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**SEPTEMBER 2023**



## **CELEBRATING AND SHARING OUR LIFESAVING SUCCESS!**

### **Annual Report:**

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

# Message from Patti Godin, Interim Executive Director

Dear Friends of SAFE Haven,

This past year has been of remarkable change and life-saving here at SAFE Haven. Without your generous support, we would not have been able to

- **Welcome 1,356 cats and kittens into our adoption program.**
  - Many (318) of these cats came from local, euthanizing shelters; this means 24 percent of our kitties were given a second chance at finding their forever homes.
  - Even more (643) came to SAFE Haven because they were on our stray cat waitlist. We are so very proud that we can offer this to our community; you are the voice for the strays that show up in your backyards, at your workplaces, and even on the sides of the road. You come through for these kitties every day, providing them food, shelter, and even medical care before bringing them here.
  - Did you know that about eight percent (106) cats who enter our shelter come through our SAFE Care Clinic? Most of these kitties come from colonies nearby; they are some of the sweetest cats you will ever meet! We believe many of our clinic cats have been abandoned or lost and were lucky enough to find their way here.
- **Adopt 1,323 cats and kittens to wonderful families in 38 North Carolina counties.** Almost 10 percent of the adopted cats were adults and mature companions; our SAFE Haven family has such a heart for cats of all ages and origins!
- **Alter 7,283 cats and dogs at our SAFE Care Clinic;** these animals came from 41 of the 100 counties in North Carolina (and a couple of counties in Virginia!). Preventing overpopulation and needless suffering is the mission of SAFE Haven and SAFE Care; Dr. Kutner and her team certainly met that challenge.
- **Provide families in need with over 30,000 pounds (15 tons!) of pet food through our Pet Food Pantry.** Your contributions of dog and cat food through the year and during our Food Drives keep companion animals in their homes and their owners from having to make hard decisions—surrendering or abandoning their animals, going without food and medicine themselves, providing unhealthy alternatives.

The best part of sharing this message with you is this past year was record-breaking on all levels—the most cats taken in, the most cats adopted out, the most spay/neuter surgeries, and the most food distributed. This is all because of YOU, our supporters and champions. We have nowhere to go but up as they say, and 2023-24 will be all about the cats, all of the time!

With gratitude,



Patti Godin  
Interim Executive Director

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

# Farewell to Pam Miller

Over 30 years ago, Pam Miller had a vision—create the area's first no-kill all-cat shelter and start saving as many feline lives as possible.

## She started all of this IN HER GARAGE.

From a fully ventilated garage to a couple of small suites in a North Raleigh business park to nearly 11,000 square feet of shelter and surgical space, Pam engineered a plan that gave all cats dignity, safety, and love while they awaited their forever homes.

While Pam is no longer in her favorite office on Garvey Drive, she is with us in spirit every day, and the staff and volunteers do everything to ensure that her legacy lives on, one saved cat at a time.



*We thank you from the bottom of our hearts, Pam,  
for your dedication, your devotion, and your commitment to animal welfare.*

## SAFE Haven for Cats Shelter News

A message from Beth Mancini, our Shelter Manager

SAFE Haven was founded to be a second chance for Stray, Abandoned, Feral, and Endangered Cats and this year we offered more kitties the chance to find their forever homes than ever. Increasing our partnerships with county shelters, creating great relationships with constituents who provide care to colonies of strays, and ensuring that all cats—regardless of origin, health condition, and behavior—find the right home.



I was a shelter cat from Four Oaks...Now I'm loving life in my Forever home!

We welcomed cats and kittens who had chronic, life-altering conditions and provided them with medical care and support they needed. We welcomed cats who were elderly and realized what a compassionate heart this community has for our geriatric gals and guys. We welcomed kittens who were so tiny and fragile that they needed round-the-clock care for weeks; the team became their mother, so to speak. No matter what—we WELCOMED them because that is what SAFE Haven is all about.

We are gratified that all of you provide us with resources to make all of this happen. It takes a lot, believe me, and there are days where we're not sure we can do it all. We do it because THEY need us.

You give us what we need to make the Wayne Whiskers, the Kumquats, and the countless others whole again. Thank you so much.

**Bela, adopted in March 2023, thanks you for the second chance!**

# CREATING A SAFE HAVEN

One intake at a time

## HOW MANY

SAFE Haven was able to take in **12% more cats** and kittens this year without adding space!

1356



## WHERE

24% of SAFE Haven Cats and kittens come from 14 partner euthanizing shelters.

## WHAT

Cats and kittens who were stray or abandoned comprise 54% of intake



## WHY

SAFE Care Clinic recommended that nearly **10% of community cats** be entered into our adoption program!



## WHO

SAFE Haven is so grateful for its **FOSTER families.** They helped 23% of our kitties this past year.



# Great Kitties, Great Stories

When SAFE Haven accepts a cat or kitten in its adoption program, it means the team will go to extraordinary lengths to assist them medically and behaviorally.. **These are some of the kitties YOU helped this past year because of your generosity—they all say thank you!**



## BLUET

Sometimes, kitties have accidents, and Bluet came to us all the way from near the Virginia border. We met the shelter partner in Rocky Mount, and we must say, Bluet is a great navigator in the car! She did have a serious break in her leg and the medical team made the tough call to amputate. Bluet was quite a little trooper, and she went to Paula's house for some rest and recovery after surgery. SAFE Haven donors and fosters make it possible for kitties like Bluet to receive extraordinary care and supportive, loving time outside of a cage. Bluet was quickly adopted and is doing great!

# All About **CATS**



More cats were adopted from SAFE Haven this year than there are year-round residents of North Topsail Beach, NC.



SAFE Haven found forever homes for **1323** cats this past year. If they stood on each other, they would be taller than the Eiffel Tower!



## WAYNE WHISKERS

This is one of those kitties who makes everything worthwhile in shelter work. Wayne was a colony kitty from Knightdale, and he was harboring a secret—he was diabetic! Foster Jacqui and her family provided him with daily insulin injections and frequent vet visits, and once he was stabilized, Wayne entered our Adopt from Foster program. He never had to leave Jacqui's home until he was adopted! Wayne is great on Zoom calls and found his forever home with Keri and her family. He was the 1,300th adoption of the year—a record for the shelter, and he is doing great!



*Instead of looking at my cat as a rescue cat, I look at myself as a rescue human. My cat saved me!*



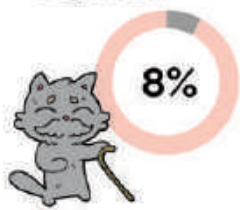
Adopters came from **122** different zip codes!



Our adopters range in age from 21-85, and we love them all!

### ADULT AND MATURE CATS

The percent of adopted kitties who were 4 years of age or older.



### AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY AT THE SHELTER



The number of days a SAFE Haven cat stays at the shelter before being adopted.



### TEEN AND YOUNG ADULTS



The percent of adopted kitties who were 6 months to 4 years old.

**ALL-TIME!**

**MILESTONE 1:**  
Adoption #14,000  
Rowan

**A RECORD YEAR!**

**MILESTONE 2:**  
Adoption #1,300  
Wayne Whiskers

**ALL-TIME!**

**MILESTONE 3:**  
Flurr Cup Cafe  
Adoption #200  
Binnie

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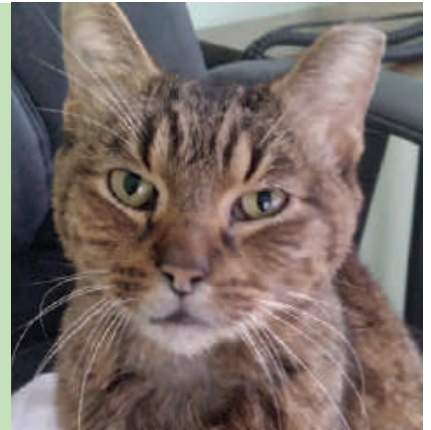
**Rowan - Adoption #14,000**  
(January 2023)



## Great Kitties, Great Stories continued

### CHEESECLOTH

It was a lucky day that this handsome gent wandered into a colony in Willow Spring that just happened to be managed by one of our great community cat advocates, Amber. He's had some health struggles, but he took his medicine like a champ and endeared himself to his foster moms, Jennifer and Brailen. Cheesecloth is just getting healthy enough for the next stage of his adoption journey; in the meantime, he is the official 2023 SAFE Haven Ambassador, providing cuddle time for volunteers and staff alike and enjoying his executive suite in an office.



### DRASUNA

You would never guess that this amazing, beautiful girl came to SAFE Haven nearly hairless with open wounds from allergies and anxiety. It was overwhelming for the staff to see a kitty who was in such horrible shape, but we couldn't even begin to imagine the pain and discomfort Drasuna was feeling. After starting her on a proper diet, providing necessary medicine, and finding an amazing foster named Jennifer, SAFE Haven was able to help Drasuna recover from her trauma. This photo was taken shortly before she returned to the shelter to be adopted.

### FIREFOX

Stray cat no more! Firefox was transferred to SAFE Haven from one of our municipal shelter partners. She was so unhappy here at the shelter in an enclosure! Foster Kayla provided a loving home where Firefox could blossom into a loving kitty; she returned to the shelter just for one day before she was adopted by Terri and her family. While most cats at SAFE Haven are adopted within one month, Firefox took somewhat longer to find her forever home, but that's okay! SAFE Haven knows a family is out there for every cat!



### HOLIDAE

This girl suffers from a condition called Cerebellar Hyperplasia, or CH; she is a wobbly kitty with a lot of spirit! One of our municipal shelter transfer partners contacted us about taking Holiday and we didn't hesitate to say "yes!" With supportive care and a team who monitored her, Holiday was able to find a forever home with a new buddy—Virgil.

## Great Kitties, Great Stories continued



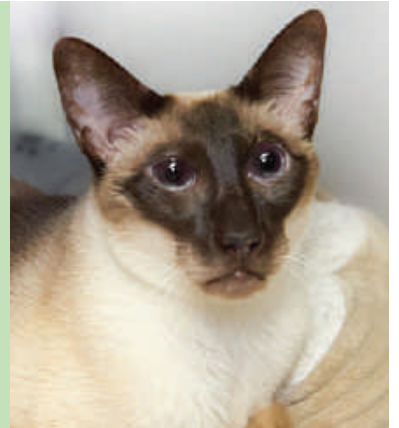
We are #KumquatStrong!

### KUMQUAT

This little kitten has his own fan club and hashtag! Transferred here from one of our local municipal shelters, Kumquat was very sick and might not have survived if it hadn't been for the Care Team providing intensive supportive care. Kumquat is a kitten with spirit, strength, and determination; he recuperated from his life-threatening illness and is now in foster care. The team made a promise to Kumquat—that they will be as tough in bad times as he has been. They are #KumquatStrong!

### SPARKLE

This beautiful Siamese lady came to SAFE Haven from one of our partner shelters. As a mature cat, she was not receiving much interest from adopters there, but SAFE Haven knew that our adopters would love her. Would you believe that her previous family abandoned her because she was too old? One thing this girl loves to do is ride in cars, and foster Zoe would take her all over Durham! She needed some serious quality time in a great foster home to decompress, and when she finally was able to return to the shelter, Sparkle was adopted by a woman also named Zoe and is loving life!



### STREUSEL

When this sweet girl came to SAFE Haven from one of our municipal shelter partners, she was in pretty bad shape. The team determined that she suffered from the same type of allergies that Drasuna (our favorite floofer) did. Streusel really benefited from her time in foster with both Tara and Brailen too; this helped stabilize her condition and give her time to build trust. When we put Streusel and Drasuna together at the shelter, they became best friends; after all, they eat the same special food, and food is definitely love! These two gals were adopted as a bonded pair by a wonderful family and are doing great!

### TEEFS

This kitty is a different man and it's all for the good! When Teefs was transferred to SAFE Haven from a local partner shelter, he was in rough shape. He had been in a home with over 40 dogs and a few other kitties; he had to have all of his teeth extracted (trust us, that doesn't keep them from enjoying food) but the medical team did not expect to have to amputate his leg (an old fracture that did not heal properly). Foster Jennifer accepted the challenge and privilege of helping Teefs recover from his procedures; she and her family immediately fell in love with this sweet guy and he's now a permanent member of their family!



# SAFE CARE CLINIC NEWS

## A MESSAGE FROM DR. KUTNER, MEDICAL DIRECTOR

The SAFE Care Spay/Neuter continues to fulfill its mission and does its part to combat cat and dog overpopulation in over half of the North Carolina counties. It's hard to believe that in the two years that I've been here at the organization, we've spay or neutered nearly 13,000 animals (12,958 to be exact); that is more than previous four years combined! With each female cat capable of birthing 180 kittens over a lifetime, that could be more than 1.1 million fewer animals suffering and not finding forever homes (half of our surgeries are female cats).

What's even more incredible is how we are reaching more and more counties (58 this year) and providing reduced or free surgeries to more and more individuals in need (almost 20 percent pay \$5 or less). This past year we partnered with many citizen and municipal colony caregivers to augment our Trap/Neuter/Release (TNR) program; almost half of our surgeries were on free-roaming cats, giving them a new lease on a better life. Look for those ear-tips and it might be one of ours!

We are grateful for your support – whether it's monetary or just getting the word out to friends through your social media. As we enter into a new fiscal year, we plan on altering over 8,000 animals, offering more community-based outreach such as wellness and vaccination clinics. And please join us for our February fundraiser as we celebrate National Spay Day! Thank you so much again.



### THE BIG PICTURE

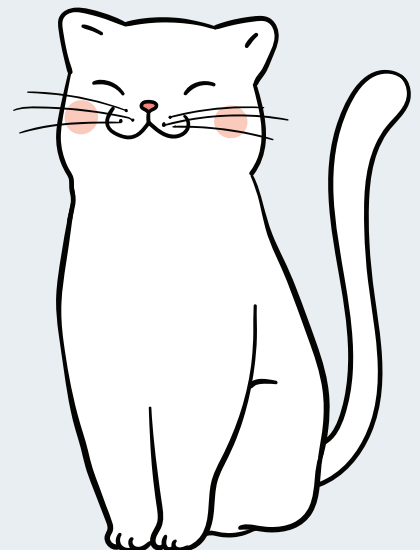
## SPAY/NEUTER SAVES LIVES AND PREVENTS SUFFERING

### SAFE Care Clinic Impact on our Community

This summer the SAFE Care Clinic celebrated 22 years of spaying and neutering! One of only a handful of low cost clinics in the State, we have completed over 49,000 surgeries and will celebrate our 50,000th spay or neuter in the summer of 2023!

One female cat, over her lifetime, may have as many as 180 kittens. That's a lot of homes to find! 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.
- Reduce wait times for appointments.
- Keep the price for these services as low as possible.
- Never turn anyone away because they can't pay!





# VACCINATION & MICROCHIP CLINIC BACK AND BETTER THAN EVER

On May 6, staff and volunteers welcomed 98 community members to the first Vaccination & Microchip Clinic since 2019. Sponsored by the McLean Family in memory of Jerry McLean and in honor of Buddy the Feral Cat, the clinic provided low-cost rabies and distemper vaccinations and microchips to dogs and cats.

We will be offering another vaccination clinic in October. Please join us!



*Protecting those you love the most*



## NSNRT (ASNA)/NC STATE EXTERNSHIP

The National Spay/Neuter Response Team (NSNRT), an initiative of ASPCA, assisted SAFE Care in developing a model for a two-week externship program. The pilot program, offered to eight DVM students at North Carolina State University, will begin in October 2023 and will feature intensive education on high-volume spay/neuter and shelter medicine. Dr. Kutner and Dr. Carter will be facilitating the program, which combines hands-on training with study and discussion groups, and mentoring the students on surgical technique and partnership building. The team is so excited! Immersive experiences such as this one build up the next generation of community-minded veterinarians.

## SAFE CARE

# CLINIC NEWS

The team at SAFE Care Spay/Neuter Clinic did some amazing work this past year!

## THE NUMBERS

**7285 surgeries**

This includes 2,955 feral/community cats and 480 dogs.



## IMPACT

**58** NC counties

**17** rescue partners

**975** clients paid \$0



## INITIATIVES

Partnering with the North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine on a Spay/Neuter Externship (Oct 2023) to train the next generation of community-focused DVMs.



## GRANTS

Thank you to the Margo T. Petrie Spay/Neuter Foundation, the Summerlee Foundation, and ASPCA/ASNA for grant fund totaling \$145,000.



# WE THANK ALL OF YOU.

Whether you gave money, food, supplies, or items for the Tuxedo Cat Ball, you stood with SAFE Haven and helped cats in need. Almost 3,800 people and organizations responded to our call for assistance and

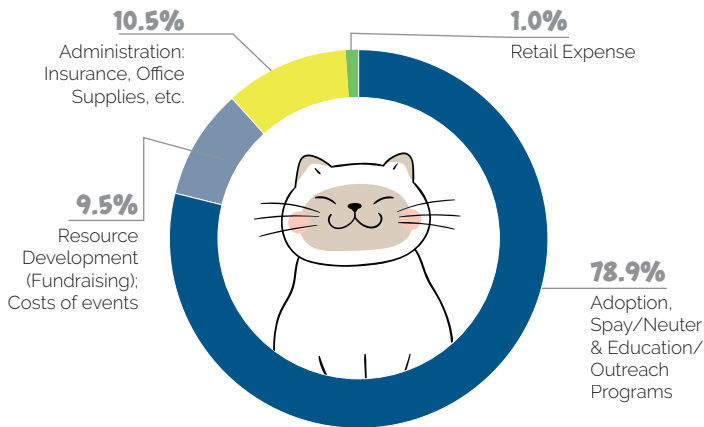
## FUN FACT:

SAFE Haven receives donations from more than just the Mid-Atlantic! Last year, we received donations from 40 states, including Hawaii. Next year, we hope to reach out to the cat lovers in Alaska and the nine other states too!

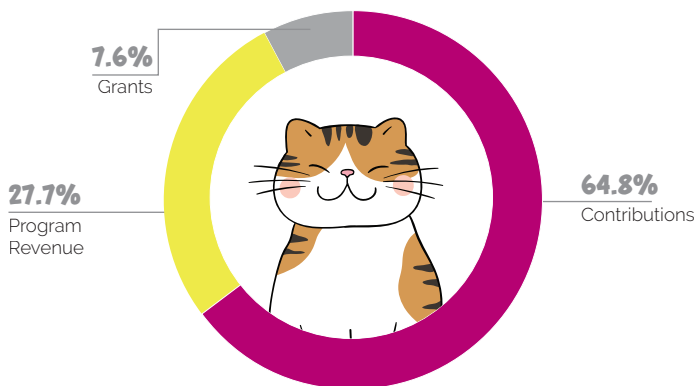
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## SAFE Haven— the numbers at a glance.

**Expenses by Category**  
(As a percentage of total budget)

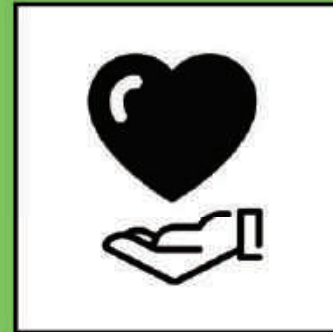


**Income by Category**  
(As a percentage of total budget)



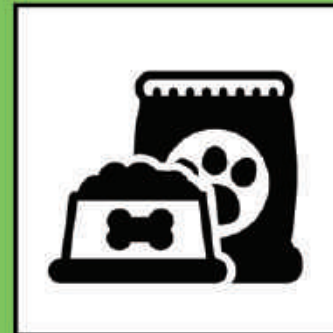
# DONATIONS at a glance

## GENEROSITY IN A NUTSHELL (OR A CAT TREAT)



**7165**

INDIVIDUAL GIFTS  
to SAFE Haven  
during the  
last year



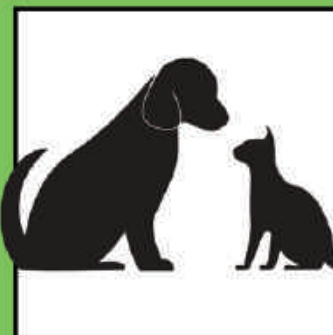
**24**

TONS of food  
donated to help  
companion animal  
owners keep their  
dogs and cats



**489**

Separate online gifts  
on **GIVING TUESDAY**  
(11/29/22) totaling  
more than \$56,000



**9,000+**

Cat, dog and  
companion animal  
lover lives impacted  
because **YOU CARE**

**Our 990 is available online!**

Visit [safehavenforcats.org](https://safehavenforcats.org) and click About Us.

# 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.

*Sharon and John Adamo*

*Bonnie C. Andrews*

*Lisa Battaglia*

*Peter Emil Campbell \**

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*Deanna Springall and Sally Wilging*

*Angela Tedesco*

*Jennifer Thorne*

*Ron and Ana Tuckman*

*+ 19 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 us at 919.341.6287.

**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 welcomes and appreciates Required Minimum Distribution gifts from IRAs 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.

## SERENITY SURVIVING CAT PROGRAM PROVIDES PEACE OF MIND AND SECURITY

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 us at 919.341.6287.

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

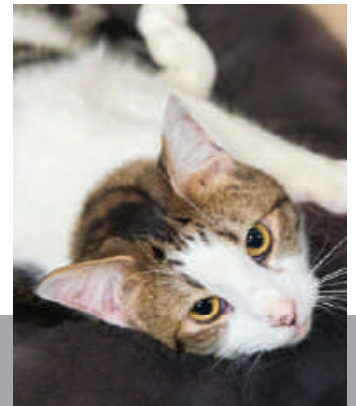
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Jennifer Thorne  
Gaurav Vaidya  
Johna Van Stelten  
Robin Veldman  
Kathy Via  
Ellen Vitetta  
Christine Vitron  
Kathy Walker  
Warren Warner  
Doug Washington  
Jennifer Waters  
Wendy Weaver  
Valerie Woods  
Mara Wooten  
Michael Yarnell  
Mary Zadeits  
Margie Zalesak  
Kristen Ziller  
Paul Zipin

\*As of August 2023



## JOIN PAWPALS!

When someone asks Griffin about why it's super important to join Paw Pals, the SAFE Haven automatic monthly donation platform, he gets very serious! This is the easiest way to make sure a contribution gets to the cats' care while they stay at SAFE Haven.

Whether it's \$25 per month or \$250 per month, your membership into Paw Pals ensures that Griffin and all of his friends receive top notch medical care, excellent food, comfortable shelter, and everything else needed to make this part of their adoption journey enriching. You can access Paw Pals on our website: [safehavenforcats.org/donate/paw-pals-automatic-giving/](https://safehavenforcats.org/donate/paw-pals-automatic-giving/)

# VOLUNTEERS AT SAFE HAVEN

Giving back to the kitties who give so much love to us.



**7 to 82**  
The age range of our volunteers.



The longest serving volunteer has been with SAFE Haven for 28 years.

The number of volunteer opportunities we offer.

**61**




Think about signing up your child for Whiskers & Words!

SAFE Haven Volunteers

**1 in 25**

Contributed more than 100 hours in one year!



**641**

The number of hours one volunteer contributed in just one year.

**Thank you, Melanie!**



Consider becoming a volunteer at SAFE Haven. Your cat-loving community needs you

THE WORD "CAT" BEGINS WITH A "C" AND THAT RHYMES WITH "V" AND THAT STANDS FOR "VOLUNTEERS!"

Over the past year, volunteers at SAFE Haven contributed **14,048 hours to the shelter, clinic, or events. At \$31.80 per hour (the value reported by Independent Sector), the value of all of this talent is \$446,726.40.** The selfless devotion and dedication to the shelter cats and to the organization is seen every day.

**All of our volunteers are extraordinary, and every month we honor the best of the best.**

- 2022 JUL** Andrea Acevedo
- AUG** Tara Parris
- SEP** Denise Woods
- OCT** Audrey Cummings
- NOV** Nicholas Russo
- DEC** Rachel Wawak
- 2023 JAN** Cindy Kametches
- FEB** Hanna Johnston
- MAR** Melanie Loury
- APR** Karen Velasco
- MAY** Tara Holt
- JUN** Desiree & Weston Ashborn

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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!**

Sign up at [safehavenforcats.org/volunteer](https://safehavenforcats.org/volunteer)

# Celebrating SAFE Haven's Incredible Volunteers

## **Adoption Counseling**

Adrienne Drollette, Amy Lubas, Andrew Nelms, Antonette Kellett, Carmen Samples, Chloe Lapish, Chris Ault, Cindy Kametches, Emily Nutter, Gabrielle Miller, Haven Sferrazza, Heather Hensley, Kat Wallace, Kayla Korkes, Kerry Holbrook, Kim Barnett, Lisa Loisele, Natalie Roskam, Pamela Williams, Pat McLaughlin, Patricia Crowe, Peggy Wyatt, Rachel Hanley, Rosa Chrismon, Ruth Covington, Stephanie Haggard, Susan Bartholomew, Susan Smith, Susan Wallace, Wei-Chi Chen

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## **Adoption Floor Feeding - PM**

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## **Litter Box Team**

Ashley Bailey, Bliss Jizi, Carolyn Haley, Cas Corum, Gretchen Hogg-O'Briant, Hannah Budds, Heather Wright, John Sabol, Kristen Elliott, Maria Fosnock, Meg Priest, Michael Yarnell, Olga Lobastova, Serenity Barstow, Sophie Shirlen, Sukaina Ahmad, Tara Holt, Tara Parris, Wei-Chi Chen

## **Litter Box Team - Lead**

Melanie Loury

## **Pet Food Pantry - Distribution**

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## **SAFE Care Clinic Admin**

Karen Velasco

## **SAFE Care Clinic AM Support**

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## **SAFE Care Clinic Intake Ambassador**

Melanie Loury

## **SAFE Care Clinic PM Support**

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### MELANIE LOURY

Melanie Loury was honored with the Governor's and Key Volunteer Service Awards this past spring! She was a Wake County winner for the Governor's Volunteer Service Award and the winner of the Animals Key Volunteer Service Award!



### Celebrating our Volunteers, *continued.*

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### **Shelter Cleaning Team - Outside Cleaning - Lead**

Janet Hensel, John Sabol

### **Shelter Cleaning Team - Quarantine 2 Isolation**

James Knobloch, Meg Priest, Nancy Blacker, Victoria Tuttle

### **Shelter Cleaning Team - Youth Volunteer**

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### **Shelter Support - Bullpen/Isolation**

Anne Larson, Marshall Sandle, Sue Minns

### **Shelter Support - Adoption Floor**

Lynne Attix, Pam Owen, Sue Minns

### **Tabby Cabby**

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# 2023 Tuxedo Cat Ball

Great food, great fun, great feline vibe—that says it all about the 2023 Tuxedo Cat Ball. This fabulous event at North Ridge Country Club in Raleigh took place on April 21 and raised over \$100,000 for the cats!

SAFE Haven thanks Ben Farrell for his amazing auctioneering and emceeing. Without him, the gala wouldn't have half the energy and excitement! We also thank all of our amazing sponsors and guests for their support.

**Here are some wonderful memories of this year's event, courtesy of Lamont Johnson.**



**You don't want to miss TCB 2024. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

**April 12, 2024 at North Ridge Country Club.**

Look for details on sponsorships and tickets in January 2024.

# OUTREACH & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## THE PURR CUP CAFÉ

Coffee, cats, a cozy room—that's the Purr Cup Café! If you've not visited our amazing partner on 210 Prospect Avenue here in Raleigh—you should add it to your To-Do's when you visit the city! Sarah and Arthur have created a fantastic community space that is comfy for the cats and fun for the family. Typically SAFE Haven and Purr Cup choose four to six kitties to be ambassadors in this fantastic space.

**Since they opened in 2020, the Purr Cup has been instrumental in finding homes for 274 cats, mostly young adults and teenagers. Last year alone, 128 cats were adopted from the Purr Cup; an average of 11 cats per month!**

Pumpkin Spice arrived at the Purr Cup shortly after they opened in 2020. She's been adopted and is just one of many ambassador kitties who enjoy the company of families. Slim was the 266th adoption in early June this year. Most of the cats came to SAFE Haven as strays but they don't have to roam free anymore! SAFE Haven is so grateful for everyone at the Purr Cup Café!



## PET FOOD PANTRY

The recession has caused many families to make tough decisions about their pets – what to feed them, whether to forgo food and medicine themselves so their cats and dogs can eat, and sadly, sometimes they have to give up their beloved companions because of the financial strain.

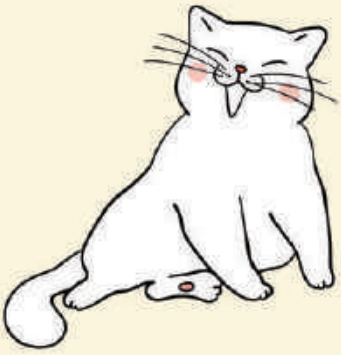
**Your generous donations of food and supplies made it possible for MORE PEOPLE TO KEEP THEIR COMPANION ANIMALS than ever before.**

## THE PINK TENT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

When SAFE Haven hosts a food drive, you don't hesitate to drop off a bag (or two or three) of food for the hungry dogs and cats in our community. These food drives help replenish our pantry and keep pets in homes. We look forward to seeing you at the next Food Drive! In the meantime, do check out our Amazon Wishlist for ideas.

**We are thankful for all contributions!**





# YOU'RE INVITED

## SAFE HAVEN AND SAFE CARE EVENTS 2023-24

**Oct 14** – Vaccination & Microchip Clinic  
*(hosted by SAFE Care Spay/Neuter Clinic)*

**Oct 20** – Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

**Nov 5** – Fall Back in Love Open House and Adoption Event

**Nov 28** – Giving Tuesday

**Feb 11** – Love is in the Air Open House and Adoption Event

**Feb 27** – SPAYghetti fundraiser for SAFE Care

**Apr 12** – *Tuxedo Cat Ball*

**May 3** – Kitten Shower

Stay in touch through our website as we add events every month for all ages and interests!

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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

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**About SAFE Haven for Cats**

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.

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

