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SEPTEMBER 2022



**CELEBRATING and SHARING  
our LIFESAVING SUCCESS!**

**Annual Report:**

**July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022**



# Message from Pam Miller, Founder & President

Dear Friends of SAFE Haven,

I am so happy to report that thanks to you (our supporters, adopters, volunteers, and community partners) we have saved more lives this past fiscal year than at any time in the 28 year history of SAFE Haven for Cats.

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

- **Found homes** for 1,247 cats and kittens through our adoption program. (300 more than last year)
- **Sterilized** 5,647 kitties and dogs in the SAFE Care Clinic. (3,600 more than last year)
- Happily, completed our **13,000th adoption!** (See photo of Piston on page 4)
- **Provided TNVR** services to 2,080 community cats
- Gave out **16 tons of food** to needy cats and dogs (an increase of 5 tons)
- **Continued our partnership** with our friends at the Purr Cup Café, Raleigh's first and only cat café.

Everything we planned with the completion of our 2020/21 expansion is coming true for the animals in our community. Our capacity has increased, our waitlist times have shortened, and we are able to serve more animals and people everyday thanks to you.

We also won a few awards this year. Both WRAL and the INDY, voted us as the Best Non-Profit Organization in Wake County and the Best Place to Volunteer. This is what the INDY said about us:



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*Here at the INDY, we love our cats (and dogs, too, of course). So, it warms our hearts that readers chose this Raleigh institution as the best nonprofit in Wake County. The no-kill shelter is a beloved refuge for stray and abandoned cats, who receive full medical attention and all the tender loving care they deserve while the organization seeks to place the kitties in permanent homes. Aside from helping strays find new families, SAFE Haven also provides low-cost spay/neuter services through their specialty clinic, which has been benefiting our feline friends for over 25 years and counting.*

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With our programs and services at SAFE Haven, last year we helped people and animals in 35 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% but all these numbers have decreased dramatically in the last 3 years. 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 of Pamela Miller in blue ink.

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 13,485 animals and people this year** (a 50% increase) at a cost of \$105.07 each. The only way we are able to meet this challenge and provide these vital services is with the support of **447 unselfish volunteers who donated 14,265 hours of time this year** with a value of \$427,236. In addition, \$59,684 worth of food, towels, beds, and other in-kind services were donated in 2021/2022.



Jack Jackson

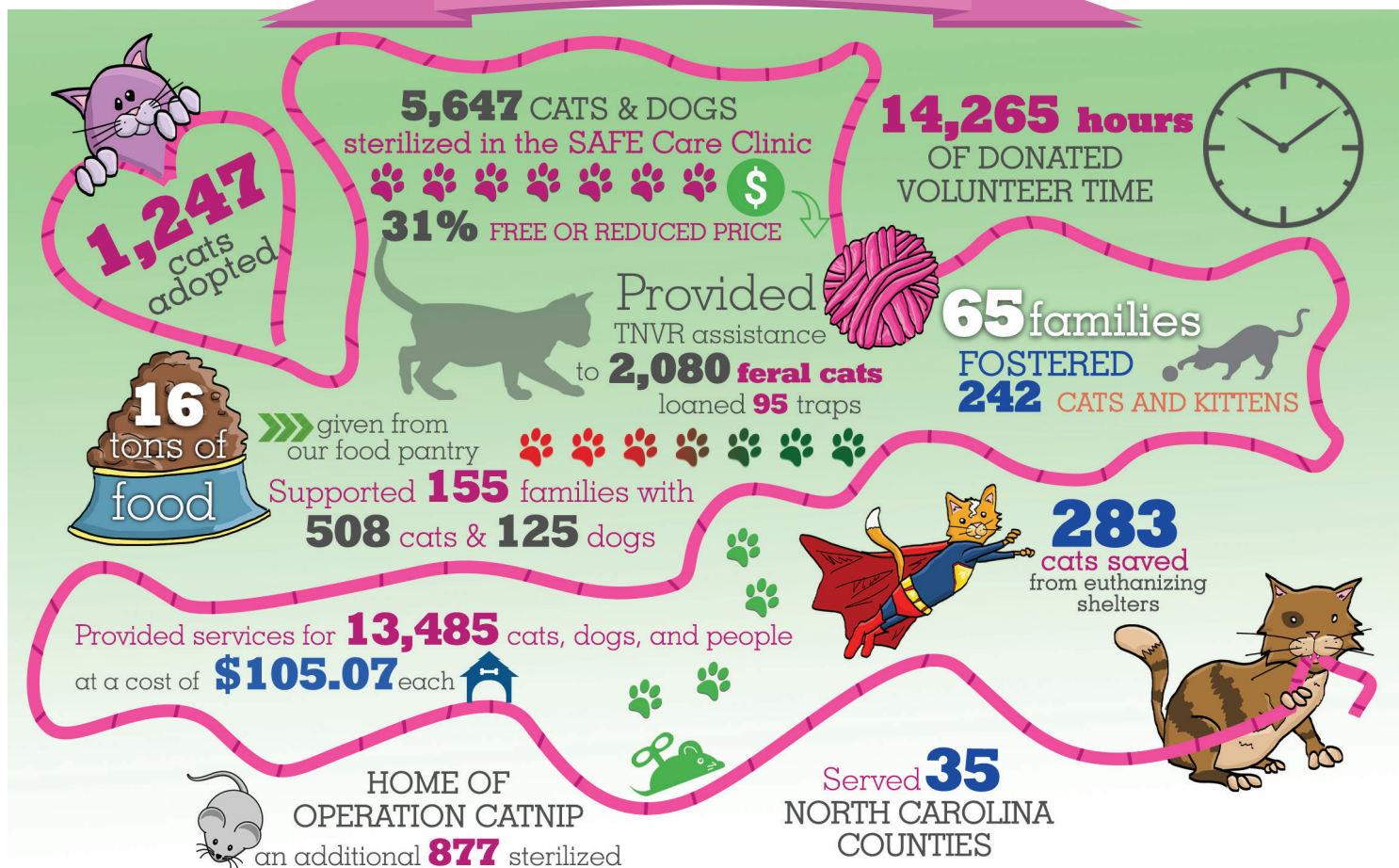
*Thanks to all our partners in the business  
of saving lives . . . .*

## SAFE HAVEN'S AMAZING

### Achievements

2021

2022





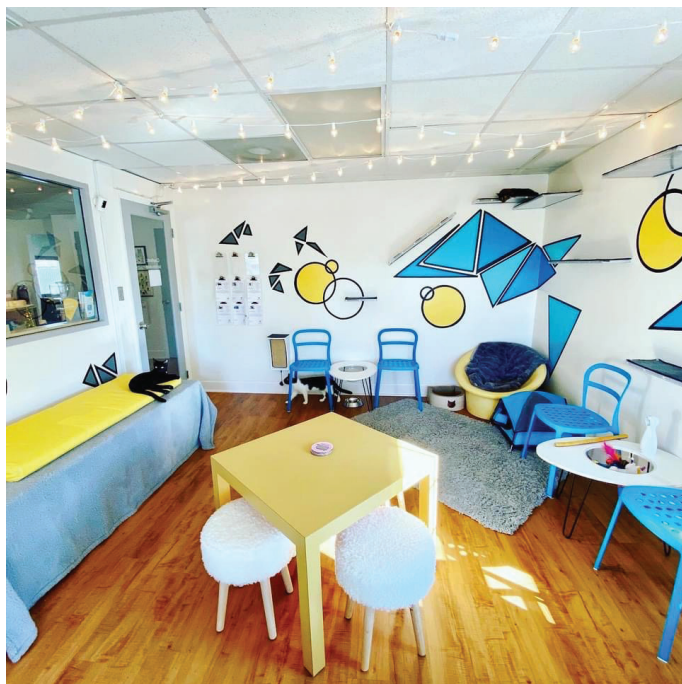
# Adoption Program Recap

## 1,247 Cats and Kittens Find Happy Homes!

The expansion we completed in 2020/21 has continued to have the impact we planned for! As a result, **we adopted three hundred more cats this year – over a 25% increase.** A better physical environment is also helping cats get adopted faster. Once they are ready for adoption it only takes our cats or kittens a little over 7 days (average) to go to their new homes. Two hundred and forty-two of these kitties also spent time in one of our sixty-five foster homes. Kittens and young adults made up the bulk of our foster placements although one foster cat, Fancy Step, was over fifteen years old.

We are very grateful for our two-year-old partnership with the Purr Cup Café where **88 SAFE Haven cats** have been adopted in the last twelve months.

*See more about visiting the café on page 14.*



In May, Piston became our **13,000th adoption!** He went home with a prize package full of everything a kitty could need, to a lovely family in Clayton.



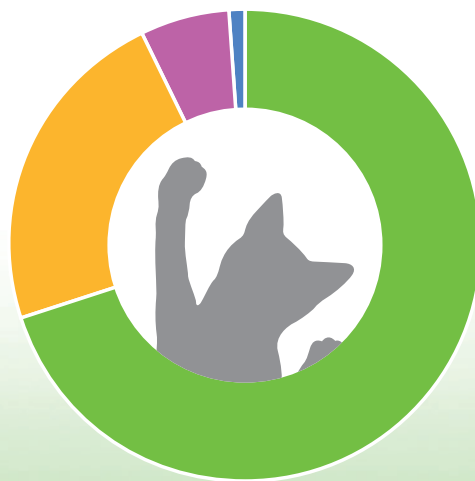
# Adoption Program Recap

## Who are these 1,247 cats?

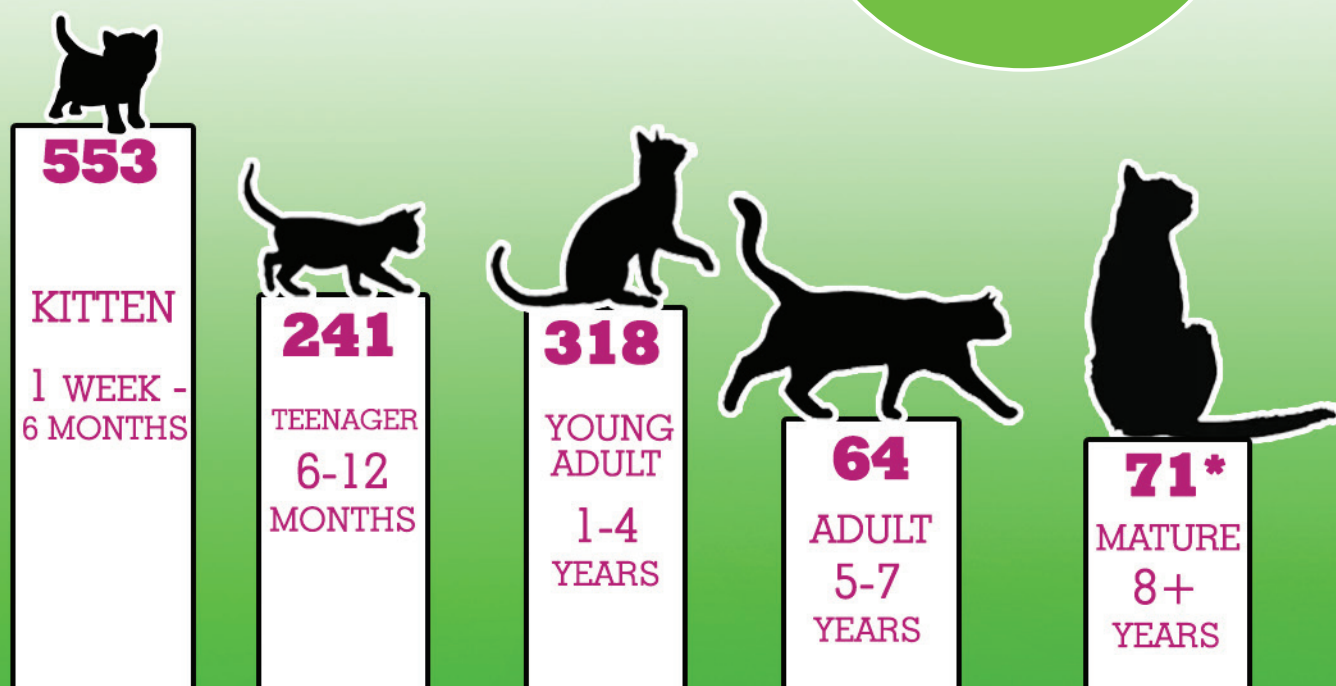
People are always curious about where all these cats come from. Well, here is the answer! They were all former stray, abandoned, injured, or orphaned cats and kittens – mostly from the Triangle.

### Where they came from . . .

- 70% stray cats directly from the community
- 23% partner euthanizing shelters (Johnston County, Franklin County, Wake County and Granville County Animal Shelters)
- 6% life of the cat in danger
- <1% abandoned at the shelter



**This year, our cats were  
52% female and 48% male**



*\*All of our mature kitties go home with a Mature Companions Certificate that provides:  
Free phone consultations with our veterinarian and a free annual check-up with vaccines.*



# 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; 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.

## Shamu

This little 11 month old female kitty came to us very sick and very underweight. After full blood work and x-rays, it was determined that she had suffered from a very heavy infestation of parasites that had inflamed her lungs! After extensive treatment with dewormers and steroids, Shamu gained weight, got healthy, and went home to her new loving family.



## Mintaka

A very sweet kitty came to us with a 6/6 heart murmur. We sent her for a cardiac ultrasound. It revealed a hole in her ventricles where blood is flowing back and forth causing the heart murmur. There is no cure for this congenital abnormality which will most likely will shorten her life span. She acts like a very normal kitty with no issues and was adopted soon, as you can see from her adoption day photo.





## Our Community Cares continued

### Stephania

A very cute Torbico is 10 years old! She came into SAFE Haven needing a dental and four extractions. After that she was happily on her way to her new home.



### Shado

A 10 year old kitty who came in with his head severely tilted to the right side. Loaded with personality, Shado also had continuous infections in his right ear. Turns out he had his ear canal blocked by a lesion. Thankfully we got him the ear surgery he needed, and the lesion was benign. Recovering currently, his head tilt is righting itself (he is still adorable).

### Milton

A sweet four month old kitty, does everything in twos! He came in with bi-lateral entropion which means his eye lids were rolled in causing constant irritation to his eyes. And bi-lateral cryptorchid which means his testicles had not descended and were in his stomach. Surgery fixed him right up (on both counts) and he found his forever home shortly afterwards.





# Happy Adoption Day to all these Kitties!



Heron



Hot Pocket, Saltine, and Spring Roll



Binelli



Hermione



Digit and Doodlebug



Palk

# SAFE Care Clinic Impact on our Community



This summer the SAFE Care Clinic celebrated twenty-one years of spaying and neutering! One of only a handful of low cost clinics in the State, we have **completed over 41,782 surgeries!** (5,647 in 2021/2022.)

Imagine if each one of them had a litter of four kittens, who themselves had kittens at 6 months. Well, you do the math – it is a lot of kittens who there may not be enough homes for.

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

- 🐾 Decrease euthanasia through high quality, low cost sterilization of cats and dogs.
- 🐾 Increase our capacity year after year. **This year's goal is 6,500 surgeries!**
- 🐾 Reduce wait times for appointments.
- 🐾 Keep the price for these services as low as possible.
- 🐾 Never turn anyone away because they can't pay!



*Dr. Tiffany at the surgery table performing one of many sterilizations each day.*

## Who came to the SAFE Care Clinic in 2021/2022?

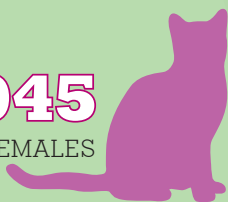


5,232  
CATS

415  
DOGS



3,045  
FEMALES



2,602  
MALES

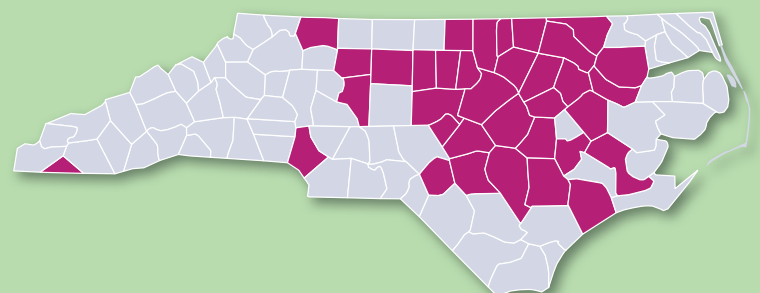


2080

FERAL CATS  
CAME IN TRAPS



They came from **35** counties around Raleigh and from the entire Piedmont. **Why?** Because there are only 17 clinics like ours in the entire state. Those that traveled the furthest were from Mt. Airy (140 miles, one way), Richlands (114 miles, one way), Deep Run (101), Greenville (85), and Burlington (68).



The majority of these cats and dogs were under two years old but fourteen cats were over ten years old and not sterilized. **One cat was fourteen years old. Imagine how many litters she produced!**



# SAFE Care Clinic continued

We do not turn anyone away from the SAFE Care Clinic. Last year **31% did not pay the full price and 73% 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 also sterilized **1,351 cats and kittens as a vital service to thirteen cat rescue groups** and humane societies in the Triangle so they will never have to adopt out unsterilized animals. They include: Alley Cats & Angels, Beautiful Together, Best Friend Pet Adoption, Franklin County Animal Services, FCAS/ Paws for Life, Marden's Cat Tales, Friends of Wake County (Kitty Clip), the SPCA of Franklin County, Paw Prints Rescue, Purr Partners, Purrfect Hearts, Second Chance Pet Adoptions, and Neshama Animal Rescue.



## 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 The Summerlee Foundation.***

## SAFE Haven's TNVR Mission

Part of the recent expansion of our services allowed us to lower our sterilization fees for feral cats to only \$40 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. We sterilized 2,080 feral cats in the last twelve months in the clinic.

### 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!



## We support the community in other ways to help feral cats:

- Loan of humane traps and training/support to safely catch elusive cats (over 95 loaned per year)
- 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](http://safecareclinic.org)
- Offer free food for feral colony caretakers
- We are the home of Operation Catnip, the Triangle's oldest feral cat sterilization program. Hosted one Sunday a month at SAFE Care, OC sterilized 877 feral cats last year.

## Make your Spay/Neuter Appointment

**Call:** 919 872-7730

**Email:** [devyn@safehavenforcats.org](mailto:devyn@safehavenforcats.org)

**Website:** [safecareclinic.org](http://safecareclinic.org)

### DOGS

4 to 40#- \$100 (Male)

4 to 40#- \$110 (Female)

### CATS

\$75 male

\$85 female

\$40 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

This year hundreds of volunteers selflessly donated over 14,265 hours of their time to our animal shelter and clinic. The value of this donation is \$427,236 according to the Independent Sector (\$29.95 per hour). Our volunteers find value and community here and stay a long time. In fact, this year, nine celebrated over twenty years of service, eighteen over ten years, and thirty-one over five at SAFE Haven. Our volunteers range in age from sixteen to eighty-one! Please think about joining them.

**CONGRATULATIONS** also to all our volunteers and staff. SAFE Haven was voted as the "Best Place in the Triangle to Volunteer" at the WRAL People's Choice Awards in 2022.

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 our Volunteer Coordinator, right away.

### Board of Directors

This group exemplifies their commitment to the mission and values of SAFE Haven for Cats. They bring their expertise in management, strategic planning, finance, and animal welfare to help our cats. If you have skills you would like to put to use for good, please join them!

Mary Ka Powers, Chair; Shelby Kinsey, Vice Chair; Jill Odom, Secretary; Lori Taylor, Cathy Easop, Becky Loyd, Debby Stone, Doug Eader, Pam Miller

### Cleaning Captains, Cleaning Teams, and Litter Box Crew

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

#### Cleaning Captains

Kelly Bolz, Nancy Canterbury, Jackie Dornan, Dawn Fulks, Nicholas Russo, Gina Southall, Donna Stiles, Rachel Wawak, Amy White, Mary Katherine Wrenn, Sandra Yarnall, Michael Yarnell

#### Cleaning Teams

Eric Abbott, Andrea Acevedo, Kristine Adamson, Susan Adinolfi, Meredyth Albright, Luka Alexander, Megan Alger, Hafsah Ali, RYanne Allocca, Cambree Anderson, Abigail Annas, Joe Arnold, Melannie Ascanio, Lynne Attix, Dave



Ault, Jasmine Avellaneda, Jeremy Badger, Alicia Bailey, Abby Baker-Sample, Matt Barry, Serenity Barstow, Jack Battey, Joe Belna, Natalie Belsha, Tracy Biehn, Cathy Biondi, Amy Black, Camryn Blackard, Karen Blackard, Delani Bodette, Kelly Bolz, Anna Boodee, Izzy Borkowski, Ashlyn Branch, Avary Briggs, Cherrie Brothers, Andrew Bryson, Sarah Buddendeck, Melina Bulger, Connie Burns, Lisa Camel, Nancy Canterbury, Evie Capel, Mari Cargle, Malena Carlsson, Shawna Carr, Nahria Cassell, Dani Chapman, Laura Chapman, Jessilin Collins, Donna Colman, Jan Cooper, Audrey Cummings, Kate Davis, Linda Davis, Lindsay Davis, Raffaella Del Pozo, Reece DeWitt, Jackie Dornan, Kym Druga, Christine Duffy-Gill, Heather Dunn, Michael Dunn, Jessica Dwight, Betty Ellison, Erin Ellison, Elizabeth Esguerra, Anezka Falcon, Zora Falkowski, Isabella Fanelli, Oliver Fesko, Anna Fields, Nicole Friedlander, Camryn Friedman, Lauren Garriga, Emily George, Laura-Joelle Geschwindt, Emery Geyer, Trinity Gill, Laura Goodman, Robin Gorham, Joellen Goth, Hannah Gray, Madeline Guerra, Margaret Guest, Avery Gunther, Mallory Hagen, Josie Haile, Emily Hale, Rachel Hanley, Lynda Harris, Haadiyah Hasan, Sarah Heinsohn, Jennifer Henderson, Janet Hensel, Thomas Higginson, Vanessa Holland, Samantha Holmes, Tara Holt, Shirley Hopkins, Jon Huff, Nathalie Ilunga, Mary Catherine Ingalls, Anya Jacobson, Omar Jamal, Ann Jernigan, Lisa Jimenez-Sosa, Bliss Jizi, Ximena Johnson, Hanna Johnston, Erin Jordan, Nathan Jordan, Suzy Kaelin, Cindy Kametches, Eunsong Kang, Terri Kelly, David Kilgore, Kayla Korkes, Evan Kranock, Jane La, Zack LaMay, Lily Langdon, Chloe Lapish,



## Volunteer Program Recap continued

Laurel Lapish, Joel Lardon, Anne Larson, Peyton Lawson, Jacob Lee, Johnathon Lee, Jim Lucot, C Aimee Ludwell, Renee Luongo, Sparky MacMillan, Daniel Macri, Nadine Maloney, Christopher Martin, Corrie Matheny, Mark McClintock, Helen McNulty, Nubia Mejia Flores, Sarah Michalak, Brooke Migliore, Maci Minardi, Sue Minns, Aisha Mohsin, Jessica Moran, Lauren Moreton, Chelsea Morgan, Danielle Mueller, Rachel Munger, Jo Murphree, Jennifer Murphy, Steven Myer, Mekayla Newsome, Sydney Nguyen, Mary Blake Nobles, Kimberly Northam, Emma Norton, Katherine Novotnak, Sara Nuebler, Shane Olander, Clara Orellana, Neelasha Panda, Tara Parris, Ella Parry, Erin Patterson, Reilly Patterson, Jennifer Pennetti, Ben Perry, Rochelle Pray, Olivia Prevette, Demetra Protogyrou, Arianna Purvis, Amani Rammouni, Stephane Reiley, Christine Rhoad, Dick Richardson, Jean Rick, Ava Riggs, Tiara Rivera, Bailey Robertson, Leigh Ann Robertson, Emily Rollyson, Natalie Roskam, Chris Rouse, Rachel Rozansky, Dean Rush, Nicholas Russo, John Sabol, Layal Sadik, Marshall Sandle, Suzette Santamaria, Heather Settle, Linda Shafer, Elena Shapiro-Albert, Sophie Shirlen, Axa Sibada, Jeanne Simmons, Julianna Simmons, Vicki Skeen, Leverett Smith III, Kara Smith, Nicole Smith, Stacy Smith, Susan Smith, Gina Southall, Marla Spencer, Robert Spencer, John Sprague, Nubia Staunton, Rebecca Stephen, Marianna Sternefeld, Donna Stiles, Taylor Stiles, Nazyah Sudler, Chris Tackett, Trisanna Tauber, Gianluca Tohala, Paula Trexler, Jennifer Tucker, Samantha Tully, Carolyn Turcotte, Laura Turner, Lillian Turner, Kara Van Nice, Karen Wahle, Sharon Waidler, Ivy Walker, Skylyn Walters, Chrys Ward-Baker, Carissa Warta, Teja Wasudev, Rachel Wawak, Lily Welsh, Kaia Whitson, Kai Williams, Kathy Willis, Katherine Wilson, Loretta Wolhar, Denise Woods, Drema Worley, Elena Wragge, Mary Katherine Wrenn, Sandra Yarnall, Michael Yarnell, Hope Zacher, Paul Zipin, Grace Zobkiw,



### Litter Box Crew

Joe Arnold, Jack Battey, Emery Geyer, Carolyn Haley, Gretchen Hogg-O'Briant, Jon Huff, Bliss Jizi, Olga Lobastova, Melanie Loury, Jessica Moran, Tara Parris, Tiffany Rosa, John Sabol, Sophie Shirlen, Kaia Whitson, Michael 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!

Chris Ault, Dave Ault, Pat McLaughlin, Mary Nell Murphy, Carmen Samples, Ken Samples, Gail Scheck,

### Mouse Makers

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

Melanie Loury, Gail Krywenko, Sue Minns, Gail Bauer

### Pet Food Pantry Volunteer

Help distribute tons of food to needy dogs and cats. Place and monitor food collection barrels at various locations.

Cambree Anderson, Joe Arnold, Kristen Elliott, Janet Hensel, Joel Lardon, Inez Leyden, Melanie Loury, Rob Loury, Sue Minns, Henry Nguyen, Marshall Sandle, Cady van Venrooy, Kaia Whitson



# Volunteer Program Recap continued

## Adoption Counselor and Adoption Services Support

Help make connections between excited adopters and their new family member.

Chris Ault, Kim Barnett, Susan Bartholomew, Rosa Chrismon, Ruth Covington, Patricia Crowe, Lindsay Davis, Kym Druga, Heather Dunn, Ashley Dyer, Rachel Hanley, Heather Hensley, Kerry Holbrook, Samantha Holmes, Kayla Korkes, Jennifer Kuzma, Dianne LaPlante, Lisa Loiselle, Pat McLaughlin, Gabrielle Miller, Emily Nutter, Kristal Roebuck, Natalie Roskam, Lindsay Russ, Carmen Samples, Sydney Santoro, Susan Smith, Robert Spencer, Susan Wallace, Morgan Warren, Pamela Williams, Peggy Wyatt

## Feline Enrichment

Are you a cat whisperer? Implementing all the latest in shelter enrichment, work one-on-one with our shy or recovering cats to help them find their way to their perfect homes.

Wendy Abrams, Andrea Acevedo, Susan Anderson, Susan Bartholomew, Gail Bauer, Kelly Bolz, Lisa Camel, Kate Davis, Janine Dodds, Robin Gorham, Lynda Harris, Dee Anna Hursey, Lisa Karner, Beth Lindsey, Barbara Mason, Brooke Migliore, Jessica Moran, Shane Olander, Kristal Roebuck, Jennifer Rudinger, Kara Smith, Kat Wallace, Julie Wieland, Peggy Wyatt, Sandra Yarnall, Paul Zipin

## Clinic Volunteers

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.

Jacsyn Beane, Audrey Cummings, Gretchen Hogg-O'Briant, Hanna Johnston, Lauren Key, Zahra Khan, Melanie Louri, Sue Minns, Jane Munster, Mary Murphy, Kimberly Northam, Rochelle Pray, Shomari Presswood, Shelby Reaugh, Brittany Richard, Judy Richardson, Maggie Scheer, Veronica Schilling, Jeanne Simmons, Robert Spencer, Cady van Venrooy

## Foster Home Providers

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 kitty who has a good quality of life but because of a medical condition cannot be adopted immediately.

Aimee Lomax, Alisa Fukatsu, Amber Crowley, Amy White, Andrea Acevedo, Avnee Mistry, Brittaney Keene, Brittany

Richard, Brittany Spears, Brittany Welch, Camilia Parada, Caroline Zuendel, Catherine Laurore, Chris Tackett, Christie Rhoad, Cierra Cook, Claire Sexton, Dawn Martin, Devyn Paquette, Olivia Rae Mohon, Gary and Linda Allran, Gina Jennings, Haoran Zhang, Heather Vita, Ishrat Hafiz, Jacqui Murphy, Jane Holloman, Jennifer Walter, Jenny Harper, Jessica Hackman, Jessica Warner, Jill Sherling, Julie Gillen, Julie Tallitsch, Kelli Adams, Kristin Turk, Kristyn Pritchard, Libby Biggs, Lisa Karner, Lisa Loiselle, Lisa Matthews, Lori Register, Margaret Woodlief, Marissa Landis, Marla Spencer, Mary Craig, Megan Porter, Melissa and Andy Nowel, Michael Tjebben, Nadine Maloney, Nazanin Khajehnouri, Rich Lindemeyer, Shavani Shan, Shelby Kinsey, Shirley Coltrane, Sibylle Lashley, Silvia Gambardella, Stacy Ingham, Stephanie Lowd, Taylor Houyoux, Taylor Munsterman, Theresa Kelly, Traci Highsmith, Yuliya Lokhnygina, Zoe Loh

## 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 Chrismonm Lisa Loiselle, Melanie Louri – SAFE Care Clinic Morning Greeter, Pamela Williams

*\*All volunteers listed as of June 30, 2022*





# Community Outreach & Education Programs Recap

## The Pet Food Pantry

Last year we **distributed 16 tons of food supporting 155 families** with 508 cats and 125 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. Last year we held two very successful pet food drives for the Pantry in which 28,000 pounds were donated.



*Look for an announcement of a Pet Food Pantry Donation Drive for this Fall and join our wonderful crew of dedicated PFP volunteers.*

## 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 174 SAFE Haven cats have been adopted. We appreciate everything Sarah and Arthur, the owners of the Café, do for the SAFE Haven kitties and all the education they do about homeless cats.



**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.





*Dolly*

# WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOU



*Ella Enchanted*

**Thanks to 8,995 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 \$427,236 of donated time from our volunteers. Over \$13,896 of cat food, paper towels, toys, litter, and other supplies were donated to the cats. In addition, \$45,788 in goods and services were donated to our Tuxedo Cat Ball.



*Kitten Shower Supply Donations  
May 2022*

Donations are vital to our organization since adoption fees/clinic fees do not cover the basic medical care of the cats SAFE Haven takes into our shelter and helps in our clinic. 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 person/cat in our community who needs it, 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.



*Branca*



*Drasuna*



*Aang*

**Note:** You can access our most recent (year end June 30, 2021) tax return (990) at [safehavenforcats.com](http://safehavenforcats.com); simply click on the "About Us" button.



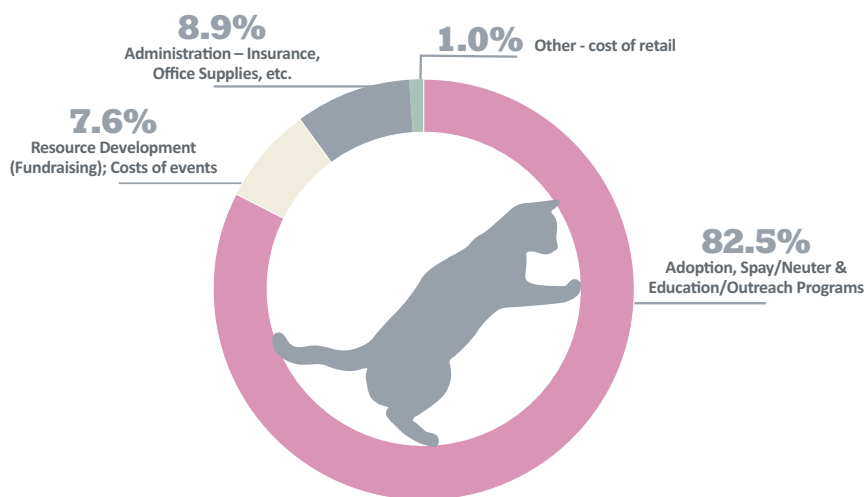
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## SAFE Haven— the numbers at a glance.

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

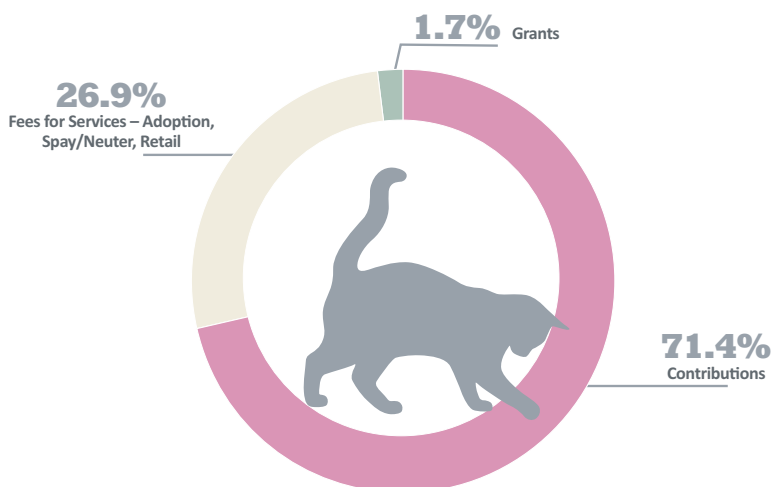
### Expenses by Category

(As a percentage of total budget)



### Income by Category

(As a percentage of total budget)



*Chili Garlic*

**With Gratitude** to our donors who made our 2020/21 expansion a reality we now have the tools to:

- Decrease Euthanasia in the Triangle
- Increase surgeries in the SAFE Care Clinic from 5,600 to 6,500 this year
- Increase adoptions from 1,247 to 1,350 this year
- Double the distributions of food from our Pet Food Pantry



# THANK YOU TO OUR PAW PALS\*

... 266 DONORS WHO GIVE TO SAFE HAVEN MONTHLY!

\*Join our Paw Pals at [safehavenforcats.org](http://safehavenforcats.org)

*You can become a monthly donor with your credit card, from you bank directly to ours, with a check every month, or through some workplaces. It is easy and efficient.*

Abby Turner  
Abigail Caitlin Jackson  
Adele Lassiter  
Aleta Jo Hodges  
Alexandra Schank  
Alicia Bailey  
Alyson R. Neuhauser  
Amber Landis  
Amy Smith  
Andrea and Nick Thomas  
Andrea Andrews  
Andrea Little  
Andrew and Alexandra Scott  
Andrew Ball  
Angela Rice-Warren  
Angelika Teuber  
Ann Buddenhagen  
Arthur Moseley  
Ashley Ennis  
Audrey Cummings  
Barbara Prillaman  
Barbra Galletti  
Barry and Wilma Fielman  
Becky and Steve Loyd  
Betty Jo Harris Poole  
Beverly and Vic Kirkman  
Bill and Bonnie LaBarbera  
Bill and Helen McDonald  
Bill Bailey and Barbara Barron  
Blake Pittman  
Bruce Kovar  
Bruce Lorenc  
Bruna Pegoraro Brylawski  
Cam MacGregor  
Cara and Sam Geis  
Carol A. Dowe  
Carol Heck  
Carol J. Goin  
Carolyn Kotlas  
Catherine Biondi and Larry Robertson  
Catherine Crone  
Charlene Lowell  
Charles Beal  
Charles J. Hiatt, Jr.  
Charlotte Rose Huffman  
Cheryl McGuire  
Cheryl T. Foster  
Chloa Romick  
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# 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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**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](mailto: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 an 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 another 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.”

## 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](mailto:pam@safehavenforcats.org).

# SAFE Haven Media Recap

**SAFE Haven received national press when our kitty Sunny was featured in February during Animal Planet's Puppy Bowl.**

SAFE Haven was honored to be chosen as one of only 3 cat organizations in the US for this wonderful opportunity. Of course, Sunny got adopted, but so did 41 other cats and kittens as a result of this media attention.



**SAFE Haven was again in the news in April** when we opened our doors to three kitties rescued by young woman at the State Capital building in Raleigh (Erin Mayabb). They were tiny and at risk as they were in a storm drain in a very bad downpour. A State Capital Police officer (Cole Olson) climbed in and rescued the kitties! Thus, the three kitties were named Mayabb, Cole, and Olson. Two of them ended up being adopted by Ms. Mayabb! Jorie (below) adopted Mayabb!




## Awards!

In January SAFE Haven was voted as the **Best Place to Volunteer** and as the **Best Nonprofit in Wake County** at the People's Choice Awards at WRAL.



**PLUS** – In June SAFE Haven was voted as the **Best Nonprofit in Wake County** by the Readers of the INDY.

Facebook and Instagram are great places to find out what is going on at SAFE Haven and interact with our online community. You will see the cutest photos and videos of cats ever! Our #4everSAFE campaign (which encourages people to post pictures of the cats they adopt from SAFE Haven) has hundreds of shared photos and comments. We have over 21,000 followers on social media.

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

 [SafeHaven4Cats](https://twitter.com/SafeHaven4Cats)

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Our websites are visited by over 10,000 new people each month and are a key tool in educating the public about overpopulation and connecting our community to our services. Our websites are also the place to see all the cats ready for adoption and/or make an appointment in our clinic for spay/neuter.

[safehavenforcats.org](https://www.safehavenforcats.org)  
[safecareclinic.org](https://www.safecareclinic.org)

Our monthly E-News (the Cat Chronicle) is received by over 14,000 people. Twice a year, The Scratching Post, SAFE Haven's print 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 21, 2023

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

North Ridge Country Club will be the site of this wonderful evening celebrating our shared lifesaving goals and all our progress toward making Wake County a no-kill community. The party will feature a new SAFE Haven Video, unbelievable live and silent auction items (hosted by auctioneer Ben Farrell), games, surprises, kittens in the building and of course, award winning cuisine and drinks. Look for details in January 2023.

Photos on this page are from this April when we were finally able to have the event in person once again!

*Traci and Jeff Davis, our friends from Bad Cat Coffee Co.*





# Upcoming Events

## September 1, 2022:

### Start of the State Employees Combined Campaign

If you are a State Employee, we really appreciate your gifts through Payroll Deduction. Our number is # 2566.

## October 21-23, 2022:

### NC Anthropomorphic Society Bewhiskered 2022 at The Marriott RTP

We are grateful to partner with the NCAS at their convention this October. We are their chosen charity, so all the proceeds of the gathering go to support SAFE Haven. Here are some photos from last year's convention!



*Volunteers Connie Burns, Ginger Rice, and  
Nina Swim-Wright at the Bewhiskered Convention,  
November 2021*

*Duchess Sally*





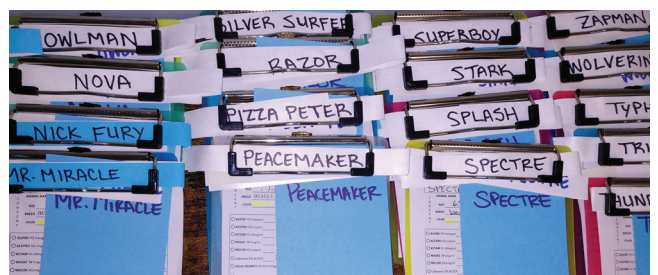
# Beagle Day at SAFE Haven for Cats

On Sunday, August 14, 2022 the SAFE Care Clinic was happy to partner with Triangle Beagle Rescue to help with the last step for 40 beagles rescued from the Envigo breeding facility in Virginia. Envigo bred these dogs to be sold to labs for experimentation. A federal judge ordered the release of approximately 4,000 dogs from the facility owned by Envigo after it was found in violation of several federal regulations. The Humane Society of the U.S. worked with federal authorities to rehome the dogs, and Triangle Beagle Rescue took over 100. Only problem – there was no one willing to spay/neuter them!

That is where we offered our facilities for a day long spay/neuter-a-thon! As you can see from all these photos it was a great day for both organizations but especially for the dogs.



**Thanks** to Dr. Tiffany Kutner, Dr. Renee Cater and the whole team at SAFE Haven who came in on a Sunday to make this happen!



**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/vaccinate/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.



*SAFE Haven staff at the Tuxedo Cat Ball*

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*Tinola says* **THANK YOU**

Read all about last year in our Annual Report Newsletter

