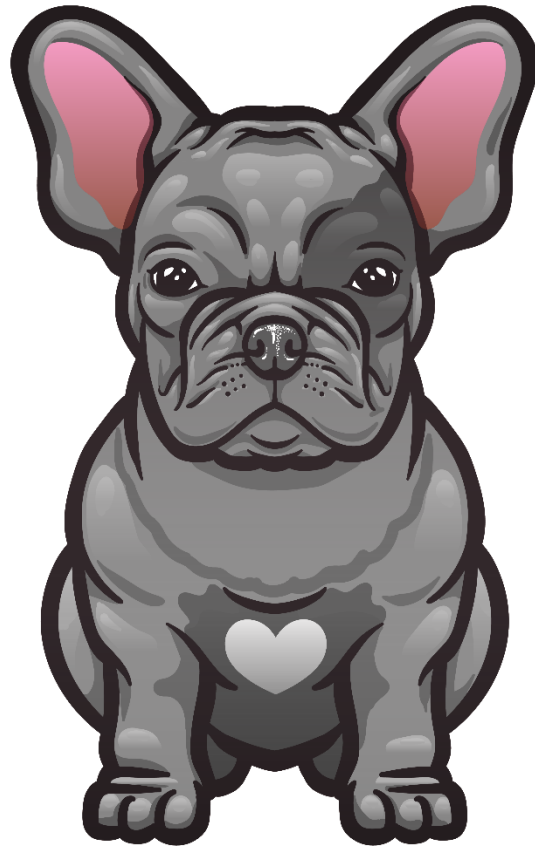


SOCAL FRENCH BULLDOG RESCUE



FOR THE LOVE OF FRENCHIES

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Compassionate Advocacy and Excellence in French Bulldog Rescue

Introduction

When it comes to animal rescue organizations, few are as devoted and community-oriented as Independent SoCal French Bulldog Rescue. Operating in Southern California, this organization stands as a beacon of hope for French Bulldogs in need, combining professional acumen with boundless compassion. In this business review, we will explore the organization's mission, operational approach, community engagement, transparency, and overall impact, to provide a comprehensive appraisal for potential adopters, volunteers, and supporters.

Mission and Values

At the heart of Independent SoCal French Bulldog Rescue is an unwavering commitment to the welfare of French Bulldogs. The organization's mission is to rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome French Bulldogs and related breeds facing abandonment, neglect, or mistreatment. Their core values emphasize compassion, integrity, and a dedication to providing each dog with the individualized care they deserve. This deep-rooted mission is evident in every aspect of their work, from intake procedures to post-adoption support.

Operations and Process

Independent SoCal French Bulldog Rescue operates through a robust infrastructure of volunteers, foster families, and veterinary partners. The intake process begins with thorough evaluations of incoming dogs, including health screenings and temperament evaluations. Dogs are often rescued from high-kill shelters, owner surrenders, or in many cases, abusive environments.

Once in the rescue's care, every dog receives comprehensive veterinary attention, including vaccinations, spaying/neutering, microchipping, and treatment for any medical issues. The organization is particularly well-equipped to handle the unique health challenges associated with the French Bulldog breed, such as respiratory, joint, and dermatological concerns. Their relationships with skilled local veterinarians ensure that all medical needs are met promptly and adequately.



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The foster network is a key asset, enabling each rescued dog to live in a nurturing, home-like environment while awaiting adoption. This not only aids in socialization and rehabilitation but also provides valuable insight into each dog's personality and needs, helping match them to the right adopter.

Adoption Process

A hallmark of Independent SoCal French Bulldog Rescue is its rigorous and thoughtful adoption process. Prospective adopters are required to complete a detailed application, undergo interviews, home checks, and provide references. The goal is not just to find a home, but the right home, where the dog's well-being is prioritized, and the adopter is fully prepared for the responsibilities of French Bulldog ownership.

Adoption fees are transparently communicated, and potential adopters are educated about the ongoing care requirements and possible breed-specific health concerns. The rescue's team remains available for post-adoption support, providing guidance on acclimatization, nutrition, and medical issues, fostering a lifelong commitment to every dog they place.

Community Engagement and Education

Beyond rescuing and rehoming, the organization plays a substantial role in community education and advocacy. Through social media campaigns and participation in local pet events, Independent SoCal French Bulldog Rescue raises awareness about responsible pet ownership, the realities of breed-specific rescues, and the importance of spaying/neutering.

The organization also works to combat common misconceptions about the French Bulldog breed, highlighting both their charming personalities and their special needs. Through education, they aim to reduce the incidence of dogs being surrendered due to preventable issues, such as behavioral challenges or medical expenses.

Volunteer and Foster Programs

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the organization. Independent SoCal French Bulldog Rescue offers a variety of ways for individuals to get involved, from fostering and transportation to administrative work and event planning. Training and support are provided, ensuring that all volunteers are well-prepared and feel valued.

The foster program is particularly noteworthy. Foster families receive training, supplies, and 24/7 support, making it possible for more dogs to be saved and cared for in a loving environment.



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Testimonials from volunteers often highlight the sense of purpose and fulfillment that comes from being part of such a compassionate and dedicated team. The total number of volunteers, including administrative volunteers, is 69.

Transparency and Accountability

Transparency is a cornerstone of the organization's operations. Financial information, rescue statistics, and adoption success stories are regularly shared with the public through newsletters, social media, and the rescue's website. This openness fosters trust with donors and supporters, assuring them that their contributions are making a tangible difference.

The rescue is a registered non-profit, and they adhere to best practices in financial stewardship, ensuring that donated funds are used directly to benefit the dogs in their care. Annual reports and tax filings are made available for public review, exemplifying their commitment to accountability.

Impact and Success Stories

The true measure of Independent SoCal French Bulldog Rescue's impact can be found in the countless success stories of dogs who have found new beginnings. Many adopters share heartwarming accounts of previous shelter dogs blossoming into beloved family members. These narratives underscore the transformative power of dedicated rescue efforts.

The organization has a strong record of saving dogs with complex medical issues—cases that many other rescues might turn away. Through patience, expert care, and an individualized approach, even the most challenging cases are given the chance to thrive.

Reputation and Community Feedback

Independent SoCal French Bulldog Rescue enjoys a stellar reputation within the rescue community and among the public. Social media testimonials and word-of-mouth all reflect high levels of satisfaction from adopters, volunteers, and donors alike. Many praise the organization's professionalism, veterinary clinics and emergency hospitals, and above all, their genuine love for the animals in their care.

Constructive feedback is welcomed and taken seriously, with the organization constantly seeking ways to improve its services. This willingness to adapt and grow is a testament to their commitment to excellence.



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Challenges and Opportunities

Like many animal rescue organizations, Independent SoCal French Bulldog Rescue faces ongoing challenges, including limited resources, high veterinary costs, and the emotional toll of working with at-risk animals. However, their proactive approach to fundraising, community partnerships, and volunteer recruitment has enabled them to continue expanding their reach.

Opportunities for growth include increasing public engagement through educational campaigns, expanding the foster network, and forging new partnerships with local businesses and veterinary clinics. By leveraging technology and social media, the organization continues to raise awareness and attract new supporters.

Conclusion

In summary, Independent SoCal French Bulldog Rescue exemplifies the ideals of ethical animal rescue. Their holistic approach—embracing rescue, medical rehabilitation, and education—sets them apart as a model organization within Southern California and beyond. For anyone considering adoption, volunteering, or supporting canine welfare, this rescue offers a trustworthy and inspiring option.

Their unwavering commitment to the well-being of French Bulldogs is matched only by the dedication of their volunteer network and the gratitude of the families who have been touched by their work. In an often-challenging field, Independent SoCal French Bulldog Rescue remains a bright light—one that transforms the lives of dogs and humans alike, one rescue at a time.



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Articles of Incorporation

Articles of Incorporation (dated 6/25/25)

Article 1. Name of Corporation

The name of the corporation is Independent Southern California French Bulldog Rescue Inc.

Article 2. Registered Agent and Office

The name and address of the registered agent of this corporation is Debra Munt, 55149 Pear Rd., South Bend, IN 46628.

Article 3. Statement of Purpose

The purpose for which this corporation is organized are:

This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article 4. Number, Names, and Addresses of Initial Directors

The number of initial directors of this corporation is three.

Their names and addresses are as follows:

Debra Munt	Lindsey (Redacted)	Dylan (Redacted)
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Phone

Phone

Phone

Article 5. Names and Address(es) of Incorporator(s)

The names and addresses of the incorporator of this corporation is

Debra Munt

(Address Phone Redacted)

Article 6. Duration of Corporation

The period of duration of this corporation is perpetual.

Article 7. Membership Provisions

The classes, rights, privileges, qualifications, and obligations of members of this corporation are as follows:

No members.

Article 8. Additional Provisions

Upon the dissolution of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or shall be distributed, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.



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Bylaws and Compliance

The mission of Independent Southern California French Bulldog Rescue Inc., a nonprofit, is to rescue sick, injured, and unwanted French Bulldogs, medically rehabilitate them, and find them loving, forever homes. We are further committed to the education of the unknowing public, breeders and buyers alike.

Article 1, Section 1.

United States of America, Indiana.

Article 2. Section 1.

IRC Section 501(c)(3) Purposes

This corporation is organized and operated for charitable purposes within the meaning of 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article 2, Section 2. Statement of Purpose

Specific Objectives and Purposes

The specific objectives and purposes of this corporation shall be:

- a) to rescue sick, injured, and unwanted French Bulldogs;
 - a. the French Bulldogs can be rescued from a shelter, owner, or as strays from a good Samaritan and/or other person;
- b) medically rehabilitate sick, injured, and unwanted French Bulldogs, to include treatment from;
 - a. veterinarians;
 - b. specialty veterinarians;
 - c. chiropractors;
 - d. acupuncture specialist;
 - e. groomers.

Article 2, Section 2. (cont.) Achieving nonprofit goals

- a) funding for rescuing will consist of, but not limited to;
 - a. fundraising through a variety of methods:
 - i. website;
 - ii. Instagram;
 - iii. Facebook;
 - iv. Email;
 - v. text messaging;
 - vi. X (formally twitter);
 - vii. platforms;
 - viii. direct communication;
- b) public education on the French Bulldog breed through;
 - a. website;
 - b. Instagram;
 - c. Facebook;
 - d. X (formally twitter)
 - e. direct communication.



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Article 3, Section 1. Number of Directors Three (3).

Article 3, Section 2. Qualifications for Directors

- a) greater than 18 years of age;
- b) experience or ownership of brachycephalic breeds of dog.

Article 3, Section 3. Term of Office of Directors

Each director shall hold office for a period of one year and until a request for membership on the board of directors, if no request for membership is received or the current director(s) request to be released, the current directors will remain on the board of directors.

Article 3, Section 4. Director Compensation None (0)

Article 3, Section 5. Notice of Board Meetings

If this corporation makes no provision for member, then, at the regular meeting of directors held in January of each year, directors shall be elected by the board of directors. Voting for the election of directors shall be by written ballot. Each director shall cast one vote per candidate and may vote for as many candidates as the number of candidates to be elected to the board. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes up to the number of directors to be elected shall be elected to serve on the board.

- a) Board of directors are allowed or not to dispense with notice of all regular meetings of directors (this includes the regular meeting for the election of director).
- b) The date, time, place, and purpose of special directors' meetings be communicated to each director at least one week in advance;
 - a. notice may be given in person, by telephone, email, or text messaging, for immediate receipt of notification;
 - i. the exception is when euthanasia is needed to end the suffering of a rescued dog and board directors opinions are requested or necessary, euthanasia is only used as a last resort when medical prognosis is dire and the dog is in pain.
- c) A written consent, before or after the meeting, is allowed, if a director consents in writing to the meeting, she or he cannot protest later that the corporation failed to comply with a formality contained in the corporation code.

Article 3, Section 6. Regular Board Meetings

On the first day of each Month;

- a) Exception of May, July, and December of each year.

Article 3, Section 7. Quorum for Board Meetings

A quorum shall consist of two of the members of the board of directors.



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Article 3, Section 8. Conduct of Board Meetings

Board meeting conduct has no specified formal procedures for introducing and discussing items of business, yet such procedures may be approved from time to time by the board of directors.

Article 3, Section 9.

Executive Committee of the Board

- a) Assigning Executive Committee of the Board provision is not used.

Article 4. Number, Names, and Addresses of Initial Directors

The number of initial directors of this corporation is three.

Their names and addresses are as follows:

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Article 4. Section 2.

Designation of Officers provision is not used.

Article 5. Names and Addresses of Incorporators

The names and addresses of the incorporator of this corporation is

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South Bend, IN 46628

(Phone)

Article 6. Duration of Corporation

The period of duration of this corporation is perpetual.

Article 7. Membership Provisions

The classes, rights, privileges, qualifications, and obligations of members of this corporation are as follows:

- a) No members.

Article 8. Additional Provisions

Upon the dissolution of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or shall be distributed, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

Article 9. Section 1. Director and Member Inspection Rights

Director and Member Inspection Rights provision is not used.



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Article 10. Section 1. Periodic Report Requirements

Business Entity

- a) business entity report is filed with the Department of Revenue to the State of Indiana;
- b) report is filed online via Indiana governmental website INbiz;
 - a. got to INbiz;
 - b. create account, log into account;
 - c. complete the business entity report;
 - d. pay a \$50 fee;
 - e. file report.

Article 11, Section 1. 501(c)(3) Tax Provisions

Comply with the specific 501(c)(3) prohibitions against substantial lobbying activities involvement with political campaigns for public candidates (the reference to IRC Section 501(h)).

Article 11, Section 2. 501(c)(3) Private Inurement

Prohibition against private inurement (benefiting individuals associated with the nonprofit organization). Payments made to individuals as reasonable compensation for services rendered and to further the tax-exempt purposes of the group are specifically authorized.

Article 11, Section 3.

As this organization is not classified as a private foundation, but rather as a public charity,

Article 11. Section 5. 501(c)(3) State Tax Provisions

Indiana

- a) corporation business license if filed in the state of Indiana;
- b) Annual Report;
 - a. Along with Form NP-20A, a nonprofit must file Form NP-20 the nonprofit's annual report- with the Indiana Department of Revenue;
 - b. This must be filed on or before the 15th day of the 5th month following the close of the taxable year;
 - c. If the organization has an unrelated business income of more than \$1,000, it must also complete a Nonprofit Organization Unrelated Business Income Tax form (Form IT-20NP);
- c) State Tax Filing;
 - a. To file taxes in Indiana, nonprofit organizations need to complete Form IT-20NP1. This form is used to report any unrelated business income over \$1,000 during the tax year;
 - b. Additionally, Indiana offers a sales tax exemption for nonprofits. To get exempted from sales tax in Indiana, an organization must file Form NP-20A, the Nonprofit Application for Sales Tax Exemption, within 120 days after its formation.

Article 11, Section 6. 501(c)(3) Federal Tax Requirements



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File Form 990, or 990EZ, which is an annual information return to be filed with the IRS within 5 months and 15 days after the close of the nonprofit's fiscal year. Most nonprofits are required to file electronically;

- a. Submitting Form 990-N (e-Postcard);
 - a) Sign in/create an account with Login.gov or ID.me: The IRS requires a Login.gov or an ID.me account to submit Form 990-N. Form 990-N filers should use the same email address associated with their IRS account;
 - b) Review the IRS Form 990-N Electronic Filing System (e-Postcard) User GuidePDF for step-by-step instructions on how to submit electronic Form 990-N (e-Postcard). Most common problems can be avoided by following the User Guide.

Article 12, Section 1. Conflict of Interest and Compensation Approval Policies

The purpose of this conflict-of-interest policy is to protect this tax-exempt corporation's interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of the corporation or an "disqualified person" as defined in Section 4958(f)(1)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code and as amplified by Section 53.4958-3 of the IRS Regulations. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

Article 12, Section 2. Definitions

- a. **Interested Person.** Any director, principal office, member of a committee with governing board delegated powers, or any other person who is a "qualified person" as defined in Section 53.4958-3 of the IRS Regulations, who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person;
- b. **Financial Interest.** A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family.
 - a) An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the corporation has a transaction or arrangement,
 - b) A compensation arrangement with the corporation or with any entity or individual with which the corporation has a transaction or arrangement, or
 - c) A potential ownership or investment interest in, compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the corporation is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.

A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. A person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

Article 12, Section 3. Conflict of Interest Avoidance Procedures

- a. **Duty to Disclose.** In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the proposed transactions or arrangement.



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b. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest. An interested person may make a presentation at the governing board or committee meeting, but after the presentation, she/he shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.

The chairperson of the governing board or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.

After exercising due diligence, the governing board or committee shall determine whether the corporation can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.

If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under the circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the governing board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the corporation's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination, it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement. Founder/CFO makes all final decisions.

Article 12, Section 4. Records of Board and Board Committee Proceeding

The minutes of the meetings of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:

- a. The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the governing board's or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.
- b. The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

Article 13, Section 1. Annual Statements

Each director, principal officer, and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers shall annually sign a statement that affirms such person;

- a. has received a copy of the conflict of interest policy;
- b. has read and understands the policy;
- c. has agreed to comply with the policy;
- d. understands the corporation is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities that accomplishes one or more tax-exempt purposes.

Article 14, Section 1. Periodic Reviews

To ensure the corporation operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects;

- a. Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length bargaining.



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b. Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to the corporation's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes, and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit, or in an excess transaction.

When conducting the periodic reviews, the corporation may, but need not, use outside advisers. If the outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the governing board of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

Article 15, Section 1. Amendment of Bylaws

Subject to the power of the members, if any, of this corporation to adopt, amend, or repeal the bylaws of this corporation and except as may otherwise be specified under provisions of law, these bylaws, or any of them, may be altered, amended, or repealed, and new bylaws adopted by approval of the board of directors.

Article 16, Section 1. Construction and Terms

If there is any conflict between the provisions of these bylaws and the articles of incorporation of this corporation, the provisions of the articles of incorporation shall govern.

Should any of the provisions or portions of these bylaws be held unenforceable or invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions and portions of these bylaws shall be unaffected by such holding.

All references in these bylaws to the articles of incorporation shall be to the articles of incorporation, articles of organization, certificate of incorporation, organizational charter, corporate charter, or other founding document of this corporation filed with an office of this state and used to establish the legal existence of this corporation.

All references in these bylaws to a section or sections of the Internal Revenue Code shall be to such sections of the Internal Revenue Code of 2186 as amended from time to time, or to corresponding provisions of any future federal tax code.



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Review of 990 form submittal for 2023

2023 990 form data elements started when the rescue's 501c3 was approved on May 30, 2023, and ended on December 31, 2023.

Independent SoCal French Bulldog Rescue Inc
 EIN 88-3037011
 2023 Tax Year

Total # Dogs Rescued	Total Veterinary Cost	Total Transportation Cost	Total Food Costs	Total Supply Costs	Sub-Total All Costs	Total Incoming Donations	Venmo/PayPal Incoming Donations	TOTAL GROSS RECEIPTS	TOTAL COSTS REALIZED
61	\$36,230.91	\$2,982.00	\$4,738.80	\$2,968.21	\$46,919.92	\$29,203.40	\$9,916.49	\$39,119.89	\$7,800.03

This negative
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Board of
Directors



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2023 Form 990 Extension

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Ogden, UT 84201-0074

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RESCUE INC
55149 PEAR RD
SOUTH BEND IN 46628-4527

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Notice CP211A
Tax period December 31, 2024
Notice date June 2, 2025
Employer ID number 88-3037011
To contact us Phone 877-829-5500
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(Important information about your December 31, 2024, Form 990)

We approved your Form 8868, Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return or Excise Taxes Related to Employee Benefit Plans.

We approved the Form 8868 for your December 31, 2024, Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax. Your due date is now November 15, 2025.

What you need to do

File your December 31, 2024, Form 990 by November 15, 2025, electronically. The IRS will not accept Form 990 filed on paper. For more information, see [IRS.gov/eoefile](https://www.irs.gov/eoefile). You can find available tax return filing software at [IRS.gov/eoefileproviders](https://www.irs.gov/eoefileproviders).

Additional information

- Visit [IRS.gov/cp211a](https://www.irs.gov/cp211a).
- Go to [IRS.gov/charities](https://www.irs.gov/charities) or call 877-829-5500 to learn more about electronic filing requirements.
- Keep this notice for your records.



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Estimated 2024 990 subtotals

Total # of Dogs Rescued	Est. All Costs	Est. Incoming Adoption Donations	Est. Incoming Donations Other than Adoption Donations
112	\$209,000	\$92,000	\$115,000

2024 totals above are estimated