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**SPRING 2023**



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Sohpie, our cover  
girl on page two!



**2023**

## **Tuxedo Cat Ball** 18th Annual

April 21, 2023 at the North Ridge Country Club

See page 6 for details and tickets!

# Message from Our Founder and President

Dear SAFE Haven family,

I always enjoy writing our Spring Newsletter because it gives me the opportunity to report back to you (our most cherished supporters) on our lifesaving progress for the first seven months of our fiscal year (July 1, 2022-January 31, 2023) thanks to YOU!

The Great News Is:

- The expansion of SAFE Haven and SAFE Care (completed mid-2020) is working to save many more lives, just the way we planned.
- We are adopting nearly 114 cats per MONTH! In the last seven months we have adopted 797 cats! This is remarkable considering just six years ago we were adopting 825 for the entire year!
- We are spaying and neutering 550 cats and 40 dogs a MONTH in the SAFE Care low cost spay/neuter clinic. We will sterilize over 7,000 this year.
- Pet Food Pantry distributions to needy cats and dogs are up 15%.
- Volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization, donating over \$427K per year in service. I just counted the volunteers from last week—there were 131 people volunteering here in the last seven days!
- The sterilization of feral cats in the SAFE Care Clinic continues to be a priority. Over 1,600 were trapped and came through the clinic in the last seven months.

But these facts are for your head. And although they are important and demonstrate our impact, we all work with, volunteer for, support and adopt from SAFE Haven because of our hearts. Because of the love we have for animals and our desire to see them safe, well fed, warm, and loved. That is what SAFE Haven is really about—love. Thank you for expressing that love in everything you do for the kitties.

With much gratitude for you,



Pamela Miller  
Founder & President



P.S. And to warm your heart check out the transformative cat stories on pages 3-4.

## Who is our cover kitty?

**If you come to the Tuxedo Cat Ball you can bid on and win your kitty's photo on the cover of the Scratching Post, just as Pat Ward did last year.** Here is Sophie's story. "Sophie, who I got from the SPCA, had belonged to an elderly lady who died. When I first saw Sophie, she was in a cat cubby fighting off several young male cats! I watched her for a while and admired her spunk. I went home and thought about her, and the next day I went back to see if she was still there. She was there, so I brought her home. She is a wonderful cat, and the smartest cat I've ever had. She likes to play, likes to cuddle in cooler weather, and loves to spend time on the screened porch and in the garage in the warmer weather. Anyway, I think she likes living here! Sophie is a drama free cat. All my cats have been wonderful, and Sophie is my favorite of all!"

**Every photo of a cat in this newsletter is a cat who was saved and adopted because of YOU!**

July 1, 2022 – January 31, 2023

Seven months into our fiscal year—

What YOU have made possible!



**8,370**

VOLUNTEER HOURS  
DONATED BY  
**150 PEOPLE**  
PER MONTH



**797**  
cats  
adopted



AVERAGE  
LENGTH  
OF STAY  
**13** days



**63**  
ADOPTIONS AT  
PURR CUP CAFE



**4,191** CATS  
(1,658 FERAL CATS)  
sterilized in the **SAFE Care Clinic**  
440 FREE OR REDUCED PRICE



**229**  
cats saved  
from euthanizing  
shelters



**21,000** pounds of  
food distributed through  
the Pet Food Pantry



**36** NC Counties  
SERVED BY  
OUR PROGRAMS

## A Week in the Life of SAFE Haven

These are just a few examples of some of the over 1,300 cats that have come through SAFE Haven recently. We can honestly say they left much, much better off—**thanks to YOU!**



### Queen Margaret

Queen Margaret is a two-year-old female kitty who was found as a stray in Clayton. When she arrived, her left hind leg was very painful. A look at her x-ray (right) revealed severe bone degeneration. Cancer or severe infection were on the table and her leg had to be amputated. We were all so relieved when she did NOT have cancer. Cats do extremely well with three legs as Queen Margaret proved as she got adopted a short time later.



### Boba

Boba, a young female tabby, came to us because she needed a foreign body surgery to remove a piece of rubber in her small intestines. Once surgery was completed, she did wonderfully. She is completely recovered and happy in a wonderful new home!



## A Week in the Life of SAFE Haven *continued*



### *Tuzzie-Muzzie*

Tuzzie-Muzzie is a sweet kitty who came to us with severe dental disease. She was found wandering around in Raleigh. Only a year old, when she had her visit to the veterinary dentist, she had to have four teeth taken out. Imagine how much happier she is now! And in her new permanent home too!



### *Jack & Fortune*

Jack and Fortune were about 4 months old when they came to us from one of our partner euthanizing shelters where they would have little chance of being adopted. Both exhibited wobbly gaits and a lack of coordination because of a congenital condition called cerebellar hypoplasia. This is where the cerebellum does not form completely in utero causing them to have the “shakes”. Other than that, Jack and Fortune are normal kitties who can play, jump, and have a normal life as they are now proving in their new loving home together!



### *Brakenbury*

We don't want to embarrass Brakenbury, a very sweet young kitten, but when he came to us, he was not able to defecate normally. Without our excellent Veterinarians and a daily dose of stool softener, he would have never made it, but he did! And as he gets older, he has grown out of his problem quite a bit and is loving his new home.



# UPDATES AND NEWS!

## WRAL People's Choice Awards

The results are in! The 2023 WRAL Voter's Choice Awards were announced and we were named Best Nonprofit Organization and a finalist for Best Volunteer Organization. Thank you to everyone who voted and most of all, thank you to everyone in the SAFE Haven community that helps us save cats and kittens every day. We couldn't do it without you!

Want to volunteer? Simply go to our website and click on "volunteer." You will see descriptions of our many opportunities and the volunteer application! Training is provided for everyone, there are no minimum requirements per month, and did we mention you get to see adorable cats and kittens every time you come!



## Spay-ghetti & No Balls

In February, 100 people attended our annual (back after 3 years, in person) fundraising event for the SAFE Care Spay/Neuter Clinic. Over \$800 was raised to support the community so we never have to turn anyone away because they can't pay for this service.

If you need an appointment to get your cat, feral cat, or dog (under forty pounds) sterilized, we can help! Visit [safecareclinic.org](http://safecareclinic.org) to book online or call 919 872-7720 and speak to Devyn. We are grateful to the Margo T. Petrie Spaying & Neutering Foundation for their support of our clinic.



## 14,000 and Counting

In January we celebrated the 14,000th cat adopted since SAFE Haven was founded! Rowan, a sweet tux kitty, went home with a gift basket to start her new life. Want to help us reach 15,000? Meet the kitties still looking for a family to call their own!

You do not need an appointment to visit us! The lobby of our shelter is open 7 days a week from 11 am to 5 pm. Feel free to come by and drop off supplies or visit with the kitties if you are interested in adopting (we do not, however, do adoptions on Mondays). If it is more convenient, you may set up an appointment to visit with the adoptable cats too. Visit our website and click "adopt" to get complete information.

## Purr Cup Café

If you have not visited Raleigh's only Cat Café, what are you waiting for? We supply the cats they supply the coffee, beer, kombucha, matcha, wine, vegan pastries, gift store and patio! Since opening in October 2020, 230 cats have been adopted from the Café. Located at 210 Prospect Avenue, Raleigh, schedule some time in the cat room or enjoy their great front porch or spacious back patio. Watch for vegan food trucks and unique events when the weather warms up.

Visit their website at [www.purrcupcafe.com](http://www.purrcupcafe.com) and book a reservation to visit with the cats – you and your friends or family will have a one-of-a-kind kitty experience!



2023

# Tuxedo Cat Ball

18th Annual  
April 21, 2023

Join us for our biggest lifesaving event of the last year!

## 18th ANNUAL TUXEDO CAT BALL

Come celebrate with us!

North Ridge Country Club  
Friday, April 21, 7-11 pm

### TICKETS

**\$100.00 per person**

Each ticket includes:

- Two drink tickets per person (wine, beer, and soft drinks)*
- Buffet dinner, coffee, and dessert*
- Entertainment – cats, dancing, live and silent auctions, surprises, and SAFE Haven’s new video*
- Free valet parking*

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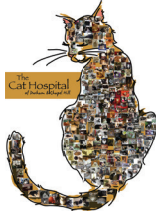
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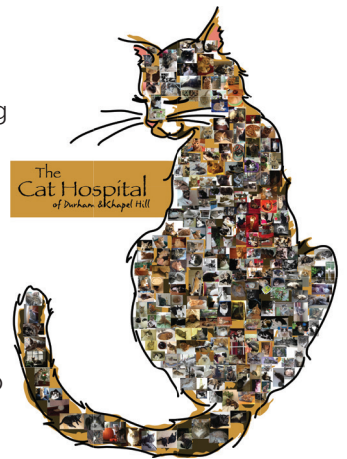
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SAFE Haven's mission is to use no-kill principles and education to save cats' lives through rescue, adoption, spay/neuter services, and community programs.

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*American Dream says...* **Are you ready for the Tuxedo Cat Ball? I am!**

