



2022 Annual Report & Newsletter



A letter from the President



Dear friends and loyal supporters,

We are happy to report that we were able to save the lives of over 1,800 animals in 2022. This level of success could not be achieved without your continued generosity and support. We highlight two of these success stories later in our report. However, the year was not without its serious challenges, especially for our kitten fosters.

Our mission is clear: help those animals that are at the higher risk of being euthanized; the animals many other rescue organizations leave behind. Shelters know that we are often the only hope for these at-risk cats and dogs. Many times, these animals come to our rescue with serious underlying medical conditions that must be treated immediately. While we always provide these animals the care that they need, our organization cannot continue to do so without support.

Many of the shelters that we work with are in the more impoverished areas of rural Virginia and other southern states where pet owners often struggle just to support themselves and their families. The shelters are also suffering from lack of funding and therefore their protocols are seriously lacking. Many of the pets we receive have never received any basic veterinary care including vaccinations against illness, spay/neuter, etc. The combination of malnourishment, medical neglect, and an uncontrolled pet population growth has led to the current crisis.

The seriousness of this situation may be found in the story of a beautiful cat named Celeste. Malnourished and only a kitten herself, Celeste came to us from a rural West Virginia shelter with her five kittens. Despite being visibly ill, Celeste did her best to care for and clean her babies during the transport from the shelter to Fancy Cats & Dogs. The look in her eyes told me she did not feel well but that this good mother would do what she could to take care of her three-week old kittens. Sadly, these cats all had Panleukopenia (Feline Distemper). Celeste and four of her five kittens eventually passed away. We did the right thing by hospitalizing this cat family, but this also left our group with the first large medical bill of kitten season. Many of these tragic and costly situations could be prevented if shelters utilized better animal husbandry protocols and vaccinated animals when they came through the door.

We depend on your support and generosity, and you never let us down. This is a group effort to save as many animals as we possibly can. I am always so happy to hear the wonderful stories of forever homes that have adopted our animals. From the fosters and volunteers to you, our valued supporters, many lives are saved. I always hear "you can't save them all". But for the ones you do save it means everything. It literally means their lives.

Thank you for everything.

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Mission

Our mission is to end needless euthanasia by having our cats & dogs spayed and neutered ... to find suitable lifetime homes for our cats & dogs with loving adopters ... to educate potential adopters on issues such as sterilization, declawing, and behavioral problems.

Vision

We provide adoption, rescue, and education services by finding suitable lifetime homes for our available animals, rescuing cats and dogs on death row at local shelters and educating the public on responsible pet ownership. We aspire to offer in-house spay and neuter services. We live by our core values of integrity in all our dealings; compassion for all life; respect for our cats and dogs, our constituents and each other; and teamwork. We are responsive to our adopters, volunteers, donors, and the public. Our volunteers and staff are recognized for their responsibility, dedication, knowledge, and helpful service. We provide these services for the cats and dogs that might otherwise be euthanized, our potential adopters, donors, local animal shelters, and community.

Goals

Our goals for the next three (3) years include:

1. Expand and improve our dog program by **acquiring property to design and develop a needed dog facility**. This will allow us to take in more at-risk dogs and have a place to house those pets awaiting their forever homes. This property will also serve those cats who require an outdoor environment to thrive.
2. **Add critical staff members** including:
 - a. **Dog program leader** (paid position).
 - b. **Volunteers** are always in need, especially for our bi-weekly dog adoption events at Fair Lakes PetSmart.
 - c. **Dog foster homes**.
 - d. **Adoption center coordinators** for Dulles Landing and Fair Lakes PetSmart stores.

Animal Numbers

Dogs 2022

intake

Rec'd Va shelter	35
Rec'd Out Of State shelter	12
Stray	0
Born in Care	0
Owner Surrender	0
on hand 1/1/22	7
Total	54

outcome

Adopted	48
Transferred to Va rescue	1
Died	1
Euthanized	1
on hand 12/31/22	3
Total	54

Cats 2022

intake

Rec'd Va shelter	766
Rec'd Out Of State shelter	711
Stray	109
Born in Care	60
Owner Surrender	106
on hand 1/1/22	63
Total	1815

outcome

Adopted	1664
Transferred to Va rescue	3
Died	40
Euthanized	26
on hand 12/31/22	82
Total	1815

Small Animals 2022

4 animals were received from out of state shelter, all were adopted

Explanation of Intake and Outcome Numbers

Explanation of intake numbers

Stray cats come from inquiries and requests for help from area residents.

Shelters call or email FCDRT when they have cats they need to get out of the shelter.

Owner surrenders are pleas for help from owners or in the case of an owner who is deceased the custodian of animal.

Born in foster are cats/dogs that we have taken in that are pregnant.

Explanation of outcome numbers

Adopted are cats/dogs adopted from FCDRT

Return to owner are cats/dogs that go back to an owner by their request or a stray where the owner has been located.

Transferred out are cats/dogs that are either going to a sanctuary or where FCDRT has helped another shelter take a specific animal from a shelter.

Died are the cats/dogs that have died in our care. This number is primarily kittens.

Euthanized are the number that we have actually had to let go of. They were at the end of their life or were suffering.

Fancy Cats Rescue Team, Inc.
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison

January through December 2022

	<u>Jan - Dec 22</u>
<u>Expenses</u>	
Veterinarian Expense	344,619
Cat food, Litter, supplies	63,458
Medicines, Vaccines, acc	52,623
Stores / Quarantine supplies	13,231
Microchips & Registration	7,300
Software	5,921
Laundry, Maintenance	6,548
Trash, Utilities	7,837
Insurance	8,281
Payroll	145,401
Other operations	27,115
Total Expense	<u>682,334</u>

<u>Income</u>	
Adoptions	289,836
Grants & adoption rewards	34,750
Direct Public Support	144,747
Fundraisers	89,611
Charities	36,143
Total Income	<u>595,087</u>

Explanation of Income

Grants are monies applied for and received for specific projects or work. For example, we received 8k from the Petco Foundation to pull 40 cats from a North Carolina shelter and get them ready for adoption. Adoption rewards are monies received from PetSmart Charities for each animal adopted from their stores.

Public support includes donations received from mailers and through our website.

Fundraisers include email campaigns and off-site events like our Annual Wine & Cheese.

Charities are UNWNCA, CFC, America's Charities, etc. We would like donors to convert to monthly donations versus CFC which takes a considerable percentage of each donation.

Explanation of expense:

Veterinary expenses include surgeries, diagnostics, rabies vaccines and any medical exams with treatment. We manage common infections and administer vaccines onsite to help manage veterinary costs.

Cat litter and food is purchased for our quarantine area that houses around 800 cats a year, our adoption centers, and Mount Purrnon Cat Café & Wine Bar.

Medicines and vaccines are purchased and administered with vet supervision.

Store and quarantine supplies include cleaning items, cages, food trays, toys and beds.

All animals are microchipped which are purchased directly from the company.

Software includes our accounting management system, donor database, and animal management software.

Laundry, maintenance, trash and utilities are all expenses accrued for the quarantine area.

Insurance includes coverage for our physical assets and third-party liability.

Payroll includes 3 paid management jobs, website coordinator to process applications and a cat care employee for the Springfield PetSmart.

Other operation expenses include banking fees, card charges, copy, printing, postage, travel expense, training and fundraising expense.

SUCCESS STORIES

FCDRT rescued Sully from a rural West Virginia shelter. This poor pup came to us with one of the worst cases of dermatitis we had ever seen. His back and hind quarters were all but bald and covered in painful scabs due to years of neglect. Poor Sully was constantly itching and struggling to get comfortable. He had thick scar tissue from the constant scratching. It took months of oral and topical medication to get him comfortable, but this little guy was worth it. His adopters said "Sully is doing very well and a joy to have around!"



Daffy came to FCDRT from a rural Virginia shelter. This poor cat had been placed on the euthanasia list because the shelter had neither the resources nor space to treat his condition. Daffy was suffering from one of the worst rodent ulcers we had ever seen. He was struggling to eat from the pain. Fancy Cats had Daffy seen by a specialist and got him started on his long road to recovery. He required months and months of treatment and constant vet visits but look at him now. We wouldn't change a thing. "Daffy is everyone's best friend in the house. We can't remember what life was like without him!"



Why Become a Fancy Cats & Dogs Rescue Team (FCDRT) Volunteer?

- 1. You make a difference.** Your work with our animals not only contributes to the wellbeing of at-risk cats and dogs, but you are an important member of a team that connects these pets with loving forever homes.
- 2. You can see the results of your work.** Your volunteer efforts will yield almost immediate impact by contributing to a more loving and caring environment in our rescue.
- 3. You are needed.** Our work never stops. We receive at-risk animals daily and there is no shortage of important work to be done to support our mission. The animals need you!
- 4. Your wellbeing will improve.** It is a well-researched fact that both acts of giving and interacting with pets contributes positively to your mental, emotional and physical wellbeing.
- 5. You gain important experience.** Our volunteers experience and develop a variety of skills that can be applied in many areas of life, both personally and professionally. Some of our volunteers have even gone on to become veterinarians.
- 6. You perform a vital civic duty.** Caring for unwanted and at-risk cats and dogs in our community is a vital civic duty.
- 7. You develop important career skills.** Volunteering for Fancy Cats & Dogs Rescue will help you refine and develop skills (e.g., responsibility, reliability, empathy, etc.) necessary to succeed in all areas of your personal and professional life.

If you believe that these are important attributes of a volunteer experience, we want you on our team. To become a key member of our team and volunteer for FCDRT go to: <https://fancycats.org/volunteer> to register.



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