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**SEPTEMBER 2021**



**CELEBRATING and SHARING  
our LIFESAVING SUCCESS!**

Annual Report:  
July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

# Message from Pam Miller, Founder & President

Dear Friends of SAFE Haven,

With our expansion complete, we are embracing the current year with renewed dedication to lifesaving – **thanks to you!**

As you will read in this annual report, we have accomplished much in the past 12 months.

- **Found homes for 941 cats** and kittens through our adoption program
- **Sterilized almost 2,000 kitties** in the SAFE Care Clinic
- **Completed our 12,000th adoption!** (See photo of Jaxin on page 4)
- **Began a partnership with our friends** at the Purr Cup Café, Raleigh's first and only cat café



This summer, we celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the SAFE Care Spay Neuter Clinic and the completion of 36,000 surgeries. Our ambitious goal this year alone will be 5,000 surgeries in our expanded facility. I know you will agree that spaying and neutering every cat (and dog) we can is the fastest and most effective way to reduce euthanasia in the Triangle.

And we are making great progress together. When I started in animal welfare 29 years ago, we were putting 17.5 million dogs and cats to sleep every year in the United States. Today that figure is under 500,000 per year. Still a lot, but so much progress! We are going in the right direction and faster than ever.

With our programs and services at SAFE Haven, last year, we helped people and animals in 24 North Carolina counties. Wake County is hovering at around a 10% euthanasia rate for cats. Some of our neighboring counties are as high as 68%. With your help, we can continue to help people in this part of the State, decrease unwanted births, and eliminate euthanasia of healthy animals once and for all!

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pamela Miller".

Pamela Miller  
Founder & President



Every photo of a cat in this newsletter is a cat who was saved and adopted by SAFE Haven – **Thanks to YOU.**

# 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. **We provided services to 6,678 animals and people this year** (an 8% increase) at a cost of \$180.81 each. The only way we were able to meet this challenge and provide these vital services was with the support of **290 gracious volunteers who donated 11,331 hours** of time this year with a value of \$323,401. In addition, \$49,769 worth of food, towels, beds, and other in-kind services were donated in 2020/2021.



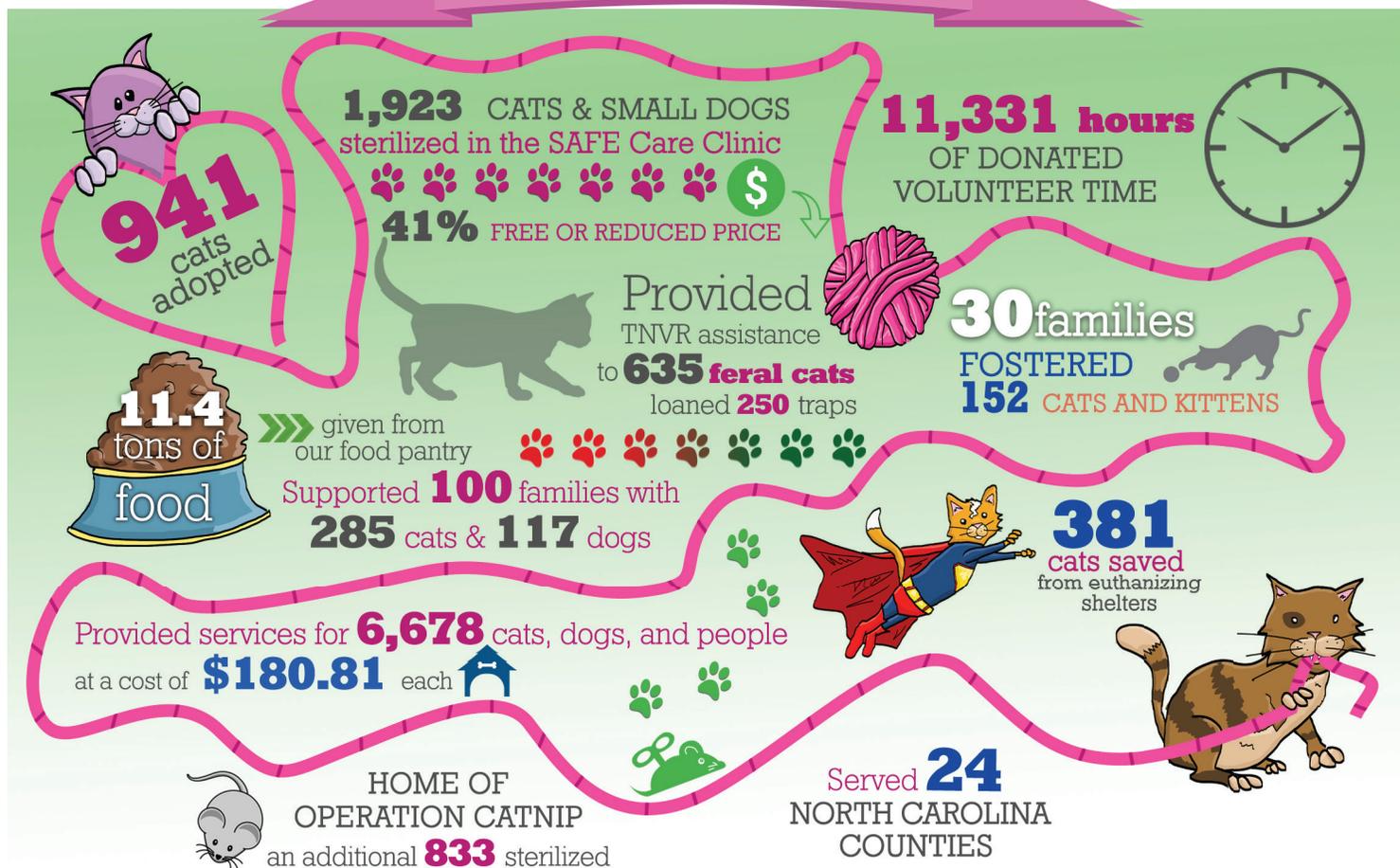
*Thanks to all our partners in the business  
of saving lives . . . .*

## SAFE HAVEN'S AMAZING

2020

# Achievements

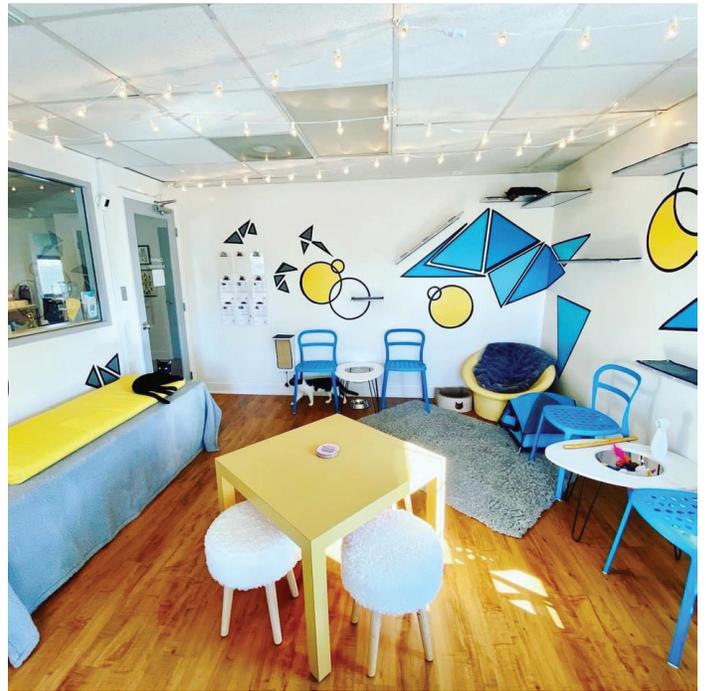
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# Adoption Program Recap

## 941 Cats and Kittens Find Happy Homes!

The expansion we completed in 2020 has had the impact we planned for! As a result, **we adopted almost one hundred more cats this year** and that was during the pandemic! A better physical environment is also helping cats get adopted faster. The average length of stay for a stray cat in our shelter is twenty days. One hundred and fifty-two of these kitties also spent time in one of our thirty foster homes. Kittens and young adults made up the bulk of our foster placements although one foster cat was fourteen years old.



Also, part of our expansion, our partnership with the Purr Cup Café (right) where **92 cats have been adopted.**



In June, Jaxin became our **12,000th adoption!**

He went home to a lovely family in Raleigh – with a prize package full of everything a kitty could need.

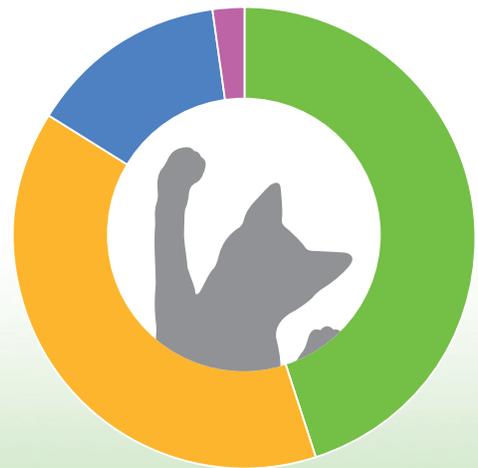
# Adoption Program Recap

## Who are these 941 cats?

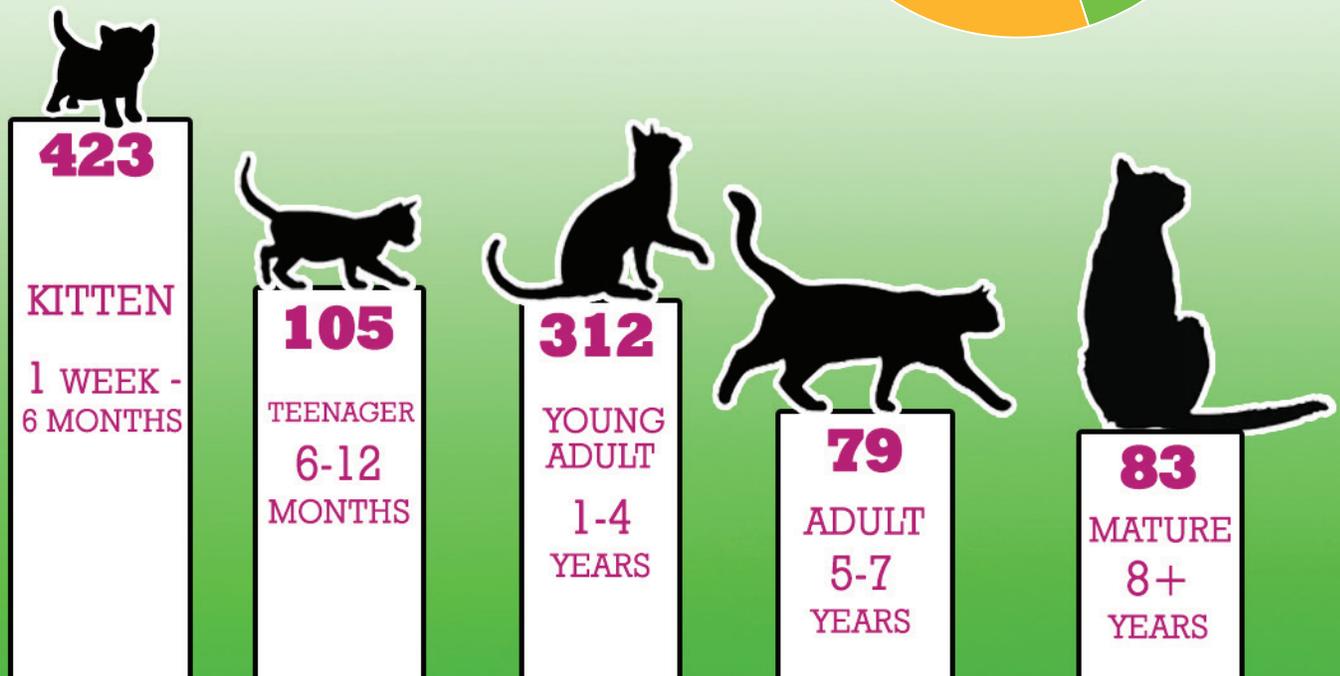
People are always curious about where all these cats come from. Well, here is the answer! They were all former stray, abandoned, injured, or orphaned cats and kittens – mostly from the Triangle.

### Where they came from . . .

- 45% stray cats directly from the community
- 14% life of the cat in danger
- 39% partner Euthanizing Shelters (Johnston County, Wilson County, Franklin County, Wake County and Granville County Animal Shelters)
- 2% abandoned at the shelter



**This year, our cats were 50.6% female and 49.4% male**



# Our Community Cares— And it Shows!

SAFE Haven places many cats each year that come to us in not-quite-perfect condition. After all, these are all stray, abandoned, orphaned, and sometimes injured cats and kittens. How we wish they could talk to us and tell us where they have been, but we make a commitment to restore them to health and find them a permanent home regardless of their former circumstances. Here are some examples of what your support makes possible.

## Tilda

This beautiful five-year-old kitty was brought to us by a kind person who found her wandering around in Zebulon. Thank goodness they did because this kitty has very little sight! Not to worry though – she got adopted by one of our volunteer adoption counselors after being at SAFE Haven for only a month.



## Fancie

This fourteen-year-old declawed kitty was surrendered to our county shelter because the owners were moving and could not take her. She came with untreated thyroid disease that made her very thin. In addition, she had early kidney disease. Fancie was at the shelter for eight months while we got her stabilized with medication, proper food, great vet care, and loads of love. She was adopted by a couple in their late 70's who absolutely adore her.

## Grimm

This twelve-year-old kitty was abandoned at our shelter. Boy, was his mouth a mess! After he had his teeth cleaned and four extractions, he was feeling much better and got adopted shortly after.



## Our Community Cares continued

### Juniper

Not a young cat at thirteen, Juniper was surrendered to our local county shelter because of a move. She also was not spayed! After sterilization and getting caught up on her vaccines, Juniper went to our partners at the Purr Cup Café and got adopted there.

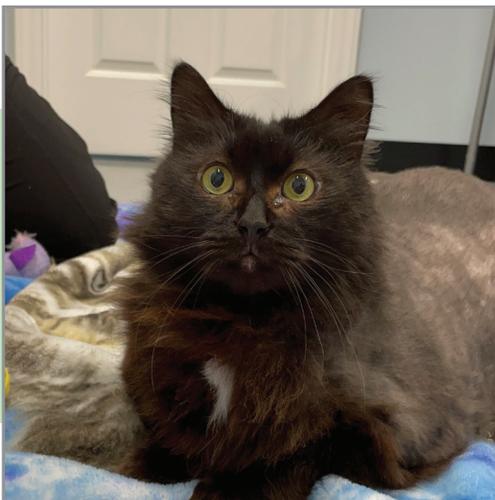


### Billie

Sweet Billie, who is twelve years old, was left at SAFE Haven with a heartbreaking note that said, “We just want her to have a good life and we don’t think that will happen with us.” How sad! After extensive dental work, this kitty did go to a great life in a new home.

### Dillon

This adorable one-year-old orange and white kitty came to us with a non-union calcaneus fracture – in other words a healed broken ankle. It did not cause him any discomfort and our vets decided against any surgery. Shortly after, he left the shelter with his new family.



### Darth

Darth was a bit of a mess when he came to us! He definitely needed the spa treatment and was so matted he had to be completely shaved! He also needed some lower calorie food (22#!). Soon, he was on the way to his new life.

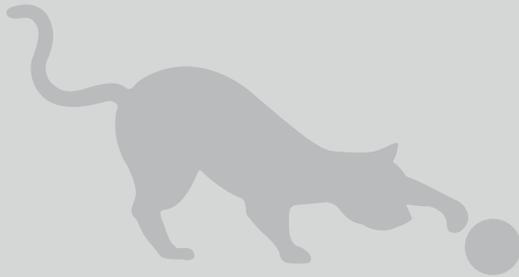
# Fear Free Training

Many of SAFE Haven's staff and volunteers have completed Fear Free Training to improve the experiences of the cats in our shelter. In addition, through a dedicated program of feline enrichment (examples below), we strive to address the emotional needs of the cats in our care. These are some of the ways we help our kitties stay mentally stimulated and calm.



## The Daily Enrichment Log

1	Cat	Location	Olfactory	Visual	Tactile	Auditory	Taste	Mental stimulation	Observations
2	Ashburn	AF					Temptations	Office time	
3	Carmelita	AF			Kong toy		temptations/pieces of kibble in kong		Loves to get kibble out keeps her busy
4	Catsy Cline	AF					temptations	Playroom	
5	Chapman	AF			Petting++/Brushing++		temptations		Love jingle bell ball/ his coat said thank you!
6	Conway Kitty	AF			Playroom+		temptations	Office time	
7	Herman	AF			Petting++		temptations		
8	Jimbo	AF			Petting++		temptations		



**Olfactory** - Growing kitty grass and catnip

**Visual** - Playing with the cats with laser pointers and bird-like toys; watching videos of birds and squirrels

**Auditory** - Playing music or bird calls

**Tactical** - Providing boxes and crinkle paper

**Taste** - Tuna juice ice cubes and lots of treats!

## What the kitties are saying about enrichment!



*"Puzzles with feeders. It's like the Reese's Cup of enrichment!"* -Carmelita



*"A little afternoon Bird TV relaxes me!"*  
- Nadirah



*"Just keep on furminating me!"*  
-Jonah



*"Enrichment is Chicken Soup for the Shelter Cat Soul"* - Conway Kitty

# SAFE Care Clinic Impact on our Community



This summer, the SAFE Care Clinic celebrated twenty years of spaying and neutering! One of only a handful of low cost clinics in the State, we have **completed over 36,000 surgeries!** (Almost 2,000 in 2020/2021.)

Imagine if each one of these cats had a litter of four kittens, who themselves had kittens at 6 months. Well, you do the math . That is a lot of kittens! There probably are not enough homes for all of them.

## Our goals for the SAFE Care Clinic are simple:

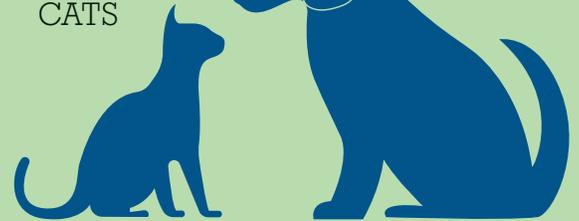
- 🐾 Decrease euthanasia through low-cost sterilization of cats and dogs.
- 🐾 Increase our capacity year after year. **This year's goal is 5,000 surgeries!**
- 🐾 Reduce wait times for appointments by half.
- 🐾 Reduce the price for these services.

## Who came to the SAFE Care Clinic in 2020/2021?

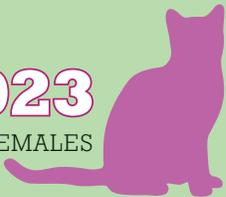


1,794  
CATS

149  
DOGS



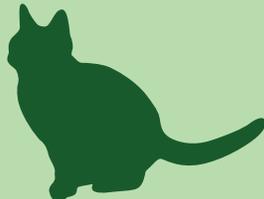
1,023  
FEMALES



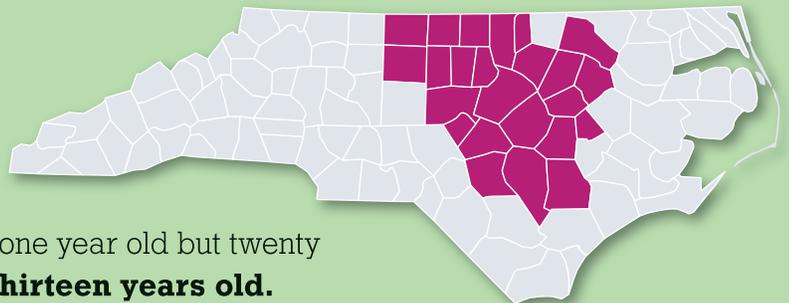
920  
MALES



428  
FERAL CATS  
CAME IN TRAPS



They came from **24** counties around Raleigh. The farthest drove from Graham (120 miles round trip). **Why?** Because there are only 17 clinics like ours in the entire state.



The majority of these cats and dogs were under one year old but twenty six cats were over five years old. **One cat was thirteen years old.** **Imagine how many litters they produced!**

# SAFE Care Clinic continued

We do not turn anyone away from the SAFE Care Clinic. Last year, **41% did not pay the full price and 75% had not had any veterinary care in the past year.** Events like Spay-ghetti and No Balls are ways we raise funds for the clinic.

We sterilized **917 cats and kittens as a vital service to 11 cat rescue groups and humane societies** in the Triangle, so they will never have to adopt out unsterilized animals. These groups include Beyond Fences, Franklin County Animal Services, FCAS/Paws for Life, Marden's Ark/Marden's Cat Tales, Purr Partners, the SPCA of Franklin County, Saving Grace, Best Friend Pet Adoption, Neshama Animal Rescue, Alley Cats and Angels, and the Friends of Wake County Kitty Clip and Pit Stop Program.



## Foundation Grants

As you might imagine, unlike human causes, there are very few grants available for animals. Although grants make up a small percentage of our income, SAFE Haven wants to gratefully acknowledge the support of the following for the SAFE Care Clinic: *The Margaret T. Petrie Spaying and Neutering Foundation and Humane Society of the U.S. Spay Together Grant*

## SAFE Haven's TNVR Mission

Part of the expansion of our services allowed us to lower our sterilization fees for feral cats to only \$30, including vaccines! Why? Because there are around 70 million feral cats in the United States and plenty here in the Triangle. Sterilization reduces these numbers and euthanasia.

### What is that ear tip?

Have you seen a cat with the tip of its left ear removed? That signifies that that cat has already been sterilized!



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

- We loan humane traps and provide training and support to safely catch elusive cats. (Over 250 loaned per year.)
- We provide classes on TNVR to the community.
- We maintain a confidential, third-party registry that can help reclaim a feral cat in Wake County at safecareclinic.org.
- We provide free food for feral colony caretakers.
- We are the home of Operation Catnip, the Triangle's oldest feral cat sterilization program, which is hosted one Sunday a month at SAFE Care. Operation Catnip sterilized 833 feral cats last year.

### Make your Spay/Neuter Appointment

**Call:** 919 872-7730

**Email:** info@safecareclinic.org

**Website:** safecareclinic.org

### DOGS

4 to 40#- \$100 (Male)

4 to 40#- \$110 (Female)

### CATS

\$65 male

\$75 female

\$30 feral cat

**Basic package includes:** sterilization, exam, pain meds, rabies, and distemper vaccines. Additional services available: FeLV/FIV testing (cats), microchip, deworming, FeLV Vaccine (cats), heartworm testing (dogs) and parasite control.

# Volunteer Program Recap

## Celebrating SAFE Haven's Incredible Volunteers



*New Volunteer Reception Area at the Shelter*

This year, hundreds of volunteers selflessly donated over 11,331 hours of their time to our animal shelter and clinic. The value of this donation is \$323,401 according to the Independent Sector. Our volunteers find value here and stay a long time. In fact, this year, 13 volunteers celebrated 10 years of service, and 36 have served more than five years at SAFE Haven. Please think about joining them.

**Here are some of our volunteer roles** and the wonderful people who helped the cats this past year. As you can see, we have something for everyone! Please join us by going to our website and filling out a volunteer application. You will be contacted by Ginger Rice, our Volunteer Coordinator.

### **Board of Directors**

Jill Odom, Chair; Mary Ka Powers, Vice Chair; Leslie Karlsson, Treasurer; Janet Hensel, Tom O'Larnic, Elizabeth Moss Ohrberg, Shelby Kinsey, R. Lynn Coleman, Becky Loyd, Lori Taylor, Cathy Easop, Pam Miller, Patti Godin, and Doug Eader. Finance Committee: Pam Glines and Lauren Darr

### **Cleaning Captains and Litter Box Crew—**

Come to the shelter and scoop, tidy up, refill waters, do laundry, mop floors, and more!

#### **Cleaning Captains**

Gary Bolz, Kelly Bolz, Nancy Canterbury, Dawn Fulks, Janet Hensel, Melanie Loury, Gina Southall, Donna Stiles, Amy White, Mike Yarnell

#### **Litter Box Crew**

Harry Bradburn, Mari Cargle, Taylor Cowan, Christine Duffy-Gill, Jennifer Escoubas, Katie Furnas, Lilah Halbkat, Carolyn Haley, Jordyn Herring, Gretchen Hogg-O'Briant, Melanie Hood Pittenger, Olga Lobastova, Melanie Loury, Tara Parris, Katelyn Rhynders, Tiffany Rosa, John Sabol, Mike Yarnell

**Tabby Cabby**—Transport cats to veterinary specialists for treatments, pick up cats at other shelters (like Wake County and Johnston County), or deliver food to needy cats!

Susan Adinolfi, Connie Burns, Rosa Chrismon, Pat McLaughlin, Chris Tackett

**Congratulations** also to Ginger and all our volunteers. SAFE Haven was voted the "Best Place in the Triangle to Volunteer" at the WRAL Voter's Choice Awards in 2020.

**Mouse Makers**—Help assemble catnip mouse toys that are sold at area veterinarian's offices (and given to all SAFE Haven kitties at adoption.)

Gail Bauer, Suzanne Caso, Janet Hensel, Melanie Loury, Gail Krywenko, Sue Minns

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

Melanie Loury, Rob Loury, Janet Hensel, Inez Leyden, Sue Minns, Kristen Elliott, Patrick Elliott, Kristine Barlekamp, Mari Cargle, Bill Tallitsch, Carter Hildreth

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

Chris Ault, Susan Bartholomew, Rosa Chrismon, Ruth Covington, Patricia Crowe, Lilah Halbkat, Rachel Hanley, Michelle Hansen, Heather Hensley, Kerry Holbrook, Dianne LaPlante, Lisa Loiselle, Pat McLaughlin, Kristal Roebuck, Lindsay Russ, Carmen Samples, Sydney Santoro, Elyse Schmidt, Susan Smith, Chris Tackett, Pamela Williams, Peggy Wyatt

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

Wendy Abrams, Susan Bartholomew, Gail Bauer, Kelly Bolz, Janine Dodds, Lisa Karner, Nadine Maloney, Barbara Mason, Mark McClintock, Mike Payne, Kristal Roebuck, Peggy Wyatt

# Volunteer Program Recap continued

**Clinic Helpers**—Clean and restock the spay/neuter clinic after a busy day of surgery. Help make appointments, check in kitties and doggies in the morning, or clean and repack surgical instruments.

Kris Adamson, Molly Albright, Jordyn Herring, Gretchen Hogg-O'Briant, Cheryl Kay, Melanie Loury, Sue Minns, Mary Nell Murphy, Robert Spencer, Cady van Venrooy

**Foster Home Provider**—Take a SAFE Haven rescued cat into your home for two to four weeks, giving them the gift of time, attention, and love. Or take a permanent foster of a kitty who has a good quality of life, but because of a medical condition, cannot be currently adopted.

Michaela Anderson, Donna Bell, Sarah Buddendeck, Molly Carty, Shirley Coltrane, Adrienne Drollette, Liz Elliott, Elizabeth Gardner, Julie Gillen, Teri Goodrich, Victoria Gordon & Abi Kusam, Lynda Harris & Paul Zipin, Traci Highsmith, Stacy Ingham, Lisa Karner, Brittaney Keene, Terri Kelly, Shelby Kinsey, Lisa Loiselle, Yuliya Likhnygina, Becky Loyd, Lisa Matthews, Sue Minns, Oliva Rae Mohan, Jacqui Murphy, Melissa & Andy Nowel, Allison Parker, Hailey Redlich, Becky Rose, Marla Spencer, Chris Tackett, Kristin Turk, Heather Vita, Margaret Woodlief, Mike Yarnell

## Medical Fosters

Michelle Bergeron, Hillary Brown, Gina Hilton, Sparky MacMillan, Nadine Maloney, Eileen Nicholas, Melissa & Andy Nowel, Ginger Rice, Brittany Richard

**Administrative Volunteers**—Help with all the record keeping that goes with running a non-profit organization! Help us provide excellent customer service with timely information about our services to the animal loving public.

Rosa Chrismon, Gretchen Hogg-O'Briant, Lisa Loiselle, Sue Minns, Judy Richardson

**Although we did not have any special events in 2020/2021, they are coming back this year. We participate in many street fairs and festivals, educational events, and of course, host our own events like the Tuxedo Cat Ball (April 22, 2022). We will have many volunteer opportunities this year at events.**



## Additional volunteers who participate in shelter cleaning or events!

Wendy Abrams  
Kristine Adamson  
Susan Adinolfi  
Meredyth Albright  
Ellen Anderberg  
Cambree Anderson  
Chris Ault  
Dave Ault  
Ruth Austin  
Krisha Avula  
Lisa Bachelder  
Jeremy Badger  
Abby Baker-Sample  
Kristine Barlekamp  
Serenity Barstow  
Susan Bartholomew  
Claudia Batts  
Gail Bauer  
Caroline Becker  
Joe Belna

George Bennett  
Cathy Biondi  
Amy Black  
Karen Blackard  
Camryn Blackard  
Hanna Bobrysheva  
Europa Bodnar  
Kelly Bolz  
Gary Bolz  
Anna Boodee  
Izzy Borkowski  
Harry Bradburn  
Jessica Brill  
Cherrie Brothers  
Sarah Buddendeck  
Melina Bulger  
Kathy Burke  
Connie Burns  
Nancy Canterbury  
Mari Cargle

Malena Carlsson  
Mary Carver  
Sydney Case  
Nahria Cassell  
Nadia Cavallo  
Rosa Chrismon  
Jan Cooper  
Ruth Covington  
Taylor Cowan  
Jack Craig  
Patricia Crowe  
Audrey Cummings  
Georgia Cummings  
Estella Davila  
Linda Davis  
Lindsay Davis  
Katie Davis  
Angela Day  
Agustin de Sousa Rosa  
Matthew Denton

Chelsea Deodene  
Sonya Detwiler  
Ciara Dew  
Lary Dial  
Gayle Dietzel  
Madison Dirks  
Janine Dodds  
Jackie Dornan  
Hailey Downs  
Adrienne Drollette  
Christine Duffy-Gill  
Heather Dunn  
Michael Dunn  
Jessica Dwight  
Hannah Ellington  
Kristen Elliott  
Patrick Elliott  
Betty Ellison  
Erin Ellison  
Jennifer Escoubas

## Additional Volunteers who help at the shelter and elsewhere! (As of June 30, 2021)

Zora Falkowski  
 Isabella Fanelli  
 Oliver Fesko  
 Stephen Franceschelli  
 Katherine Franceschelli  
 Nicole Friedlander  
 Dawn Fulks  
 Michelle Furesz  
 Katie Furnas  
 Liza Futrell  
 Brianna Gambacini  
 Jessica Garrett  
 Abigail Geason  
 Laura-Joelle Geschwindt  
 Trinity Gill  
 Steve Gillespie  
 Pam Glines  
 Laura Goodman  
 Samantha Gordon  
 Robin Gorham  
 Hannah Gray  
 Madeline Guerra  
 Nora Guldner  
 Preston Hahn  
 Lilah Halbkat  
 Carol Haley  
 Jessica Hancock  
 Rachel Hanley  
 Michelle Hansen  
 Lynda Harris  
 Darcy Harris  
 Haadiyah Hasan  
 Habeebah Hasan  
 Linnea Heid  
 Sarah Heinsohn  
 Janet Hensel  
 Heather Hensley  
 Jordyn Herring  
 Grace Herring  
 Lynne Hildreth  
 Carter Hildreth  
 Gina Hilton  
 Nancy Hoeger  
 Jada Hoffman  
 Gretchen Hogg-O'Briant  
 Kerry Holbrook  
 Melanie Hood Pittenger  
 Shirley Hopkins  
 Cameron Hopper  
 Tabatha Howell  
 Omar Jamal  
 Suzy Kaelin  
 Cindy Kametches  
 Lisa Karner  
 Cheryl Kay  
 Terri Kelly  
 Aiden Kelly  
 Shelby Kinsey  
 Kennedy Kistler  
 Kayla Korke  
 Charlotte Kurland  
 Zack LaMay  
 Robert Lampert  
 Lily Langdon

Laurel Lapish  
 Chloe Lapish  
 Dianne LaPlante  
 Savanna LaPrad  
 Anne Larson  
 Morgan Laurio  
 Peyton Lawson  
 Jacob Lee  
 Inez Leyden  
 Olga Lobastova  
 Lisa Loiselle  
 Chandler Lopes  
 Sophia Lopez  
 Melanie Loury  
 Rob Loury  
 Katherine Lucas  
 Aaron Lucas  
 Renee Luongo  
 Sparky MacMillan  
 Daniel Macri  
 Nadine Maloney  
 Christopher Mann  
 Christopher Martin  
 Ashley Masingale  
 Barbara Mason  
 Campbell Massengill  
 Maddie Matal  
 Corrie Matheny  
 Luke Matheny  
 Stephanie McBroom  
 Mark McClintock  
 Pat McLaughlin  
 Gabrielle Miller  
 David Miller  
 Sue Minns  
 Kara Mlakar  
 Lauren Moreton  
 Kasey Morton  
 Elizabeth Moss Ohrberg  
 Jo Murphree  
 Mary Murphy  
 Jennifer Murphy  
 Mikaela Murphy  
 Sydney Nguyen  
 Elizabeth Nicholaidis  
 Jana Nietmann  
 James Nietmann  
 Mary Blake Nobles  
 Kimberly Northam  
 Sara Nuebler  
 Emily Nutter  
 Sofia Oates  
 Ryan O'Cain  
 Daria Oliva  
 Licieli Olivo  
 Emily Ollice  
 Nicole Owen  
 Julie Papay  
 Gale Paradis  
 Brian Parker  
 Tara Parris  
 Reilly Patterson  
 Erin Patterson  
 Anwasha Pietsch

Mike Payne  
 Yahir Perez-Lora  
 Ben Perry  
 Lynelle Perry  
 Matthew Phillips  
 Mary Ka Powers  
 Arianna Purvis  
 Autumn Raymond  
 Katelyn Rhynders  
 Lisa Rice  
 Brittany Richard  
 Dick Richardson  
 Judy Richardson  
 Ava Riggs  
 Nancy Ritter  
 Leigh Ann Robertson  
 Jacki Roques  
 Kristal Roebuck  
 Rachel Rogers  
 Tiffany Rosa  
 Rachel Rosinsky  
 Dean Rush  
 Lindsay Russ  
 John Sabol  
 Carmen Samples  
 Ken Samples  
 Suzette Santamaria  
 Sydney Santoro  
 James Schlossberg  
 Elyse Schmidt  
 Ellie Schneider  
 Linda Shafer  
 Elena Shapiro-Albert  
 Haley Shea  
 Lucy Shearer  
 Tyler Silverio  
 Jeanne Simmons  
 Julianna Simmons  
 Vicki Skeen  
 Matthew Smalley  
 Susan Smith  
 Nicole Smith

Stacy Smith  
 Kara Smith  
 Gina Southall  
 Marla Spencer  
 Robert Spencer  
 John Sprague  
 Rebecca Stephen  
 Taylor Stiles  
 Donna Stiles  
 Chris Tackett  
 Julie Tallitsch  
 Bill Tallitsch  
 Lynne Taylor  
 Iona Taylor  
 Paula Trexler  
 Danielle Tsukuda  
 Lillian Turner  
 Mary Grace Ussary  
 Cady van Venrooy  
 Alicia Villa  
 Karen Wahle  
 Chrys Ward-Baker  
 Carissa Warta  
 Logan Weatherman  
 Amy White  
 Anna-Grace Wilkinson  
 Pamela Williams  
 Kathy Willis  
 Andrea Wilson  
 Pressley Wilson  
 Tammie Wilson  
 Haley Wooten  
 Peggy Wyatt  
 Michael Yarnell  
 Nell Yen  
 Matthew Yoon  
 Duncan Youmans  
 Lindsey Youmans  
 Chloe Youmans  
 Paul Zipin  
 Grace Zobkiw



# Community Outreach & Education Programs Recap

## The Pet Food Pantry

Last year, we **distributed 11.4 tons of food, supporting 100 families** with 285 cats and 117 dogs. People in need can apply for help from the Pantry. 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 100% of their pets are spayed and neutered. In fact, this year we sterilized 71 cats and 3 dogs who were Pet Food Pantry recipients. Last year, we held two very successful pet food drives for the Pantry.



*Look for an announcement of a Pet Food Pantry Donation Drive for this Fall.*



*We have a wonderful crew of dedicated volunteers at the PFP. Here they are in action at our monthly distribution.*



In the past two years, several hundred people have come to “classes” at SAFE Haven’s Feline Fundamentals series. They have gotten a lot out of classes on Cat Enrichment, Senior Cat Health, the Basics of TNVR, and Emergency Planning for Your Pets. We are working towards getting our classes restarted after a yearlong absence. **Watch for more details in the near future.**

## The Purr Cup Café

Our cats are really loving the attention and exposure they get at our partner, the Purr Cup Café. Raleigh’s only cat café opened in October 2020 and as of this writing, 92 SAFE Haven cats have been adopted. We appreciate everything Sarah and Arthur, the owners of the Café, do for the SAFE Haven kitties.

**The café is located at 210 Prospect Avenue, Raleigh. Visit [purrcupcafe.com](http://purrcupcafe.com) to book a visit with the cats while enjoying great coffee, beer, or wine.**





# WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOU



**Thanks to 8,393 individual gifts** from compassionate animal people, SAFE Haven met its financial goals this past fiscal year. Additionally, we successfully managed our expenses and benefited from \$323,401 of donated time from our volunteers. Over \$49,769 of cat food, paper towels, toys, litter, and other supplies were donated to the cats.

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 – 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 person/cat in our community who needs it, and the support of our donors is vital to our 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.



**Note:** Many people ask us why we are not rated on Charity Navigator. In October 2020, Charity Navigator changed the way they rate non-profits. We have completed our part of their new Impact Rating and will have a rating within a year. SAFE Haven is a Silver Rated Charity on Guidestar. You can access our most recent (year-end June 30, 2020) tax return (990) at [safehavenforcats.com](http://safehavenforcats.com); simply click on the “About Us” button.

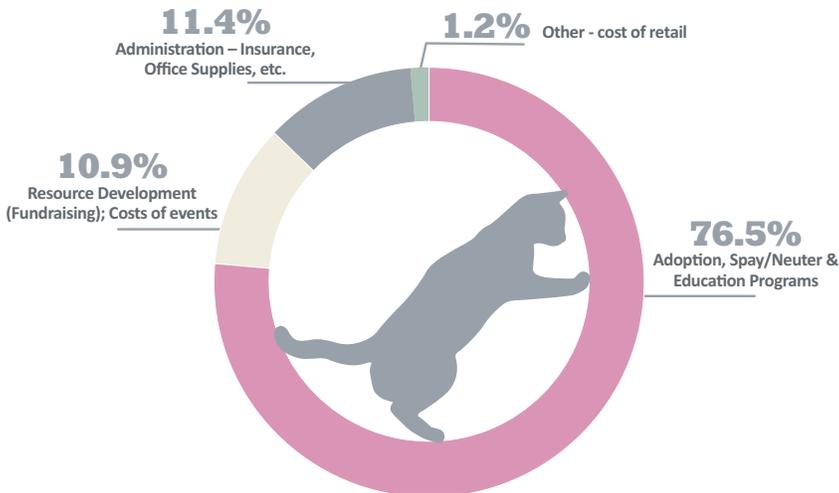
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# SAFE Haven—the numbers at a glance.

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

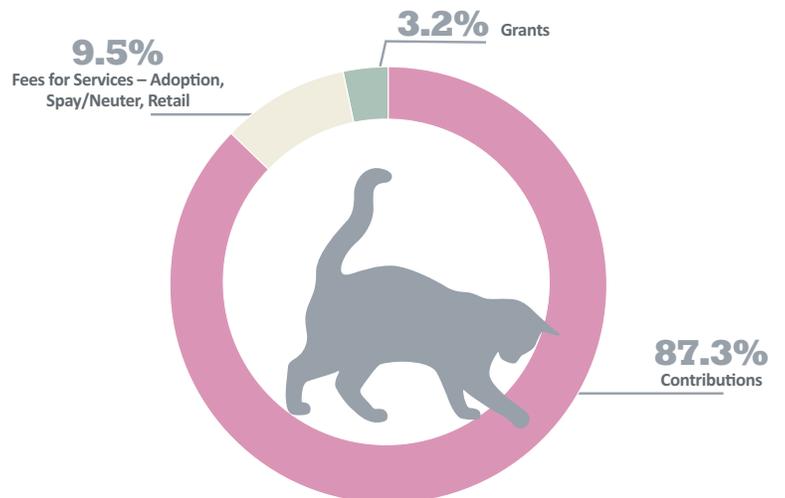
## Expenses by Category

(As a percentage of total budget)



## Income by Category

(As a percentage of total budget)



**With Gratitude** to our donors who made our 2020 Expansion a Reality we now have the tools to:

- Decrease Euthanasia in the Triangle
- Increase surgeries in the SAFE Care Clinic from 3,000 to 5,000+ yearly
- Increase adoptions from 850 to 1,100 yearly
- Double the distributions of food from our Pet Food Pantry



*New cageless space at the Shelter*



*New adoption rooms*



*New surgery suite*

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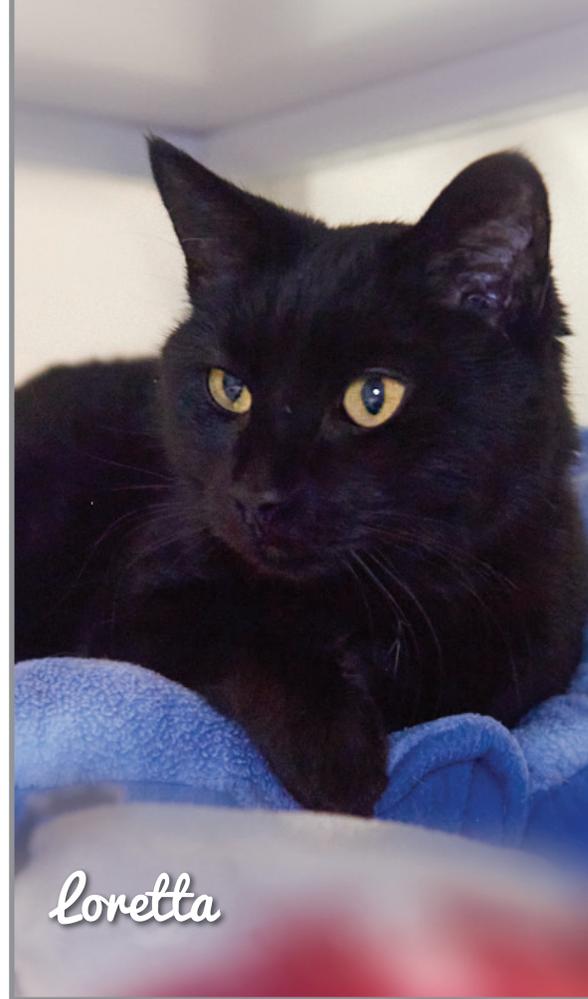
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Please consider including SAFE Haven for Cats in your will or other estate plans. You can guarantee stray and abandoned cats and kittens can be helped whenever they are in need, while considering your needs and tax-planning strategies. We would be 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.
- Name **SAFE Haven for Cats** as the primary or secondary beneficiary in your life insurance plan.
- Name **SAFE Haven for Cats** as the direct charity to “transfer upon death” in your stock or bank accounts.



*Loretta*



*Prince Kevin*

## **Gifts now:**

SAFE Haven appreciatively welcomes gifts of Required Minimum Distributions from IRA's and stocks, bonds, and mutual funds too! A grant from your Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs) is another 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 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.

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## SAFE Haven Media Recap

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.

 [safehavenforcats](https://www.facebook.com/safehavenforcats)

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**Our websites have been visited by 113,658 new people this year** and are a key tool in educating the public about overpopulation and connecting our community to our services. Visit us at [safehavenforcats.org](https://www.safehavenforcats.org) or [safecareclinic.org](https://www.safecareclinic.org) and tell a friend about SAFE Haven! SAFE Haven is also active on Facebook (almost 14,000 followers), Twitter, and Instagram.

Our monthly E-News (the Cat Chronicle) is received by almost 14,000 people. Twice a year, The Scratching Post, SAFE Haven's Newsletter, is mailed to 5,000 people and is read by thousands more online.



**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 email [info@safehavenforcats.org](mailto:info@safehavenforcats.org)

# SAVE THE DATE

## TUXEDO CAT BALL

### APRIL 22, 2022



Remember how much fun we used to have at the Tuxedo Cat Ball?

**WELL, MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR APRIL 22/22.** *(We never get tired of saying that!)*

North Ridge Country Club will be the site of this wonderful evening featuring a new SAFE Haven Video, unbelievable live and silent auctions (hosted by auctioneer Ben Farrell), games, kittens in the building, and of course, award winning cuisine and drinks!



# Upcoming Events

**September 1, 2021: Start of the State Employees Combined Campaign**

If you are a State Employee, we really appreciate your gifts through Payroll Deduction

**September 11, 2021: Apex Peak Fest**

9 am and 5 pm  
Come by and visit our booth!

**September 14, 2021: Protecting Your Cats in the Future**

6:30 to 8:00 pm in person at the shelter, FREE  
Your legacy includes personal effects, family heirlooms, stories, and accumulated wisdom. What will your legacy be? Please join certified financial planner Lisa Gabriel and estate attorney Shirley Diefenbach for a free presentation and Q&A about legacy planning, SAFE Haven's Serenity Surviving Cat Program, and more. Here is the link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/protecting-your-cats-in-the-futuretickets-165148390281>. At this time this event is scheduled in person at the shelter. This is subject to change and may be virtual instead. Questions? Email [pam@safehavenforcats.org](mailto:pam@safehavenforcats.org).

**September 18, 2021: St. Paddy's 4-Miler**

Email Ginger Rice at [ginger@safehavenforcats.org](mailto:ginger@safehavenforcats.org) if you can volunteer at this event! SAFE Haven gets part of the proceeds.



**September 26, 2021: Volunteer Open House**

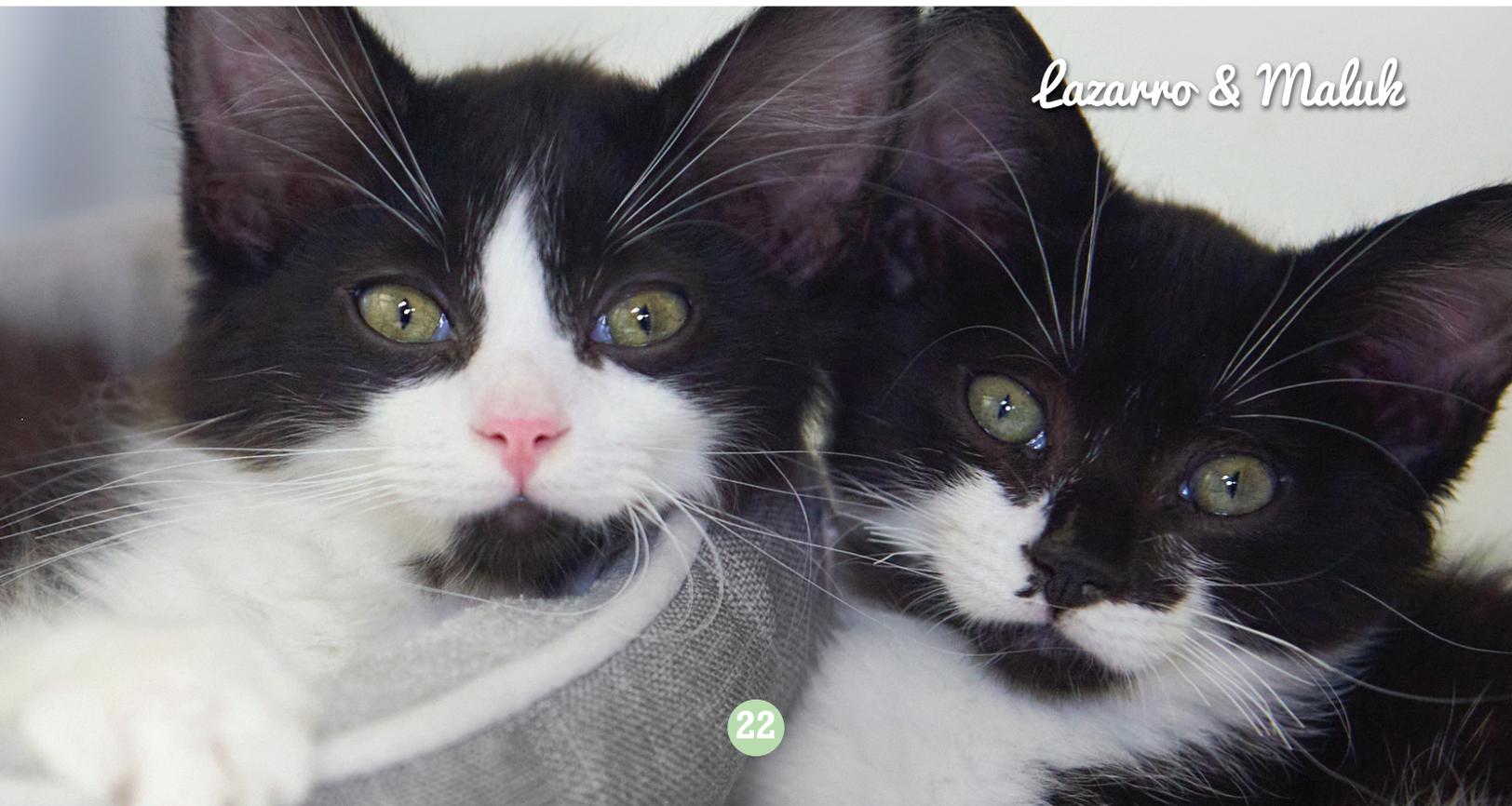
In person at the Shelter, 1-3 pm, for volunteers 16 and up. Use this link to let us know you are coming. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/safe-haven-volunteer-open-house-tickets-165161876619>

**October 9, 2021: Oktoberfest 4-Miler**

Email Ginger Rice at [ginger@safehavenforcats.org](mailto:ginger@safehavenforcats.org) if you can volunteer at this event! SAFE Haven gets part of the proceeds.

**April 22, 2022: Tuxedo Cat Ball**

North Ridge Country Club



**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.



*Sushi*

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*Cornell says* **THANK YOU**  
Read all about last year in our Annual Report Newsletter

