Our COMMUNITY Cares About CATS
Message from Pam Miller, Founder & President

Our Community Cares – About Cats!

We both know that you are reading this because you care about the welfare of cats in our community.

Since SAFE Haven’s founding over 25 years ago, there has been a critical shift in the way we think about animals. Today, they are an irreplaceable part of our family, and because we care do deeply, many people across all walks of life have become acutely aware of the issues related to cats in our community. If you love cats as we do, cat overpopulation, euthanasia of healthy animals, animal abuse and neglect, cat hoarding and the number of feral cats are all matters of serious concern.

SAFE Haven for Cats has been a driver of that shift for over quarter century, with a steadfast commitment to change the way our community views stray cats, and to empower thousands of people to take action to save cat lives.

Thanks to friends like you who are generous with their time and money, our growth has been steady and strong. Best of all, we continue to have the confidence of thousands of clients and volunteers who value us for our active advocacy.

With this growing support, and through better understanding of these issues in the larger Raleigh community, we feel the next five years will be the most important yet for the cats in our community and across the State.

SAFE Haven Responds

SAFE Haven for Cats is the experienced leader in our region on “all things cat!” Throughout the years, SAFE Haven has been the first to create many life-saving programs and services.

- **1999**: Opened the first permanent no-kill shelter in North Carolina
- **2001**: Opened the first low cost spay/neuter clinic just for cats in North Carolina
- **2003**: Established programs to assist the community with TNVR (trap, neuter, vaccinate and release) of feral cats
- **2012**: Established the only Pet Food Pantry in the City of Raleigh

Through these groundbreaking measures, and much more, SAFE Haven’s drive has yielded better and happier outcomes for cats in the Triangle.

Perhaps most importantly: Euthanasia rates for cats in Wake County have fallen from 68% to 31% in eight years (2010 to 2018). In the 14 counties around Wake County, euthanasia rates have fallen from 79% to 45%. Stated in a more positive way, the live release rate for cats in our county is 69%. A no kill community is by definition “achieving a 90% live release rate”. We are close to becoming a no kill community.

**Our Annual Report Newsletter is about you, since everything we have accomplished has been a result of the generosity and commitment of our donors, friends, volunteers, adopters, and professional staff. We could not have done any of this without each of you, and for that, I am most grateful!**

And then, of course, there is always the future. To that end, our immediate plans are to:

- Expand our facility, resulting in shorter wait times for services in the clinic and shelter
- Expand the shelter, helping us place the most cats and kittens possible
- Greatly expand our spay/neuter capacity in the SAFE Care Clinic
- Encourage more volunteers and community involvement
- Expand partnerships with other shelters and rescue groups to provide services to them

In the coming months, you will hear more about our expansion plans.

Humbly, with deep appreciation for all you do...

Pam Miller
Founder & President

Every photo of a cat in this newsletter is an actual cat from SAFE Haven.

NO STOCK PHOTOS HERE!
Because of YOU ...  
We are Saving Innocent Lives Every Day!

Your generous support saved many, many lives at SAFE Haven this year, and you are the main reason for our shared success.  

Below is our “annual report” infographic so you can see all the good we are accomplishing together. Here are just a few highlights:

- We provided services to 6,433 animals this year (a 13% increase) at a cost of $148.12 each.
- The only way we are able to meet this challenge and provide these vital services is with the support of 404 unselfish volunteers who donated 14,496 hours of time this year with a value of over $350,658.
- In addition, $95,745 worth of food, towels, beds and other in-kind services were donated in 2018/2019.

Thanks to all our partners in the business of saving lives . . . .
Adoption Program Recap
899 Cats and Kittens Find Happy Homes!

Through your generous faith in SAFE Haven and with your support, we have had the most successful adoption year in the quarter century history of SAFE Haven for Cats, successfully finding caring homes for 899 stray cats and kittens. This also means that each cat’s time at the shelter is shrinking and they are finding homes more and more quickly. I am pleased to be able to share with you that the average time it takes a cat to be adopted at SAFE Haven is now just four weeks. (After a one-week isolation period.)

We attribute this success to our loving, compassionate adopters. In addition, it takes seven groups of volunteers to provide care for these cats prior to their “leaving the building!” These volunteer groups are: adoption counselors, cleaning captains, the enrichment team, fosters, litter box team, shelter cleaning team and Tabby Cabbies. Please see their names at the end of this report.

Who are these cats?

People are always curious about where all these cats come from. Well, here is the answer! They were all former stray, abandoned, injured or orphaned cats and kittens – mostly from the Triangle.

Where they came from . . .

- 47% Partner Euthanizing Shelters
- 7% Hoarders/National Disasters
- 35% Directly from the Community
- 2% Life of the Cat in Danger
- 8% Former Adoptees of SAFE Haven
- 1% Abandoned at our Shelter

This year our cats were 47.4% female and 52.6% male

**436** KITTEN
1 DAY - 6 MONTHS

**208** TEENAGER
6-12 MONTHS

**190** YOUNG ADULT
1-4 YEARS

**43** ADULT
5-7 YEARS

**22** MATURE
8+ YEARS
SAFE Haven places many cats each year that come to us in “not-quite-perfect” condition, but especially in need of a loving, caring home. After all, these are all stray, abandoned, orphaned and injured cats and kittens. How we wish they could talk to us; tell us where they have been. But we make a commitment to them to restore them to health and find them a permanent home regardless of their former circumstances. Here are some examples in the following stories, of what your support makes possible.

**Quebec**

Quebec is a ten-month-old male kitty who was found wandering as a stray in Franklinton, N.C. A kind person took him in and he made his way to SAFE Haven. He had a perforated corneal ulcer in his right eye and we had his eye removed as a result. He now lives in Raleigh with a young couple who sent this photo (right) of him on their bed!

**Emmeline**

Emmeline came to SAFE Haven from one of our partnering county shelters. On examination, her left hip had an odd bony protrusion and was slightly shorter than her right rear leg. She had normal mobility and did not show any signs of pain in that joint.

We sent her for x-rays to evaluate her hip joint. At some point, the head of her femur was broken and the bone rotated. The fracture healed and she went home with this loving couple, shortly thereafter.

**Canobie**

The SAFE Haven medical team has taken such great care of me! I was brought in by a nice lady in Raleigh after I showed up at her house. She knew there was something wrong with me because I was pretty uncomfortable ... I had a broken jaw and I had to have surgery so it could be wired and realigned. My recovery has been gradual and I was at SAFE Haven for 13 weeks before a nice woman adopted me. The photo (right) is from my new home.

**Jig**

Jig is a handsome four-year-old cat who came to us from the Granville County Animal Shelter. Jig, who loves everyone, had to have surgery on both his eyes for entropion. This is where the eyelids are deformed, roll in, or are missing. This causes constant irritation of the eyes by the lower eyelashes. Jig came through the surgery beautifully and was adopted by the wonderful person who had been fostering him for two months.
Hurricane Florence—September 14, 2018

When Hurricane Florence was bearing down on the coast of North Carolina last September, it looked like she was going to be coming right over our shelter so we had activated our Emergency Plans.

At the time, it was projected that Florence would decimate the Outer Banks...so SAFE Haven stepped in to assist the Dare County Animal Shelter and agreed to take 20 cats two evenings before the storm hit, as they evacuated their shelter. We met a van at 10:30 at night in Zebulon and transported the cats back to SAFE Haven. In that group was a mommy cat, Zaria, and her six little kittens.

When Florence came ashore, on September 14, it caused extensive flooding to the Fayetteville Animal Protection Society. We were in contact with them and as they were forced to evacuate their shelter 4 days after the storm, we took an additional 14 cats and kittens from them.

All in all we took 34 cats and kittens because of the hurricane in conjunction with the Humane Society of the U.S.

Frosta
Frosta came to SAFE Haven after being found as a stray. During her intake exam, we discovered a cataract in her left eye. The cataract was obscuring most, if not all, of her vision. We sent Frosta to a veterinary ophthalmologist for a complete exam. They confirmed that she is almost completely blind in that eye because of the cataract. It is impossible to tell from her photo that she can’t see out of that eye and it made no difference to her new owner, who took her home after she had just been at SAFE Haven for 3 weeks.

Alexander
Alexander came to SAFE Haven from a colony of cats in Raleigh. He was eight years old, dehydrated, with muscle wasting, missing teeth, a root infection in an upper canine tooth, and a 2 cm mass on his left shoulder. Oh and covered with fleas and anemic. And both ears infected.

Wow that is a lot! But this wonderful, loving cat was soon restored to full health. We removed the mass which was a benign cyst, we cleaned his teeth and extracted the rotten one, fed him great food and gave him lots of love.

As you can see from the photo (bottom, right) in his new home, Alexander made a complete recovery and was adopted just two days after he was made available.

THANK YOU also to our friends at PetPeople at Falls Pointe Shopping Center for our once a month adoption events and for raising funds for us through their Hearts for Paws Campaign. Here is one of our kitties in the store.
Whether it is our annual Kitten Shower & Palooza or WRAL’s Clear the Shelters event, something is always going on at the shelter as you can see from these photos.

Happy adoption at “Clear the Shelters”

Cloverdale our 10,000th adoption!

Thank you Girl Scouts for all the supplies you brought the cats

Kitten Shower Donations

The Tuxedo Cat Ball

Pre-School Class from the Duke School visiting the cats

First Adopters “Clear the Shelters”

Happy, Happy adopters!
Help for the public with pets, strays and feral cats.

From “No Hump Wednesdays” to our “Stars & Stripes” package, we have had fun while promoting one goal: to spay and neuter as many cats and kittens as we can every day, to reduce euthanasia of healthy animals.

Incredibly, more than 33,000 cats have been spayed at the SAFE Care Clinic since it opened in 2001! If they would have produced even two kittens each, they would have added 208,000 stray cats to the Triangle in only two years. In 2018 in the Triangle and surrounding counties, 12,567 cats (45% of those entering the shelter system) were euthanized. (NC Department of Agriculture, Veterinary Division, Animal Welfare Section, Animal Welfare Reports.)

The SAFE Care Clinic, owned by Dr. Jennifer Bledsoe-Nix, helps cats, kittens, and feral cats every day. The clinic is founded on the principle that no one is ever turned away because they cannot pay the already low fee of $85.

SAFE Haven helps other rescue groups and shelters to make sure more cats are sterilized before adoption. They include: Beyond Fences, Franklin County Animal Services, FCAS/Paws for Life, Marden’s Ark/ Marden’s Cat Tales, Purr Partners, and the SPCA of Franklin County.
SAFE Haven’s TNVR Mission

“Un-owned or semi-owned community cats number between 30 to 40 million in the U.S. Only 2% of them are sterilized.” (Managing Community Cats, HSUS, 2014.) How many community or feral cats do we have in the Triangle? According to experts, a mid-range formula is 10% of the human population. The current population of the Triangle is 1.3 million people. In fact, we are the 16th fastest growing region in the nation. That would be an incredible 130,000 cats.

SAFE Haven supports our community in many other ways to help feral cats:

- Loan of humane traps and training/support to safely catch elusive cats
- Classes – The Basics of TNVR – Tuesday, February 25, 2020
- A confidential, third party registry that can help you reclaim a feral cat in Wake County at safehavenforcats.org.
- Free food for feral colony managers
- Home of Operation Catnip, the Triangle’s oldest feral cat sterilization program. Housed one Sunday a month at SAFE Haven, OC sterilizes about 600 cats a year.

Make your Spay/Neuter Appointment
Call: 919 872-7730
Email: Clinic@safehavenforcats.org
Website: safehavenforcats.org

Basic package ($85) includes:
sterilization, exam, pain meds, rabies and distemper vaccines, ear cleaning and nail trims!

Additional services available: FeLV/FIV testing, microchip, deworming, FeLV vaccine and parasite control.

SAFE Care Clinic Specials
The Smart Thing to Do
August - $25 female spays for cats of educators
Fall in Love Again
September - $35 neuters, $50 spays
Leaf the Altering to US!
October - $19 spays and neuters
Nut-Free November
November - $10 neuters
(Re) Tail Therapy
Receive a discount with a donation to our Pet Food Pantry or show your name badge from work to receive discounts on spays and neuters

Foundation Grants
As you might imagine, unlike human causes there are very few grants available for animals. Although grants make up just 5% of our income, SAFE Haven wants to gratefully acknowledge the support of the following for the SAFE Care Clinic:

The Margo T. Petrie Spaying and Neutering Foundation
Volunteer Program Recap
Celebrating SAFE Haven’s Incredible, Irreplaceable Volunteers

This year hundreds of volunteers selflessly donated over 14,496 hours of their time to our animal shelter adding $350,658 to our bottom line. *(One hour of volunteer time is valued at $24.18 by the Points of Light Foundation.)*

Be sure to sign up for our next Volunteer Open House on September 17 at safehavenforcats.org. Information sessions are held every two months at the shelter.

### Volunteer Roles

**Board of Directors**—On a top level, you can advance the long-term goals and vision of SAFE Haven.

**Cleaning Captains & Crew, Litter Box Team**—Come to the shelter and scoop, tidy up, refill waters, do laundry, mop floors, etc.

**Tabby Cabby**—Transport cats to veterinary specialists for treatments or pick up cats at other shelters (like the Wake County Shelter).

**Public Ambassadors**—Help connect people to our services and programs at street fairs, civic organizations and schools.

**Mouse Makers**—Help assemble catnip mice toys that are sold at area veterinarian’s offices.

**Pet Food Pantry Volunteer**—Help distribute tons of food to needy dogs and cats. Place and monitor food collection barrels at various locations.

**Adoption Counselor**—Help make connections between excited adopters to their new family member.

**Feline Enrichment**—Are you the Cat Whisperer? Work with our cats to help them regain their essential “Catness”.

**Foster Home Provider**—Take a SAFE Haven cat into your home on a temporary basis.

**Fill-a-Truck Volunteer**—Distribute our “wish list” to shoppers on their way into Walmart. Fill-a-Truck when they come out with their incredible donations for the cats.

**Special Events**—Volunteer for a committee or to work at one of our major events: Run for their Lives 5k (October), the Tuxedo Cat Ball (April) or Kitten Palooza (May).

Please see a list of all our volunteers for this year, at the end of this newsletter.
Community Outreach & Education Programs Recap

The Pet Food Pantry

The Pantry is the only one of its kind in Raleigh. Last year we fed 390 cats, 128 dogs, and helped 127 families by providing them with over 12 tons of food! People in need can apply for help from the Pantry. There are just a few simple rules: They can’t have any more than six animals, cannot adopt any more pets while receiving food from the Pantry, and SAFE Haven assists them to assure that 100% of their pets are spayed and neutered.

One way we get food for the Pantry is at the “Fill-a-Truck” event at the Wake Forest Walmart.

Pet Food Pantry Volunteers

Pet Food Pantry distribution day once a month

Wake Forest WalMart – Fill a Truck

Thanks Janet Hensel (left) for renting the truck!
Low Cost Rabies and Microchip Clinic

This year we were able to provide **302 low cost rabies vaccines** ($5) to members of our community at our twice yearly rabies clinics.

Feline Fundamentals

SAFE Haven hosts a series of classes yearly to help educate the public on a variety of topics. This past year 231 people attended classes at SAFE Haven which are very affordable ($5) and some are *free! Check out the class schedule for this year:

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**Presented by Shirley Diefenbach, estate attorney with Walker Lambe, LLC., and Lisa Gabriel, Certified Financial Planner, with Pinafore Wealth Counsel**

Sign up for any class at our website: safehavenforcats.org
Thanks to 6,116 gifts from compassionate animal people, SAFE Haven met its financial goals this past fiscal year! Additionally, we successfully managed our expenses and benefited from $350,658 of donated time from our volunteers. Over $38,000 of cat and dog food, paper towels, toys and litter were also donated to the cats. A total of $57,000 of in-kind goods and services were donated to our special events.

We conducted a successful Matching Campaign in October-December 2018. The generosity of our donors and friends allowed us to exceed a $130,000 matching opportunity. The Tuxedo Cat Ball, our largest fundraising event of the year, raised $127,000.

Donations are vital to our organization since adoption fees do not cover the basic medical care of the cats SAFE Haven takes into our shelter. In addition, as a “No Kill” shelter, we believe in treating every medical condition we are able to – just like you do for your beloved pets. You may not know it, but as a private, non-profit animal shelter, we do not get any funds from the City of Raleigh, Wake County or the State of North Carolina. Because it is of the utmost importance, we continue to offer no cost or low-cost sterilization services to every cat in our community who needs it, as the support of our donors is vital to this mission.

Several hundred cats who use the spay/neuter services of the clinic have never been to a veterinarian. Were it not for the availability of these services, many cats would go unneutered and hundreds of homeless kittens would be born.

Individual Contributions: The Key to Success for the Cats

Note: Many people ask us why we are not on rated on Charity Navigator. It is because Charity Navigator only includes nonprofits whose organizational budget is over a million dollars. As SAFE Haven’s budget only recently surpassed the million-dollar mark, we look forward to a listing soon. SAFE Haven is however, a Silver Rated Charity on GuideStar. You can access our most recent (year-end June 30, 2018) tax return (990) at safehavenforcats.com; simply click on the “About Us” button.
JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019
SAFE Haven—the numbers at a glance.

The following charts show you (our supporters) how your dollars are spent and what the major expenses of the organization are.

Expenses by Category
(As a percentage of total budget)

- 75.9% Adoption, Spay/Neuter & Education Programs
- 14.4% Resource Development (Fundraising); Costs of events
- 8.2% Administration - Insurance, Office Supplies, etc.
- 1.5% Other - cost of retail

Income by Category
(As a percentage of total budget)

- 84.1% Contributions
- 11.4% Fees for Services - Adoption, Spay/Neuter, Retail
- 4.5% Grants
THANK YOU TO OUR Paw Pals*
...MORE THAN 180 DONORS WHO GIVE TO SAFE HAVEN MONTHLY!

*Join our Paw Pals at safehavenforcats.org

Abigail Caitlin Jackson   D. M. Baker   Juan L & Jacqueline L. Granados
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Alicia Bailey             Debbie & Stephen Mitchell  Julie L. Stone
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Bruce and Penni Miles    Heather Kent       Linda Yarnell
Bruce C. Lorenc          Heather Settle     Lisa Daley
Bruce Kovar              Holly Heath-Shepad & Tom Shepard
Bruna Pegoraro Brylawski  Horace Mercer Johnson Jr.  Lisa Figueroa, MD
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Carol A Dowe              Jane Pritchard     Malia and Ben Lang
Carol Heck                Janelle & Charles Babington  Mara Wooten
Carol J H Goin           Jani McCreary      Margaret & Norman Dean
Carolyn Kotlas           Jean Knott       Margaret Hinton
Cathy Biondi & Larry Robertson  Jeanne and Austin R. Maher  Margaret Lockard
Charlene Lowell           Jeanne Simmons & Mike Gyurko  Maria & Albert Dimeglio
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                           Penny Rhodes Farnell  Peter Shaw
                           Phyliss Petree      Preston & Lana Wagner
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                           Ronald Thien Le  Ruth Covington
                           Ryan S Richmond  Sandra Des Roche
                           Sara Mitchell      Senia Reddiboyina
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                           Shirley S. and Ralph Gary Wallace  Sid & Carla Dalis
                           Stacey Hamilton and Joel Burt
                           Sue Bathgate      Sue Minns
                           Sue Neuman        Susan and Matt Doherty
                           Susan E. Anderson  Susan K Byrd
                           Susan K Byrd       T J & Ashley Nevis
                           Tammy Cox        Theresa Kelly
                           Thomas E Feuerstein  Tina and Brian Shoaf
                           Tommy & Jeanette Smith  Tony T Tschopp
                           Tracy Gieger & Michael Durkin  Trisha Hasch
                           Vicki Lynn Mills   Wallis Cooper
                           Wendy Alling      William Kerr
                           Wilma Sieczkowski
Let Your Love for Cats Live on as Your Legacy.

SAFE HAVEN FOR CATS LEGACY SOCIETY

Please let us know if you have included SAFE Haven for Cats in your estate plans so we may thank you and recognize you as a member of the SAFE Haven Legacy Society. The Society celebrates members who have included SAFE Haven for Cats in their Estate Plans.

Bonnie C. Andrews  
Peter Emil Campbell*  
Nell Coletta  
Clyde M. and Eunice I. Crider  
Sidney and Carla Dalis  
Annick deFramond  
Leah L. Dey  
Alice Dulaney  
Michael & Joy Ferrell  
Kay M. Flynn*  
Diane Hardy  
Trisha L. Hasch  
Bernice Holshouser  
Nancy and John Lambert  
Lisa and Dave Loiselle

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Doug Rickert  
Christine and David Sabio  
Mark and Katie Selph  
Irena and James Smith  
Sandy Weinstien  
Deanna Springall and Sally Wilging  
Angela Tedesco  
Ron and Ana Tuckman  
10 Anonymous Donors

*Deceased

Please consider including SAFE Haven for Cats in your will or other estate plans. You can guarantee stray and abandoned cats and kittens can be helped, whenever they are in need, while considering your needs and tax-planning strategies. We would be glad to discuss any planned giving option with you – in confidence and without obligation. For more information, please call Pam Miller at (919) 582-7834 or email us at Pam@safehavenforcats.org

You may designate SAFE Haven for Cats in your will, living trust, insurance policy, or other estate plans in any of the following ways:

- Name SAFE Haven for Cats as the beneficiary of a specific amount or percentage of your estate/trust.
- Name SAFE Haven for Cats as the beneficiary of your retirement account (or a portion of it). This can include an IRA, 401(k), 403(b), Keogh plan, or other qualified retirement plan.
- Life Insurance – name SAFE Haven for Cats as the primary or secondary beneficiary.
- Stocks or bank accounts – name SAFE Haven for Cats as the direct charity to “transfer upon death”.

Gifts now:
SAFE Haven appreciatively welcomes gifts of Required Minimum Distributions from IRA’s and stocks, bonds and mutual funds too! Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs) are becoming an increasingly popular way to provide financial support to SAFE Haven.

SAFE Haven announces the “Serenity Surviving Cat Program”

At SAFE Haven for Cats we are frequently contacted by caring cat owners who are making plans for their cats in their estates. If there are no friends or family members who are willing or able to care for your cats, it is possible to have peace of mind through your estate plan and the Serenity Surviving Cat Program. For more information, please contact pam@safehavenforcats.org.
SAFE Haven Media Recap

Whether social or traditional, SAFE Haven was in the news many times this past year. Local media such as WRAL, WTVD, WNCN, Spectrum and the News & Observer turned to SAFE Haven for expert help in explaining the cat issues of our day. We were showcased for the work we did with the cats from Hurricane Florence. SAFE Haven was also featured in Midtown Magazine and was on WRAL presenting the “Pet of the Day” every month.

No matter the event...the “Black Friday Adoption Event”, “Spaygetti & No Balls” Dinner or Kitten Palooza...Facebook is the place to find out what is going on at SAFE Haven and interact with our online community. Our #4everSAFE campaign (which encourages people to post pictures of the cats they adopt from SAFE Haven) has hundreds of shared photos and comments.

It’s Your Birthday

One easy way to help SAFE Haven is to set up a Birthday Fundraiser on Facebook. After all, how many of us need another coffee mug, bookmark or picture frame? Feel good about yourself and set up a birthday fundraiser for the cats.

Thanks to all those who set up birthday fundraisers in the last year:

Abby Turner
Adrienne Hawks
Aimee Lee Charbonneau
Alanna Xavier
Alison Brittaney
Amanda Graves Rivera
Amanda Herlacher
Amanda Hockaday Langley
Anastasia Watson
Angelaova Keith
Anna Kleipinger
Annette Corona
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IF WE DO NOT HAVE YOUR E-Mail you are definitely missing out. There is an envelope in this newsletter. Simply fill out your name and e-mail and drop it in the mail to us, OR on the bottom of our website home page there is a huge box to “sign up for our newsletter!”

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JOIN US IN CELEBRATING
SAFE HAVEN’S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

25th Anniversary

When SAFE Haven for Cats was officially launched in 1994, it took up less than 500 square feet – the size of founder Pam Miller’s garage. Inspired by the no-kill movement and hooked on the satisfaction of finding homes for her neighbor’s 23 kitties, she filled her garage with cat cages and turned it into the first SAFE Haven shelter. Pam made rescuing cats her mission and that persistence has paid off, because this year we’re turning 25 years old!

Since we began, we have found homes for more than 10,300 cats and fixed 34,000 felines with our low-cost spay/neuter services. That’s OVER 40,000 feline lives changed with your help. **YOU are the secret to our success** as you can see from all the good news in this newsletter.

To our adopters, supporters, our volunteers, our partners: **THANK YOU** for taking this journey with us over the last 25 years and making a difference in these cats’, and our own, lives. We are grateful to have found such a caring community of cat lovers.

If you haven’t been a part of the SAFE Haven community during the last 25 years, we invite you to be a part of our next 25! Whether your contribution is time or money, supplies or encouragement, you can help us save 40,000 more cats over the next two decades, and you can change the fates of thousands of cats in your community.
My SAFE Haven Story

Share your story about the SAFE Haven cats that have become part of your family, the cats that have made a difference in your life as you volunteer, the reason you donate to the Pet Food Pantry or SAFE Haven in general. How have you been part of the SAFE Haven community? At our website and on Facebook using the hashtag #4eversafe, there is a place to post your cat’s photos and tell your SAFE Haven story like these folks below.

In addition, be sure to go on our website and purchase some of our 25th Anniversary Merchandise
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Join us on **Saturday, October 5** for the **seventh annual Run for their Lives 5K and Cat Fest**

**Saturday, October 5, 2019**
8:00 – 11:30 am

**Events:** Competitive 5K & Fun Run/Walk – dogs and strollers welcome

**Pricing:**
- Early Bird through August 31: $15
- Sept. 1 – Oct. 4: $20
- Day of Race: $25
- Souvenir Race Tee Shirt: $8

Registration is now open at [https://SAFEHavenRunforTheirLives5KCatFest.itsyourrace.com/register](https://SAFEHavenRunforTheirLives5KCatFest.itsyourrace.com/register)

*Part of the Triangle Race Series presented by Precision Race and sponsored by Omega Sports*

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**About Seventh Annual Run for Their Lives 5K Run/Walk and Cat Fest**

Run for Their Lives is a 3.1 mile (5K) in North Raleigh for animal lovers and in particular cat lovers. The race will start and finish at SAFE Haven for Cats near the corner of Durant Road and Capital Boulevard in North Raleigh and participants will run/walk on a USATF certified course. There is a timed competitive race as well as a recreational walk where dogs and strollers are welcome. Join fellow animal lovers in warm-ups before tackling a unique course that may be new to you. Our 5K features some long grades up and down, a view of a geese-filled lake and a challenging start and finish.

**THEN STAY FOR CAT FEST!**

A full day of fantastic fun with the 5K Walk/Run, Cat Yoga, Cat Crafts, Photography Tips, Shelter Tours, Pet-Friendly Vendors, Music, Vegetarian and Vegan Lunch, Bouncy Obstacle Course and much more.

**5K starts at $15**

**Cat Fest Tickets only $10**
*(children under 12 free and includes lunch)*

**Adopt a cat for just $50 at Cat Fest.**
**OUR MISSION:** To use no-kill principles and education to save cats’ lives through rescue, adoption, spay/neuter services and community programs.

**OUR VISION:** To be the industry leader in ending euthanasia to control animal population and eliminate pet homelessness.

**OUR CORE VALUES:**

**SAFE Haven for Cats believes that:**

- Every animal and human at SAFE Haven is an individual being with a personality, feelings, intrinsic worth and value. As such, they will be treated with respect and care in a non-judgmental, safe environment.

- We will always exist as a 501(c)(3) no-kill organization and strive to find homes for every adoptable, treatable and recoverable cat we accept.

- Community volunteers are a vital part of our success and we acknowledge and celebrate their contributions.

- Affordable sterilization, community education and trap/neuter/return are proven methods to stop euthanasia as a means of population control for companion animals.

- No animal will ever be adopted before sterilization.

- No animal will be euthanized except in the case of illness, injury or other condition from which they cannot recover, and only by lethal injection.

- Partnering, collaborating and advocating with other organizations and government agencies increases our ability to benefit these animals and save lives.

### Calendar of Upcoming Events - Save the Dates!

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Pauleen says THANK YOU
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