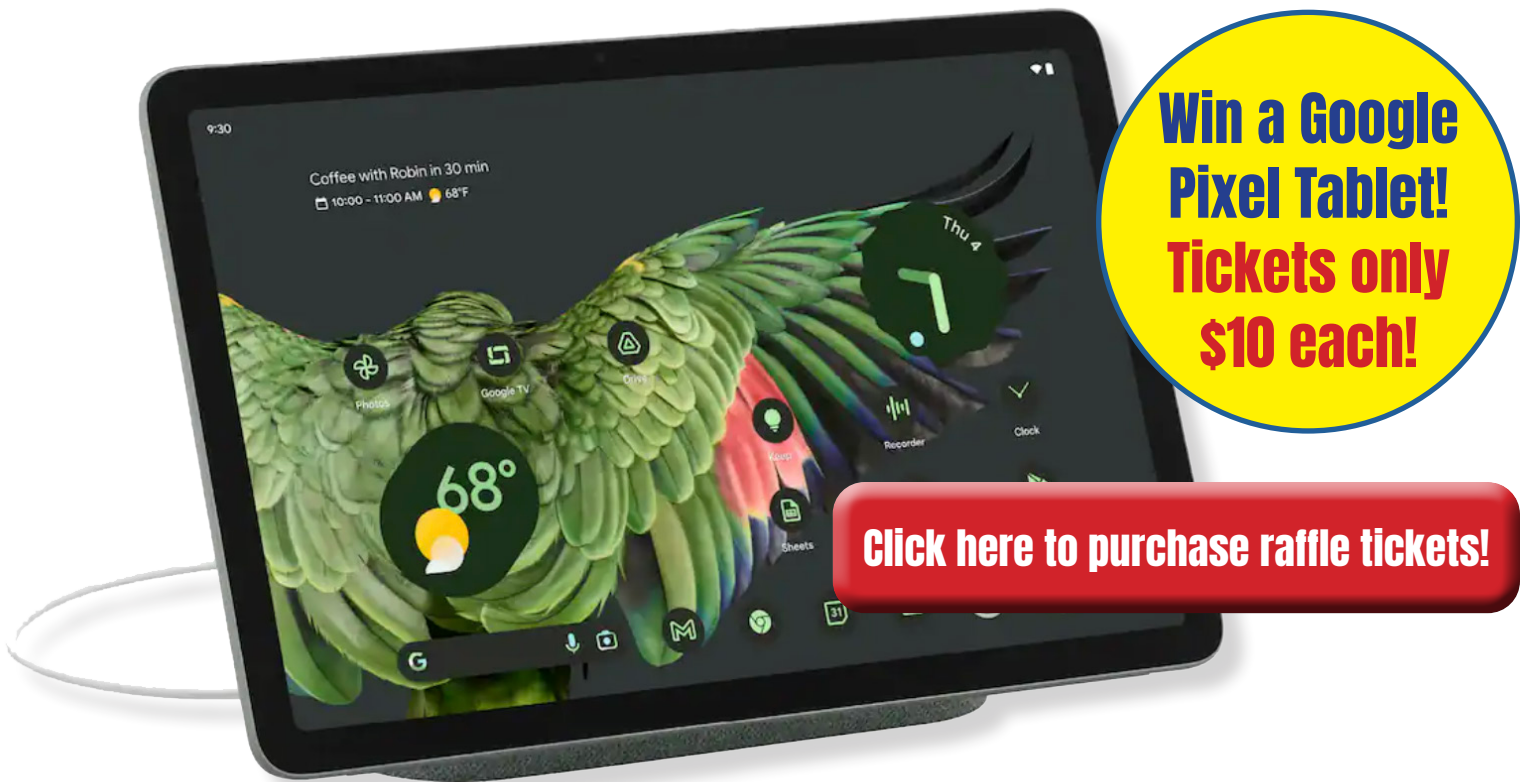


SISTER ACT:
Two purrfect sisters, one forever home! Suzette and Mahogany would love to be adopted together.

Thank you to Dr. Corcoran and the incredible team at Vet Vision for giving Suzette—and so many others—the gift of sight, health, and hope.

Raffle Alert: Win the Ultimate Prize!

Enter our raffle for just **\$10** for your chance to win a **Google Pixel Tablet with Charging Speaker Dock** — the ultimate Android tablet featuring an 11-inch display, smart home controls, and a long-lasting battery. This sleek 128 GB Porcelain bundle is perfect for work, play, or home entertainment. Every ticket gives you a shot at this amazing prize — don't wait! Get your tickets now and make this incredible tech bundle yours!



Drawing at 4 p.m. on Dec. 23, 2025!

